



The Great Naadam Festival of Mongolia

10 day Tour to Ulaanbaatar, Elsen Tasarkhai, Karakorum, Hustai National Park & Hustai

Naadam Festival, the biggest festival in Mongolia. In the opening ceremony of the Naadam Festival, we will cheer on the dancers, athletes, wrestlers, archers, horse riders and musicians. Tour around Ulaanbaatar city, wander on the grassland, sleep in traditional Gers, devour Mongolian barbecue in the grasslands, what a joy and experience of Mongolia!

Day 1 05 Jul 2018 Sydney ✈ Beijing
Tonight you fly with Air China from Sydney to Beijing. Overnight flight.

Day 2 06 Jul Beijing ✈ Ulaanbaatar
Meal: D

Arrive in Beijing early in the morning then take a connecting flight to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. You are met at the airport after custom formalities and transferred to your hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Check in at 4* hotel in the city center for 3 nights.

Day 3 07 Jul Ulaanbaatar 🚗 Elsen Tasarkhai Meal: B/L/D

After breakfast we depart to the west toward Karakorum and break your journey in picturesque Bayan Gobi sand dunes known as Elsen Tasarkhai, a common border between Tov, Ovorghangai and Bulgan provinces. This evening, visit Erdene Khamba Buddhist surviving temple from the Great Repression in 1930s in Hognu Khaan Nature Reserve Park. Optional camel ride on the dunes. Overnight stay at the Hoyor Zagal camp or similar.

Day 4 08 Jul Elsen Tasarkhai 🚗 Karakorum Meal: B/L/D

This morning an early drive to the lost capital of Genghis Khan at Karakorum and visit the magnificent Erdene Zuu Monastery, where you will see a distinct mixing of the styles of Mongolian and Tibetan Buddhism. Karakorum was once the heart of the Mongol

Empire and today, you still can see remnants of the long standing walls that encircle the city. This afternoon visit the newly established Karakorum Museum. Overnight at Camp Munkh Tenger or similar.

Day 5 09 Jul Karakorum 🚗 Hustai National Park Meal: B/L/D

This morning's drive takes us to the Hustai National park, where Takhi wild horses graze peacefully with the other wild life. Upon arrival at the camp we will have lunch. The national park is surrounded by mountains, thick pine forests and lush meadows which are home to the Przewalski endangered wild horse "Takhi" and other wildlife. Watch a documentary and visit the small museum. Enjoy viewing endangered Takhi wild horse in the afternoon. Optional horse ride. Overnight at a Ger.





Day 6 10 Jul Hustai 🇮🇸 Ulaanbaatar
Meal: B/L/D

We drive back to Ulaanbaatar and start the city tour. The city tour of Ulaanbaatar takes you through some of the principal sights of this unique city. You visit the Gandan Monastery, housing a 26-meter-high gilded statue of the Buddha. Your tour also takes you to the Genghis Khan Monument on the Sukhbaatar Square and the Museum of National History. Afterwards visit the Giant Genghis Statue (1hr from Ulaanbaatar) and return to Ulaanbaatar by 7pm and transfer to your hotel. Rest and prepare for the Great Festival of the next day. This is a once in a lifetime experience indeed and everyone wants to take part in it. The Mongols have the saying "If you want be healthy, you need to see the Naadam".

Day 7 11 Jul Naadam Festival – Opening Ceremony, Wrestling, Archery
Meal: B/L/D

See the fantastic opening ceremony of

Naadam festival and watch the first round of wrestling, and then archery and ankle bone shooting competitions. Meals served at local restaurants and hotel overnight.

Day 8 12 Jul Naadam Festival – Horse Racing Meal: B/L/D

Today we drive to the horse racing place to experience the Naadam Festival horse races. We will also visit the Bogd Khan’s Palace Museum and see a traditional folk concert by magical Tumen Ekh Ensemble. Meals served at local restaurants and hotel overnight.

Day 9 13 Jul Ulaanbaatar ✈ Beijing
✈ Australia Meal: B

This morning is at leisure until you are transferred to the airport for your Air China flight to Beijing for your connecting flight home.

Day 10 14 Jul Australia
Arrive in Australia this morning.

The Great Naadam Festival of Mongolia Dates & Prices

Tour code	Start Sydney Thursday	End Ulaanbaatar Friday	Full package with international airfare departing from Sydney	
			Air China	
MO180705	05-Jul-18	13-Jul-18	\$5,280	
Land Only: \$3,580			Single supplement: \$585	
* This tour guarantee departure based on a minimum of 2 people. All prices above include airport taxes and fuel surcharges.				
* Land Only (from 6 Jul - 13 Jul) price: Tour starts from <u>Arrival transfer in Ulaanbaatar to Departure transfer in Ulaanbaatar</u> excludes any international air tickets. Mongolian Visa included.				
* China Beijing Transit Visa: 72 hours Visa Free. * Mongolian Visa (A\$230) included.				
* Package prices of Air China for departing from Sydney only. Stopover in Beijing available. Extra taxes may apply; subject to availability. Please contact us if you depart from other state.				
INCLUDED SERVICES:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return Air China flights Sydney to Ulaanbaatar via Beijing on economy class air travel including all ticketed taxes and fuel surcharges. • Full-time services of your English speaking local guide throughout the tour • Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary • Ticket to the Giant Genghis Monument Complex • All transfers (Comfortable minivan with AC + Experienced drivers) • Twin/double share at good 4* hotel and good tourist camps • Meals as listed (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner) • 0.5 l x 3 bottled water per day • Mongolia visa application and fees (single entry application fee of \$230) • Exclusive Great Naadam Festival tour souvenir! 				
Hotels used for this tour: 4* Best Western Premier Tuushin ; Hiyor Zagal Ger Camp; Karakorum Camp Munkh Tengger; Hustai Ger Camp or similar. All Camps are with private facilities.				
Pre / Post Stay Hotel: \$260 per room per night with breakfast in Ulaanbaatar.				