A destination often dreamed of yet so rarely visited, Mongolia is a nation of diverse beauty that needs to be seen to be believed. From the emerald steppe to arid desert and spectacular snow-capped peaks, this once-in-a-lifetime adventure will turn your Mongolian dreams into reality!

Escape the everyday with free time in bustling Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's fast-growing capital city; be inspired by the solitude of the Middle Gobi Desert; enjoy a Bactrian camel ride through the Khongor Sand Dunes; and experience a taste of Mongolian daily life at a local homestay. Go hiking through the ice valley of Yolyn Am; visit the flaming cliffs of Bayanzag, Mongolia's dinosaur graveyard; swim in the cool waters of Orkhon Waterfall, a UNESCO listed treasure; seek out wild horses in the vast Hustai National Park; visit the ruined city of Karakorum, a once-vital stop along the Silk Road; and so much more!

With return international flights, 12 nights accommodation including eight nights in ger (yurt) accommodation, 31 meals, English-speaking tour guides and more, this incredible 15 day tour has it all.
15 DAY CULTURAL TOUR  |  MONGOLIAN ADVENTURE

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Day 1 Australia - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Today depart from either Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth for Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia! Fly with either China Airlines, Mongolian Airlines, Singapore Airlines or Virgin Australia (subject to availability).

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Arrive in Mongolia
Upon arrival at Chinggis Khaan International Airport you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Platinum Hotel, Khuvsgul Lake Hotel or UB Grand Hotel, Ulaanbaatar
Meals included: None

Day 3 Ulaanbaatar Free Day
Enjoy today at leisure or begin exploring the treasures of Mongolia. Should you wish, your guide will take you on a tour of the city's best cashmere and souvenir shops without any extra charge.

Alternatively, you can take the opportunity to join an optional half-day with lunch sightseeing tour (not included). The optional tour will visit the biggest Buddhist monastery 'Gandan'. Hear monks chanting and visit temples within the monastery. Afterwards, visit Zaisan Memorial, here you can choose to climb to the top of the hill and enjoy a great panoramic view of the whole city. If you choose not to climb the view is still spectacular. Continue the journey east and explore the Chinggis Khan Equestrian Statue Complex, home to museums and an impressive 40m tall statue of a mounted Genghis Khan. You can climb inside the monument and take in a fascinating panoramic view of the steppes from the head of the horse. Enjoy lunch at the onsite restaurant. Drive back to Ulaanbaatar city and finish the tour around 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Tonight enjoy a traditional Mongolian concert (approx. 1 hour). The concert showcases distinctive Mongolian throat singing, folk dance and music, contortion, traditional long song and Buddhist mask dance. The tour guide will escort you to and from the concert hall.

Overnight: Platinum Hotel, Khuvsgul Lake Hotel or UB Grand Hotel, Ulaanbaatar
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Ulaanbaatar - Middle Gobi (approx. 260km day)
Surrender to this magical land today with the first taste of Mongolia’s fascinating landscape. Venture into the Middle Gobi, a semi-arid steppe full of rare wildlife. Stop for lunch at the stunning granite rock formation of Zorgol Khairkhan. Continue to Baga Gazriin Chuluu, another iconic granite formation, and pass by the pristine waters of Lake Hairhan.

Tonight be completely immersed in the Mongolian culture, enjoying a traditional meal and spending the night with a nomadic family in the steppe zone.

Overnight: Traditional Nomadic Home
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 5 Limestone Cliff Tsagaan Suvarga (approx. 240km day)
Journey through Tsagaan Suvarga, an area full of 30m high white limestone formations, and feast your eyes on the
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mind-blowing colours of the desert floor below. The hike is of moderate difficulty (approx. 3km). Tonight is the first night in a traditional Ger camp.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 6 Hiking in the ‘Ice Valley’ Yolyn Am (approx. 270km day)
Breathe in the crisp, cool air of Vulture Valley (Yolyn Am) with a stunning hike along a flowing stream. The hike is of moderate difficulty (approx. 5km). Following the stream, end up at an ice-filled gorge and marvel at the metres thick ice that lines the valley. Visit a small museum displaying a collection of fossilised dinosaur eggs, bones and exotic stuffed animals.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 7 Gobi Desert & Khongor Sand Dune (approx. 180km day)
Leaving Vulture Valley this morning, prepare for an incredible journey through the Gobi Desert to Khongor Sand Dune. Let the mind wander as you travel through the spectacular landscape full of extremes. From the 300m high sand dunes and tropical oasis to luscious grasslands, the varied climates are home to camels. Enjoy a ride on a Bactrian camel through the desert.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 8 Land of Dinosaurs, Bayanzag (approx. 200km day)
Head to Bayanzag today and learn about the incredible

Flaming Cliffs. First excavated in 1922 the area is renowned worldwide for the numerous dinosaur eggs and bones discovered in its classic desert of red sand and rock.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 9 Secret of Ongi Monastery (approx. 170km day)
Travel to the heart of the desert today and marvel at the Ongi Monastery. Formerly one of the biggest Buddhist monasteries in Mongolia, Ongi was ruined during a period of political repression. Hike through the fascinating ruins and enjoy the scenery of the Ongi River that runs past the ancient site.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 10 Orkhon Waterfall (approx. 360km day)
Today drive to the Orkhon Waterfall, a UNESCO listed World Heritage Site. The impressive waterfall is 24m high and provides the opportunity for swimming and hiking. After exploring the waterfall you will meet a yak herding family that live nearby and learn about their way of life.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner

Day 11 Tsenkher Hot Springs (approx. 220km day)
Take the chance to unwind today with a trip to the Tsenkher Hot Springs. Settle into the Ger camp and enjoy a natural hot spring bath.

Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch;Dinner
Day 12 Karakorum Ruins & Erdene Zuu Monastery (approx. 120km day)
After breakfast this morning you will drive to Karakorum, the site of the 13th century Mongolian capital. Visit Karakorum Museum to learn of the Great Mongol, Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Ancient periods. Tour through the ancient city before moving onto the beautiful ruins of Erdene Zuu Monastery. Surrounded by huge 400m x 400m walls built from the ruins of Karakorum, the Erdene Zuu was the first and the biggest Buddhist monastery of the 16th century.
Overnight: Traditional Ger Camp
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch; Dinner

Day 13 Erdene Zuu Monastery - Ulaanbaatar (approx. 350km day)
This morning travel to the Hustai National Park and visit a small museum displaying a collection of photos and videos about wild horses. Then take a small hike to discover approx. 400 wild horses that are adapting to the re-introduced landscapes and wildlife. Take in every last bit of the unique scenery and savour the last traditional lunch before ending this incredible adventure back in Ulaanbaatar.
Overnight: Platinum Hotel, Khuvsgul Lake Hotel or UB Grand Hotel, Ulaanbaatar
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 14 Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia - Australia
Today you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight back to Australia. Please note: due to flight scheduling some flights may have a layover in Beijing of up to 6 hours. Lounge passes will be provided to affected customers.
## TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS
- Discover Ulaanbaatar on a free day at leisure
- Witness a traditional Mongolian concert
- Seeing the stunning landscape of the Middle Gobi Desert
- Journey to the spectacular Khongor Sand Dunes
- Experience a ride on a Bactrian camel through the desert
- Visit the sacred Zorgol Khairkhan mountain
- Marvel at the limestone cliffs of Tsagaan Suvarga
- Go hiking in the stunning ‘ice valley’ of Yolyn Am
- Visit the flaming cliffs of Bayanzag, Mongolia's dinosaur graveyard
- Discover the fascinating Ongi Monastery ruins
- Explore Orkhon Waterfall and a take a refreshing swim
- Relax in the soothing waters of Tsenkher Hot Springs
- Explore Karakorum, the 13th century Mongolian capital
- Learn about wild horses in the Hustai National Park
- Experience Mongolian daily life at a local homestay

### TOUR ESSENTIALS
- English speaking tour leader/guide
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Bottled drinking water daily
- Sleeping bags and sheets in Nomadic home

### TRANSPORT
- Transportation by 4WD vehicles

### TRANSFERS
- Return airport transfers

### FLIGHTS
- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

### ACCOMMODATION
- 3 nights accommodation in Ulaanbaatar
- 1 night in a traditional nomadic family home
- 8 nights in traditional Ger (yurt) camps

### DINING
- Enjoy 31 meals including 3 meals daily at ger (yurt) camp

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 11th September 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of $320 applies.

Departure Dates (2020)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth

Departure City Surcharges

*Brisbane: $200 per person
*Adelaide: $600 per person
*Perth: $400 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

China Airlines, Mongolian Airlines, Singapore Airlines or Virgin Australia plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights cannot be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Arrive early is not permitted during the following dates:
  * 28th March – 27th April 2020
  * 20th June - 19th July 2020
- Flights can only depart Australia on a Friday or a Sunday

Arrive early in Beijing, China

$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- If you are interested in this arrive early option, please contact our friendly reservations team at TripADeal to make this booking and provide your preferred travel dates. This arrive early option is not available through the online check out.
- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- This fee does however include an internal flight from Beijing to Ulaanbaatar. If you wish to forfeit this flight please advise our friendly reservations team so we may secure your return flight back to Australia. Please note, by choosing to forfeit your connecting flight the cost does not change.
- If you fail to notify TripADeal that you will not be taking the Beijing to Ulaanbaatar flight with this Arrive Early option, and do not show up for this flight, your entire return flight will be at risk of cancellation by the airline.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Arrive early is not permitted during the following dates:
  * 28th March – 27th April 2020
  * 20th June - 19th July 2020
- Flights can only depart Australia on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday.

Stay behind in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Stay behind is not permitted during the following dates:
  * 20th June - 19th July 2020
  * 17th September – 11th October 2020
  * 10th December 2020 – 20th January 2021
- Flights can only depart Mongolia on a Thursday or a Saturday

Stay behind in Beijing, China

$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- If you are interested in this stay behind option, please contact
our friendly reservations team at TripADeal to make this booking and provide your preferred travel dates. This stay behind option is not available through the online check out.
- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- This fee does however include an internal flight from Ulaanbaatar to Beijing. If you wish to forfeit this flight please advise our friendly reservations team so we may secure your return flight back to Australia. Please note, by choosing to forfeit your connecting flight the cost does not change.
- If you fail to notify TripADeal that you will not be taking the Ulaanbaatar to Beijing flight with this Stay Behind option, and do not show up for this flight, your entire return flight will be at risk of cancellation by the airline.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Stay behind is not permitted during the following dates:
  * 20th June - 19th July 2020
  * 17th September – 11th October 2020
  * 10th December 2020 – 20th January 2021
- Flights can only depart China on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday or Sunday.

**Stopover Packages**
Not available.

**Flight Class Upgrades**
- Premium Economy: Not available.
- Business Class: Buy now for $4199 per person
  Please note:
  - All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
  - On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

**ACCOMMODATION**
**Accommodation Used**
3 Star (self-rated)
- Ulaanbaatar: Platinum Hotel / Khuvsgul Lake Hotel or UB Grand Hotel
- Mongolia Overland: Traditional Nomadic homes & Ger Camps (Please note, that there are no shower facilities available in the Nomadic homestay. In the Ger Camps the toilet and shower facilities are communal.)
  Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

**Extra Nights (Pre/Post Tour)**
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia: $130 per room including breakfast.

Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

**Maximum Room Capacity**
3 people (subject to availability).

**Child Policy**
- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 12 years old and over.
  Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

**Triple Share**
No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

**Bedding Configuration**
Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

**Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms**
Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

**GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION**
Minimum group size 3, maximum group size 7 per vehicle.

**Optional Tours / Activities**
Day 3: Ulaanbaatar Sightseeing Tour: $60 USD (approx. $87 AUD)

Please note:
- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

**EXCLUSIONS**
- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is a strict requirement for Mongolia if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Recommended gratuities/tipping: $8 USD per person/ day
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)
  Please note: A comprehensive travel insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**NOMADIC HOMESTAY**
It's always great to have a gift to exchange for any hospitality received when staying in a Nomad’s yurt. They appreciate handy stuff like a headlamp, notepads, pencils, sewing kits or soap.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

RECOMMENDED THINGS TO BRING
Large backpack, warm coat/jacket, raincoat, trekking shoes, a swimsuit for the hot spring, rubber thongs, sunglasses, scarf, hat, gloves, LED head torch. Avoid bulky aerosol cans, use roll-on deodorant, and get shaving cream in a hard stick or a tube. Toilet paper is important to have with you as Mongolian toilets are very basic, and lack toilet paper.

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:
Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:
An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES
Although June to September is summer in Mongolia, the weather is unpredictable, and nights have been known to dip below freezing even in the summer in some regions. Therefore, multiple layers are always recommended.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:
At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:
Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:
31 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:
You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:
Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a moderate level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:
A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It’s also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home. It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you’ll be visiting.

Gratuities / Tipping:
Land
- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is $8 USD per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.
- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware
that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:
Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

Shopping:
Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS
A tourist visa is a strict requirement for Mongolia if travelling on an Australian passport.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE
We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES
Voluntary Changes
This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - $100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - $250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure $350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure $500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error
- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of $150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.