



Mongolia Golden Week Private Adventure

7 Days



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➤ Mongolia Golden Week Private Adventure

Mongolia: true "big sky" country and one of the last remaining horse and nomad cultures. In this private Golden Week experience, enjoy the best of Mongolia from horseback riding to cultural encounters to hiking and cooking regional specialties! Spend three nights in gers at the traditional Tuul Riverside Lodge, amid beautiful green hills, the flowing Tuul River and grassy valleys — fantastic for horseback riding! Then get even more remote — camp in Terelj National Park and learn about the Kazakh art of training and hunting with golden eagles. At the end of the day, marvel at the unforgettable star show!

Details

Arrive: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Depart: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Duration: 7 Days

Group Size: 2-8 Guests

Minimum Age: 6 Years Old

Activity Level:



Testimonials

"A prominent reason we have chosen MT Sobek as our favorite adventure travel company has been the excellent travel guides."

Carol & Burt D.

"MT Sobek took care of everything for our extended family vacation. Not a hiccup in the planning, the itinerary, the lodging or the guide. Everything in life should be so easy."

Kathy J.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

MT Sobek has traveled deep into the heart of Mongolia for over 30 years, guiding guests through a rugged, expansive landscape.

REASON #02

Our expert team of local guides offer an immersive discovery journey, nurturing genuine encounters with nomadic cultures.

REASON #03

Our unique traveling dining truck allows us to cook up high quality, fresh and hot meals when camping.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Visits to nomad camps, cultural touring, horseback riding, hikes, archery and cooking.



LODGING

A traditional Mongolian lodge, tent camping and last night in a modern city hotel.



CLIMATE

Daytime temperatures range from 70-85°F; nighttime temperatures are cooler and can drop to the 40's. Brief, gentle showers can be expected in the summer.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Amartuvshin was born in the northern part of Mongolia and has worked as an English and Russian teacher at one of Mongolia's leading private universities. Over the past six years, he has organized major Taiga horse riding trips and private trekking trips throughout his homeland, using his excellent language skills to share his deep understanding of the country's history and culture. Today he leads MT Sobek's Mongolia adventures and looks forward to sharing his country with you.

Amartuvshin Altansukh

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN ULAANBAATAR

Head toward Ulaanbaatar, an energetic city of more than one million people, and home to nearly half of the Mongolian population. Pass traditional nomadic felt tents located next to Western-style family houses. En-route, stop at the Zaisan Memorial honoring the Soviet soldiers killed in World War II and climb up 300 steps to view Ulaanbaatar's skyline. Arrive at the Tuul Riverside Lodge, an intimate and fully sustainable traditional Mongolian ger camp at the foot of the Bayanzurkh Mountain, set amidst rolling hills above the 500-mile Tuul River.

Meals: D

DAY 2

ENJOY MONGOLIAN COOKING AND HORSE RIDING

Choose from activities that embrace the local culture. Take a mini cooking lesson and learn about traditional Mongolian cooking, then make „buuz" - a dish typically cooked on special occasions. Or, take a gentle horse ride - Mongolian horses are known for their sure-footedness and good temperament - making it easy even for beginners to enjoy. Mongolian horseback riding is a great way to experience the world's last horse-based nomadic culture. Finish the day around the camp's bonfire and do some stargazing - unforgettable on a clear night.

Activity: Horseback riding

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

RIDE AN OX CART AND ENJOY MONGOLIAN BARBEQUE

Climb aboard a local nomad's oxcart and explore the riverside and the camp's vivid surroundings. Test your prowess with Mongolian arrows and bows. Later, learn a traditional Mongolian game using sheep and goat's ankle bones, as game pieces. In the evening dine on Khorhog, traditional Mongolian barbecue food, then conclude the evening with a colorful folk music concert, joyfully celebrating the countryside and nomadic life.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

VIEW THE GENGHIS KHAN STATUE AND MAKE CAMP IN THE WILD

Head to Tsonjin Boldog, and a stop at the imposing Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue. The statue celebrates the spot where, in the 13th century, Genghis Khan discovered the legendary golden whip that inspired him to conquer half of the known world. Drive across the Tuul River and up a green and grassy valley to begin a ride/hike. Cross the ridge and dive into a forest toward the Terelj valley floor, where there are a few streams to cross, and a short ride/walk over the open plain valley to the evening's campsite.

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Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

EXPLORE TEREIJ NATIONAL PARK

Meet the Kazakh "lord of birds" and learn about the art of training and hunting with golden eagles. Ride horseback to visit a friendly Mongolian family - a great opportunity to learn firsthand about their nomadic life style. Taste their milky products and try to milk a cow or a goat. Then spend the rest of the day at leisure - take a stroll or a refreshing dip in the nearby river Terelj. End the evening around the campfire, listening to a romantic and inspiring nomadic love story.

Activity: Horseback riding

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

RETURN TO ULAANBAATAR FOR SIGHTSEEING

Return to Ulaanbaatar for a visit to the important 19th-century Gandan Monastery, one of the few Buddhist structures that survived destruction by the Communist government in the 1930s. The bejeweled 20-ton Migjid Janraisig statue, a replica of the original copper statue erected in 1911, stands as the monastery's prime attraction.

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

DEPART ULAANBAATAR

Bid farewell to Mongolia and transfer to the airport for your homeward-bound or onward flight.

Meals: B

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Dates

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Inclusions & Exclusions

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
- Snacks and water between meals
- Additional regional guides and experts on many trips
- Comprehensive Trip Planner with detailed pre-trip information
- Private guided tours at historic sites, museums, wineries and other select attractions as noted in the itinerary
- Special events and other select attractions as mentioned in the itinerary
- All gratuities at hotels and restaurants
- Equipment and experienced guides for activities as described in the itinerary
- Park and other entry fees (unless otherwise noted)
- Fares for trains, ferries and other modes of travel as listed in the itinerary
- Select transfers as mentioned in the itinerary
- Baggage transfers and portorage

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, airport taxes, and excess baggage fees
- Alcoholic beverages (MT Sobek provides wine at select events)
- Gratuities for MT Sobek guides and guide-drivers
- Travel Protection Program
- Personal expenses

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