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THE 2010 NAADAM FESTIVAL TOUR 12 DAYS

***Option No. 1: JULY 2-13, 2010, from \$ 2,699 per
person at Flower Top Hotel, 3****

***Option No. 2 2: JULY 2-13, 2010, from \$ 2,999
per person at Luxury Kempinski Hotel, 4****



***Attendance at Naadam - the largest and most
colorful of all Mongolian festivals***

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Tour Highlights:

*The Naadam Festival is a Mongolia's celebration of the three manly games: horse racing, archery, and wrestling.

*Visit to the nomadic tented camps that have sprung up, and experience a concentration of nomadic Mongolia at one site.

* Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Traditional Ger Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.

* Enjoy a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and hoomi (throat) singers in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Ger Camp.

* Hike, horseback ride, and Mongolian archery.

*Horseback riding exploration to take some amazing photos to the Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Camp.

*Two full days of relaxing, fishing, boating, or kayak at the Great Lake Hovsgol National Park.

*Camel riding through the Bayangobi desert.

*Journey to visit the ruins of Karakorum, Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire and Okhon river Valley, cradle of Mongolian civilization.

*Meet local nomads and stay in traditional ger camps.

*Visit Hustain Nuruu National Park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Observe the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. **We would be pleased to have you join us!**

▶ Trip summary:

▶ **Tour Code:** SMT-NF-12D

▶ **Meeting Point:** Ulaanbataar, Mongolia

▶ **Departure Point:** Ulaanbataar, Mongolia

▶ **Group size:** Minimum 2 adults or more participants.

▶ **Length:** 12 days/11 nights

▶ **Difficulty level:** Easy to moderate.

▶ **2010 Regular Tour Calendar:** July 2-13-Post tour to Gobi desert.

▶ **Block your seats. Names due at 90 days!**

▶ **2010 Tour Costs per person based on twin room:**

10% Discount: If you or your clients register by **March 30th, 2010**, you or they will receive a 10% discount! ***We would be pleased to have you join us!**

2010 Regular Tour Calendar: July 2-13

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▶ **OPTION NO. 1:** Price based on double room at Flower Hotel, \$ 2,699.00 or 1,899.00 Eur
3★☆☆ (Top category):

Supplement based on single occupancy at Flower Hotel, 3★☆☆: \$ 499.00 or 349.00 Eur

▶ **OPTION NO. 2:** Price based on double room at Kempinsky
Luxury Hotel, 4★☆☆☆:

\$ 2,999.00 or 2,099.00 Eur

Supplement based on single room at Kempinsky Luxury Hotel, 4★☆☆☆:
\$ 719.00 or 501.00 Eur

Ulaan Baatar • Gandan monastery • "Chinggis" Tourist Camp • The Sacred Tuul river Nomad's Valley • Terelj National Park-Arraybal Temple • Hovsgol Lake National Park • Bayangobi desert • Karakorum • Erdene zuu monastery • Hustain Nuruu National Reserve • Ulaanbaatar • Naadam Festival • Departure Mongolia or Post tour

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THE 2010 NAADAM FESTIVAL MAIN TOUR:

Itinerary	Main Schedule
Day 1-July 2  Fr.	ULAANBAATAR (L,D) Upon early arrival in Ulaan Baatar airport, you are transferred to the hotel. Afterward, Full City tour: visits the Main Square, the "Genghis" Khan's main monument, the National History Museum, where you will see artefacts from Mongolia from the Stone Age to the present, and displays of the development of Mongolian arts and culture, the Natural Museum, where you will see two complete dinosaur skeletons, which were found in the Gobi - the giant flesh-eating Tarbosaurus, 15m tall and four to five tons in weight, and the little duck-billed plant-eating Saurolophus, and displays of Mongolia's geography, flora and fauna. Lunch in local restaurant. Visit the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum, known as one of the best collections of Buddhist art and artifacts in the world. Free time. Have welcome dinner at local restaurant "El Latino" featuring Mongolian and Western specialties. Overnight at hotel.
Day 2-July 3  Sat.	GANDAN MONASTERY-"CHINGGIS" TOURIST CAMP (B,L,D) Breakfast at hotel. In the morning, visit Gandan Lamasery, the largest Monastery in Mongolia (80 foot tall statue of Buddha, practicing Tibetan Buddhist Lamas), the Buddhist ceremony at 10:00am and experience the Tibetan-Buddhist tradition. Afterward, drive to the "Sacred Tuul river Nomad's Valley" (55kms/27.5miles)-this is a beautiful valley of streams. There are national gers in beautiful natural locations, so it's easy to meet with locals and see their daily lives, interact with them, explore, take water adventures, go trekking, swimming in the Tuul river. The river Tuul is one of the longest rivers of the country, flowing from the Khentii Mountain Range. The valley of the river has been called sacred for centuries by the nomads as they truly respect the nature especially the rivers and the surface water. The beautiful valley in summer is often dotted with traditional Mongolian gers and offers picturesque sceneries. Two (2) hours of Mongolian horseback riding exploration is included to take some amazing photos to the Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Camp or optional hiking to meet with the Nomads, to enjoy this amazing scenery of wide-open steppe with rolling hills in the background and river. Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog), which is mutton cooked with hot rock and with vegetables, water, potatoes, and onion with Special Traditional Mongolian dancers and hoomi (throat) singers (<i>for groups more than 10 participants only!</i>). Overnight in "Chinggis" Tourist Base Camp. Have your first ger camp experience. "Chinggis" Tourist Camp is Highly recommended by "Lonely Planet Mongolia" by the author Michael Kohn.
Day 3-July 4  Sun.	TERELJ NATIONAL PARK-ARRAYBAL TEMPLE (B,L,D) Breakfast. Today, we drive to "Terelj" National Park for a walking tour to Turtle Rock and hiking to the "Arraybal" Buddhist monastery on the top of the mountain. It is famous for its amazing rock formations, pristine alpine scenery and varied bird life. The Terelj National Park incorporates parts of Khenty Mountain Range. The forest consists of Aspen, Larch and Birch trees which support wolf, eagles, birds, and others animals. Picnic lunch is provided. In the afternoon, drive back to "Chinggis" tourist camp. Free time for Mongolian archery, etc. Dinner and overnight.


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Day 4-July 5 
Mon.

FLIGHT TO MORON-HOVSGOL LAKE NATIONAL PARK (B,L,D)

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport (55kms/27.5miles, ~1hr.30min). Fly to Moron and continue overland to Lake Hovsgol, Mongolia's largest lake, known as the "Dark Blue Pearl." Spend the remainder of the day at leisure on the lake. Lake Hovsgol is a 100 mile long pristine alpine lake located in the north of Mongolia, close to the Siberian border. The lake lies at an altitude of 1645m and is a rift valley some 262m deep. The Lake is a protected as a National Park and is sacred to Mongolians who call it "Dalai Ej" the "Mother Sea". Situated among pristine forests, mountains, and meadows, Lake Hovsgol remains untouched and is considered the cleanest freshwater lake left on the world. Free time.

Days 5/6-July 6-7 
Tue./Wed.


HOVSGOL LAKE NATIONAL PARK (B,L,D)

Two (2) full leisure days on the Lake Hovsgol (*not transport is included there), to enjoy this remote location, we recommend you take a walk around the lake or into the foothills to witness this amazing landscapes and wild life. Optional excursions available on the Lake Hovsgol: hiking, trekking, climbing, fishing, boating, horseback riding, bird watching, kayaking, etc. Meet with nomadic families and see their daily lives, interact with them to show you their animal training, feeding, milking, food preparation, etc. Overnight in traditional ger dwellings at the tourist camp.

Day 7-July 8 
Th.


MORON-FLIGHT TO ULAANBAATAR-BAYANGOBI DESERT (B,L,D)

Transfer to Moron local airport. Fly back to Ulaanbaatar and drive directly to Bayangobi desert. Visit the area. Climb up the towering piles of sand. Optional you can ride camels or horses with local nomads. You may be invited to share a cup of airag or koumiss (fermented mare's milk) with these friendly and hospitable people. Overnight in tourist camp.

Day 8-July 9 
Fr.

KARAKORUM-GENGHIS KHAN'S 13th CENTURY CAPITAL (B,L,D)

Breakfast. Next drive to Karakorum, the Genghis (Chinggis) Khan's 13th century capital and heart of the mighty Mongolian Empire. It was the capital of the Mongol Empire until Kublai Khan moved it to Beijing. Visitors, such as Marco Polo, described its ornate building, including a 2500 sq. meters Palace of Worldly Peace. After the collapse of the Mongol Empire it was abandoned and vandalized by Manchurian invading hordes. Most of the remains were used to re-build the first Buddhist Monastery in Mongolia-Erdene Zuu, built-in 1586. 400 meter long with 108 Stupas still surrounds Erdene Zuu Monastery which was built in 1586. It was restored in 1760. In 1792 the Monastery still had 62 temples and 10,000 lamas. But in 1930 it became a victim of the Stalin's purges. All but three of the Temples were destroyed and most of the monks were either killed or sent to Siberia. Today the restoration of the Monastery is the government's top priority. Erdene Zuu retains much of its ancient glory and is well worth visiting. Arrive and transfer to the tourist base ger camp. Visit "Erdene Zuu" monastery, the Tortoise rock and the Boovon khad -Men's secret statue (it is stone men's penis and made by monks of temples in 18 century for reason of shame on young monks who are not follow rule). Overnight in tourist ger camp.

Day 9-July 10 
Sat.

HUSTAIN NURUU NATIONAL RESERVE-ULAANBAATAR (B,L)

After breakfast, drive back to Ulaanbaatar. In route, visit "Hustain Nuruu" National Reserve to see the Przewalski wild horses (Takhi horses), recently re-introduced back into Mongolia. The Przewalski horse (Equus przewalskii Poliakov) or Takhi as the Mongolians name them are rather small, sturdy animals with a short, strong neck. The earliest written reports of Przewalski horses or Takhi date from the ninth century and in 1226 , a herd of Przewalski


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horses is said to have caused "Genghis" Khan to fall of his horse. The Hustain Nuruu Reserve (Hustai is Mongolian for birch and nuruu means mountains) measures about 57,000 hectares, or including the bufferzone 120.000 ha., and is located on about 140 km west from the capital Ulaanbaatar. Visit the park museum to learn about the history of the last pure wild horses in the world and the history of the area. Return drive (in two hours) to Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to the hotel. Free time. Accommodation at hotel.

Day 10-July 11 
Sun.


NAADAM FESTIVAL (B,L)

Today, attend the opening ceremony of the *Festival of Naadam in Ulaanbaatar national stadium. Taking place in the middle of July, the Festival of Naadam sees Mongolians from all over the country converge on the capital to participate in and watch these annual summer sports. See horse racing, wrestling and archery, the three age old national sports. Lunch. In the afternoon, visit the "Bogd Khan" Winter Palace-home to Mongolia's last Khan, Damba Khutugt 8th, the war memorial "Zaisan" Hill visit to get your bearings with a panoramic view of the whole city and the Buddha's statue. In the evening, 18:00-Enjoy a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and hoomi (throat) singers. Accommodation at hotel.

Day 11-July 12 
Mon.

NAADAM FESTIVAL (B,L,D)

Full day to enjoy the impressive *Naadam Festival at the National Stadium. The Naadam Festival horse races are continuous over the two main Naadam days, and today we will try our luck early and find a site beyond the restricted zone outside of Ulaanbaatar, where a close up encounter is possible with some 700-1000 children on horseback. Shop for souvenirs, original pure cashmere gifts and garment. Farewell dinner. Accommodation at hotel.

Day 12-July 13 
Tue.

DEPARTURE MONGOLIA OR POST TOUR TO GOBI DESERT (B)

Breakfast. Transfer to Ulaanbaatar airport. Departure Mongolia or Post Tour to Gobi desert ([online request form!](#)). **End of our services.**

THE NAADAM FESTIVAL TOUR COST INCLUDES:

-Round Trip (2 ways) internal airfares ULN-MORON-ULN + domestic tax.

-Four (4) nights at your Selected Hotel in Ulaanbataar city, based on double occupancy.

-Seven (7) nights in tourist ger base tourist class camps, based on double occupancy.

-Accompanied by experienced English speaking local guide.

-All transport transfers in private (included the all patrol and the Mongolia speaking drivers).

-All Admission fee as specified: Terelj National Park, Arryabal Temple, Erdene zuu monastery, Gandan monastery, all specified museums, monuments, Hustain Nuruu National Reserve, Khovsgol Lake National Park, and the all Protected Areas.

-Meals as specified, **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner

-Evening entertainment as specified;

-All entrance fees to the two (2) main days of *Naadam Festival in***July 11, and *July 12;**

-One Mongolian traditional folk songs concert in UB in ***July 11.**

-Two (2) hours of Mongolian horseback riding exploration to take some amazing photos to the Giant 40 meter (~133,3 feet) Statue of "Genghis or Chinggis" Khan on a big horse on Tsonjin Boldog Hill is located just ~3kms (~1,5miles) to "Chinggis" Tourist Camp in ***July 3.**

-One Special Welcome dinner with traditional mongolian meal (khorkhog) in ***July 3.**

-Road's taxes.

-All expenses at the nomadic family in the "Sacred Tuul River Nomads' Valley".

-Visa support invitation letter if necessary.


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❑ NOT INCLUDED FEATURES

- ❖ Airfare from home city to/from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
- ❖ Visa.
- ❖ Single supplement at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city.
- ❖ Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar.
- ❖ Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Samar Magic Tours cannot take over the responsibility for the National or the International Airlines.
- ❖ Additional meal, services or night at hotel in Ulaanbaatar.
- ❖ Excess baggage. Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in Ulaanbaatar, free of cost.
- ❖ Optional activities: camel riding, horseback riding, boating, fishing, etc.
- ❖ The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, proper visa, the necessary passport pictures, and the International airfares.
- ❖ Travel insurance.
- ❖ Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.
- ❖ Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, any changes in Naadam Festival schedule, etc.

SOME COMMENTS ABOUT MONGOLIAN TOURS

- Tour and Tour Information are subject to change.
- Hotels are based on double occupancy in Ulaanbaatar city.
- Check-in at hotels is at 12:00m/Check-out at hotels is at 12:00m.
- Single gers are NOT available, during the high seasonal in Mongolia. Single supplements reflect sharing in gers and *single rooms in hotels in Ulaanbaatar.
- Accommodation in the countryside of Mongolia:** Most tourists will stay in specially constructed gers camps. These camps provide accommodation in the round felt houses used by nomads and usually have separate toilet, washing and restaurant facilities.
- Mongolia's tourism infrastructure is in its infancy which requires a flexible and adventurous attitude and patience.
- Your tour involves some days of travelling off the beaten track, with long road journeys by 4WD transport (inside Mongolia) over difficult terrain.
- Mongolia Weight Limit:** 15 kgs (33lbs). Extra luggage can be stored at hotel in Ulaanbaatar, free of cost.
- Please, make your reservations at your earliest convenience, **180-90** days prior to departure. Especially flights to and inside Mongolia are fully booked at this time. Seats can be difficult to get in Summer seasonal.
- [The internal flight schedule sometimes means we have an extra day at the tourist camp or at hotel in Ulaanbaatar city, the ground agents and leader will adjust the itinerary accordingly when the flight schedule becomes available.](#)
- These Complete Tours include arrival and departure transfer services to/from Airport. All you have to do is to make necessary International air arrangements.

SPECIAL PAYMENT SCHEDULE AND THE RESERVATION PROCEDURES FOR NAADAM FESTIVAL TOURS

- Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of \$600.00 or 500.00 Eur per person.
- The final balance is due by **April 15, 2010**.
- The following cancellation penalties will be assessed. Air or train cancellation terms are additional.

For cancellations received: Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$600.00 or 500.00 Eur per person, will be made if we are notified on or before **April 15, 2010**. No refunds will be granted after that date.
-All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.


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-We strongly recommend Trip Cancellation, Interruption and Travel insurance.

-**Price Guarantee:** Your tour price is guaranteed once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment.

-If your balance due is not received by the due date before **APRIL 15, 2010**, the reservation will be subject to cancellation without notice. If a booking is made within 90 days of the departure date, full payments are due immediately.

CHARGE FOR CHILDREN:

0-3 years old: free

4-11 years old: 70% at the regular adult price.

12 years old and above: 100% at the regular adult price.

For children 11 and under, if they are sharing bed with either parent and do not ask for a third bed in the same room, they will be charged the child fare. If they need the third bed in parents' room, they will be charged 80% of the adult fare. For children 12 and over, they will be charged at the regular adult price.

THE BEST TIME TO GO

Mongolia is vast! Generally, it is recommended to pay your visit from May to September when the grass is green.

-**Please note when you choose your clothes:**

April to May, or on September: warm days and cool nights around (6-10°C).

June, July to August: is summertime, days around (15°C-30°C), nights around (10/20°C).

DANGERS/ANNOYANCES

Mongolia is a safe place to be. As a visitor you are unlikely to experience any serious problems. However, like anywhere else there are a few things that visitors should be aware of, things that will need extra care and attention. Pick pocketing and bag slitting is most common in crowded places such as the black market, on buses or at tourist attractions such as Gandan Monastery. Bag-slashers attack "obvious tourists" frequently at the following locations: Black Market (bazaar), outside Post Office, Railway station, and crowded bus lines in Ulaanbaatar city. Valuables should be kept in a money belt and kept underneath your clothing or in the security box at your hotel in Ulaanbaatar city. Be careful about being seen with large amounts of money outside.

In the countryside of Mongolia: there is not any problem. The nomadic families are very hospitable. We ask you to remember that when we visit the nomadic people, we are guests in their homes, so it is appropriate to offer them small gifts in return for their hospitality.

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