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**Join the inaugural flight OM 298  
Hong Kong to Ulaanbataar, Mongolia**

2nd June 2011

Experience The Gobi Desert & Khangai  
8 days/7 nights

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# Tour Summary

A great introduction to this fascinating country. A chance to experience the Mongolian Gobi Desert; camp out in the vastness of the incredible scenery, meet the local nomads and explore on both camels and horses.

<b>Day 1</b>	Depart for Mongolia & Hustai Nuruu Park	<b>Day 5</b>	Khavtsgait, Tugrugyn Shiree
<b>Day 2</b>	Explore Ulaanbaatar	<b>Day 6</b>	Gun Galuut Reserve
<b>Day 3</b>	Gobi Desert, Flaming Cliffs	<b>Day 7</b>	Gun Galuut Reserve
<b>Day 4</b>	Yol Valley & Moltsog Els	<b>Day 8</b>	Return to Hong Kong

## Tour Price

Full board including all flights, taxes, entrance fees, ground transportation and tours:

HK\$ 24,900



# Detailed Itinerary



**Day 1 - 2nd June 2011 - Depart for Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar on the inaugural Hong Kong to Ulaanbataar MIAT flight OM 298**

**Depart HKG 11:55 | Arrive ULN 16:20**

Upon arrival transfer to Hustai Nuruu Park, (1.5 hour ), home to the last remaining species of wild horse, the Takhi - commonly known as Przewalski's Horse. In 1994, twenty-five years after they became extinct in the wild, the Takhi, was reintroduced into the wild from zoo populations by the Foundation for the Preservation and Protection of the Przewalski's Horse, a Dutch organization which flew 16 horses from the Netherlands to Mongolia. Since then, more than twelve healthy foals have been born in Mongolia. Learn about current conservation efforts and the status of the herds found within Hustain Nuruu and try to spot these beautiful horses in their natural habitat.

Accommodation: Ger camp  
Basis: B, L, D



**Day 2 - 3rd June 2011 - Explore Ulaanbaatar**

In the morning further explore the park and after lunch transfer to Ulaanbaatar. The contrast between ancient traditions and a 21st century democracy is most visible in Ulaanbaatar, where traditional gers and Buddhist monasteries sit side by side with modern high-rises. In the evening enjoy a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and khoomi throat singers, followed by a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

Accommodation: Chinggis Khan Hotel  
Basis: D



### Day 3 - 4th June 2011 - Gobi Desert, Flaming Cliffs

In the morning fly over vast steppe to the Gobi (1.5 hours), Mongolia's southernmost province of semi-arid desert. Contrary to the sameness that the word 'desert' suggests, the Gobi is a fascinating and diverse region and includes sites of some of the most important paleontological discoveries of the 20th century. For the next four days, explore the stunning landscapes of the Gobi, habitat for Bactrian camels, Argali mountain sheep, goitered gazelle, golden eagles, Saker falcons, jerboas (similar to kangaroo rats), and many endemic reptiles. The Gobi is also home to some of the northern hemisphere's most rare and elusive mammals, such as the dhole, snow leopard, wild camel, and Gobi bear.

Upon arrival drive to the Three Camel Lodge, our eco-lodge located near Gurvansaikhan Gobi National Park, before travelling to the legendary Flaming Cliffs (1 hour), named for the red-orange sandstone that glows brilliantly at sunrise and sunset. It was here in 1923 that Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews and his exploration team from the American Museum of Natural History found the first nest of dinosaur eggs the world had ever seen. To the trained eye, the dramatic formations of the Flaming Cliffs are rich with fossils, and palaeontological expeditions continue to make significant discoveries at this site. Return to the ger camp for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Three Camel Lodge  
Basis: B, L, D



### Day 4 - 5th June 2011 - Yol Valley and Moltsoq Els

Wake to the sight of the sun rising over the vast Gobi landscape. After an early breakfast drive to Yol Valley National Park (2.5 hours), cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains. An ancient river carved this surprisingly green valley, and its remnant streams create ice formations that sometimes persist as late as July. A hike through the valley leads to the habitat of indigenous vulture-like Lammergeiers, Altai snowcocks, ibex, yaks, and Argali mountain sheep. After exploring the area visit a local natural history museum for an overview of the flora and fauna of the region.

Return to the ger camp for lunch. In the afternoon drive to Moltsoq Els (1 hour), one of the few regions of the Gobi covered by sand dunes. After exploring the area on foot and camel back, return to the camp for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Three Camel Lodge  
Basis: B, L, D



#### Day 5 - 6th June 2011 - Khavtsgait, Tugrugyn Shiree

After breakfast, drive to Khavtsgait Valley (40 min) to see the amazing work of ancient Gobi dwellers. Located at the top of the mountain, are several dozen locations with hundreds of individual drawings of ancient life of the region. Explore the area by foot and return to the lodge in time for lunch.

After lunch drive to Tugrigiin Shiree, the site where the famous “Fighting Dinosaurs” fossil of a Protoceratops and Velociraptor locked in combat was discovered in the 1970s. Explore this white-sandstone escarpment and nearby sand dunes. Return to the Three Camel Lodge in the afternoon, stopping to visit Bulgan, a small town near a natural spring. Bulgan has one of the only farms in the Gobi, which supplies local ger camps with fruits and vegetables, an example of local businesses being supported by ecotourism. Arrive at the ger camp in time for dinner and overnight.

Accommodation: Three Camel Lodge  
Basis: B, L, D



#### Day 6 - 7th June 2011 - Gun Galuut Reserve

We will drive back to Dalanzadgad to catch our flight to Ulaanbaatar this morning. After lunch in the city transfer to Gun Galuut, a nature reserve near the Khentii Mountains. Located within 2-hour drive, there are great chances of sighting rare big horn argali sheep. This is an area protected by a community of local herders who have managed to keep about 200 argali sheep, as well as many other rare animals and birds safe in close proximity to a big coal mining city as well as the capital city of Ulaanbaatar. The park is also home to many rare birds including white napped and Siberian cranes. Dinner and overnight in the camp.

Accommodation: Ger Camp  
Basis: B, L, D



#### **Day 7 - 8th June 2011 - Gun Galuut**

Full day to explore the park and visit a nomadic family, with the opportunity to ride Mongolian horses. Return to Ulaanbaatar in the evening.

Accommodation: Chinggis Khan Hotel  
Basis: B, L, D



#### **Day 8 - 9th June 2011 - Return flight**

Early morning flight to Hong Kong.

**Depart ULN 06:25 | Arrive HKG 10:50**

## Accommodation

### Chinggis Khan Hotel (3 nights)



The Chinggis Khan Hotel, a member of SUMMIT Hotels & Resorts, Preferred Hotel Group, is recognised for its excellent service and hospitality and it has been the preferred lodging for royalty, heads of state, government delegates, dignitaries, leaders and decision makers as well as tourists and business people.

Room category: Standard room

### Three Camel Lodge (2 nights)



Built in the heart of the Gobi according to environmentally and culturally sustainable development guidelines, the Three Camel Lodge offers a blend of adventure and sophistication, combining traditional style with superb service to create the ultimate expedition experience.

The staff is dedicated to making every stay at the Three Camel Lodge a comfortable, relaxing and memorable experience.

### Traditional Ger (2 nights)



Gers are traditional felt tents of nomadic herders. Made of a latticed wood structure covered with layers of felt and canvas, each ger is heated by a wood stove and furnished with beautifully painted wood-framed beds. Based on double occupancy, gers provide an authentic and memorable taste of Mongolian culture and allow you to visit areas which otherwise lack traveller accommodations.

Most visitors find their stays at ger camps to be among their most enjoyable experiences in Mongolia.

## Further information

<b>Price Includes</b>	
Accommodation	All accommodation on a full board basis based on twin room share. Tented accommodation while on the tour in gers.
International & Domestic flights	All flights from Hong Kong to Ulaanbataar and internal domestic flights
Transfers	In a Russian 4WD vehicle
National Parks	Entrance fees are covered
Guide	English speaking Mongolian guide
Meals	Breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D) as per the above itinerary
<b>Price Excludes</b>	
Visas	Most nationalities require a visa to enter Mongolia and we will assist with the application.
Meals and drinks	All meals not specified in the "Prices Includes" section above and alcoholic beverages
Miscellaneous	Tips, laundry, telephone calls and any other items of a personal nature, travel and medical insurance
General	Any other items not mentioned in the "Price Includes" section above
Optional extras	Any optional extra at any hotel or on any tour



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