



ANZA-BORREGO DESERT NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION



PRESENTS
A GUIDED TOUR OF

MONGOLIA

JUNE 30 – JULY 13, 2027



GOBI DESERT



NAADAM FESTIVAL



LAKE KHUVSGUL

Join Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association on a tour of Mongolia, a country full of beautiful nature and fascinating culture. This tour will visit Mongolia's highlights and will attend the annual Naadam festival. Although Mongolia is a large country in area, the tour has 4 domestic flights to reduce the hours of road travel.

- Ulaanbaatar - capital city; excellent museums; music and dance performance
- Lake Khuvsgul – beautiful lake in the forest, with opportunities to hike, boat, and see reindeer
- Naadam Festival - with traditional wrestling, archery, costumes, singing, dancing
- Gobi Desert - sand dunes, camel riding
- Yolyn Am – canyon hike, with ice even in summer
- Flaming Cliffs - site of dinosaur fossil discoveries
- Terelj Nat'l Park - overnight in gers (nomadic tents)
- 4 domestic flights included

TOUR COST = \$3990

Includes 4 domestic flights in Mongolia, lodging in a double/twin room or ger (yurt), breakfasts, 10 lunches, 7 dinners, private transport, entries/activities, English-speaking guide, Matt Ebner as group leader, ABDNHA board member Don Barrie as co-leader. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to ABDNHA. Single room costs +\$600. The group size will be 10-20 people.

NOT INCLUDED

Airfare from the USA (about \$1800 round-trip from LAX to Ulaanbaatar), meals not listed above, drinks, tips, shopping.

REGISTRATION opens at 8:00 AM (Pacific) on MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026 at WWW.GEOTOURS.US/TOUR/MONGOLIA2027

- Payments can be made by:
 - Venmo or Zelle to payment@geotours.us or 310-686-8171 (GeoTours phone).
 - Check to GeoTours LLC, 1547 E. Puente St., Covina CA 91724
- 1st payment of \$500 is due within 7 days of registration.
- 2nd payment of \$800 is due September 30, 2026.
- 3rd payment of \$1000 is due January 15, 2027.
- Final payment is April 15, 2027.

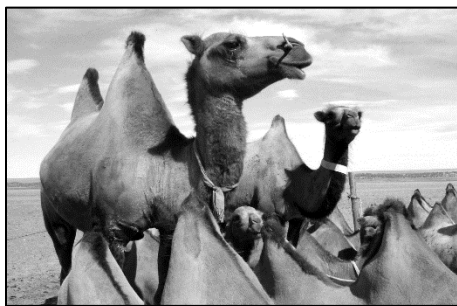
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Wednesday - 6/30/27 - Depart USA

Thursday - 7/1/27 - Arrive Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia's capital. Free time to explore on your own. Stay in Ulaanbaatar for 2 nights at a 4-star hotel.

Friday - 7/2/27- Ulaanbaatar

Enjoy a city tour of Ulaanbaatar with professional guide and private transport: Gandan Buddhist Monastery, Winter Palace of the last Mongol king, National History Museum, Genghis Khan Square, and Zaisan hill for a panoramic view of the city. Night #2 in Ulaanbaatar, with breakfast included.

Saturday - 7/3/27 - Ulaanbaatar – Gobi Desert

One-hour flight to the Gobi Desert, then drive 2-3 hours to the Flaming Cliffs, a world-renowned paleontological site for the vast amount of dinosaur bones and eggs found here. Made of red sandstone, these cliffs and canyons are especially beautiful in the late afternoon. Visit a local family. Overnight in a ger (yurt) camp, with all meals included. Gers are comfortable with beds and a separate building for hot showers and sit-down (western) toilets.

Sunday - 7/4/27 - Gobi Desert

Drive to Khongor Sand Dunes, the most magnificent dunes of the Gobi. They are "singing dunes", humming when the sand is moved by the wind or by footsteps. Climb the dunes if you are energetic and take an optional camel ride. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.

Monday – 7/5/27 - Gobi Desert

Drive to Yolyn Am, a narrow canyon where the shade keeps some places covered by ice year-round. Hike between tall cliffs, with a chance to see wild ibex. Visit a nature museum. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.

Tuesday – 7/6/27 - Gobi Desert- Ulaanbaatar

Visit Gobi Museum of Nature and History in Dalanzadgad. Flight from the Gobi Desert to Ulaanbaatar. One night in Ulaanbaatar at a 4-star hotel.

Wednesday - 7/7/27 - Ulaanbaatar - Terelj National Park

Drive about one hour to Terelj National Park, located at 5000' with beautiful alpine scenery. Optional activities include walking, hiking, and horseback riding. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.



BUDDHIST MONKS



GER CAMP



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QUESTIONS? Please contact:

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or Don Barrie (ABDNHA) – DBARRIEGEO@GMAIL.COM - 619-208-6507**



TERELJ NAT'L PARK



REINDEER



TAIGA FOREST

Thursday - 7/8/27 - Terelj National Park - Ulaanbaatar – Lake Khuvsgul

Morning free for more walking/hiking in Terelj. Visit giant Genghis Khan Statue en route to Ulaanbaatar. In the evening attend “Land of the Sky” performance, a cultural show with 15 different performances of traditional songs, dancing, and contortionists. One night in Ulaanbaatar in a 4-star hotel.

Friday - 7/9/27 - Ulaanbaatar – Lake Khuvsgul Lake Khuvsgul

Morning flight from Ulaanbaatar to Murun in northern Mongolia. Visit beautiful Lake Khuvsgul, the second largest freshwater lake in Asia. This lake holds about 70% of Mongolia's fresh water, and is a smaller version of Lake Baikal of Siberia, a short distance to the north. The lake is surrounded by mountains, thick taiga forest, and lush meadows filled with wildflowers. Overnight in a ger camp.

Saturday - 7/10/27 – Lake Khuvsgul

Explore the lake by boating and hiking. Possibly see yaks and visit nomadic reindeer herders. Overnight in a ger camp, with all meals included.

Sunday - 7/11/27 - Naadam Festival

Enjoy Naadam, Mongolia's famous annual festival, coinciding with Mongolian Independence Day. There are colorfully dressed singers and dancers, archery, wrestling, and cross-country horse racing. We will attend Naadam at one of the towns near Lake Khuvsgul. Ger camp, with all meals included.

Monday - 7/12/27 - Murun – Ulaanbaatar

Flight from Murun to Ulaanbaatar. Free time in Ulaanbaatar to shop, explore, or relax. One night in Ulaanbaatar.

Tuesday - 7/13/27 - Depart Mongolia

Depart Ulaanbaatar and probably arrive in the USA the same day.



GOBI GRASSLAND



YAKS



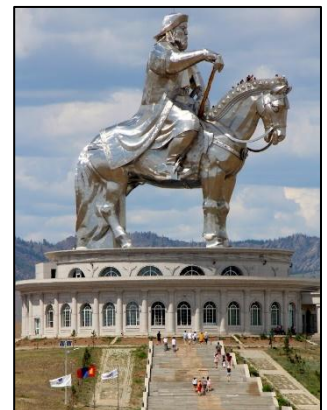
FLAMING CLIFFS



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NAADAM



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TRIP COST

- \$3990 – MONGOLIA land cost
 - Price based on sharing a room; single supplement is +\$600 but a single ger (yurt) might not be available at all ger camps.
 - Includes 12 nights lodging in a double or twin-shared room, private transport, Matt Ebner & Don Barrie as group leaders, English-speaking guide, breakfasts, 10 lunches, 7 dinners, many entries/activities. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to ABDNHA.
- Not included in trip cost
 - International airline tax, tips to drivers and guides, meals not listed, drinks, shopping, optional activities.
- ABDNHA/GeoTours Alumni discount - \$50 multiplied by the number of ABDNHA or GeoTours trips you have done
 - \$100 maximum alumni discount.
- Early Registration Discount - \$50 discount if registering with your \$400 deposit by 5/31/26.

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TOUR DATES & FLIGHTS

- Depart USA to UBN (Ulaanbaatar) on 6/30/27 (or 6/29/27). Return from UBN on 7/13/27.
 - LAX-UBN-LAX costs ~\$1800 with 2 or 3 segments on United, Korean, and/or MIAT.
- GeoTours will provide information on recommended flights.
- Participants can travel on their own before or after the trip, which will affect the dates and price of airline tickets.

TRANSPORTATION, PACE, WEATHER

- 4 Domestic flights & private ground transportation.
- This trip has a moderate pace and participants should be able to walk up to 4 miles a day.
- July weather in Mongolia varies from 50F in the north to 80F in the south. It doesn't rain much in Mongolia, but there are sometimes brief thunderstorms.

CANCELLATION POLICY

To cancel your participation, you must inform GeoTours in writing or by email. Cancellation date is the date when GeoTours receives your written notice. *Cancellation penalty is the amount shown below PLUS any non-recoverable expenses already paid on behalf of the passenger, such as non-refundable tickets or hotel rooms.

<u>Date of Cancellation</u>	<u>Cancellation Penalty</u>
On or before June 30, 2026	\$100*
July 1 – September 30, 2026	\$200*
October 1 – November 30, 2026	\$300*
Dec 1, 2026 – January 31, 2027	\$500*
February 1 – March 31, 2027	\$700*
After April 1, 2027	No Refund

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TRAVEL INSURANCE

Although not required, GeoTours recommends that trip participants purchase travel insurance.

- GeoTours has partnered with [Generali Global Assistance](#), a well-established provider of travel insurance. You can use this [GeoTours-Generali link](#), and the premium will be the same as going straight to the Generali site.
- Generali's **ESSENTIAL** policy covers Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Medical Evacuation, Medical costs, and Lost/Stolen Baggage. Trip Cancellation coverage means that travel insurance will reimburse non-refundable trip costs if you cancel for a covered reason. Cancellation coverage only works if you purchase the insurance BEFORE a sickness or injury forces you to cancel, and an insurance claim requires a physician's written advice that you should cancel your trip due to your illness or injury.
- [Generali ESSENTIAL](#) coverage costs about \$370 for a 60-year-old, \$5800 trip cost (airfare + GeoTours price), June 30 – July 13, 2027. Cost depends on age and is less for younger travelers, more for older travelers.
- You can also compare travel insurance policies from other providers at squaremouth.com.
- If you travel frequently, you should consider an [annual policy from Allianz](#).

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PARTICIPANT SAFETY

Participants in GeoTours/ABDNHA programs are required to possess the necessary physical and cognitive abilities to safely undertake and complete trip activities, as outlined in this trip itinerary. Alternatively, a participant may be accompanied by another participant who agrees to be responsible for the safety and well-being of the other person at all times. If they have concerns, participants are encouraged to discuss their abilities with trip leaders.

HEALTH & COVID POLICY

- Mongolia does not have any Covid vaccination or testing requirements.
- ABDNHA and GeoTours recommend that trip participants are fully Covid-vaccinated with a recent booster shot/vaccine.
- Group travel in an airplane & tour bus carries the risk of contagious transmission of viruses: common cold, RSV, or Covid.
 - Trip members who become ill should mask themselves on the bus and other enclosed spaces, to prevent infecting others.
 - It is recommended that travelers carry well-fitting N-95 or KN-95 masks in their luggage along with Covid test kits.
- Trip participants who test positive for Covid during the tour will not be required to leave the group. They will decide their best course of action, in consultation with the trip leaders. Such actions might include leaving the group or continuing the trip with caution and responsibility: wearing masks, social distancing, and skipping group meals/activities.
- It is recommended that the group mask up if anyone in the group tests positive for Covid or has respiratory illness symptoms.
- If travelers test positive for Covid shortly before the trip, they should consider withdrawing from the trip and seek reimbursement through their travel insurance. An insurance claim requires a physician's written advice that you should cancel your trip due to your illness.
- While traveling to Mongolia and during the trip, travelers should consider wearing a mask in crowded or poorly ventilated indoor areas, on public transportation (e.g., on the airplane) and in transportation hubs (e.g., airports).
- Neither ABDNHA nor GeoTours will reimburse trip participants for Covid-related costs, and there will be no refund to participants who miss any activity or portion of the trip due to Covid or any other reason.
- Participants should seek reimbursement from their travel insurance for any Covid-related costs, trip cancellation, or trip interruption.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS - Trip participants must agree to the Terms and Conditions below.

The program participant agrees that GeoTours LLC and Anza-Borrego Desert Natural History Association (ABDNHA) assume no liability whatsoever for loss of property, injury, accident, illness, death, irregularity, and delays during the duration of the tour. In addition, the program participant agrees to hold GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA harmless for damage, delay, or cancellation due to equipment problems, quarantine, pandemic, declared or undeclared war and insurrection, terrorist and criminal activity, revolt, civil disturbance, hostility, military action, strikes, labor unrest, any "act of God" or nature and for any act of any third party. The participant, by registering for this tour, agrees that GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA are not responsible for delays, rerouting, omission, and additional expenses resulting from the passenger's improper travel documents such as passport, visa, and health document. Any losses and expenses related to such circumstances are within the responsibility of the program participants and not of GeoTours LLC or ABDNHA. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA are not responsible for acts of any government authority. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA reserve the right to adjust itinerary and contents and to substitute accommodation providers as deemed necessary. GeoTours LLC and ABDNHA reserve the right to accept or decline any person as a program participant as well as to refuse to retain any participant's membership in the program. Participants that do not participate in an activity or entry, or who leave the tour early or arrive late, will not be entitled to any refund. By registering for this tour, the participant agrees to all such terms and conditions.



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