



MARCO POLO JOURNEYS

Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Khan Legacy 2020

11 days from \$12,495

Limited to 18 guests

Retrace the footsteps of the Khan legacy as you take in the vivid spectacle of a centuries-old festival, explore the far-flung wilds of the Gobi Desert, and follow Kublai Khan's influence to the Great Wall in Beijing.

A&K Advantages

Witness one of the continent's oldest spectacles of skill, strength and daring at the annual Naadam Festival

Walk a section of the Great Wall, tracing Kublai Khan's footsteps in Beijing

Share perspectives with a Buddhist lama at a monastery

Ride a camel through the dunes of Moltsoq Els

Explore the desolate, yet fossil-rich Flaming Cliffs, a site of groundbreaking paleontological discovery

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE BEIJING, CHINA

Arrive in Beijing, where you are transferred to your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Beijing

DAY 2 BEIJING | ATOP THE GREAT WALL

Take in the sweep of history at Tiananmen Square and explore the imperial grandeur of the Forbidden City. After lunch, travel to the well-preserved Mutianyu section of the Great Wall of China, a vast fortification erected to protect the region from Mongol hordes. Walk or ride a cable car to the top of the wall to take in sweeping views of the surrounding mountains. Tonight, gather for a special welcome dinner at your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Beijing | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 3 ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA | INTRODUCTION TO AN EMPIRE

This morning, fly to Ulaanbaatar and transfer to your hotel. After you settle in, explore the National Museum of Mongolian History. Here, a local historian delves into the saga of Genghis Khan and his Mongol Empire.

Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4 ULAANBAATAR | LIFE OF GENGHIS KHAN

Visit Gandan Khiid Monastery with its 75-foot statue made of copper, gold and precious stones, accompanied by a top-ranking lama who discusses monastery life. In the afternoon, travel out into the steppe to Tsonjin Boldog to see the 131-foot statue of Genghis Khan.

Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5 GOBI DESERT | DUNES, CANYONS & WIDE-OPEN SKIES

Fly to the Gobi Desert, home to Bactrian (two-humped) camels, mountain sheep, golden eagles and many endemic reptiles. In the late afternoon, marvel as local archers demonstrate a skill that gave rise to the former Mongol empire.

Three Camel Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6 GOBI DESERT | VALLEY OF THE EAGLES

Journey overland to the Yol Valley, a narrow, craggy chasm. Hike the valley for a chance to spot vulture-like lammergeiers, Altai snowcocks, ibex, yaks and Argali mountain sheep. Later, witness the construction of a *ger*, a traditional Mongolian home. In the afternoon, you may opt to hike through the Havsagit Valley to discover ancient petroglyphs atop a mountain.

Three Camel Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 GOBI DESERT | CAMEL RIDE & THE FLAMING CLIFFS

Set off on the back of a Bactrian camel through the dunes of Moltsoq Els for insight into a way of life that has endured for centuries. Visit with a local camel-herding family in their home. Afterward, visit the Flaming Cliffs, a place rich with dinosaur fossils and the site where dinosaur eggs were first found.

Three Camel Lodge | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8 ULAANBAATAR | PAST MEETS PRESENT

Fly to Ulaanbaatar, where you visit a modern art gallery and meet the local exhibiting artist. This evening, join fellow guests for a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and *khoomi* throat singers. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant along with a vodka tasting.

Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 ULAANBAATAR | NAADAM FESTIVAL

Attend the annual Naadam Festival, where the nation's best athletes compete in tests of strength and skill. Watch the elaborate opening ceremony that features dancers, athletes, horse riders and musicians.

Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10 ULAANBAATAR | A PARTING GLIMPSE

Enjoy a second day at the Naadam Festival, attending a range of events and competitions featuring archery and traditional wrestling. This evening, gather with fellow guests for a farewell dinner.

Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 DEPART ULAANBAATAR

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight.



Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Internal Air (From)	Availability
Jul 03 - Jul 13, 2020	\$12,495	\$2,995	\$1,275	Call for Availability
Jul 08 - Jul 18, 2020	\$12,495	\$2,995	\$1,275	Available

Departure has slightly altered itinerary to accommodate the Naadam Festival date.

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from \$1,275
Beijing/Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad/Ulaanbaatar

This journey contains some active elements.

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 8:00 a.m. on Day 2.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Program Note: Travel in this remote region entails extended, scenic drives over unpaved roads; limited access to Western cuisine; and an unpredictable climate.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).