Mongolia: Naadam Festival & the Khan Legacy 2019
12 days from $11,995
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 winding lanes of Beijing.

A&K Advantages

- Explore the legacies of Genghis and Kublai Khan as you witness a deeply rooted festival, ride a camel through the Gobi Desert, and reveal the Khan heritage in Beijing
- 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 and trace Kublai Khan's footsteps through the hutongs of Beijing
- Share perspectives with a Buddhist lama at a monastery
- Ride a camel through the dunes of Moltsog 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
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. Return to Beijing to take in the sweep of history at Tiananmen Square and explore the imperial grandeur of the Forbidden City. 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, stroll Sukhbaatar Square, exploring the Great Khan’s Memorial and 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 Khid 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, drive to Horhon Devseg Valley to see the Bulgan Temple, where spectacular views await. After twilight fades, marvel as the starlit desert sky comes alive.
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 Havsgat 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 Moltsog 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 see an exhibit of Buddhist artifacts at the Zanabazar Fine Arts Museum. This evening, join fellow guests for a performance featuring traditional Mongolian dancers and khoomi throat singers.
Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAYS 9-10 ULAANBAATAR | NAADAM FESTIVAL
Attend the annual Naadam Festival, where the nation’s best athletes compete in archery, horse racing and Mongolian wrestling. Watch the elaborate opening ceremony that features dancers, athletes, horse riders and musicians. Enjoy a traditional performance with folk dancing.
Shangri-La Hotel, Ulaanbaatar | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11 BEIJING, CHINA | YUAN LEGACY OF KUBLAI KHAN
Fly back to Beijing and Ride Like a Local on a pedicab through a hutong, a vast, yet intimate neighborhood of small winding alleyways. Beijing’s hutongs (and the term itself) trace their roots back to Kublai Khan’s Yuan Dynasty, an extension of his grandfather, Genghis’ Mongol Empire. This evening, gather with your fellow travellers to celebrate your journey with a farewell dinner.
Four Seasons Hotel Beijing | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 12 DEPART BEIJING
After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your flight.

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

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

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

Journey Details

Internal Air: Economy class from $1,625
Beijing/Ulaanbaatar/Dalanzadgad/Ulaanbaatar/Beijing

This journey contains some active elements.
Minimum age is 10 years.
First group event: welcome briefing at 8:30 a.m. on Day 2.
Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:30 p.m. on Day 11.
Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

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