

CENTRAL ASIA “5 STANS” AND MONGOLIA 31 DAYS ITINERARY – 2020 (UZBEKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN, TAJIKISTAN, KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZSTAN AND MONGOLIA)

1 JUNE 14 SUNDAY ARRIVAL TO TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

Welcome to Uzbekistan!
Upon your arrival to Tashkent airport, you'll be met and transferred to hotel to check in and rest. We'll have a welcome dinner at 7PM with short introduction about Uzbekistan – one of the economically developed states of the Central

Asian region, occupying a bit more than 11% of the territory of Central Asia. Main branches of industry of the republic are linked with the cotton growing, silk production, fruit and vegetable production and irrigation construction. Today we'll overnight in Tashkent hotel.



Tashkent



2 JUNE 15 MONDAY – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast first half of the day we'll visit old part of the city: Khast Imam Complex which displays unique Osman Koran thought to be the world's oldest Koran. Chorsu bazaar- is one of the oldest, biggest bazaars of Tashkent. Madrasah Kukeldash – is a significant architectural sight of the 16 century. After lunch we will continue on to modern part of the city: Independent square called Mustakillik, the main square of Tashkent, flanked by largest public buildings and walls of fountains. A. Navoi theatre square built in 1947 by Japanese prisoners in World War 2. Visits to museum of Amir Temur and museum of Handcraft Art will end our excursion of Tashkent, and we'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants and overnight at hotel in Tashkent.



Tashkent

3 JUNE 16 TUESDAY – TASHKENT – SAMARKAND 190 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast we will take a train to world famous Samarkand located 190 mi from Tashkent. The road to Samarkand is via Syrdarya and Jizzakh provinces and takes approximately 3 hours. We will arrive to Samarkand in the afternoon, check in to hotel and have lunch. After short rest we'll start our excursion of Samarkand by visiting Paper Mills Factory where we'll have a presentation of paper production from mulberry tree, Afrasiyob Museum, Ulugbek's observatory – dated to 1428 - 1429 – known as biggest observatory of the East with best equipment to the time. After dinner at one of the local restaurants we'll transfer to hotel for overnight in Samarkand.



4 JUNE 17 WEDNESDAY – SAMARKAND (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel today we'll have a full day sightseeing of Samarkand. Visit heart of the city – Registan Square which played great role in commercial and scientific life of the time. Gur Emir Mausoleum - mausoleum for the males of Temurid's dynasty, real masterpiece of Central Asian architecture. Shaki Zinda Necropolis in the northern outskirts of Samarkand. Bibi – Khanum Mosque construction of which started in 1399 after Victorian campaign of Temur to India. Central bazaar of Samarkand- Siyobian where we'll taste famous round bread (non) made only in Samarkand. After this long day, we'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants and overnight in Samarkand.



5 JUNE 18 THURSDAY – SAMARKAND – BUKHARA – 172 MI (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart Samarkand for Bukhara. Stop on the way at the ruins of medieval monument Caravanserai Rabat-i-Malik. Continue driving to Bukhara via Gijduvan where we'll visit Abdulla's pottery house where we'll be offered short presentation and a cup of tea. Upon arrival to Bukhara, we'll accommodate at the hotel. Visit Chor Minor memorial. Today we'll dinner in one of the local restaurants and will overnight in Bukhara.



6 JUNE 19 FRIDAY – BUKHARA (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast we'll have a full day of sightseeing of this ancient city. Bukhara is one of most historically rich cities on the Great Silk Road attracting attention of thousands of people with its unique heritage. Today we'll visit: Samanid's dynasty mausoleum known to be one of the best architectural samples of the Samanids period (875 - 999). Chashma Ayub Mausoleum – legend say is it of Prophet Jove. Bolo – Khauz Mosque. The Ark Forteress – Citadel is the most ancient memorial of Bukhara, on archeological matter dated to the 3rd century B.C. Kalon Complex – consists of minaret, Mosque and Madrasah both of which are still active. Magoki Attori Mosque. Ulugbek and Abdulazizi Khan madrasahs. Next we'll visit most popular place of Bukhara – reservoir Lyabi Khauz complex built in 1620 by khans' dignitary Nodir Devan Begi. We'll end the day with a dinner at the local restaurant followed by a show program. Today we'll overnight in Bukhara.



7 JUNE 20 SATURDAY – BUKHARA – FARAB – TURKMENABAT – MARY – 290 MI (UZBEKISTAN/TURKMENISTAN)

After breakfast we'll continue with half a day of sightseeing in Bukhara, visiting: former summer palace of Bukhara Emir Said Olimkhan – last Emir of Bukhara Sitara – iMokhi – Khosa, Museum of Decorative Applied Art. After Lunch we say good bye to Uzbekistan as we make our way to Turkmenistan border which is almost 1.5 hours of driving away. Upon arrival to the border point we'll go through custom procedures and continue on to drive directly to Mary via Turkmenabat which will take another 4.5 hours.

On the way we'll cross the Floating Bridge

(almost .5mi. long). We will proceed our way to Mary crossing one of the biggest deserts in the world known as Kara Kum Desert which means "black sand". Upon arrival in Mary we will accommodate in hotel and have dinner in one of the local restaurants. Overnight at hotel in Mary.



8 JUNE 21 SUNDAY – MARY – ASHGABAT (TURKMENISTAN)

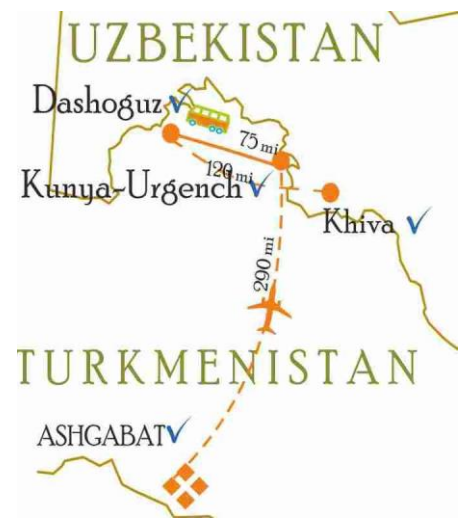
After breakfast at the hotel, we'll make our way through sand dunes and bush forests of the desert, to an important excursion of Old Merv – Merv located at the road crossing of Great Silk Road quickly became one of most important and biggest cities of the ancient World. Sightseeing will include: Gyz Gala and Oglan Gala, Complex of Askhabs, Gyaur Gala, Erk Gala, Soltan Gala, Soltan Sanjar Mausoleum, Ibn Zeid Mausoleum. After lunch we'll take a walking tour within the central part of Mary City. Sightseeing Local United Museum of History, Ethnography, Flora and Fauna of Mary and Orthodox Church built by Russians at the end of XIX century, the Regional Mosque of Mary Province, The Central Theater of Mary, The Convention and Conference Center "Ruhiet Koshgi", Central Park and Monument of Mollanepes. Late afternoon transfer to the airport of Mary for flight to Ashgabat by flight T5-132 at 19:00. Upon arrival transfer to have dinner at local restaurant. Accommodate and overnight at hotel in Ashgabat.



9 JUNE 22 MONDAY – ASHGABAT – NISSA – ASHGABAT (TURKMENISTAN)

Today after breakfast we'll proceed with sightseeing one of the most beautiful cities of the world which was recently included into the Book of Guinness as the Most-White Marble City. Today's sightseeing includes: Complex of Monuments of Oguz Han and Sons surrounded with fountains. Tombs of Turkmenbashy (first President of Turkmenistan S. Nyyazow) and his parents and brothers, Old Nissa - The Sanctuary of Parhian Kings, Nissa was the capital of Parthian Empire which lasted 600 years and was greatest enemy of Rome Empire. After excursions of Old Nissa we'll proceed to Monuments of Archabil Shayoly and discover new part of Ashgabat with its' modern buildings, monuments and parks which includes: Health Path of Turkmenbashy built on mountains which became very popular place among locals, Monument of Constitution and tallest building in Turkmenistan (600 feet), "Alem" Culture and Recreation Center. In the afternoon we'll transfer to hotel and check in. We'll have lunch at one of the

local restaurants. After lunch we will continue with sightseeing of Ashgabat, visiting: Museum of Turkmen Carpets, Park dedicated to Turkmen horses-the pride of Turkmen, Gulistan Bazar, Monument for the Victims of the Earthquake of 1948, Monument of Lenin, Ertogrul Gazy Mosque. We'll have dinner at one of the local restaurants. After dinner we'll go for a night tour, driving along the main streets of Ashgabat making stop near Palace of Happiness. Dinner followed by a folk show program. Today we'll overnight at hotel in Ashgabat.



10 JUNE 23 TUESDAY – ASHGABAT – DASHOGUZ (TURKMENISTAN)

Today after breakfast we'll have another full day of sightseeing in Ashgabat which will include: Ashgabat's famous "Altyn Asyr" Oriental Bazar, Jygyldyk bazaar – one of the biggest bazaar in Central Asia. After bazaar we'll visit Hippodrome of Ashgabat where we'll see famous horses of Turkmenistan: Turkmen Horses – Akhalteke. We'll have lunch at one of the local restaurants in Ashgabat. After lunch we'll continue sightseeing of National Museum of History highly recommendable: one of the biggest museums in Central Asia. After Museum we'll be visiting Arch of Neutrality – famous rocket and tripod style built building symbolizing neutral status of Turkmenistan. Its' height is over 300 feet including 40 feet rotating statue of first President of Turkmenistan: Saparmyrat Nyyazow (Turkmenbashy). Enjoy short walking tour within the Park of Independency along the hundreds of fountains and statutes with stops to visit Monuments of Independency and Ruhnama. Late afternoon transfer to the airport of Ashgabat for flight to Dashoguz by T5-109 at 19:20. Upon arrival transfer to have dinner at local restaurant. After dinner accommodation and rest. Today overnight is at hotel in Dashoguz.



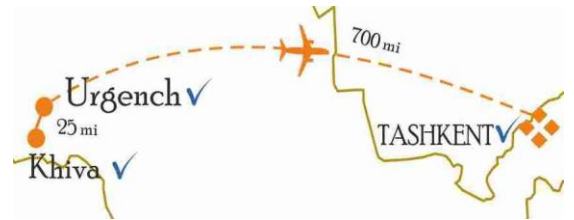
11 JUNE 24 WEDNESDAY – DASHOGUZ – KUNYA – URGENCH – KHIVA – 184 MI (TURKMENISTAN/UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel we'll proceed with drive of 75 mi to Koneurgench – the capital of Khorezmshahs, have sightseeing of Old City which will include: Portal of Caravansaray, Mamun Minaret, Il Arslan Mausoleum, Sultan Tekesh Mausoleum, Academy of Horezm, Kutlug Timur Minaret – one of the tallest minarets in Central Asia and Turabek Hanum Mausoleum. After half day excursion of Koneurgench we'll drive back to Dashoguz where we'll stop for a lunch at one of the local restaurants. After lunch we'll transfer to the border pass Dashoguz – Shavat which is located 10 mi from Dashoguz. Upon arrival proceed the way through passport control and customs procedures and return to Uzbekistan. After border formalities on both sides we'll continue our way to Khiva. Upon arrival we'll accommodate in hotel in Khiva for rest and relaxation. Khiva is a fascinating place, walk through Ichan Kala – old walled city of Khiva, will give you an insight into the life led there from ancient days up to the present time. We'll have a dinner at the local restaurant followed by a show program. Overnight is at the hotel in Khiva.



12 JUNE 25 THURSDAY – KHIVA –
URGENCH – TASHKENT (UZBEKISTAN)

After breakfast at hotel today we'll have a full day sightseeing in Khiva: visit Ichan Kala – a UNESCO World Heritage Site including madrasah Muhammad Amin Khan, Kelta Minar, Kunya Ark, madrasah Muhammad Rakhimkhan. We'll have lunch at local restaurant and continue sightseeing program: visit Pakhlavan Mahmud Mausoleum, Islam Khodja Minaret and Madrasah, Djuma Mosque and Minaret, Tash Hovli Palace. After dinner at the local restaurant we'll proceed to airport for a flight back to Tashkent leaving at 08:40PM and arriving at 10:10PM (subject to change). Upon arrival to Tashkent, we'll accommodate in hotel for overnight and rest.



13 JUNE 26 FRIDAY – TASHKENT – KHUJAND – 104 MI
(UZBEKISTAN/TAJIKISTAN)



After early breakfast at the hotel in Tashkent today we'll head on to a 1 day excursion of Tajikistan. We'll drive to the border check point Oybek and after border crossing formalities we'll continue on to city Khujand. Upon arrival we'll accommodate at the hotel after a long drive and start sightseeing. Khujand – the country's second largest city – situated in the north of Tajikistan and is one of its most ancient, founded about 2,300 years ago during the time of Alexander the Great. Standing in a favorable location in the Ferghana valley, Khujand prospered for a long time, becoming rich and building palaces, mosques, and citadels. In the 13th century it was conquered and destroyed by the Genghis Khan's army. We'll have a close city tour in second part of the day, visit ancient part of

Khujand: Timurmalik fortress, Archeology and History museums, Orient bazaar Panjshanbe – famous Panjshanbe city market is one of the most interesting sights of Khujand. Near the market we'll stop by Sheikh Muslihiddin Masque and Mausoleum, Museum of Archaeology and Resporation., and end the day with dinner at a local restaurant. We'll overnight in Khujand.



14 JUNE 27 SATURDAY – KHUJAND – DUSHANBE
(TAJIKISTAN)

In the morning depart Khujand and drive to Dushanbe (270 km, 5 h.). The mountain road goes via picturesque Anzob pass (3300 m above sea level). Lunch at local restaurant. Mug Tapa-situated in Ura-Tube is one of the ancient settlements in Tajikistan. It is said the city was found by Kir in the north-east boundary of the empire. Khazrati Shoh architectural complex- consists of Khazrati Shoh mausoleum-the

grave of brother of Kusam ibn Abbas, Khudayar Valami mausoleum and mosque Namozgoh. There were city cemetery and Medresse too. All these buildings belong to 19th c. Bazaar- an oriental market where you can find everything. Arrive in Dushanbe. Overnight at the hotel.



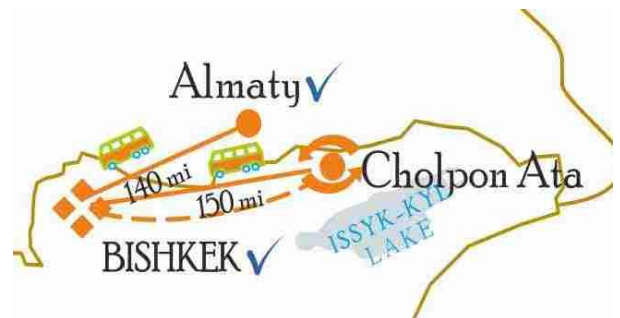
15 JUNE 28 SUNDAY – DUSHANBE (TAJIKISTAN)

Half day sightseeing tour in Dushanbe including visit of famous Museum of National Antiquities, which opened in 2001. Featuring artefacts from Tajikistan's Islamic and pre-Islamic history (Greek/Bactrian, Zoroastrian, Buddhist and Hindu), the museum shows that Tajikistan was an important crossroads in Central Asia. The centrepiece is the 14m reclining Buddha in Nirvana, (closed on Mondays) a 1,400 year-old statue created by the same Kushancivilisation that made the BamiyanBuddhas in Afghanistan. Botanical garden – very beautiful garden with many old trees is the favorite place of Tajiks. City tour – Somoni monument, Building of a national spirit, Stroll Rudaki Prospect. Excursion to Hissor town (23 km from Dushanbe) to see ancient fortress of Hissor - one of the most precious historical sites of Tajikistan. Comfortably located near Dushanbe Hissor Fortress combines the traditional elements of power, trade and culture of the ancient Tajik nation. Visit MedrassahKuhna (16th c) and Museum of Tajik Way of life there, 19c Medrassah nearby and mausoleum of Sufi saint MahdumicAzam.



16 JUNE 29 MONDAY – DUSHANBE – ALMATY (TAJIKISTAN/KAZAKHSTAN)

We'll have breakfast at the hotel and arrange transfer to the airport for flight to Almaty at 07:00/09:25. Welcome to Kazakhstan! Upon arrival to Almaty airport, we will meet you and transfer to hotel for rest after flight. It takes about 20 min. of driving to the hotel. After we check in to hotel and have a short rest, we will have a Welcome dinner at one of local restaurants where we'll provide a short introduction about Kazakhstan – the largest country of Central Asia with majestic mountains and plains, glaciers, and deep rivers, lakes and deserts, boundless steppes and the woods adjoin. Such variety of landscapes causes existence of rich natural world. Besides natural sights the country has a lot of rich history which is imprinted in numerous monuments: the remains of ancient settlements, barrows, petroglyphs, mausoleums and mosques being important shrines of Muslim culture. Kazakhstan – is a country of most ancient civilization of Euroasian continent, homeland of nomad tribes, a significant part of Great Silk Road - 1400 km. The republic contains 27 thousand monuments of antiquity. Leading industries of Kazakhstan are: metallurgy, chemical and mechanical engineering. Oil processing and production of building materials are also developed industries of Kazakhstan. After dinner today we'll overnight at hotel in Almaty.



17 JUNE 30 TUESDAY – ALMATY (KAZAKHSTAN)

After breakfast at hotel, we have a full day of sightseeing ahead. Today we visit: Panfilov Park, Zenkov Wooden Cathedral, St.Nicholas Cathedral, National Musical Instruments Museum, Central State Museum, Almaty's Green Bazaar and have a Panoramic view at observatory.

Alma-Ata is a name of "the southern capital" of Kazakhstan. It is the largest city of country which was state capital during period from 1927 to 1997. Alma-Ata is located in southeast part of Kazakhstan near border with Kyrgyzstan at heights from 670 to 1100 m. The main sight of Alma-Ata are Panfilov Park named in honor of 28 heroes of the panfilovets, stretched in northeast part of the city covering near 18 hectares. Located in center of park is majestic Sacred Voznesensky cathedral. Behind Panfilov park, we come visit to one of biggest market places of Almaty – the Green Bazaar. It is a fine example of a true Asian bazaar. Next we will visit the Museum of national musical instruments named after Ykylas, it was opened in 1980's and contains many types of Kazakh national musical instruments most ancient of which are dated to 17th century. In the southern part of the city we visit Central State Museum – place to see unique archeological finds telling history of Kazakhstan since the most ancient times to present. Museum displays over 120 thousand exhibits. Before dinner excursion to falcon farm with a short show program. After dinner at one of the local restaurants we overnight at hotel in Almaty.



18 JULY 1 WEDNESDAY – ALMATY – BISHKEK – 170 MI (KAZAKHSTAN/KYRGYZSTAN)

Today after breakfast at the hotel we depart Almaty and drive to Bishkek via newly built highway. En route which will take approximately 3 hours we will enjoy beautiful landscape. Soon we will welcome you to Kyrgyzstan. On the way we will provide short information about Kyrgyzstan. Republic located in northeast of Central Asia, crossed by two world great mountain systems, Tien Shan and Pamir. 93% of Kyrgyzstan is covered by mountains, with strong continental climate the country of located 350 meters above sea level. In the afternoon we will arrive to the capital of Kyrgyzstan – Bishkek. Check in to the hotel for a short rest and have lunch at local restaurant. For the second part of the day we will have a sightseeing of Bishkek visit Central Museum, Panfilov park, the local bazaar. After dinner at one of the local restaurants followed by a folk show program, today we will overnight in Bishkek.



19 JULY 2 THURSDAY – BISHKEK – ISSYK KUL – 165 MI (KYRGYZSTAN)

After breakfast at hotel we'll transfer to the Issyk Kul Lake, the pearl of Kyrgyzstan. In route we'll visit Burana Tower located in the city of Tokmok in 50 mi from Bishkek. Today we'll have lunch in Kyrgyz family in Tokmon city. After lunch break continue on driving to Issyk Kul Lake through Boom Canyon. Issyk Kul is one of the largest mountain lakes of the world and most beautiful lake in Kyrgyzstan located in northeast part of the republic between ridges of Northern Tien Shan: Kungey Ala and Terskey Ala at the height of 1609 m above sea level. Excursions will also include visiting petroglyphs of Paleolithic era and local museum in Cholpon Ata. Upon arrival we'll check into hotel and have dinner at one of the local restaurants. Overnight at hotel in Issyk Kul Lake.



20 JULY 3 FRIDAY — ISSYK KUL — CHOPON ATA — GRIGOREVKA GORGE — BISHKEK — 163MI (KYRGYZSTAN)

After breakfast at the hotel we'll transfer to Grigorevka Gorge, Grigorevka Gorge located in 45 mi from the city of Cholpon-Ata. Gentle slopes of a valley are covered with a dense fir forest. Length of a valley is 25 mi. The Grigorevka Gorge, is considered one of the most picturesque in Issyk Kul area. Today we'll have a relaxing day in the nature. After lunch at local restaurant we'll return to Bishkek. Overnight at hotel in Bishkek.



21 JULY 4 SATURDAY — BISHKEK - ULAANBAATAR (KYRGYZSTAN/MONGOLIA)

Transfer to the airport for flight to Ulaanbaatar by TK342 at 04:15/10:05 AM. Welcome to Mongolia! Upon arrival, your tour guide will greet you at the arrival hall and accompany you in a comfortable vehicle to your hotel and help you with the check-in procedure.

We leave the rest of the day free for you to be on your own. You may need some time to relax and recover from the long-distance flight or possibly from jet-lag.



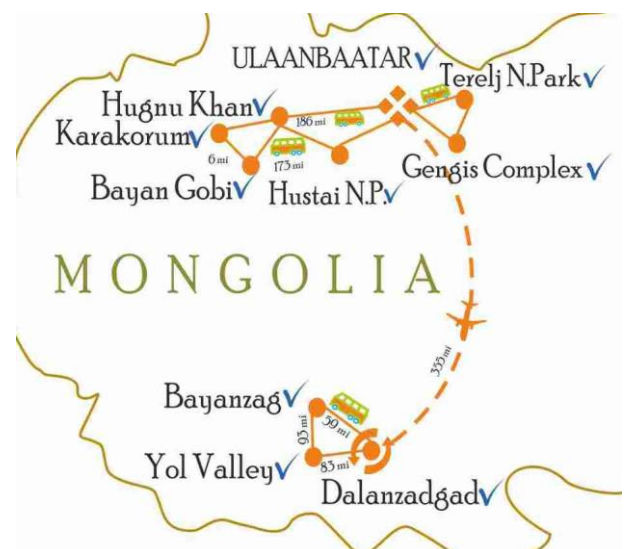
22 JULY 5 SUNDAY — ULAANBAATAR — YOL VALLEY (MONGOLIA)

In early morning, you will be transferred to the city airport for morning flight to Gobi Desert (~1.5 hours).

Upon arrival at local airport in Gobi, your Gobi tour guide will be waiting for you and take a short drive to Yol valley situated in "Three beauties of Gobi" Mt. National Park. Yol means Lammergeyer, one of the most endangered bird species of prey. The valley is notable for a deep ice field; it remains frozen for most of the year, except late summer.

We will there enjoy soft hiking through grassy meadows, small streams, long and narrow valley with sheltered by high cliff walls, sunlight bouncing off amazing rocks, covered with wild flowers and Gobi plants. You may be lucky enough to spot wild sheep and goat, grazing high on the cliff walls. Afterwards, we will lunch and check-in at Gobi Nomad Lodge.

Rest of the day is free for your own. You can be walking, hiking around the camp or just relax in the camp.



JULY 6 MONDAY – YOL VALLEY – BAYANZAG (MONGOLIA)

If you get up early this morning, you will have chance to see how the sunrise in the Gobi. After breakfast, we will take 1.5hrs drive to Bayanzag which is a famous for the first discovery of fossilized dinosaurs. Bayanzag is also well known for red tall hillocks formed as a result of wind and water erosion which look like fire in the middle of the desert from distance. We will watch interesting video at Mongol Gobi Ger camp about how Roy Chapman Andrews and American expedition discovered the first dinosaur eggs from Bayanzag and transferred dinosaur skeletons on the camel back through Gobi Desert. Their findings proved to the world that dinosaurs laid eggs. After lunch, we will explore the Flaming cliffs and wander on the red hillocks. We will try to find bones of dinosaurs around Bayanzag. White fossilized bones are still found nowadays.

End of day, return to the lodge for dinner and overnight.



JULY 7 TUESDAY –BAYANZAG – ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA)

In early morning, transfer to the local airport for morning flight to Ulaanbaatar. Upon arrival around 10am at the city airport, transferred to the hotel in Ulaanbaatar. On the way, visit Zaisan Memorial Hill is located in the south side of Ulaanbaatar City, right beside the Bogd Khan Mountain having a best view of the city and surrounding hills. Check-in and lunch at the hotel.

After some personal refreshment in the hotel, at 2.30pm will visit **Dinosaur museum**. The main exhibit of Dinosaur museum is Tyrannosaurus Bataar which was illegally smuggled out of country and sold in Texas, USA at an auction for over US\$1m in 2012. The government of Mongolia brought a claim through court and brought back the exhibit to Mongolia. The museum is small and can easily be done. However, the collection is quite impressive as all the fossils showcased are originals and complete skeletons. Continue to visit Zanabazar museum which is renowned for the works of G. Zanabazar (1635-1724) who was referred to as the Michelangelo of Asia.

After dinner, transferred to the hotel.



JULY 8 WEDNESDAY – ULAANBAATAR HUGNU KHAN NATIONAL PARK (MONGOLIA)

In the morning at 8am our trip starts Hugnu Khan National Park - It is a picturesque area of Rocky Mountains, semi desert, Gobi sand dunes and steppes all in one location represents three different natural zones. After check-in and lunch at Ger camp near the national park, we will explore the area. There is ideal for soft hiking, wild life observation and photography. There we will visit Uvgun Monastery in the national park through the semi-desert and interesting Rocky Mountains in beautiful Mountain View.



JULY 9 THURSDAY – HUGNU KHAN MT. NATIONAL PARK – BAYAN GOBI – KARAKORUM (MONGOLIA)

In After breakfast, we will take short drive to Bayan Gobi magnificent sand dunes - surrounded by hills with willow trees, streams and bushes, and appear as a small desert in the center of the country. This sand dune is 80km long and the widest part of the sand dune is 9-10 km. We will explore the sand dunes and visit local camel herder family in their Ger, explore their unique nomadic lifestyle. Its chance to try drinking Hormog (fermented Mongolian camel milk). Continue to drive towards to a small village and one of the country's major tourist destinations and historically known as Karakorum which was an ancient capital of Mongolia Empire. Also, this was one of the most important cities in the history of the Silk Road. In the afternoon, we will visit museum of Karakorum. Not much of the ancient town still exists but the nearby museum provides an excellent presentation on the archaeological research that has taken place at the site, and on Mongol history before and after occupation of the town. You can see artifacts found by the various archaeological expeditions as well as a scale model of the town prior to its destruction. Karakorum was ancient city of Mongol Empire, which was the largest contiguous empire in the World history. This city founded by Great king Genghis Khan in the 13th century and lately was moved to Khanbalig (modern Beijing) by Kublai Khan, greatest of the successors of Genghis Khan and founder of the Mongol (Yuan) dynasty in China. Continue to visit the oldest and the magnificent Buddhist Monastery complex of Erdene Zuu, built in the 16th century, with 108 stupas. Here you can see interesting listen to monk chanting Buddhist sutras. Return to the Ger camp for dinner and overnight.



JULY 10 FRIDAY – KARAKORUM – HUSTAI NATIONAL PARK & WILD HORSE PARK - ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA)

After breakfast, we will drive back to Ulaanbaatar. On the way, visit Hustai National Park. The park is home of last wild horses in their natural environment in the world, known as Perzevalski horse (takhi). The National park has over 450 species of vascular plants, 200 of which are medicinal. In the afternoon, we will explore the national park and to see the wild horses. There is great opportunity to take photo for these endangered horses. If you are lucky, you can see fox, deer, marmot, eagle and more wild animals. Besides of the wild animals you can find here beautiful sceneries of the Mongolian nature that features mountain and steppe. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.



JULY 11 SATURDAY – ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA)

Today, we will be attending the opening ceremony of the Festival of naadam in Ulaanbaatar national stadium. It's Mongolia's biggest, most colorful and most important annual cultural event, focusing on three sports: horse racing, Mongolian-style wrestling, and archery. It's no coincidence that all three skills derive from the capabilities of Genghis Khan's legendary military - a force that conquered and controlled the largest empire the world has ever known.

- At 8am picked up from the hotel lobby and visit central naadam stadium.
- First visit is stadium of ankle-bone shooting competition.

- Next, visit the archery field. The field will be filled with men and women archers in colorful ethnic national costumes who shooting arrows from their bows.
- We will wander around outside of the Naadam stadium to watch locals who dressed their national costumes, food and trade corners etc.
- Afterwards, we will enter into main stadium for the opening ceremony of Naadam Festival.
- Once finish the opening ceremony, we will watch the beginning of 1st part of Mongolian national wrestling. In the usual 512 wrestler tournament, there will be nine elimination rounds of wrestling over two days.
- After lunch, we will drive out of the city for a hour to Hui Doloon hudag (horse racing field of Naadam festival) for witness the Naadam horse races, featuring children riding bareback across the steppe. All of these racers from each corners of Mongolia.
- You will experience the brilliant madness of the horse race field and the unsurpassed cultural opportunity to watch the horse racing competition included around 150-200 horses. Also, there are you will have a great opportunity to take photography local horse trainers, peoples with traditional garments and so more contrast.
- End of these experience, return to the city and dinner at local restaurant, then transferred to the hotel.



29 JULY 12 SUNDAY – ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA)

At 9am, take 2hrs drive to “Genghis Khan Statue Complex” which is currently the biggest (40m high) equestrian statue in the world. There is a recreation area, restaurants, and souvenir shops occupy the base structure. From here, we use an elevator or walk to the head of the horse through chest and back neck of the horse, where we can have farseeing and good panorama view over the complex area. Continue towards to Terelj National Park. It's one of the most visited national parks in Mongolia. You can see the extraordinary formation of rocks and stones; some of them look quite similar to turtles. After lunch at Ger camp, we will explore the national park and to see Turtle Rock - interesting rock formation looking like a turtle and visit Ariyabal meditation temple - surrounded by scenic mountains with massive rock formations and sits at top of the mountain. This small hike is seen as a ritual to cleanse one’s sins. From the top, you can enjoy the breathtaking view overlooking the Terelj National Park. Also, we will visit local nomadic family to experience firsthand how people live the country side, a lifestyle which has not changed for centuries. Here you can help the herders with their daily tasks to get an idea of how nomadic people alongside of their livestock.



30 JULY 13 MONDAY – ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA)

After breakfast, at 9am our guided city sightseeing tour will start and visit is Gandan Buddhist Monastery, which is Mongolia’s largest functioning Buddhist monastery including the Mongolian Buddhist University. The highlight of visiting to Gandan is 26-meter-high majestic gilded indoor statue of Megjid Janraisig. Continue to visit Museum of Mongolian National History – the museum presents Mongolian history and culture from prehistoric times to the present day. Lunch at "Modern Nomads" restaurant served by national food. Visit Sukhbaatar square (Chinggis Square) which is lies at the heart of the city

surrounded by important buildings such as government palace, banks and theaters and post office. There is an equestrian statue of Sukhbaatar and a massive Bronze statue of Chinggis Khan with his four warriors in front of Parliament House. Next visit Bogd Khan Palace museum - the complex was a residence of 8th Bogd Javzandamba in 19th century, the head of Mongolian religion. The palace consists of seven Summer Prayer temples and the winter palace. In the evening, we will visit "Wonders of Mongolia" folklore show by famous Tumen-Ekh ensemble - is one of the most successful folk-art groups to share traditional Mongolian music with the world, having traveled to over 40 countries.

Transferred to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel restaurant.



JULY 14 TUESDAY – ULAANBAATAR (MONGOLIA)

As your memorable trip comes to end, then you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to your next destination or home.



 **PRICE – \$ 12,950.00 PER PERSON IN DOUBLE
(SINGLE SUPPLEMENT – \$ 1,900.00)**



GUARANTEED DEPARTURE IN 2019:

Start:	End:
June 13	July 14



HOTELS:

Tashkent (3 nights)	Tashkent Palace or similar
Samarkand (2 nights)	Konstantin or similar
Bukhara(2 nights)	Safiya or similar
Mary (1 night)	Mary or similar
Ashgabat (2 nights)	Yulduz or similar
Dashoguz (1 night)	Dashoguz or similar
Khiva (1 night)	Azia Khiva or similar
Khujand (1 night)	Khujand Deluxe or similar
Dushanbe (2 nights)	Sheraton or similar
Almaty (2 nights)	Kazzhol or similar
Bishkek (1 night)	Ambassador or similar
Issyk Kul (1 night)	Kapriz or similar
Ulaanbaatar (6 nights)	Hotel 4 stars

Hugnu Khan Mt. National Park (2 nights)	Hoyor Zagal Ger camp
Yol valley (2 nights)	Gobi Nomad Lodge



PRICE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Letter Of Invitation
- ✓ Hotel Accommodation (double room sharing)
- ✓ Full Board Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)*
- ✓ Bottled water (1 lt per person per day)
- ✓ All Land Transfers with A/C
- ✓ Internal Flights
- ✓ Accompany of guide/escort
- ✓ Guided sightseeing
- ✓ Entrance Fees
- ✓ Show programs

*Meals: Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch/Dinner consists of: 1 salad, 1 soup, 1 entrée, bread, tea.



PRICE EXCLUDES:

- ✗ Tips in hotels, to the guides and drivers
- ✗ Any extra expenses for additional services in hotels
- ✗ Video and photo camera charges