

# 2024 GOBI DESERT EXPEDITION THE REMOTE & UNUSUAL

Dates as requested

Imagine experiencing some of the most remote and truly pristine environments the world still holds, traversing a massive desert landscape which looks like another world...



If you have ever wanted to take part in a truly off the beaten path expedition and would like to visit some rarely seen parts of Mongolia, this is the way to do it!

Following is our itinerary. Please note that any travel in Mongolia is a real adventure. Whilst we wish to make your experience as comfortable as possible this itinerary includes many nights camping and long hours in our vehicles. We think the adventure is an important part of the experience, so expect to get a bit of sand in your shoes!

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Depart from Ulaanbaatar. We'll assume you've gotten yourself cleaned up and rested and are ready for a few days without a shower. We'll head south after breakfast towards Dalanzadgad, a provincial center and staging area for our journey. After about a 7 hour drive on mostly paved road, we'll check into our ger camp for the evening. Simple, but comfortable accommodation with a great vibe.



## Day 2.

It's summer, so it will be hot. After all, it's the Gobi Desert. We'll head west across the Gobi to Gurvantes, the last human settlement on our way to Khermen Tsav. Today will be a long day of off road driving. We'll camp in the evening in a narrow valley with great scrambling and hiking opportunities.

#### Day 3.

Arrival to Hermen Tsav canyon. Driving in from the start of the canyon system, things just get more and more steep and impressive. Sunrise and sunset here are incredible for photos! Tent camping.

### Day 4.

Spend the day hiking in and around Hermen Tsav's canyons. Explore an ancient fossilized seabed and maybe even get lucky enough to spot some dinosaur fossils. Photo ops abound. Climb 250+ foot tall sand dunes and look to spot one of the areas few residents, a wolf we saw on a previous trip! Tent camping near the canyon's edge.

#### Day 5.

We'll spend the morning doing some more hiking and exploring of Hermen Tsav, including checking out the "Sphinx", a natural rock formation in the area, reminiscent of Egypt's Sphinx. Then we'll head out towards the NE. We'll see how far we can get today towards Bijegt Khaad, a remote mountainous area that is Mongolia's largest ancient petroglyph site. Tent camping along our route.

#### Day 6.

We should arrive to Bijegt Khaad by mid-afternoon and can spend the rest of the day here, exploring, climbing and photographing the many ancient petroglyphs at one of the most special places in the country. We'll drive out of the canyon before dark and find a good spot to pitch up for the night.

#### Day 7-8.

Drive back towards Ulaanbaatar. Depending upon conditions, we will either travel past Khongor Sand Dunes on our way to the paved road or take a more NE heading to an area called Khogno Khan, which has some great dunes, monastery ruins and hiking opportunities. We expect to arrive to Khogno Khan or Dalanzadgad by late in the day on Day 8 of the trip. Tent camping or ger camp accommodations.

#### Day 9.

After a relaxing morning on site, we'll head back to Ulaanbaatar, deliver you to your hotel for a good cleanup and rest, then meet you in the evening for a farewell dinner.

#### **Travel Details**

Pricing for the Gobi Desert Add-On "The Remote and Unusual" Tour is inclusive of all in-country Mongolia travel, 1 night hotel stay after Day 8 of the itinerary, all countryside accommodations, meals and transport. Tents & sleeping bag will be provided. Tour participants must provide own personal equipment, clothing, exposure protection and personal effects.

# **Dates: by Group Request**

# Pricing from \$1895.00pp

This expedition will be limited to 6 travelers. We want to provide you with an adventure and as such, we are keeping the group small. We require a minimum of 4, but once our 6 participants are confirmed, this tour will be closed. Larger groups may be accommodated upon request. Please contact us for details and larger group pricing.

Your backup crew will consist of an experienced tour leader / guide, driver and cook to care of you during your journey.



## **Evacuation Insurance**

Our experience in Mongolia has taught us that having Emergency Evacuation and Medical Insurance is an absolute necessity. There are several providers we are familiar with, which service Mongolia adequately. These include Global Rescue and International SOS. You must get us your insurance details in advance of the trip, as we will have them on file in advance with SOS, the local provider for most evacuation and initial medical care situations.

#### Contacts:

Global Rescue website: http://www.globalrescue.com

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