

JTB USA Three Gems of Mongolia Tour

*** Gobi – Khuvsgul – Kharkhorin ***

Sept 6th (Sat) ~ Sept 21st (Sun), 2025



**Escorted with Air
from Honolulu
\$5,999.00**

Air tax \$760.41 included as of November 21st 2024

Based on double occupancy

\$550.00 additional charge for single occupancy

Land Only: \$4,799.00 per person double occupancy

- Roundtrip international air including tax and surcharges.
- Local English-speaking guide from 9/8 to 9/21
- 14 nights in deluxe hotel accommodations
- Sightseeing by chartered motor coach.
- All meals included.
- Flaming Cliffs, where the first Dinosaur eggs were discovered.
- Khuvsgul Lake, home to the reindeer herding Tsaatan people.
- Kharkhorin: the capital of Chingis Khaan's Mongolian empire.
- Interactions with local families.
- Escort from Honolulu by JTB USA



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- Please print clearly. Name must match passport name, passport must be valid for 6 months past travel dates.
- Please submit a passport copy with this application form.

1) ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms
 Last Name First Name Middle Name Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

 Passport Number Expiration (mm/dd/yyyy) Type (US/Japan/Other) Cell Phone Number Email Address

2) ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms
 Last Name First Name Middle Name Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

 Passport Number Expiration (mm/dd/yyyy) Type (US/Japan/Other) Cell Phone Number Email Address

3) ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms
 Last Name First Name Middle Name Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

 Passport Number Expiration (mm/dd/yyyy) Type (US/Japan/Other) Cell Phone Number Email Address

Home Address City State Zip Code Home Phone Number

 Emergency Contact Contact Phone Number Contact Email Address

I certify that I have read the Escorted Tour's Terms and Conditions and agree to abide by them:

Signature: Date: ☐ E-signature: type and submit (or print and sign)

Food allergies, special needs, and requests:

☐ I am interested in travel insurance.

Rooming Preference: ☐ Single ☐ Twin ☐ Triple



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Package includes the following:

- Roundtrip international air by Korean Airlines including tax and surcharges. (Tax and surcharges are subject to change and adjusted for differences greater than \$10.00)
- Local English-speaking guide from 9/8 to 9/21, and English speaking assistant in Korea.
- 14 nights in deluxe hotel accommodations (including one night in Korea).
- Sightseeing by chartered motor coach.
- All meals included.
- Flaming Cliffs: where the first Dinosaur eggs were discovered.
- Khuvsgul Lake: home to the reindeer herding Tsaatan people.
- Kharkhorin: the capital of Chingis Khaan's Mongolian empire.
- Interactions with local families, including an Uriankhai shaman household.
- Escort from Honolulu by JTB USA.

Rules and Restrictions

- Passport valid for 6 months past dates of travel with 2 blank pages for entry stamps.
- Passengers with foreign passports (other than U.S.) may need visas. Please call the Mongolian Consulate General in San Francisco at (415) 622-4000 and the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Honolulu at (808) 595-6109.
- K-ETA required for entrance to Korea (about \$10 US): <https://www.k-eta.go.kr>
- Seats are limited; please call 808-979-0111 for reservations.
- Price/Schedule is subject to change by vendor.
- Minimum 10 people are required to guarantee departure. Tours operating with less than the required minimum may require changes to price and itinerary.
- A moderate degree of physical health and physical ability is required to participate in the tour. In the event of special physical or mental needs, JTB USA cannot assume any responsibility in relation to the difficulty or impossibility that the said passenger may encounter in undertaking the activities planned for the tour, nor can JTB USA assume any responsibility for aiding their adaption to, or continuation of, the trip.
- JTB USA reserves the right to suspend any tour for passengers who's physical and/or mental conditions make their participation difficult or dangerous to themselves or others. JTB USA likewise reserves the right to exclude passengers who disrupt the smooth-running of the trip.



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JTB USA, Inc. TOUR TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Deposit and Final Payment:

- A \$300.00 deposit per person will be required at the time of booking. Deposit is fully refundable until 100 days prior to departure.
- The remaining balance is due 100 days prior to departure or at time of booking if reservation is made less than 100 days prior to departure.
- If remaining balance of payment is not made within the above-required period JTB USA, Inc. reserves the right to cancel reservations.

2. Cancellation and Change Fees: (Please read very carefully)

- Regardless of reason, cancellations result in costly charges from travel and hotel providers covering penalties and fees incurred by canceling confirmed bookings:

Cancellation or any changes within:

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|--|---------------------------------|
| • Up to 101 days prior to departure: | No penalty |
| • From 100 days prior to June 6 th , 2025: | \$300 deposit is non-refundable |
| • From June 7 th to July 11 th , 2025: | 75% of the total tour fee |
| • From July 12 th , 2025: | 100% of the total tour fee |

Airline tickets are non-refundable after issue. Other additional individual arrangements may not be refundable. Please check with our travel agents.

3. Participation:

For the benefit of everyone in your tour group, JTB USA, Inc. reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a tour participant, and to remove from the tour any participant whose conduct is deemed incompatible with the interests of the other participants.

We require a minimum number of 10 participants to guarantee the tour. We regret that our escorted tours will operate only when booked by a minimum number of participants. We reserve the right to cancel any departure date that has insufficient demand.

**** It may be possible to operate tours with less than the minimum number, but changes to price and itinerary may become necessary.**

4. Responsibility:

The tour participant agrees that neither JTB USA, Inc. nor its affiliates shall be liable for any damage, loss (including personal injury, death, and property loss) or expense occasioned by any act or omission of any supplier providing services, or any insurer or insurance administrator under the Travel Protection Plan, or of any other person, or any other situations beyond the control of JTB USA, Inc., including weather, natural disaster, war, civil unrest, and order of government or immigration regulations. Itinerary is subject to change due to availability of facilities, access restrictions, and other unforeseen circumstances.

**** Optional Travel Insurance is Recommended ****

We strongly advise that tour participants purchase optional travel insurance coverage. Please ask one of our travel consultants for more information or contact Travel Insured directly:

<http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=52919>

1-855-752-8303 / Office Number: 52919



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Day 1 Sep 6 (Sat) Honolulu – Seoul

1:05 PM Depart for Incheon on **Korean Airlines flight KE 54**, meals served on the flight.
(9h 40m flight, Boeing 787, 3-3-3 seating)

Korean Airline secured second place among the top 25 airlines worldwide in AirlineRatings' 2024 Airline Excellence Awards and has been named the Best Long Haul Carrier in North Asia.

Day 2 Sep 7 (Sun) Arrival Day: Seoul (D)

5:45 PM Arrive at Incheon International Airport, ranked third among the **World's Best Airports** by Skytrax in 2024. After immigration, claim your luggage and **wait for your tour escort** before exiting customs.

Check into our Incheon hotel after dinner. Tonight, let's try **jjajangmyeon**, the Korean noodles in black bean sauce dish that was born in this area.

Accommodations at Best Western Premier Incheon or similar

Day 3 Sep 8 (Mon) Incheon to Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)

8:10 AM Depart for Mongolia on **Korean Airlines flight KE 197**, meal served on the flight
(3h 40m flight, Airbus A333, 2-4-2 seating)

10:50 AM Arrive at **Chinggis Khaan International Airport**, Mongolia's only international airport, and certified as a **4 Star airport** by Skytrax (Honolulu Airport is a 3 Star airport). After immigration, claim your luggage and **wait for your tour escort** before exiting customs and exchanging currency.

Welcome to **Ulaanbaatar**, Mongolia's capitol and home to more than half the population of the entire country! After checking into our hotel and some rest we will visit the **Zaisan Memorial**, a panoramic viewpoint of the capital city and a memorial to the Second World War. Then visit **Bogd Khan's Winter Palace Museum**, which was once home to Mongolia's eighth living Buddha, and its last King.

Our hotel tonight, one of the largest in the city, is conveniently located in the center of Ulaanbaatar.

Accommodations at Bayangol Hotel or similar

Day 4 Sep 9 (Tue) Terelj National Park & Lunch with a Local Kazakh family (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Today our journey begins with a trip to **Terelj National Park**, famous for its open grasslands and granite rock formation.

En route we will stop in **Nalaikh** district where many Kazakh people migrated from Western Mongolia to work in the coal mines. We will enjoy a simple lunch together with one of these local families and learn about the unique history of the **Eagle Hunter** ethnic people.

In the afternoon we will hike to **Aryapala Meditation Temple** to visit **Turtle Rock**. The temple is dedicated to Aryapala, the Mongolian name for Bodhisattva Avalokiteshvara, the Bodhisattva of Compassion. Turtle Rock used to be called Mungut Khad (Money Rock), because of the legend that the Oirad Khan Galdanboshigt hid away his treasures at the location. After suffering heavy losses in battle

against Manchu soldiers, he made a brief stop near Turtle Rock with his remaining soldiers and decided to hide his gold and silver in a hidden cave inside the rock. His consort felt that she could not leave the treasure behind and was left behind. Since that time, locals began to worship and pay their respects to Mungut Khad, putting their faith in the rock formation to bring good fortune. The consort who stayed behind is said to have turned into Khuukhen Mountain, a mountain in the shape of an elegant woman peacefully lying face up.

Tonight, we will experience a traditional Mongolian dwelling, a **Ger** – with some updates to the comforts of modern living!

Distance covered: 97km on road 16km off road

Accommodations at Alungoo Lodge or similar

Day 5 Sep 10 (Wed) Chingis Khaan Equestrian Statue (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

This morning, we will visit the **Guinness World Record's largest equestrian statue in the world** – the Chingis Khaan equestrian statue. Standing 50 m (164 ft 0.5 in) high, this statue is made of 250 tons of gleaming stainless steel. An elevator enters the rear of the horse, from where a sequence of stairs leads through the horse's chest and neck to the observation deck in the head.

Drive back to Alungoo Lodge after lunch at the nearby statue complex, which includes an impressive museum (with Hunnu artefacts and items from the Mongol empire), a cafe, and a souvenir shop. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure.

Distance covered: 72km on road 5km off road

Accommodations at Alungoo Lodge or similar

Day 6 Sep 11 (Thu) Khövsgöl Lake Exploration – Tsaatsan Nomadic People Encounter (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Today we will take a domestic flight to **Mörön Town** and then drive to **Hatgal Town**, on the shores of the beautiful crystal blue **Lake Khövsgöl**, considered one of the most pristine lakes in the world, and the largest fresh water lake in Mongolia.

After a short rest we will embark by boat on an excursion to visit the reindeer herding **Tsaatsan** people on the other side of the lake. Practicing the same way of life for thousands of years, the Tsaatsan people are one of Mongolia's last groups of nomadic reindeer herders.

Tonight, we will get another chance to experience Mongolian Gers (but with all the comforts of home!).

Distance covered: 121km on road 11km off road

Accommodations at Ashikhai Ger Camp or similar

Day 7 Sep 12 (Fri) Khövsgöl Lake Exploration – Yak Herder Family and Shaman Encounters (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Early in the morning we will visit a local **Yak herder family** and learn about life around Khövsgöl Lake. The herders of Mongolia have relied on the yaks for milk, meat, rope, and labor for centuries.

In the afternoon we will visit a traditional **Uriankhai shaman household** and learn about Shamanism, a thousand of years old belief of Nomadic Mongolians. Shamanism is the traditional religion of the nomads and horsemen that occupied Mongolia, who have traditionally believed that the Shaman had the ability to “soul travel” and cure the sick.

Distance covered: 12km on road 27km off road

Accommodations at Ashikhai Ger Camp or similar

Day 8 Sep 13 (Sat) Nomadic Show (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Our early morning flight will take us back to **Chingis Khaan International Airport**. After we land, we'll head to a Mongol nomadic life show to experience how nomads lived in the early 1900s, learn about dairy production methods that are still used today, and experience riding yaks, camels, and horses.

Afterwards we'll drive to the **Bayangobi Nature Reserve**, combining **Gobi** sand dunes and **Khangai Mountains**. In the evening put on your **Deel**, traditional Mongolian clothing, and practice archery and play **Shagai** - traditional knuckle bone games before bedding down in our traditional Ger for the night.

Distance covered: 281km on road 17km off road

Accommodations at Hoyor Zagal Ger Camp or similar

Day 9 Sep 14 (Sun) Kharkhorin – UNESCO World Heritage (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

After short drive we arrive in 13th century Mongolian Empire capital city **Kharkhorin**, founded by Chingis Khaan in 1220, and part of **UNESCO's World Heritage Site Orkhon Valley**. Attacks from China during the Ming Dynasty destroyed the ancient city, but we will visit the **Kharkhorin Museum**. Mongolia's oldest Buddhist monastery here, the **Erdenezuu Monastery**, is built from the bricks of the ancient ruins. We will also attend a **calligraphy lesson** in Mongolian Traditional script here.

Distance covered: 183km on road 12km off road

Accommodations at Hoyor Zagal Ger Camp or similar

Day 10 Sep 15 (Mon) Ongi Monastery - Spiritual Sojourn (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Our adventure continues today with long drive through the Mongolian steppes as we venture into the **Mongolian Gobi Desert**. Tonight, we will stay by the Ongi river and visit the **Ongi Monastery** ruins. Founded in 1660, this was once one of Mongolia's largest monasteries - this complex housed four Buddhist universities and over 1,000 monks at its height.

Distance covered: 100km on road 172km off road

Accommodations at Secret of Ongi Camp or similar

Day 11 Sep 16 (Tue) Flaming Cliff Adventure - Paleontological Marvels (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

After a drive through the scenic Gobi Desert, we arrive at the famous **Flaming Cliffs**, where the first dinosaur egg nest was discovered by **Roy Chapmen Andrews** in the 1920's. After some hiking on the red mud cliff, we will head to the **Kongor Sand Dunes**, which are also called **Duut Mankhan (singing dunes)**.

Distance covered: 298km off road

Accommodations at Gobi Erdene Ger Camp or similar

Day 12 Sep 17 (Wed) Flaming Cliff Adventure - Paleontological Marvels (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Early in the morning we leave for the **Khongor** river oasis. The Khongor Dunes are the largest and the most spectacular dunes, not only in the Gobi desert, but in Mongolia. They measure 180km long and stretch between Gurvan Saikhan and the Nemegt Range in the Gobi Altai Mountain range. At their widest point, the dunes are 27 km wide, just 0.8 km at their narrowest, and cover an area of 965sq km.

Afterwards we will visit a local **Camel breeding family**, and experience riding the two humped Bactrian camels native to Mongolia and learn how to make traditional Mongolian wool crafts.

Distance covered: 31km off road

Accommodations at Gobi Erdene Ger Camp or similar

Day 13 Sep 18 (Thu) Yol Valley - Nature's Canvas (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Today we will visit the famous **Yol Valley**, the Gorge of Bearded Vultures. The Yol (bearded vulture) Yol is a very rare bird and lives only in Central Asia. This deep and narrow valley is so dark at the bottom that an ice glacier remains up until end of June in the middle of Gobi Desert.

Distance covered: 185km off road

Accommodations at Gobi Sun Ger Camp or similar

Day 14 Sep 19 (Fri) Back to Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Today we'll catch an early morning flight back to Ulaanbaatar. Visit the **Mongolian Paleontological Museum** to check out how much you learned during your stay in the Gobi Desert, and then tonight spend your evening at leisure for city exploration and some last minute shopping for gifts to bring back home. Our hotel is just 14 minutes walk from the State Department Store (Ikh Delguur), an institution in Ulaanbaatar, with just about everything under one roof.

Distance covered: 92km on road

Accommodations at Bayangol Hotel or similar

Day 15 Sep 20 (Sat) Farewell to Ulaanbaatar (B, L, D)

Breakfast at hotel.

Today we'll spend the morning at our leisure, exploring, and shopping, and then gather late in the afternoon to experience Mongolian traditional dance, song, and music. We'll complete the day with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodations at Bayangol Hotel or similar

Day 16 Sep 21 (Sun) Headed for home! (B)

Breakfast at hotel, morning free for relaxing and shopping on your own until we depart for the airport.

1:00 PM Depart for Incheon International Airport on **Korean Airlines flight KE 198**, meal served on the flight.
Your check-in luggage will go all the way to Honolulu.
(3h 10m flight, Airbus A333, 2-4-2 seating)

5:10 PM Arrive at **Incheon International Airport** and transfer to your flight to Honolulu.

9:05 PM Depart for Honolulu on **Korean Airlines flight KE 53**, meals served on the flight
(8h 50m flight, Boeing 787, 3-3-3 seating)
****Arrive at Daniel K. Inouye International Airport on the same day at 10:55 AM****
Welcome Home!

Note: Air and Land Itinerary are subject to change.