



Golden Eagle Festival Special Group Mongolia Photo Tour with Samar Magic Tours



Key Information:

Trip Length: 9 days/8 nights.

Tour Code: **SMT-AKEF-9D**

Specialty Categories: Golden Eagle Festival, Group Tour, Local Culture, Mongolia, Photo Tour, Nature, Wildlife.

Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (*excluding the International Flights).

Group size: **6-9** adults or more participants.

Valid Season: **October**

Distance to Bayan Ulgii province: approx. 1709kms/1062miles from Ulaanbaatar.

Domestic Airfare Included: Yes!. *The Internal airfares **Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar** with domestic tax cost (about **US \$ 600** per person) are included, and subject to the change by Mongolian airlines.



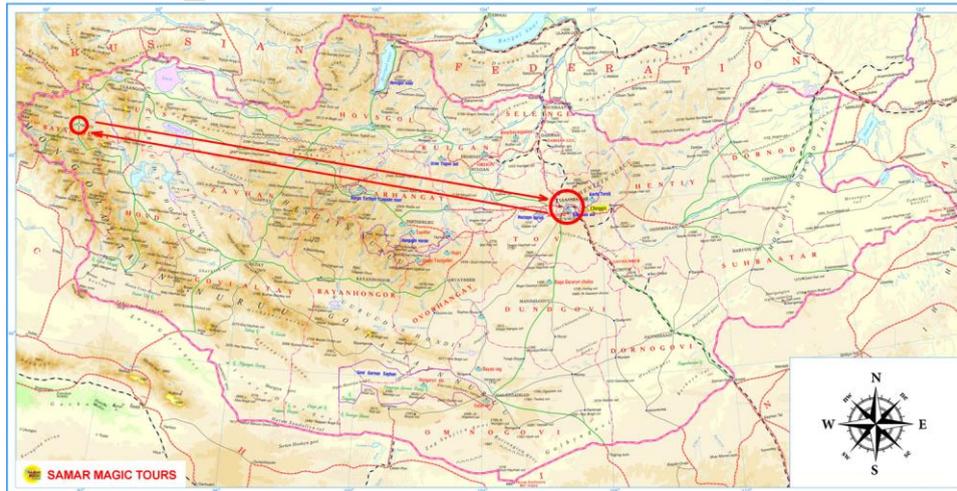
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Tour Highlights: Upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar (ULB), meet **Samar Magic Tours** team.

The **Golden Eagle Festival** is held each year in **October** with about 80 eagle hunters participating. The event provides a great opportunity to get up close to the eagles. **Bayan-Olgii** is the Western most of the **21** provinces of Mongolia. The country's only Muslim and Kazakh-majority province, it was established in 1940. Its capital is **Olgii**. Most inhabitants of **Bayan-Olgii** are Kazakhs (88.7%). Smaller parts of the population are composed of Uriankhai (7.2%), Dorvod (1.5%), Khalkha, Tuva and Khoshuud. A significant portion of the population speaks Kazakh as their mother tongue and the Mongolian language only as a second language. Eagle hunters will make a show catching small animals such as fox and hares by their trained eagles. The eagles are released from a rock cliff, while their owners stand below and signal for them to land upon their arms, as they do during hunting. Those with the fastest times and best technique are awarded the highest scores. In addition to the eagle hunting contests, the participants play such traditional Kazakh games known as kekbar.

Domestic flights pending final schedule. Domestic flights may be canceled or modified without prior notice. In these cases, we will do everything in our power to find the best available solution, in no case will we accept a claim for the consequences, without this entailing a refund.

Anyhow the tourism infrastructure has somewhat developed. Be prepared for cold temperatures.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE BAYAN-ULGII PROVINCE

Bayan-Ulgii is the westernmost of Mongolia's **21** provinces. It is the only Muslim province with a Kazakh majority in the country, it was established in August 1940. Its capital is Ulgii. Elevation: 1,710 m

Area: 45,705 km²

Bayan-Ulgii province has borders with the Russian Federation and China, and is located only 40 km from Kazakhstan (*but has no border). Russia got in the middle, to prevent Mongolia from having a border with Kazakhstan.

The distance from Ulaanbaatar to Bayan-Ulgii province is 1709 km /1062 miles.

Bayan-Ulgii with a population of over 100,000 people is 90% ethnically Kazakh.

The Mongolian Altai mountain is the symbol of Bayan-Ulgii.

Climatic Conditions in Western Mongolia: Even in summer it is cold and climatic conditions change very quickly during the day.

Tourist facilities in Bayan-Ulgii province: are not developed, like those in the Gobi Desert.



DAYS	BRIEF ROUTE	ACCOMMODATIOS	MEALS
1.	Arrival at the New ``Genghis Khan'' Airport (52 km, + 2 hours of travel). Meeting and transfer to the hotel (*rooms can be used after 2 p.m. on the day of arrival). Great Tour in Ulaanbaatar.	Hotel	L
2.	Transfer to the New Airport (52 km, + 2 hours of travel). Flight Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii (2.30-03:00 flight hours). Domestic flights pending final schedule. Arrival in Ulgii-the capital of the most extreme Bayan-Ulgii province in Mongolia. Meeting and transfer to Kazakh camp. We will learn about the local customs of the Kazakh people, the hunting methods with golden eagles.	Kazakh Gers Camp	B - L - D
3-4.	GREAT GOLDEN EAGLE FESTIVAL IN THE FAR WEST OF MONGOLIA.	Kazakh Gers Camp	B - L - D
5.	At the corresponding time, transfer to the local Ulgii airport. Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar flight (2:30-03:00 flight hours). Domestic flights pending final schedule. Meeting and transfer to the hotel (*rooms can be used after 2 p.m. on the day of arrival).	Hotel	B - L
6.	Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show /Hustain Nuruu National Park/Ulaanbaatar.	Hotel	B - L
7.	Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan - Gorkhi/Terelj National Park - Ulaanbaatar.	Hotel	B - L
8.	Tour in Ulaanbaatar. Latest purchases.	Hotel	B - L
9.	The rooms must be vacated before 12 noon on the day of departure. Transfer to the new airport (52 km, + 2 hours travel time) in Ulaanbaatar. Departure from Mongolia. END OF THE GREAT JOURNEY.	-----	B



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Day 1: Arrival in Ulaanbaatar/Tour in Ulaanbaatar/Welcome Lunch (L)

Arrival at the New "Genghis Khan" Airport in Ulaanbaatar. Meeting with **Samar Magic Tours**. Change money at the bank at the airport. Transfer to the selected and confirmed hotel (52 km, +2 hours of travel. *The rooms can be used from 2 p.m. on the day of arrival). **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Panoramic tour of the city of Ulaanbaatar: we will visit the highest and most important Buddhist Monastery in Mongolia Gandan, which houses a 25-meter-high Buddhas. Gandan Monastery was founded in the year 1809 with the name Yellow Temple. The Monastery houses a library with the Gandjuur Buddhist scriptures (08 volumes), its commentaries (225 volumes), and other scriptures using the 9 precious stones. It was declared a State Heritage Site in 1994. **10:00AM**-Here there is the opportunity to attend a Buddhist ceremony. Next, we will visit a small museum of dinosaur fossils. The centerpiece of the museum is the 4 m tall, 3 ton ultraviolet **Tarbosaurus bataar** (cousin of Tyrannosaurus rex) and a smaller Saurolophus, with its distinctive cranial crest. Tarbosaurus bataar made international headlines in 2012 when it was sold at an auction in Texas. The Mongolian Government protested that the fossil had been illegally removed from Mongolia and demanded its return. The legal battle ended when a US judge ruled in favor of Mongolia. **Nicolas Cage** has agreed to return a rare dinosaur skull to the Mongolian government. The Oscar-winning actor bought the Tyrannosaurus bataar skull in 2007, not knowing it had been stolen. Authorities said he voluntarily agreed to hand over the skull after learning of the circumstances. The museum also includes examples of Velociraptor and Protoceratops, and a nest of Oviraptor eggs. It is located inside the former Lenin Museum, built in 1974. Visits to the **Mongolian History Museum**, with a rich collection of Historical and Cultural values from the Stone Age to the present, to the **Central Sukh-Bator Square**, and the Complex of Monuments to "**Genghis**" **Khan**, built in 2006, on the occasion of the 800th Anniversary of the Founding of the Mongol State or the Mongol Empire by "Genghis" Khan (1206 -2006) and is located in front of the House of Parliament and the Mongolian Government. **Welcome lunch included at a local restaurant. 06:00PM**-Enjoy a Mongolian folkloric singing and dancing show. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**



Day 2: Flight Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Families of the Kazakh eagle falconer (B+L+D)

Breakfast. At the time finally confirmed by the National Air Agency. Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New "Genghis Khan" Airport (52 km, + 2 hours of travel). **Domestic flight Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii** (2:30-03:00 flight hours), capital of the most extreme Bayan-Ulgii province in Mongolia. Domestic flights pending final schedule. Arrival and meeting at the local Ulgii airport. Transfer to a Kazakh tourist camp. Meeting with the families of the **Kazakh eagle falconer**, to meet and learn some training techniques and preparation of the Eagle-falconer as a family, for the Eagle Festival. Accommodation in Kazakh tourist camp in Gers.



Days 3-4: The Golden Eagle Festival (B+L+D)

After breakfast, meet the transportation, and departure to the **Golden Eagle Festival**. We will enjoy the **opening ceremony of the eagle festival hunt**. We will enjoy the horse race and a demonstration of the eagles' skills. **We will learn about the local customs of the Kazakh people**, the methods of hunting foxes, rabbits and other animals with golden eagles. This remote area offers spectacular views. A golden eagle lives in 'captivity' for approximately 40 years. The hunter grows old with his bird of prey and he is treated as if he were family. Accommodation in Kazakh tourist camp in Gers.



Day 5: Flight Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar (B+L)

Breakfast. At the corresponding time, transfer to the local Ulgii airport. **Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar flight** (2:30-03:00 flight hours). **Domestic flights pending final schedule.** Meeting and transfer to the hotel (*rooms can be used after **2 p.m.** on the day of arrival). Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**



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Day 6: Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show/Hustain Nuruu National Park/Ulaanbaatar (B+L)

Breakfast. **08:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Next, departure west to attend an **Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show** (35km, 1.30 hours of travel). The **Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show** demonstrates the traditional way of life of Mongolian nomads, raising and using five types of livestock moving from one place to another, using ox carts, yaks, camels and horses. In addition, we can observe How to assemble and observe a Mongolian Ger?. Ger Mongol, is the symbol of Mongolia, is made of traditional manufacturing, and all the furniture, pots and clothing are antiques, which reflect the characteristic and manner of the central Khalks. Next, heading west, where we will explore the **Hustain Nuruu National Park of Przewalski or Takhi Wild Horses** (85km, 1.30-2 hours of travel, as the Mongolians know it). The



Takhi is the last species of wild horse left on the planet. In 1878, the Russian geographer and naturalist of Polish origin, **Nikolai Mikhailovich Przewalski**, found a new species of wild horse in Mongolia, known locally as Takhi, and took several foals to European zoos. The only way to prevent the complete extinction of the last wild horse species was to reintroduce it into the wild. **Lunch included near Hustain Nuruu National Park.** Visit to a **small museum, about the history of Hustai National Park.** **Excursion through the interior of the Hustain Nuruu National Park**, exploration and observation of wild horses (***bring binocular and drone with camera**). **Return to Ulaanbaatar** (100km, 2 hours). Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**



Day 7: Great Statue of Genghis Khan/Gorkhi National Park/Terelj/Ulaanbaatar (B+L)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours team** at the hotel reception. Departure towards the **Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan**, 40 meters on horseback (55 km, 1.0-1.30hrs) to the N/E of the capital of Ulaanbaatar. The statue symbolically points east towards his birthplace. It is at the top of the **Genghis Khan** statue complex, a visitor center, 10 meters high, with 36 columns representing the 36 khans from Genghis to Ligdan Khan. Visitors walk up to the horse's head across the horse's chest and neck, where they can have a panoramic view. Then, departure in the direction of the **Gorkhi/Terelj National Park** (50 km, 1.0hr), located in the N/E at 1600m above sea level, with high Mesozoic granitic rocks, mountains, steppes, alpine forests and large rock formations of curious shapes from the Mesozoic such as the Turtle Rock



or the Monk Reading the Book, etc. It is located at the foot of the Khenti Mountains, the region where **Genghis Khan** was born. It was declared a **National Park** in 1993, and covers an area of 300,000 hectares. Stop to take photos, do some souvenir shopping and hike to the **Turtle Rock, symbol of the Gorkhi/Terelj National Park. Return to Ulaanbaatar** (70 km, +1.30hrs). Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**



Day 8: Ulaanbaatar Tour / Latest Shopping (B+L)

Breakfast. **09:00AM**-Meet with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the reception. Visit the **Zanabazar Museum of Fine Arts**, containing a large collection of Mongolian art, including the works of the **17th-century sculptor and artist Zanabazar**, as well as the country's most famous painting, **A Day in Mongolia**, by **B. Sharav**. We will visit the **Zaisan Memorial**, a monument south of the capital Ulaanbaatar. Next, we will visit the **Buddha statue** located at the base of the **Zaisan Memorial**, 75 feet high (23 meters high). Below the statue is a small room containing sutras and images of Buddha and his disciples. Next, we will visit **the new "Genghis**



Khan" museum, which finally opened its doors on **October 11, 2022**. The museum is designed to show the history of the Mongol kings from the reign of the Hunnu king Modun Shanyu to the abdication of the Eighth Jebtsundamba. The National Genghis Khan Museum has been named one of the 20 must-see museums. The Genghis Khan National Museum was named one of the top 20 museums to visit. **Lunch included at a local restaurant in Ulaanbaatar. Latest purchases of Mongolian souvenirs and pure Mongolian cashmere.** Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel. **Dinner not included, on your own.**

Day 9: Departure from Mongolia

Breakfast. **Check-out of rooms in Ulaanbaatar hotels is at 12:00M.** Meeting with the **Samar Magic Tours** team at the hotel reception. Transfer to the New "Genghis Khan" Airport (52 km, + 2 hours of travel). Departure from Mongolia. **END OF THE GREAT JOURNEY.**

What is Included?

2 flights Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar (2 sides) with the domestic rate (approx. cost \$US 600). Domestic flights pending final schedule. Domestic flights may be canceled or modified without prior notice. In these cases, we will do everything in our power to find the best available solution, in no case will we accept a claim for the consequences, without this entailing a refund.

5 nights of accommodation in the selected and confirmed hotel based on the indicated double room with breakfast, in Ulaanbaatar.

3 nights of accommodation in a Kazakh tourist camp in Gers, in the extreme west of Mongolia.

Welcome lunch at a traditional local restaurant.

Meals according to specification (**8D, 8A, 3C**) with 1 bottle of mineral water per person/day.

All private transfers with all fuel included.

Local guide in Spanish with **2 flights Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar (2 sides).**

All tickets to the **Golden Eagle Festival**, in extreme Western Mongolia.

All tickets to the Great Equestrian Statue of Genghis Khan, Gorkhi/Terelj National Park, Hustain Nuruu National Park, monuments, museums and monasteries.

Folklore show with the fascinating sounds of khoomi throat singing and Mongolian dance.

Observation of Przewalski Wild Horses in Hustain Nuruu National Park (**bring binocular and drone with camera**).

Authentic Mongolian Nomad Show.

Experience and knowledge about true nomadic life.

Service fees include 10% VAT, 2% Ulaanbaatar city tax and 5% service charge for Ulaanbaatar city hotels.



What's Not Included?

International flight.

Occasional flight delays or cancellation.

Excess baggage (the internal flight allowance only to carry 5 kg and luggage 10 kg totally **15 kg** load for domestic flight, and above that overweight must be paid (\$1.5/1kg).

Visa (if it will be necessary).

The binoculars, telescopes and tripod (if necessary).

Any rescue costs or costs of early departure.

Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar.

The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, proper visa, the necessary passport pictures, and the international airfares.

Travel insurance.

Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities (such as horseback riding, camel riding, and services not specified in the itinerary.

Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, etc.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

HOW TO JOIN: All the tours are "Land Only", so you need to book your own international flights, unless otherwise specified in the tour description. Joining information will be sent to you upon confirmation.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: These require a **booking form and a deposit which is non-refundable by wire bank transfer, before March 1st.** Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt.

A booking form is accepted and acceptance becomes definite only from the date that we have confirmed acceptance in writing and issued a confirmation invoice. At this point, a contract between the applicant and us comes into existence. We reserve the absolute right to decline any bookings for any legal reasons whatsoever, at our sole discretion.

FILL IN THE RESERVATION FORM:

NAMES AND SURNAMES (*HOW IT IS WRITTEN ON THE PASSPORT):

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

SEX:

DATE OF ARRIVAL TO ULAN BAATOR, NO. OF THE FLIGHT AND ARRIVAL TIME:

DEPARTURE DATE FROM MONGOLIA, NO. OF THE FLIGHT, AND THE SCHEDULE:

SELECTED HOTEL IN ULAN BAATOR FROM THE INDICATED OPTIONS:

Payment of the balance: of the tour cost is due before **April 1st.** Your tour price is guaranteed: once **Samar Magic Tours** has received your full payment. All tour prices are in US dollars and in Euro and are based on tariff and rates of currency exchange in effect at the time of printing. No further reminder will be sent and, if payment is not received by the due date, I reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and charge a cancellation fee, the amount of which will not exceed the total cost of the holiday. You are therefore strongly recommended to take out travel insurance at an early stage to cover you in event of cancellation. All itineraries are as written, but reserve the right to alter these due to any unforeseen circumstances, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

Refunds: Deposits are non-refundable.

90-19 working days prior to departure: 50% of Land Cost.

18-00 working days prior to departure: No refund.

Air cancellation terms are additional: The air fares are subject to change based on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates in national flights or train tickets only freeze the issuance and payment in full of the tickets. Tickets are not refundable and can only be annulled on the day of issue. All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.



HOTELS: By hotels policy check-in time is after **14:00**. Early check-in is 30% of regular day extra charge directly to the tourists and NO to Samar Magic Tours.

By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon.

Late check out extra fee is required directly from the tourists and no from Samar Magic Tours.

From 12:00-15:00: 30%,

From 15:00 - 18:00: 50%

Charge and after 18:00: its full day charge.

MONGOLIA DOMESTIC FLIGHTS: **The Domestic flights pending final schedule.** Please, send the photocopy of the passports and the final amount before **April 1st**, to be able to buy the **2 flights Ulaanbaatar/Ulgii/Ulaanbaatar**, and **to guarantee it.**

PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All participants are responsible for, and must be in possession of, a full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the end of the tour. In addition, participants must obtain any necessary visas and vaccination certificates required for the tour.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK: The Client acknowledges that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that such holidays may involve a significant amount of personal risk. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.

FORCE MAJEURE CONDITIONS: Although it is our absolute desire to carry out the trip as detailed in the program, sometimes there are force majeure conditions that mean it can be modified. Samar Magic Tours is not legally responsible for force majeure conditions beyond the travel organization that may require changes to the travel program. These reasons and circumstances of force majeure include possible situations of insecurity for the traveler, political instability or violence, rebellions or risk of rebellion, strikes, altercations and violent actions, decisions of governments or local authorities, technical or maintenance problems related to transportation. , changes in schedules or air or road routes, natural disasters, epidemics, adverse weather conditions, as well as any other circumstance beyond the control of Samar Magic Tours. If due to exceptional circumstances of force majeure it is necessary to cancel the trip, there is no obligation for compensation.

I have read and understand the Obligations and Responsibility section detailed above on the form and the General Information and Special Booking Conditions as set out in the tour information literature and accept them on behalf of myself and my group. I declare that I am not traveling against any medical advice.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____



MONGOLIA TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

Currency: The official currency in Mongolia is the Tugrik or Tugrug (T), it is divided into mongos, cents. There are coins of 10, 20 and 50 mongos (MNT) and bills of 1, 10, 20, 50, 100, 500, 1,000, 5,000, 10,000 and 20,000 Tugrik. It is convenient to carry the euro and gradually change it. The change can be made at banks and hotels in Ulaanbaatar.

Climate: It is known as the land of the blue sky, but its climate is extreme and severe. Sybaritic winters cover the Gobi Desert with snow until April and keep lakes frozen until May. The rainy season is brief from mid-July to September with short, mild downpours. The nights are cool even in summer.

Approximate temperatures in Mongolia:

Spring: May [14th days, 6th nights, occasional rain, cold]

Summer: June-August [28-30^o days, 18^o nights, dry, occasional rain]

Fall: Sept. [21-16^o days, 0^o nights, dry, cold]

Luggage: The lighter the luggage, the better. A backpack without a frame or a rucksack or a travel bag is advisable, a small backpack to carry what each one needs during the day (camera, skin and lip cream, binoculars, water bottle, and flashlight). A raincoat or cape and a good anorak, warm clothing for high places, light cotton clothing, sunglasses and a visor for the hottest hours of midday, comfortable shoes. Clients are recommended to bring a binocular.

Small first aid kit: mosquito repellent, physiological serum, gauzes, aspirin, paracetamol.

Electricity: 220V, 50Hz. European round spike.

Clothing: There is no need to dress, be respectful of local customs.

Photography: The country is one of the most photogenic in the world with its landscapes, wildlife, culture and people. The entrances to the museums, National Parks and Monasteries are included in the trip according to the program, but the photographs are not. In many monasteries and temples photos are not allowed unless the price established for this purpose is paid. You have to look before you shoot because these ads are in Cyrillic or Mongolian, unintelligible to us, and once the camera is triggered, payment is immediate.

Food: The basis of food in Mongolia is meat. Lamb meat and flour are the basis of their meals. The Mongolian diet also includes horse meat. Milk and yogurt have an exquisite flavor, although a little strong. Cow and goat cheese is common.

Shopping: Keep in mind that there is hardly any haggling in the country. Even haggling will not be able to pay less than 70% of the price. In some stores you can find handicrafts, postcards and clothes. There are also rugs and fur and leather goods, as well as cashmere wool and camel hair products. Wooden toys, puzzles and games. Oils and watercolors. In the shops of the capital there are European, expensive products, especially in the State Department Store or in the SKY Center, and in other new shopping centers that have practically everything you want from both the Mongolian world and abroad.

Precautions: Mongolia is a safe place for tourism, because there are no drugs, muggings and no weapons, but like anywhere in the world, you need to be aware of pickpockets.

It is recommended immediately upon arrival at the hotel: to leave in the hotel safe (either in the room or at the reception): passport, visas, money, documents, valuables, etc., before leaving of visits by



Ulaanbaatar. Be careful in restaurants, pizzerias, cafes, markets, in the central post office, and in monasteries there are pickpockets. Milk may not be pasteurized and therefore some of its derivatives may be dangerous. It should be boiled and take preferably cooked food. This is the health standard, but the reality is that once you stop at a Ger, any passenger is invited to enter and is offered aromatically "airag" or fermented mare's milk and goat, yak and sheep cheeses, all of them acidic. and dry. Refusing would not be correct.