MONGOLIA: ART TOUR

Eternal Blue Sky, Picturesque Landscapes, Unique Wildlife, Nomadic lifestyle etc…



Experience the “Blue sky country” while sketching and painting its beautiful natural landscapes, wild flowers, special wildlife and its nomadic culture. This 2 weeks holiday will take you to the scenic areas in Mongolian endless steppes, Siberian boreal forest and stunning mountain gorge in the exclusive Gobi Desert. Just take a chestful of fresh air and draw or sketch its natural and cultural beauties in the lovely summer weather.

Our experienced wildlife and cultural guide will explain you about what you are painting.

Highlights:

- Different landscapes including Siberian boreal forest, Mongolian steppes, High Mountains and Gobi Desert
- Experienced wildlife and cultural guides
- Meet one of the best Mongolian artists
- Wide range of wildlife including wild flowers, birds, deer, wild horse and gazelles
- Nomadic family homestay

Tour price: 2100 US$	**Deposit:** 630 US$
Date: 20 – 29 July (10 days)	**Group size:** 4 -16 persons

The price **includes** all transport within Mongolia, all accommodations in Ulaanbaatar and field, family visits with different livestock herds, English speaking expert guide, meals (Breakfast; Lunch;

Dinner) and bottled water each day, organize city tour and shopping, entrance fees to all National Parks, museums, monasteries and cultural events, most camping equipment (tent, kitchen, cooking equipment, cook etc.), some expenses with nomadic families, visa support invitation letter if necessary.

The price **excludes** International transportation, all types of insurance, visas, departure tax, alcoholic drinks and items of personal nature, binoculars, telescopes and tripods, sleeping bags, extra luggage, optional tours.

Note:

We cannot warranty: Occasional flight delays or cancellations, poor road conditions, items of personal nature, adverse weather conditions, any personal injure.

DATE	WILDLIFE SITES
DAY 1.	ULAANBAATAR CITY
DAY 2-3.	TERELJ NP (Siberian boreal forest)
DAY 4-5.	HUSTAI NP (Mountain steppe)
DAY 6.	ULAANBAATAR CITY
DAY 7-8.	YOLYN AM (Lammergeier Gorge)
DAY 9-11.	KHONGORYN ELS (Sand dune)
DAY 12.	DALANZADGAD TOWN
DAY 13.	ULAANBAATAR CITY
DAY 14.	DEPARTURE

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TOUR ITINERARY



Chinggis khan's square

DAY 1. ARRIVE IN ULAANBAATAR CITY

Our crew will pick you up at the Chinggis Khaan International Airport upon your arrival in Ulaanbaatar, capital of Mongolia and check in a hotel. After a bit of rest, we will visit some of the best cultural attractions in the city. Bogd Khan Palace Museum is the last palace of the last Bogd Khan in Mongolia. It displays wide variety of the khan's artifacts, collections and gifts from all around the world. We will meet one of the best Mongolian artists after visit Mongolian National Modern Art Gallery. Have a WELCOME DINNER at one of the most famous restaurants in Ulaanbaatar and return to the hotel. **Food:** Welcome dinner at a restaurant.



Terelj NP is a good place to draw wild flowers.

DAY 2-3. TERELJ NP

After breakfast, we are going to drive Terelj NP where you will see picturesque landscape of Siberian boreal forest. On mountains, interesting shaped rocks including praying monks and sea turtle will appear on each side. Mammals will be Red Squirrel and Siberian Chipmunk. Visit nomadic family who has yaks. Good birds to draw are Daurian Jackdaw, Pine Bunting, Taiga Flycatcher and Olive-backed Pipit. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Tourist Ger Camp –B, L and D. **Road:** Total coverage 80 km on paved and dust roads.



Przewalsk's wild horse, *Equus ferus przewalskii*

DAY 4-5. HUSTAI NP

Early in the morning, we will drive to Hustai park. The living ancestor of domestic horses, Przewalski's wild horse is re-introduced in this national park some 25 years ago and now the number of the wild horses is increasing along with other wildlife species. We have a chance to draw Przewalski's Wild Horse, Red Deer, Mongolian Marmot and Long-tailed Souslik. The interesting bird species will be Mongolian Lark, Saker Falcon, Upland Buzzard, Meadow Bunting, Daurian Partridge and Amur Falcon. In late evening, we'll be back to the park restaurant and have a dinner with Mongolian cold beers. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Hustai restaurant –B, L and Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 180 km on paved road.



You have a chance to ride Mongolian horses which have been good friends with the people for centuries.

DAY 6. ULAANBAATAR CITY

Before the busy days in the Gobi Desert, we will stay in a comfortable hotel in the city. And we'll visit Chinggis khan's (formerly Sukhbaatar Square) square which is located in the center of the city facing to the Government Palace which is fronted by large colonnade monuments of Chinggis Khan, Ögedei Khan, and Kubilai Khan, completed in 2006 in time for the 800th anniversary of Chinggis Khan's coronation. **Food:** Hustai restaurant –B, L. City restaurant - Dinner. **Road:** Total coverage 100 km on paved road.



Asiatic Ibex *Capra sibirica*

DAY 7-8. YOLYN AM (Lammergeier Gorge)
Today we will fly to Dalanzadgad town in South Gobi Province. Upon arrival, drive straight to the Yolyn Am (also called 'Lammergeier Gorge') which is a good breeding habitat for this magnificent bird and is the most southeastern edge of Gobi Altai Mountain range. This high mountain range is a characteristic habitat for Asiatic Ibex.
Interesting birds to draw here are Lammergeier, Himayalan Griffon, Mongolian Finch, Black Vulture and Mongolian Accentor etc… Overnight in a Tourist Ger Camp. **Food:** Tourist Ger Camp –B, L and D. **Road:** Total coverage 70 km on paved and dust roads.



Rugged landscape of the Gobi.

DAY 9-11. KHONGORYN ELS
After have breakfast, we will start driving to Khongoryn Els sand dune which has a very scenic place located at base of rear side of a mountain and to the north borders with seamless valley of Gobi Desert. Star gazing is the perfect way to experience Gobi nights. Possible mammals will be Goitered Gazelle and Great Gerbil. Saxaul Sparrow should be found in the Gobi desert endemic Saxaul forest. Desert Wheatear, Pallas's Sandgrouse and Henderson's Groundjay are all good bird species here. Overnight in a tourist ger camp. **Food:** Tourist Ger Camp –B, L and D. **Road:** Total coverage 180 km on dust road.

For one night, you will stay in a community-based camp which is operated by local family with domestic camels.



Domestic camels in the mirage.

DAY 12. DALANZADGAD TOWN
Upon breakfast, we will head back to the Dalanzadgad town and check in a tourist ger camp near Gurvan Saikhan Airport. **Food:** Tourist Ger Camp –B, L and D. **Road:** Total coverage 200 km on paved and dust roads.



Endless steppe of Mongolia.

DAY 13. ULAANBAATAR CITY

Today we will come back to Ulaanbaatar city and do some shopping. In the evening, enjoy traditional show if there is one available. **Food:** Hustai restaurant –B; City restaurant -L and Dinner.

DAY 14. DEPARTURE

A transfer to the airport will be the end of our services in Mongolia.

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