



6 DAYS OF REINDEER HERDERS FESTIVAL MONGOLIA TOUR WITH SAMAR MAGIC TOURS

Key Information:

Trip Length: 6 days/5 nights.

Tour Code: **SMT-REINDEER-6D**

Specialty Categories: Reindeer Herders Festival, Adventure Cultural Expedition, E-co Travel, Hiking & Trekking, Local Culture, Nature & Wildlife.

Meeting/Departure Points: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (excluding international flights).

Small Groups: **2-16 travelers-guaranteed!**

Valid Tour Dates: **July 03-July 08 (🔥 HOT SEASON!).**

Tour Customizable: Yes

Domestic Airfares Included: Yes. ✈️ **One Domestic Airfare Murun/Ulaanbaatar** is subject to the change by Mongolian airlines. Murun local airport is about 110 km (68.35 miles) and 3 hours from Khatgal (Hatgal) village (102 km/64 miles), which is located at the southernmost tip of the lake.

Guarantee Domestic Airfare Booking: Booking need to be done at least **160** business days, before tour starts. **Domestic flight pending final Schedule!.**





Tour Highlights: Pick up at your hotel, hostel or hostal or or guesthouse in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet **Samar Magic Tours team**. This journey designed especially for small groups, families, private, and funny travel.

The Reindeer Herders Festival: takes place near the **Khuvsgul Lake**, in Khuvsgul province on **July 06 and July 07**, annually. There are 85 families live in the depths of the Taiga forest herding their 2690 reindeer. At the beginning of July, numerous reindeer people arrive near the Khuvsgul Lake with their reindeer from the depths of the Taiga forest to introduce their customs and tradition while participating in the **Reindeer Festival**. It is an opportunity for travelers to discover this unique culture not traveling far on rough roads and riding horses for several days to the remote Taiga. Except for the Reindeer Festival, **Khuvsgul Lake** is the world's freshest water lake and famous leisure holiday destination. **The Reindeer/Tsaatan Festival** aims to promote Reindeer herding, protect the animal and culture, attract both domestic and foreign tourists.

Lake Khuvsgul-is the largest fresh water lake in Mongolia by volume, and it is located in the northwest of Mongolia, near the Russian border, at the foot of the eastern Sayan Mountains. It is 1,645 metres (5,397 feet) above sea level, 136kms (85 miles) long and 262 metres (860 feet) deep. **It is the second- most voluminous freshwater lake in Asia**, and holds almost 70% of Mongolia's fresh water and 0.4% of all the fresh water in the world and second largest by area. The Park is home to a variety of wildlife such as ibex, argali, elk, wolf, wolverine, musk deer, brown bear, Siberian moose, and sable. **Khuvsgul Lake** was added to **UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves**. The decision was made during the 34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme taking place in Paris, France.

The Reindeer Herders Festival continues for 2 days:

- Reindeer/Tsaatan Herders Festival opening followed by a traditional Mongolian and Tsaatan concert.
- Visit the Reindeer families, explore their culture and lifestyle Reindeer race.
- You can ride horses, ox-cart, and reindeer Mini Naadam Festival and traditional wrestling.
- Reindeer polo.
- Bonfire and Shamanic ceremony.
- Horse racing.
- Local handmade souvenirs and art exhibition.



Bronze Age cultural complex site with deer stones at Uushgiin Uvur-This complex site is located south of the Uushig mountain of Burentogtokh soum (**N49 40 22.3, E100 4128.1**), Khuvsgul province, occupying approximately 400 hectare area. It is fascinating and interesting to see a complex of 30 deer stones and big khirgisuurs and slab burials. In terms of statue number, skillful works and illustrations this complex site is a great representation of this culture. Especially, statues with images of human face draw attentions of many scientists and considered one of the rarest statues.

BRIEF ITINERARY:

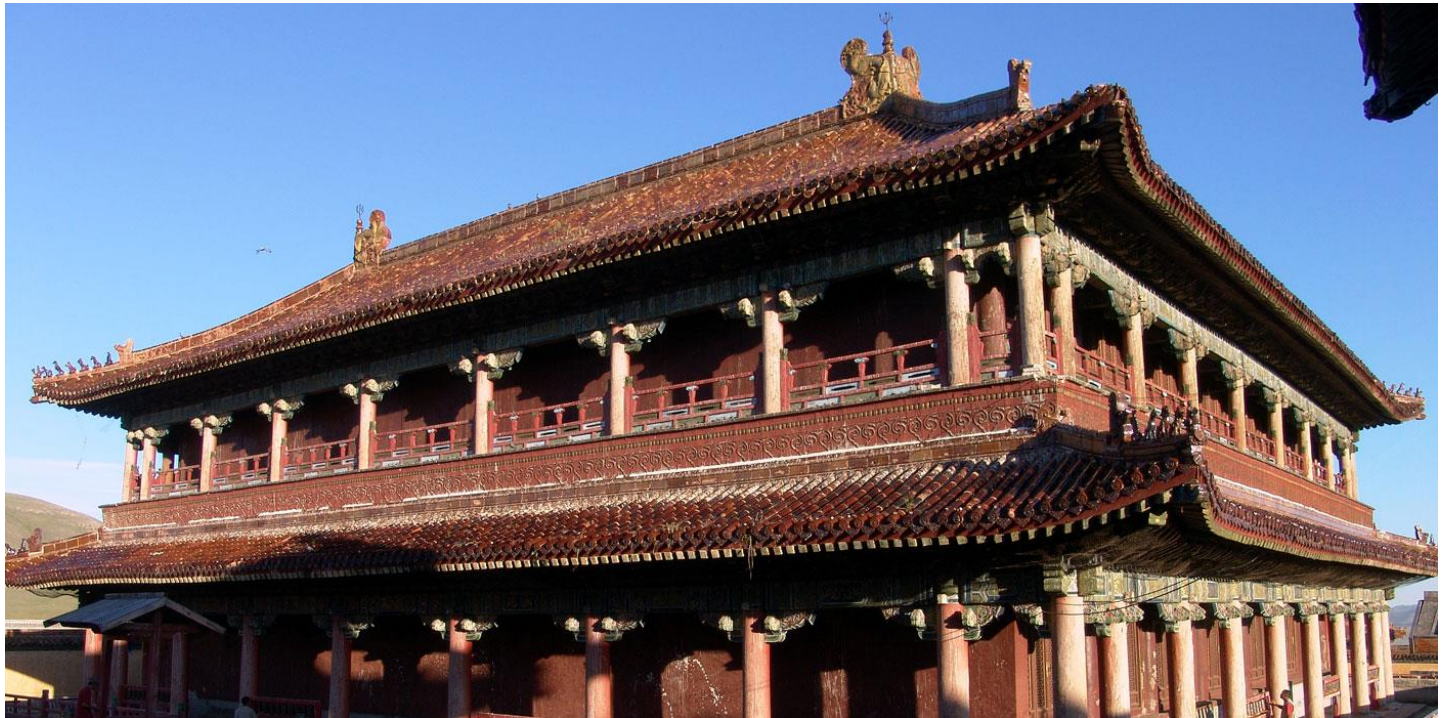
Day 1-Ulaanbaatar-Amarbayasgalant monastery. **(L)(D)**

Day 2-Uran-Togoo Tulga Uul Natural Park. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 3-Bronze Age complex site with Deer Stones at Uushgiin Uvur (Valley)-Murun-Great Lake Khuvsgul National Park. **(B)(L)(D)**

Days 4/5-**The Reindeer Herders Festival continues for 2 days.** **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Murun Local Airport-Take the **Flight Murun/Ulaanbaatar**. Meet and transfers. **Tour ends. (B)**



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:

Day 1-Pick up at your hotel, hostel or hostal or or guesthouse in Ulaanbaatar city. Meet **Samar Magic Tours team**. Drive towards by comfortable 4WD vehicle to reach **Amarbayasgalant monastery** (360 km /224 miles north of Ulaanbaatar in the Baruunburen soum of Selenge province). Explore on foot, the monastery complex and statues on the mountain. **Amarbayasgalant monastery** was originally built in 1737 by the **Manchurian King Kansu**, who dedicated it to the great Mongolian Buddhist and sculptor, **Zanabazar**. **The valley** is covered throughout its extent with Turkic-era graves of various geometric shapes marked out in large boulders. These important archaeological features which date from the 3rd-7th centuries are the indication that the valley has long-standing sacred associations for the people of Mongolia, associations which continued and uninterrupted into the Buddhist era when they were re-validated by the construction of **Amarbayasgalant Monastery** on this historic site. **Amarbayasgalant** was one of the greatest Buddhist pilgrimage centers where between the 17th and 19th Centuries about one thousand lamas lived, chanted and studied. In 1996, was designated as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. Originally, **Amarbayasgalant Monastery** consisted of over 40 temples built on the special terrace, surrounded by a wall, measuring 207x175 m. Only 28 temples now remain, they have been under State protection since 1944. The monastery has a symmetrical construction. According to which the buildings are hierarchically arranged along the central axis so that all the important buildings run down the centre to north and south. This layout of the Monastery is similar to the general layout of Manchu-style spatial planning of Imperial Palace but stylistically its art has tributary Chinese architectural influences. The size of its Tsogchin (Main) temple is 32x32 m. Its construction



expresses the planning features of the Mongolian national architecture and engineering solutions are very original. One of the interesting solutions is routing of roof water through the inside of four columns, under the floor, through stone grooves and away from the Tsogchin temple. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**





Volcán Extinto Uran Tolgoo-Tulga

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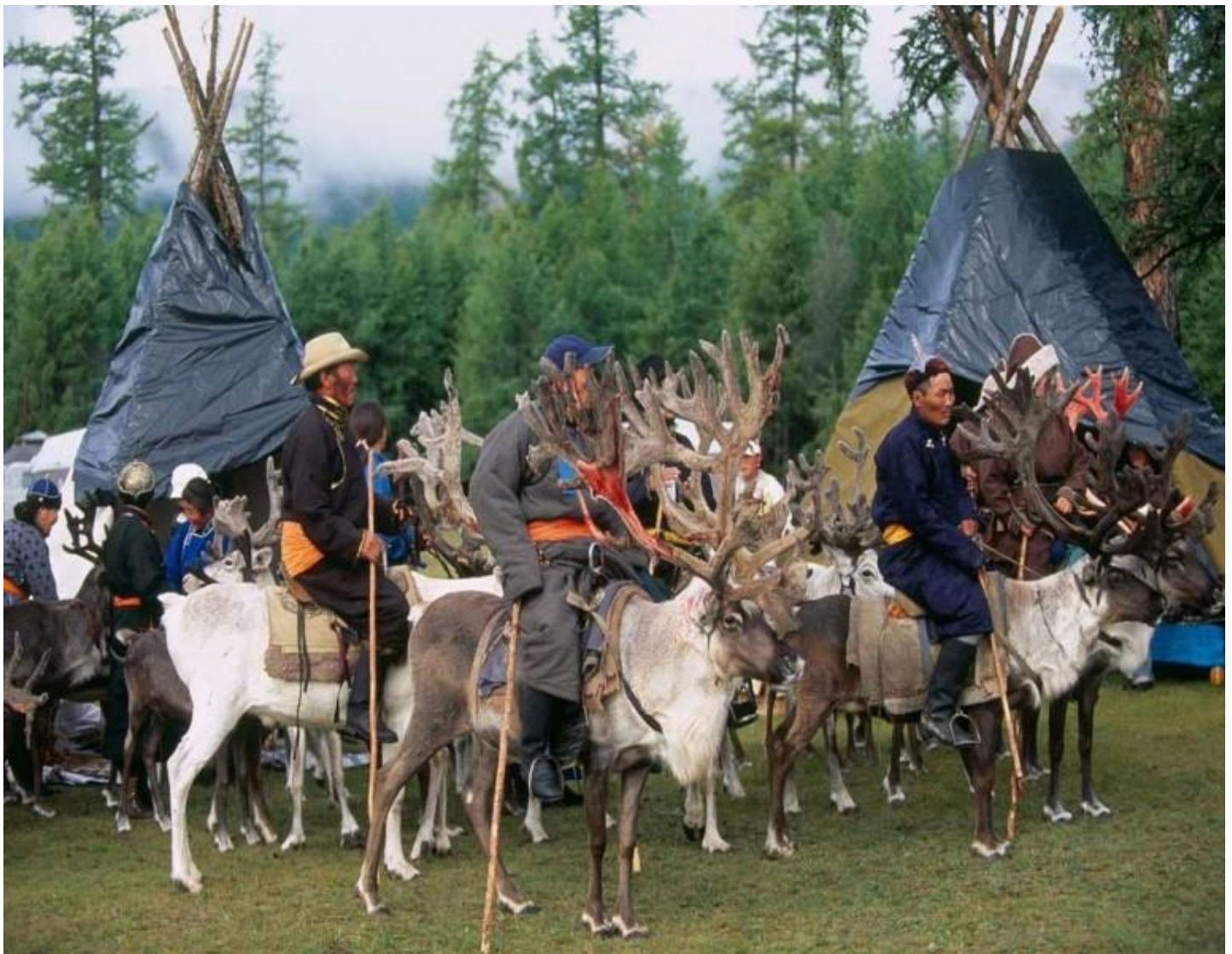
Day 2-Breakfast. Next, drive towards to **Uran-Togoo Tulga Uul Natural Park** in Bulgan province. **Explore the area of Uran extinct volcano on foot.** This area has been protected as a "Natural Monument" since 1965, and covers 58 square km. The protected area is the



home of numerous kinds of rare animals. **Uran extinct volcano** is at an elevation of 1,686 meters above sea level. On the top is a crater with a small crater lake of about 20 meters in diameter. Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Day 3-Breakfast. A long trip via Murun towards to the **Great Lake Khuvsgul National Park**-known as **blue pearl of Mongolia**, located close to the Siberian border. **Stop in-route in the Valley of Kings** for the display of the ancient burial grounds of the Turkic nobles and a view of the carved "**Deer Stones**". **Khuvsgul** is the second largest freshwater lake in Central Asia. Khuvsgul water is crystal fresh and clear that you can drink the water and see points at as deep as 24.5m. **Optional activities** such as ride horses on the steppes, fishing, boating, sauna, etc (**extra payment on site!**). Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**



Days 4/5-Breakfast. **The Reindeer Herders Festival continues for 2 days.** Overnight in tourist Gers camp. **(B)(L)(D)**

Day 6-Breakfast. Meet **Samar Magic Tours team.** Drive towards to Murun Local Airport.

Take the flight Murun/Ulaanbaatar. Meet **Samar Magic Tours** in Ulaanbaatar New Airport and to be transferred. **Tour Ends or Post tour. (B).**



INCLUDED SERVICES:

One Domestic Airfare Murun/Ulaanbaatar. Domestic flight pending final Schedule.

5 nights of lodging in the typical traditional tourist camps based on STANDARD GER for **2** people or more (according to the request!) with bathrooms outside (that is, shared, 1 building for the gentlemen, and 1 building for the ladies), in the rest of the route.

Full Board Regime, with 1 bottle of mineral water per person/daily (**6** BREAKFASTS, **6** LUNCHES, **5** DINNERS).

All transfers in private, traveling in a comfortable and modern Land Cruiser Toyota 4x4 vehicle (occupancy: 4 tourists + 1 driver in 1 vehicle, Limit: 15 kg per person, INDICATED IN THE RATES TABLE, EXCEPT FOR THE GROUP OF 4 PEOPLE) or in Delica Mitsubishi 4x4 with A/C (occupancy: 5 tourists + 1 driver in 1 vehicle, Limit: 15 kg per person) on the rest of the route (**6** FULL DAYS), with all fuel included.

English or Spanish speaking local guide (according to early request!).

All entrance tickets to **Reindeer Herders Festival** in **July 06 and July 07**.

All entrance fees to Khuvsgul Lake National Park, Amarbayasgalant monastery, National Reserve, and the monuments.

Discovering Tsaatan people (Nomadic Reindeer Herders).

Gentle hiking through wonderful landscapes.

Rates and services.

What's Not Included?

Not Specified Airfares. Occasional flight delays or cancellation. Excess baggage (the internal flight allowance only to carry **5kg and luggage 10kg totally 15kg load** for domestic flight, and above that overweight must be paid (\$1.5/1kg). Accommodations, Food, Transport, Guide, Entrance fees in Ulaanbaatar city (**on early request!**). Visa. Any rescue costs or costs of early departure. Changing of date of departure from Ulaanbaatar. The traveller is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, and the necessary passport pictures. Travel insurance. Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary. Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, Mongolia road conditions, etc.



EXPERIENCES:

- This journey designed especially for families, private trip, honey moon, and funny travel.
- Enjoy the view of the beautiful Great Lake Khuvsgul, a crystal-clear water lake that stretches over 100 miles.
- Explore the area on foot or on horseback. Enjoy horse riding. Here, you will have the opportunity to do several optional activities.
- Here also, you will have the opportunity to take a boat tour (optional payment on site!).
- Meeting True Nomadic people (Tsaatan-Reindeer people). Ride on a reindeer.
- Vacation on the Great Lake Khuvsgul gets you to the Natural Wonder of Northern Mongolia.



TO CONSIDER:

- Guaranteed services from **2** people.
- **Guarantee Domestic Airfare Booking:** Booking need to be done at least **160** business days, before tour starts. **Domestic flight pending final Schedule!.**
- This is the **High Season in Mongolia!.**
- Mongolian visa not included.
- International flights not included.



- Accommodation outside Ulaanbaatar is in the tourist camps in Ger Standard for 2 people with bathrooms outside (so shared, 1 building for men, and 1 building for women). The tourist camps in Gers do not have an official category.
- The hotel category information is for the Ulaanbaatar hotel.
- The entrance to the rooms in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar is at **02:00PM (14:00)**. Early entry to rooms is not included.
- The departure of the rooms in the hotels of Ulaanbaatar is at **12:00M**. Late check-out of rooms is not included.
- All private transfers outside of Ulaanbaatar, are traveling in a comfortable modern Land Cruiser Toyota 4x4 vehicle (occupancy: 4 tourists + 1 Mongolian driver in 1 vehicle, Limit: 15 kg per person) or in Delica Mitsubishi 4x4 with A /C (occupancy: 5 tourists + 1 driver in 1 vehicle, Limit: 15 kg per person). Excess baggage must be left for free at hotels in Ulaanbaatar before departure to the countryside of Mongolia.

RESERVATION CONDITIONS AND FINAL PAYMENT

PRICE: The price of our trips has been calculated based on exchange rates, transport rates, fuel costs and applicable taxes and fees on the date of publication of the program/brochure or subsequent dates that, if applicable, are have been made public in print. Any variation in the price of the aforementioned elements may give rise to the revision of the final price of the trip, both upwards and downwards, in the strict amounts of the aforementioned price variations. These modifications will be notified to the consumer, in writing or by any means that allows proof of the communication made, being able, when the modification made is significant, to withdraw from the trip, without any penalty, or accept the modification of the contract. In no case, will it be revised upwards in the twenty days prior to the departure date of the trip, regarding the requests already made. Prices are calculated based on double room. Prices and fees are quoted in \$ Us dollars or in € euros and are subject to change.

Please note: Naadam Festival surcharge applies for travel from **Jul 01 to Jul 15 - Peak Season in Mongolia**, where all services, accommodations are overcrowded.

- At the time of registering for the trip, the amount of \$ US 600.00 (six hundred \$ US dollars + the bank discount of the intermediary banks) per person will be paid immediately by bank transfer as a deposit, with a minimum advance notice of **150** business days, before arrival in Mongolia.
- You must send us a photocopy of the original passport with a minimum validity of 6 months, in order to reserve and purchase domestic air tickets in Mongolia, hotels in Ulaanbaatar, and tickets to the Naadam Festival in the month of July.
- No registration will be considered valid until these requirements are formalized.
- The final payment of the trip will be made by bank transfer **95** business days before arrival in Mongolia, in order to guarantee the domestic air tickets (if any on the route) and all the indicated reservations.



VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: If you do not pay us on the indicated dates, we cannot guarantee the indicated services (*so in this case, you need to check the new rates and if there is availability in other hotels).

CANCELLATION

180-91 days: \$ US 600.00 per person.

90-16 days: 50%

15-00 business days: 100%-NO REFUND.

In the case of cancellations of air and train tickets: it is another concept. The rates of air tickets or international and national trains subject to modifications, depending on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates on air tickets or on international and national trains are only frozen with the issuance and full payment of the tickets. Tickets are non-refundable and can only be canceled on the day of issue.

PERSONAL TRAVELING FOR FREE IN MONGOLIA:

A) If the group is of **16** people (15 pax subscribers + **1** person for free by land, based only on DOUBLE room: **8**). Samar Magic Tours will pay all expenses for land, accommodation in DOUBLE room. **Not included:** accommodation in a single room, and air tickets.

B) If the group is of **32** people (30 pax subscribers + **2** people for free by land, based only on DOUBLE room: **16**). Samar Magic Tours will pay all expenses for land, accommodation in DOUBLE room. **Not included:** accommodation in a single room, and air tickets.

CHARGE FOR CHILDREN IN MONGOLIA:

0-3 years: free;

From 4 to 11 years old: 50% of the usual adult price.

From 12 years old: 100% of the regular adult price.

CONDITIONS OF FORCE MAJEURE: Although it is our absolute desire to fulfill the trip as detailed in the program, sometimes there are conditions of force majeure that mean that it may be modified. Samar Magic Tours is not legally responsible for those conditions of force majeure outside the organization of the trip that may force 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 aviation 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 unusual circumstances of force majeure it is necessary to carry out a cancellation of the trip, there is no obligation for compensation.



FORM TO FILL IN:

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

CITIZENSHIP:

VALID PASSPORT NUMBER:

