

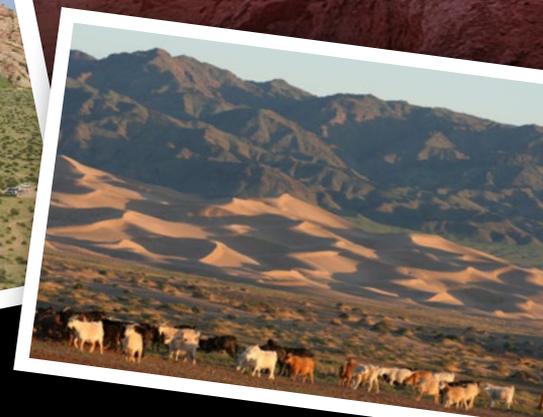


LÄCHELN DER STEPPE
MONGOLEI REISEN

Individual Journey through Mongolia

July 21st - August 7th, 2023

Exclusive experience and
adventure trip through **Central
Mongolia** and the **Gobi Desert**



Altansuvd Gongor

Your hostess

Dear interested parties,

I have been organizing experience and adventure trips through Mongolia since 2006. With me you will experience the life of the nomads up close and immerse yourself in nomadic culture.

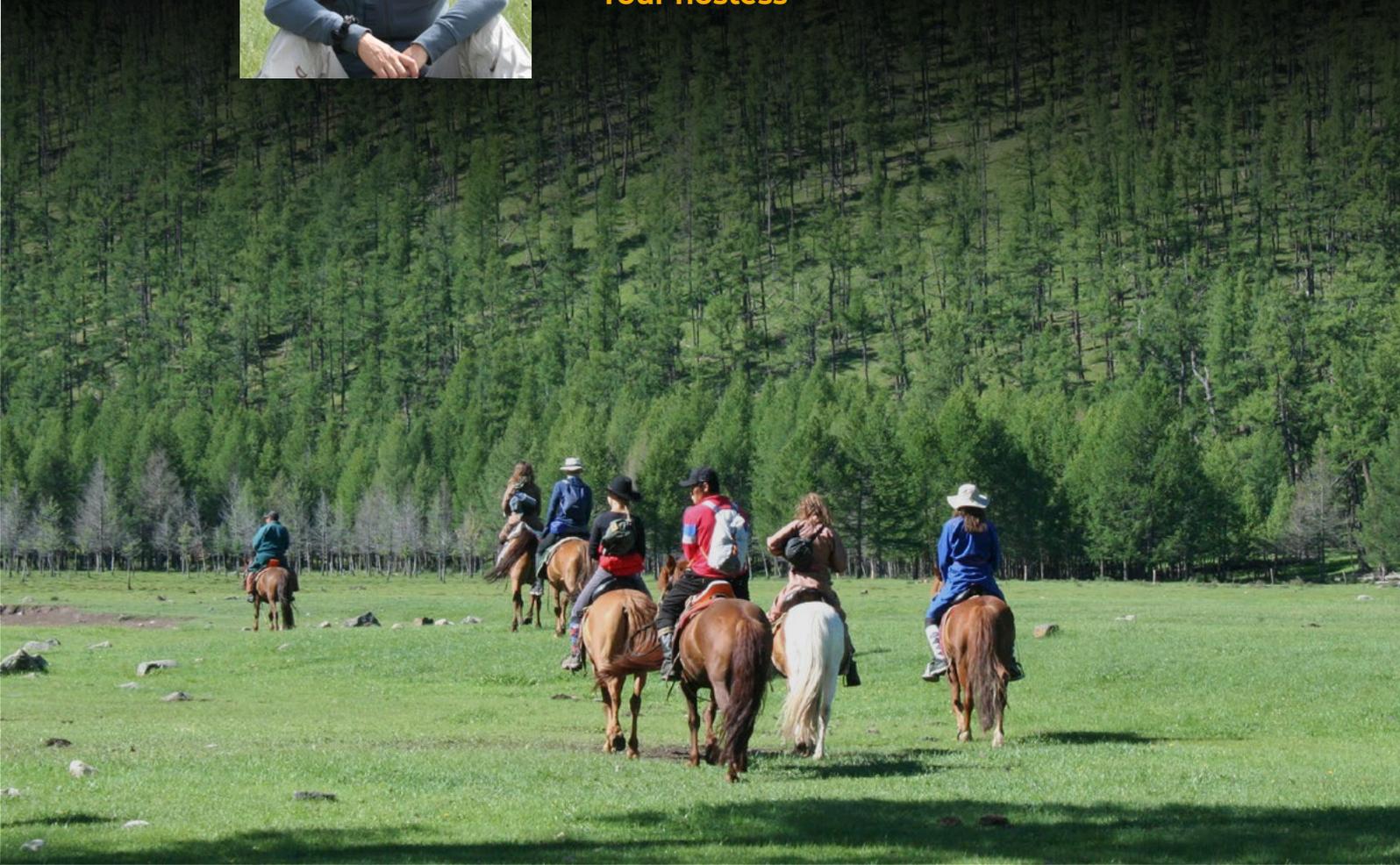
The wide steppe is waiting for you.



Warm greetings,

Suvdaa

Your hostess



Day 1: July 21st

Flight from Germany to Mongolia

Individual flight to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia.

Day 2: July 22nd

Arrive in Mongolia, early morning in Ulaanbaatar

Gandan Tegchilen Temple, City Tour, Concert.

The Buddhist temple “Gandan Tegchilen” is one of the most important Buddhist centers in Mongolia. The temple was built around 1727 and has several facilities such as a Buddhist school, philosophical school, artist workshops etc.

Here stands the 26 meter tall statue of the goddess Migjid Janraisig. Sightseeing in the city center; in the evening we will visit a concert with traditional Mongolian music.



Day 3: July 23rd

Khustain Nuruu National Park

Khustain Nuruu National Park covers 506 km² of land that is home to countless species of plants, lichens, moss and fungi. In addition to the rehabited Przewalski's horses (takhi), 44 species of mammals are recorded, including Altai wapiti, Mongolian gazelle, roe deer, wild boar, wild sheep, ibex, Mongolian marmot, gray wolf, Eurasian lynx, Pallas's cat, red fox, corsac fox and Eurasian badgers. Among the 217 bird species are golden eagles, bearded vultures, the great bustard, whooper swans, black storks, Daurian partridges and little owls.

Day 4: July 24th

Sand dunes with trees and the rocky mountains of Khugnu Khan.

A very idyllic landscape with rocky mountains and trees. One can hike here on the mountain, enjoy a magnificent view of the vast steppe and take in the breathtaking silence. We will visit nomadic families and ride camels.



Day 5: July 25th

The Orkhon Valley, which for centuries was the centre of the Mongol Empire

Kharakorum Museum, Erdene Zuu Temple, Turtle Rock.

Karakorum was founded by Chinggis Khan in 1220. Due to its tolerant attitude towards everything new and unknown, the capital Karakorum in the 13th century not only became the control center of the imperial administration and a center of trade, but also a melting pot of different religions, cultures and people.

In the Karakorum Museum you can marvel at the history of the Mongolian people in the Orkhon Valley. We will visit the first Buddhist temple in Mongolia (1586), located just outside the city of Karakorum, the capital of the medieval Mongol Empire.





Temple Tuvkhun

We cross beautiful edelweiss steppes, wide rivers and reach the Tuvkhun Temple, 600 m above sea level, via mountains and valleys.

Tuvkhun Hiid Temple was built around 1653 and is also called the “Land of Happy Solitude” as it served as a sanctuary of meditation for the first Mongolian Buddhist saint Undur Gegeen Zanabazar, “Great Enlightened One”.

In this temple he developed the Soyombo script and made his most famous works, the portraits of the five Dhyana Buddhas and the sculptures of the 21 Taras. The Soyombo symbol still adorns the national flag of Mongolia today and represents the history, tradition and independence of the Mongols. He is considered the greatest Buddhist sculptor of his time.

The monastery is in an excellent location on one of the mountains covered with rich forests on a cliff. It is extremely significant culturally and has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.



Day 6-8: July 26th - July 28th

Orkhon Waterfall

The most famous waterfall in Mongolia “Ulaan tsutgalan” is the Orkhon waterfall, which falls from a height of more than 20 meters into the canyon. We stay three days with a nomadic family and experience daily nomadic life. Milking mares and yaks, making dairy products, etc. We ride from the nomad family to the waterfall and back, about 4-5 hours.

Day 9: July 29th

Continue to the ruins of a Buddhist temple on the Ongi River
Today we drive through the Ongi Steppe and stop for lunch in a village and reach the ruins of the Ongi Monastery built in 1750. With about 20 prayer temples and 300 lamas, it was one of the most powerful monasteries of that time.



Day 10: July 30th

Bayanzag and Flaming Cliff

Next highlight of our trip is Bayanzag, translated as “Rich in Saksaul”. The 8 km long and 5 km wide clay cliffs look fiery red in the evening light. American archaeologists, who discovered numerous important dinosaur skeletons (60 million years old) near Bayanzag in 1920, called the cliffs “flaming cliffs”.

Day 11-12: July 31st - August 1st

Khongor sand dunes

The largest sand dunes in the Mongolian Gobi desert stretch 170 km long and 20 km wide. The sand dune is up to 195 meters tall in some places. We hike and climb to the top of the sand dunes. The view from the top on both sides of the dunes will be worth it. Camel riding.



Day 13-14: August 2nd - August 3rd

Vulture Canyon (Yoliin am)

"Yoliin am". Vulture Canyon, located in the eastern part of the "Three Beauties of the Gobi", is a 100 km long canyon stretching 3 mountain ranges at the foothills of the Altai Mountains. A narrow stream flows between the mighty cliffs. The places that don't get any sunshine are covered with layers of ice. With a bit of luck we can see ibexes.



Day 15: August 4th

White Stupa, Tsagaan Suvarga

The limestone rock formation is a naturally created work of art called "Tsagaan Suvarga" (White Stupa). The cliff is 30-60 meters in height and stretches 400 meters in length. The landscape was once beneath a sea. Formed over millions of years, the colored layers glow pink, purple, red, orange, and yellow in the sunlight.





Day 16: August 5th

Baga gazriin Chuluu.

A 15 km long and 10 km wide rock formation. The highest point is 1758 m above sea level. Between the rocks are wide valleys with many natural springs and medicinal waters.

Ibexes and rams are at home here on these mountains. Wonderful hiking opportunities. An enchanted fairytale landscape.



Day 17: August 6th

Free day in Ulaanbaatar. Shopping and other activities of your choice.

Day 18: August 7th

Departure. transfer to the airport



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Additional Information

Costs

The trip costs:

2300,- € per person with 8 participants
2430,- € per person with 6 participants
2780,- € per person with 5 participants
3300,- € per person with 4 participants
2900,- € per person with 3 participants
3990,- € per person with 2 participants

Included in the price:

- ✓ Airport transfer
- ✓ Two nights in a hotel double room including breakfast in UB
- ✓ Land Cruiser Jeep rides
- ✓ All transfers within Ulaanbaatar
- ✓ Overnight stays outside of Ulaanbaatar in the Mongolian ger (bring your own sleeping bag and sleeping pad)
- ✓ Meals: A Mongolian cook accompanies us on the tour. The food is cooked only with natural ingredients of the highest quality. Grains and vegetables grown on the Mongolian highlands. Meat and dairy products from farm animals that graze freely in all 4 seasons on the endless wide landscapes where over 500 different herbs, medicinal plants and grasses grow wild.
- ✓ Water, tea and coffee during the tour
- ✓ Entrance to the nature reserves and other entrance fees
- ✓ Camel rides and horse rides

Not included in the price:

- International travel
- Visa fee (German citizens do not need a visa)
- Personal expenses (extra drinks on the tour, food in Ulaanbaatar, souvenirs...)
- Single room surcharge in the hotel €160
- Travel insurance (please take care of this yourself before you travel)

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Need more information?

If you need more information, contact me. For every question you will get an extensive answer.

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