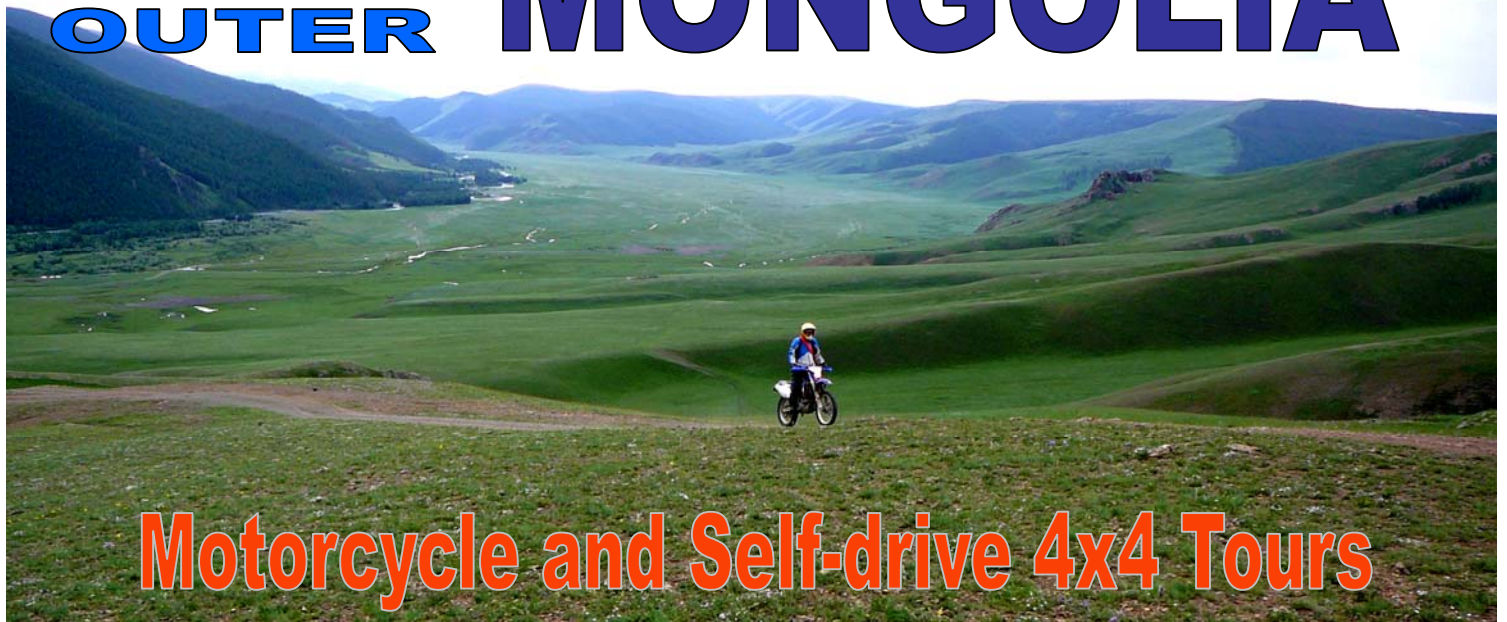


# Into OUTER MONGOLIA



## Motorcycle and Self-drive 4x4 Tours

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**The very name, Mongolia, conjures up images of vast open plains, rugged men on horseback, and the distant dots of a Ger camp.**

The nomadic culture of the Mongolian people has changed very little since ancient times when the great warlord Genghis (Chingis to the locals) Khan was exerting his might in this land, and far beyond. The majority of Mongolia has not yet been developed giving it the well earned status of one of the last frontiers.

On our motorcycle and 4x4 adventure you will witness the simplicity and hospitality of a traditional Ger camp, and have first hand experience of the vastness of this magnificent country. Join us on a motorcycle and 4x4 tour of this captivating land, and experience the famous Mongolian hospitality, and the uniqueness of this spectacular country.

Motorcycling or travelling in a 4x4 in Mongolia is the best way to experience the wilderness, the rich culture of this ancient civilisation, and have a truly unique travel experience.

Those who want to ride must be experienced off-road motorcyclists. If you wish to self-drive a 4x4 you will need a reasonable amount of 4x4 offroad driving experience. As an alternative you can hire a driver for your 4x4 experience.

**This adventure tour is not only an awesome motorcycling experience but also an opportunity to experience Mongolia: its people, the landscapes, the history & the culture.**

### A Few Tour Highlights ...

- **Kharhorin**, where in 1220 the Mongolian capital was set up by Genghis Khan. Also here is a Monastery, Erdene Zuu – the first Buddhist monastery in Mongolia
- **Shargaljuut**, where there are hundreds of hot and cold mineral springs reputed to heal various ailments.
- **Naiman Nur**—Eight Lakes district with it's unusual volcanic terrain, and awesome trails through fields and forests.



- **Selenge Valley** - where the mighty Selenge River flows from western Mongolia to Lake Baikal in Siberia. This region is also known for its fantastic scenery, and log cabins, larch and pine forests, and alpine lakes.
- **Ulaanbaatar** - has a long and mysterious history. The Russians allowed no funds for beautification projects; this is no doubt partly responsible for the city's present drab and uninteresting architecture. While they know it is not an Asian beauty, Mongolians are fiercely proud of their capital - a city with history, culture and many past struggles. Hidden behind the gray walls are a hospitable and warm-hearted people. Ulaan Baatar is notable as the capital city with the coldest climatic conditions - fortunately not when we are there.

#### **The Tour:**

While it is impossible to see everything Mongolia has to offer during our adventure we have selected the best route for this time frame. The tour will take in grassland steppe, volcanic crater lakes, valleys so long and wide you can see the curvature of the earth, high plateaus, lakes and rivers. You will stay in Gers, and camp by the lakes and rivers

Mongolia is one of the bigger countries in the world with one of the smallest populations, only 2.5 million live there. Another 4.5 million live outside of Mongolia in neighboring Russia (1m) and China (3.5m). At 1.6 million square kms, the equivalent of much of Western Europe, Mongolia is a vast land without sea or river ports.

Despite a history of over 3000 years much of the world still associates Mongolia with the great period when the Khans dominated immense parts of the known world through eastern, middle and western Asia, and parts of Europe. Mongolia is so much more. While still a relatively poor country, most Mongolians are able to be self sufficient. If they have a ger and a few animals they can continue to survive the way they have for centuries with no outside help.

**Tour Price:** Please contact us for an updated tour costing.

#### **Included in the tour cost:**

- Airfares to & from New Zealand.
- All hotel accommodation, ger camp lodging, & camping equipment. Each rider will be issued with a tent, sleeping bag, and ground mattress to use for the duration of the tour, so there is no need to lug all this equipment from NZ. Britton Motorcycle Adventures will supply each rider a silk sleeping bag liner to use on tour, and to keep as a trip souvenir.
- Meals – (except for a couple when we are in Ulaan Baatar)
- Motorcycle hire or 4x4 hire and fuel (a fuel surcharge may also apply for those in 4x4)
- Support/luggage van
- Mechanic, motorcycle tour guides
- Some museum entrance fees
- Airport transfers in Mongolia
- A fantastic adventure

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