

Into OUTER MONGOLIA



Motorcycle Adventure Tours

30 June to 19 July 2013

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 (Chinggis 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 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 tour of this captivating land, and experience the famous Mongolian hospitality, and the uniqueness of this spectacular country.

Motorcycling 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.

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
- **Tenhar**, where there are hundreds of hot and cold mineral springs reputed to heal various ailments.
- **Lake Hovsgol**, Containing approximately 2% of the worlds fresh water this impressive lake freezes over completely in winter, allowing large trucks to be driven on it's surface. The water in the lake is some of the purest water in the world and flows onto Lake Baikal in Russia, via Mongolia's Selenge Valley. Hovsgol is a unique region where you can see both the camels of the Gobi and the reindeer of the taiga. Five Mongolian ethnic groups, Buriat, Khalk, Darhat, Urianghai and Tsaatan meet here and Shamanism has a strong influence.



- **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, and 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, Mongolia is so much more than that. 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.

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Tour Price:

Motorcycle Rider NZ\$	twin share
4WD Passenger NZ\$	twin share
Off-Road Buggy NZ \$	

***Price may be subject to change**

Included in the tour cost:

- 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.
- All Meals – except when we are in Ulaan Baatar
- Motorcycle hire
- Support/luggage van
- Mechanic, motorcycle tour guides
- Some museum entrance fees
- Airport transfers in Mongolia
- A fantastic adventure

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