Dear Travelers:

We invite you to join us as we explore Mongolia, “Land of the Blue Sky.” This year we will see the renowned Naadam Festival in historic Karakoram, once the capital of the Mongol Empire.

Mongolia stands alone among the Asian countries for its vast hinterlands. The Gobi Desert spreads across the south, with steppe grasslands and a conifer taiga forest to the north. Landscapes are nearly oceanic in their expansiveness. Wildlife is relatively abundant on the open steppes, and the mammals and birds are easier to see than in wodder places. Mongolian summer skies also have some of the most beautiful clouds that you will see anywhere in the world.

Despite its low population density, the Mongolian people often cite the most profound memories in the minds of their visitors. They are extreme in their self-reliance, unpretentiously grateful in their traditions, and possessed of a hospitality that is hard to find in the ecumenically varied parts of the world. Today many Mongolians live in cities and towns, but even so a majority continue to cherish their seminomadic ways.

In summer, round white gers (we know them as tents) are scattered widely across the grasslands. These practical structures of willow and felt are well insulated, yet they remain airy and pleasant inside with a small stove and a ventilation window at the apex. Each family may have one or more gers. Mongolia’s constitution guarantees all citizens unrestricted access to the land.

Mongolians are justifiably proud of their heritage. Seven hundred years ago the steppe grasslands gave rise to the greatest empire the world has ever known. Chinggis Khan (we call him Genghis) and his descendants famously conquered nearly all of Eurasia. Along the way, the Mongolians encountered Tibetan-influenced Buddhism.

Today, monasteries in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar provide some of the best expressions of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. Families worship in the courtyards, monks chant in the monasteries, and the gracing of the temples includes Gandan Monastery, a monument to Chinggis Khan in Sukhbaatar Square, and the museum of Mongolian History.

We will begin our journey in Mongolia’s hinterlands at Tok slug, an area where the Trot slug is abundant. We will walk to the Lake Bogdo and the Ulaanbaatar Valley to view the remains of the ancient books. We will then travel to the Museum of Mongolian History in Ulaanbaatar.

In the afternoon, we will visit the Mongolia National Museum, which includes a vast collection of Buddhist art and artifacts. We will also visit the Museum of Natural History, which contains a large, eclectic collection of stuffed animals. The museum of Mongolian History includes Gandan Monastery, a monument to Chinggis Khan in Sukhbaatar Square, and the museum of Mongolian History.

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From Genghis Khan to the Gobi Desert!

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have electricity at least in the evening. Western-style toilets are not hotels. Gers are secure and weatherproof, most in the 70's to 80's and occasional rain, most of which comes in photography (comfortable, good quality walking shoes are recommended). It will be summer, with midday temperatures recommended). It will be at a leisurely pace suitable for discovery and fishing, horse riding, camel or yak riding (at a small additional cost). It will be a very outdoorsy major attractions for travelers who would enjoy a backcountry adventure in one of the great natural areas in Asia! We will have a grand adventure and exploitation of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. Families will see than in woodier places. Mongolian summer steppes, and the mammals and birds are easier to landscapes are nearly oceanic in their expansive-natural areas outside of historic Karakoram, once the capital of the year we will see the renowned Naadam Festival Mongolia stands alone among the Asian countries for its vast hinterlands. The Gobi

Mongolia, and the remains of ancient Karakorum. This year we will see the Naadam Festival in Karakorum.

We will also visit the national parks of Huyor Zagal and Hustai National Parks with its re-introduced population of wild Przewalski's horses, Gobi-Galutsiu Nature Reserve with wild argal sheep and wetlands that support a variety of large water birds including geese and cranes, Terelj National Park with larch forests and sculpted granite mountains, and the Gobi Desert where we will visit the Bayanzag—Flaming Cliffs dinosaur fossil site, Tolyyn Am Gorge, and the Motsog Els sand dunes.

Join us for an invigorating journey to explore the landscapes and cultural heritage of Mongolia. Sincerely,

Dr. Chris Carpenter Expedition Leader

COSTS & CONDITIONS

Expedition Fee Includes:

- Airfare from LAX or BEI to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. Most trip costs.
- Transportation in Mongolia by bus, van, or 4x4 vehicle as needed.
- Accommodations in hotels or gers, where available, with single or double occupancy, and beready for private sleeping areas.
- Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) served family style, and the food is abundant and delicious, surprisingly European in character.
- All routine health precautions and expected travel health vaccinations (recommenda

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Days 1/2: Los Angeles to Beijing & Ulaanbaatar

Depart from LAX International Airport. Arrive Beijing on Day 3. Take a direct connecting flight to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. Meet your guide, and transfer to your imperial hotel (2 nights).

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar—Gandan Monastery & Museums

Today, we will explore Ulaanbaatar, the urban center of a nomadic nation. In the two decades since the fall of communism, it has become increasingly cosmopolitan, but it never feels that you are very far from the edge of the city. Our tour of Ulaanbaatar includes Gandan Monastery, a monument to Chinggis Khan, an introduction to Mongolian history and culture. We may also visit the winter palace of Bogd Khan, Mongolia’s last king. In addition to the wonderful collection of Buddhist art and ceremonial objects, the winter palace also reflects the worldly interests of its king: a library, selective collections of stuffed animals occupies one wing.

Day 4: Ulaanbaatar—Elsen Tasarkhai

We will begin our journey in Mongolia’s mountainous lands with a morning drive west to the mountain region of Elsen Tasarkhai and Mongol Khan National Park. We will arrive at our ger camp in time for lunch, then enjoy an afternoon visit to the Dorjiin Monastery ruins in the mountains. Take a walk of Ulaanbaatar in the famous ger camp. The name of Elsen Tasarkhai is meaning. Mongol Khan National Park, are high grasslands, crossed by dry, waterless streams and marked by scattered gers, and surrounded by stone cairns. At Dorjiin Monastery, there will be time to visit any Buddhist lamastory and follow a trail among the rocky slopes, covered in birch and elm. Hoyor Zagal ger camp.

Day 5: Elsen Tasarkhai

We will explore the mountainous landscapes of Mongolia and visit the historic site of Khelfan. Take a walk of Elsen Tasarkhai on the equator. In the evening, we will enjoy a special dinner with local cuisine and travel...
The modern town of Karakorum has neighborhoods of seasonally occupied gers, well-insulated homes, and white ger tents in favorable places. Damoiselle ribbons of trees along the permanent water courses, valleys are covered in grasses and wildflowers, with rhododendrons of press along the permanent water courses, and white ger tents in favorable places. Damoisky's five domestic animals are White: cattle, camels, sheep, and goats; grasses locally on the open range.

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We will return to Ulaanbaatar with a side-trip to the spectacular, exceptionally scenic Yolyn Am Valley. This stunning chasm on the banks of the Gurvan Saikhan range is sheltered from the elements by the vast Mongolian Steppe. It is home to some of the best early discoveries of predatory dinosaurs and which he called the Flaming Cliffs. This site is iconic in the world of paleontology—it was the source of some of the best early discoveries of predatory dinosaur fossils. We will also visit the Red Flag Museum, an eclectic place to get acquainted with traditional Mongolian lifeways.

Day 9  Gun-Galuut Nature Reserve

Gun-Galuut Nature Reserve encompasses rocky hills, wooded valleys, and marvelous stretches of clear river teeming with fish and cranes. Most significantly, it is home to the largest population of the endangered mountain sheep, the argali. More than 80 individuals inhabit the mountains of Gun-Galuut. With its wetlands, full of fish and melba, Gun Galuut is ideal summer breeding habitat for cranes. Danumoo is most abundant. Swans and other members of the duck family also breed here during the summer.

During your visit to Gun-Galuut Nature Reserve, we will look for argali in the nearby Rais mountain range. We will also arrange a "horse-riding" demonstration, an appealing landscape of larch conifer forest and montane plants, many of which will be flowering at the time of our visit. Puma Imperial Hotel

Day 10  Gun-Galuut to Ulaanbaatar via Terelj National Park & Genghis Khan Monument

Today we will return to Ulaanbaatar with a side-trip to Terelj National park and a visit to the Genghis Khan Monument complex on route. Terelj National Park is an appealing landscape of larch conifer forest and exposed granite with a rich assortment of central Asian mountain plants, many of which will be flowering at the time of our visit. Pan-Pacific Hotel

Day 11  Ulaanbaatar to Dalanzadgad, Gobi Desert

Our flight today takes us to Dalanzadgad, district center for a region of Mongolia that includes part of the Eastern Gobi Desert. A rocky desert, the Lucka is cold and dry for much of the year, but it enjoys a brief flush of rainfall during the summer, at least in some years.

Today we will travel to our camp near the Bayanzag flaming Cliffs dinosaur fossil site, via the Man Nuur Salt Flat. This stunning chasm in the banks of the Gurvan Saikhan range is sheltered from the elements by the vast Mongolian Steppe. It is home to some of the best early discoveries of predatory dinosaurs and which he called the Flaming Cliffs. This site is iconic in the world of paleontology—it was the source of some of the best early discoveries of predatory dinosaur fossils. We will also visit the Red Flag Museum, an eclectic place to get acquainted with traditional Mongolian lifeways.

Day 13  Ulaanbaatar to Los Angeles

Our two-day visit to the Gobi Desert will include the famous ger camp. It is a wonderful place to get acquainted with traditional Mongolian life styles. We will also arrange a “horse-catching” demonstration, an appealing landscape of larch conifer forest and montane plants, many of which will be flowering at the time of our visit. Pan-Pacific Hotel

Day 14  Bayanzag—Flaming Cliffs to Puma Imperial Hotel
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Asia’s most sparsely populated regions and the people
which its have need to be opportunistic, nomadic, even
by Mongolian standards.

Day 14  Bayan-Ölgii—Flaming Cliffs to
Ulanchaabtu via Dalanzadgad
This morning we will drive back to the Aimag
(Ulanchaabtu) center of Dalanzadgad for our return flight
to Ulaanbaatar. In the evening we’ll enjoy a farewell
celebration dinner at a ger with Tuvan music.

Day 15  Ulaanbaatar to Los Angeles
Today we will bid farewell to our guide and take our
return flight to Beijing and AK, arriving the same day.
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- Questions?

What to Expect: This expedition is for travelers who would like to explore the spectacular cultural and natural heritage of Mongolia. This is not experience with great shapes of the world.

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Photography (comfortable, photo offers are with some exceptions. We offer a wide variety of skilled photography opportunities for those who wish to bring home a collection of images that will reflect their interests and the world around them. The equipment we use is very versatile; it enables us to capture the natural beauty of the landscape, the wildlife, the cultures, and the people. It is a great way to explore the country and to establish connections with the local community.

The expedition will be a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for adventure who want to experience the cultures and landscapes of Asia! We will have a grand adventure of a lifetime!

Dear Travelers:

Mongolia stands alone among the Asian nations as a genuine multicultural experience, where traditional and modern meet in dynamic ways. The country has a rich history and is home to a fascinating blend of cultures and religions. From the majestic landscapes to the vibrant cities, Mongolia offers a unique and authentic travel experience.

We begin our journey in Mongolia’s hinterlands, where we will visit the Him Genghis (we call him Genghis) and his descendants famously conquered nearly all of Eurasia. Along the Silk Road, which stretches across the south, with steppe landscapes that spread across the land, and the lands that we will see are very clean, and the showers are hot. There are no refunds for unused meals or other expedition features.

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