

**MONGOLIA 2004:
ITINERARY & LOGISTICS:
AUGUST 4 - 14**



DAY 1; AUGUST 4: Arrive **ULAANBAATAR**, capital of Mongolia; transfer to Bayangol Hotel (city's finest hotel; welcome dinner at the hotel *(accommodations and meals included.)*)

DAY 2; AUGUST 5: Morning flight to **KHATGAL** (2 hours) ; overnight in traditional ger camp.

DAY 3; AUGUST 6: Horseback riding in the steppe of northern Mongolia; overnight in ger camp.

DAY 4; AUGUST 7: Continue overland to the **put-in at Tunel** (60 kms.)
Begin **descent of the EGIIN RIVER**.. The **EGIIN RIVER**, which flows easterly from **LAKE HOVSGOL**, traverses Hovsgol province and continues into Bulgan province, where it joins the **SELENGE RIVER**. The Egiin is 535 km (332 miles) and winds through lush river valleys and coniferous forests deep in the heart of the **Hangai mountain range**. There are few villages along the river, but nomadic families often camp along it's banks. There is ample time for *taimen fishing*. Camping is riverside, though there is some vehicular support throughout the trip to replenish supplies.

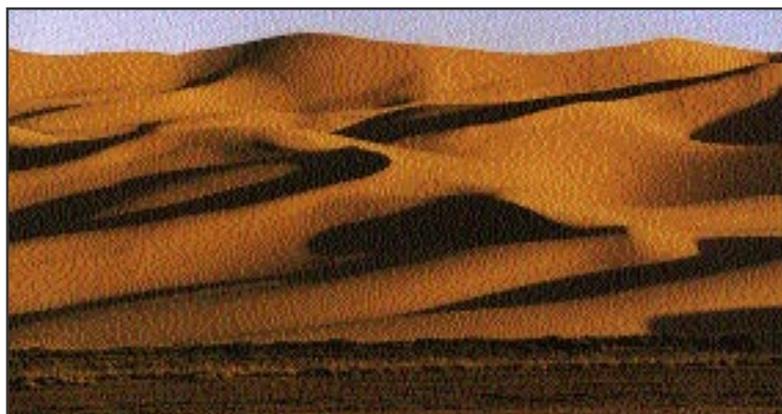
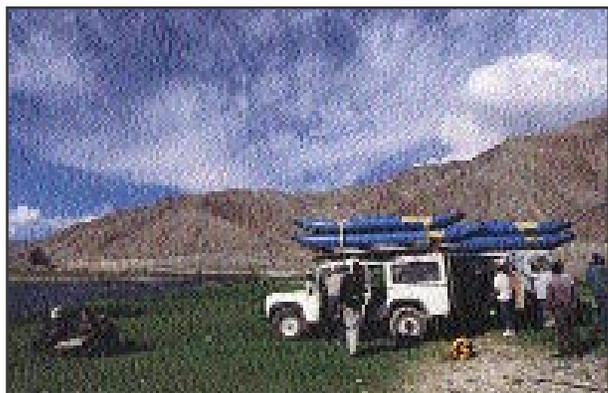
DAY 5 - 7 ; AUGUST 8 - 10: Descent of **EGIIN RIVER**.

DAY 8; AUGUST 11: Finish descent of **EGIIN**. Land Rover transport from **Erdenebulgan to Muron**. Overnight at campsite along the banks of the **DELGERMURON RIVER** near Muron.

DAY 9; AUGUST 12: Afternoon flight to **ULAANBAATAR**. Overnight in Bayangol Hotel, *(included)*
Evenings entertainment is a cultural **performance** featuring traditional Mongolia dancers singers. Dine at the **Seoul Restaurant** on Korean specialties.

DAY 10; AUGUST 13: Full Day Sightseeing / at Leisure in **ULAANBAATAR**; overnight at hotel.

DAY 11; AUGUST 14: Depart



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INCLUDES:

All air and ground transportation in Mongolia, (as indicated in above itinerary); group transfers on arrival/ departure; all accommodations - hotel rooms, gers, and tents; Soar inflatable canoes, and all canoeing and tenting equipment; and all meals while in Mongolia; all excursions, entrance fees, and visits as described above; pre-departure package (travel tips, packing list, reading list, and Mongolian phrase book); U.S./Mongolian guide staff, (*incl. bi-lingual Mongolian guides.*)

NOT INCLUDED:

International airfare; medical/trip insurance; passport/visa fees; evacuation costs; airport taxes; excess baggage charges; food/liquor not incl. in group meals; personal incidentals & purchases; gratuities to guides & drivers; optional ad-ons pre or post river trip. (Sleeping Bags and pads may be rented for \$50, for those wishing not to have bring their own.)

FORM & INSURANCE:

Unless already submitted, a **trip form** is enclosed. Kindly fill out all the forms provided and return them as soon as possible. This will enable our staff to prepare for your trip properly.

Also enclosed is an optional **trip insurance** application - should you desire trip and/or personal insurance protection for this excursion. Trip insurance is highly recommended.

FOOD PREFERENCES & ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Mutton or Yak with rice, noodles and/or potatoes is the prevailing local cuisine. Vegetarians must discuss their dietary needs with the office well before the trip. A few extra favorite snacks, toilet paper might also be a good idea. Bring an adequate supply of personal prescription and non-prescription medications with you. Drugstores are not readily available in Mongolia.

VISAS, IMMIGRATION, IDENTIFICATION, CURRENCY ISSUES, CUSTOMS:

Visas are required for both Mongolia and China. You may obtain your Mongolian Visa upon arrival in Ulaanbaatar, but your Chinese Visa, (if travelling through Beijing - even for an airport stopover), must be obtained before leaving the United States. A visa application kit will be forwarded to you. Passports are required for all U.S. and Canadian citizens to enter Mongolia, please be sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your date of travel.

We recommend bringing \$300 USD in cash, currency should be new bills that are in good condition which include the new anti-counterfeiting strip. Carry the remainder of your money in the form of traveler's checks in USD. Credit cards are accepted in Ulaanbattar, but are useless elsewhere in Mongolia.

Upon entry into China and Mongolia all passengers are required to complete a Customs Declaration Form on which all valuables, (e.g. jewelry, watches, cameras and electronic equipment) must be listed. Upon departure, customs officials may require that all previously declared items be produced for inspection.

AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

MIAT is the official Mongolian airline, and the only airline which travels into Ulaanbataar. The least expensive connections to Ulaanbataar are generally through either Seoul or Beijing. However possibilities also exist through Osaka, Moscow, and Irkutsk (in Siberia). We can put you in touch with a have a travel agent who routinely books airfares into Mongolia, as well as a visa service which can expedite Chinese visas, should you choose to travel through Beijing.

VACCINATIONS:

There are no required vaccinations for travel in Mongolia. However, we recommend your tetanus inoculation is current, as well as consider a vaccination for hepatitis.

PACKING CONSIDERATIONS:

A **complete Mongolia packing list** will be forwarded with your reservation confirmation. Individual river bags, PFD's etc. are all provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own, if suitable. However there are strict weight limitations (44 lbs.) on flights between Beijing and Ulaanbataar. Summer brings warm days with clear and cold nights in Mongolia - comparable to the plains of Montana or western Canada. There is always a chance of precipitation, therefore rain gear is a must.

ARECOMMENDED READING LIST, Bibliography, , and other pre-departure information will be forwarded to you along with confirmation of your reservation.

\$2950; \$5595 FOR TWO

~ GOBIDESERT SUPPLEMENT ~

Optional pre-trip add-on (3-4 days) involving jeep excursion into Gobi Desert, two days ger camping, tour of monastery, settlements, and return by scheduled flight - **approx. \$700-\$800 p.p.** depending upon number of participants and specific arrangements.

