

Gobi Desert Motorcycle Trail in Mongolia (M-ID: 3112)

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from \$3,695.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

The Gobi Desert straddling the border between Mongolia and China, is a wild and dramatic place, entirely suitable for motorcycling.

Our KTM 450EXC bikes are an exciting bike to ride, having plenty of torque, good grip and being lightweight so riding long distances on tricky roads is not too exhausting. We ride on all sorts of roads: asphalt as well as packed mud or gravel tracks with washouts and potholes. All pretty much free of traffic and through some spectacular scenery.

The famous Gobi Desert is not all vast flat steppe under a deep blue sky. There are bizarre rock formations, canyons, the Gurvansaikhan mountain range and sand dunes 150km long, as well as forests of small "Saxaul" trees and other desert vegetation. Apart from a few villages and small towns that we pass through on the way, most of the population have a nomadic lifestyle, frequently moving with their round white felt ger homes and herds of camels, goats and horses.

This trip is a fascinating cultural experience as well as a bike tour across Mongolia of approximately 1750 kilometres. Most of the route is on rough unpaved jeep tracks across the rolling hills of Middle Gobi and vast desert of South Gobi, riding on hard pack, sand and loose gravel, with a few shortish sections on asphalt roads. Much of the trail is fast and some days are long, requiring stamina. Accommodation on tour is at tourist ger camps.

Day 1: Arrival to Ulaanbaatar

Arrive Ulaanbaatar. Transfer to your hotel and meeting the group to discuss the itinerary and safety issues. Overnight hotel.

Day 2: Ulaanbaatar - Baga Gazar

Make an early start to get out of Ulaanbaatar city and onto the road leading south to the Gobi. The road is black-topped for a while, then soon becomes a rough jeep track as it crosses the green rolling hills of Tuv ("Central")

Province. Ride on to the ger camp near Baga Gazriin Chuluu, a mountain of unusual granite rocks which are home to ibex, marmots, steppe fox and plenty of birds of prey.

Day 3: Baga Gazar - Tsagaan Suvaraga

Ride through the mountains of Baga Gazriin Chuluu to Mandalgov, the capital town of Dundgov Province. Continue across the open steppe of Middle Gobi to Tsagaan Suvaraga, an amazing series of cliffs, white and pink limestone rock formations taking the appearance of stalagmites up to 30 meters high. It is an excellent site for some out-of-the-ordinary photography. Overnight 'Ger' camp.

Day 4: Tsagaan Suvaraga - Gobi Gurvansaikan

The track to Dalanzadgad, capital of Umngov Province ("South Gobi") has little traffic, even though we are travelling on the main road. This is Mongolia as one imagines it – distant horizons, dry rocky earth and a huge blue sky. Ahead in the distance lie Gurvansaikhan Uul, the "Three Beautiful Mountains", and we ride up into the rocky canyon to the end of the track, then walk into the amazing Yolyn Am, "Vulcher's Mouth" canyon. Overnight 'Ger' camp.

Day 5: Gobi Gurvansaikan - Khongoryn Els

We ride westwards following the line of the Gurvansaikhan Uul "Three Beautiful Mountains" and finally crossing through the range as the track cuts through the rocky cliffs. Arrive at Khongoryn Els where huge sand dunes meet the end of the Altai mountain range. Overnight 'Ger' camp.

Day 6: Khongoryn Els - Bayan Zag

Leaving the golden dunes behind us we ride back through the wonderful mountain pass and on to Bulgan village. Not

far from there is “Bayanzag”, a forest of rare saxaul trees and the “flaming cliffs” where many dinosaur remains have been found and Roy Chapman Andrews discovered the first dinosaur eggs during his expedition of the 1920s. Overnight ‘Ger’ camp.

Day 7: Bayan Zag - Ongii Hiid

Today we travel north-east to Mandal-Ovoo and then to Saikhan-Ovoo. Here, on the bend of the Ongil Gol river, are the remains of two Ongii Hiid monasteries, one on each bank of the river. Arriving at lunchtime allows time to explore the ruins and relax for the afternoon. Overnight ‘Ger’ camp.

Day 8: Ongii Hiid - Zorgol Khairkhan

A long day’s ride continuing northwards through Middle Gobi to reach Zorgol Khairkhan, a dramatic granite mountain with bizarre rock formations jutting out against the skyline. Our last night is spent not far from Bayanunjuul village at Ovorburd Sands. Overnight ‘Ger’ camp.

Day 9: Zorgol Khairkhan - Ulaanbaatar

As we return to Ulaanbaatar, the landscape becomes gradually greener and more mountainous. Even close to the city people still live the traditional lifestyle, but there are more horses and less camels than we encountered in the Gobi. We expect to arrive in Ulaanbaatar shortly after midday. Overnight hotel.

Day 10:

Depart.

Countries	Mongolia
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Combo On-/Offroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Camping Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	\$3,695.00
per pillion passenger (travelling in the support vehicle) and in a shared twin/double room	\$3,695.00
Rental motorcycle (surcharge) for the entire tour incl. petrol	\$1,040.00
Single room supplement for 2 hotel nights in Ulaanbaatar	\$80.00
Rental off-road motorbike boots (for all riding days)	\$80.00
Rental helmet (for all riding days)	\$40.00

Included

All Meals (except Ulaanbaatar) and bottled mineral water
 2 Nights Hotel "Continental" sharing twin room
 Traditional Tourist Ger Camps
 Motorbike Tour Support Vehicles
 All Transportation (except airport transfer)
 3rd Party Motorbike Insurance
 English Speaking Guide

Not included

International Flight
Visa Cost
Airport Transfers
Protective Motorbike Clothing (helmet and boots available to rent)
Motorbike Hire
Motorbike Damage Security Deposit (fully refundable)
Alcohol and Soft Drinks
Travel Insurance

More details

This tour is classed as 85% off-road and is fully supported tour

Accommodation on tour is always in ger camps (2/3 people sharing)

Available to hire: KTM 450 EXC 'SIX - DAYS'

This tour will run with a minimum of 4 people

Non riders are welcome to join any of our motorbike tours. Price is available on request

100% fully guided motorcycle tour

Hotel in UB based on sharing "TWIN" room (single supplement extra USD \$40 per night)

This tour is total 10-days with 8-days riding.

Most support staff cannot speak English.

Arrival time at ger camp depends on our distance, speed and what happens during the day.

After we have arrived at ger camp, we cannot entertain individual participants.

We'll pick you up and drop you off at CONTINENTAL hotel, unless other services agreed.

Ger Camps are the most wonderful authentic kind of accommodation in Mongolia. They are situated in important or particularly beautiful locations, and each one is unique. Often the furniture and roof poles are painted traditionally and there is a wood burning stove.

For the motorbike security deposit (USD 700 or equivalent in another currency) we only accept cash on arrival and it is returned in full at the end of the tour if no damage to the bike.

3rd Party Motorbike Insurance: covers a rider accidentally damaging someone else's property, for example if they were to damage a fence or hit a sheep.