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With half a million square miles of sand dunes and endless blue sky, the Gobi Desert defines Southern Mongolia. Nestled in the heart of the Omnogobi Aimag (South Gobi Province), the southernmost province bordering northern China, Three Camel Lodge is a serene haven from the hectic modern day. It is nestled in the crossroads of the Gobi's diverse desert eco-systems and serves as a habitat for animals such as shaggy two-humped Bactrian camels, Gobi bears, ibex, and gazelle.

After careful consideration for the preservation of the region's environment, culture and people, Three Camel Lodge was opened in 2002. It was, and remains, the only luxury eco-lodge in Mongolia's Gobi Desert. Built by and staffed by locals, Three Camel Lodge isn't just a place to stay; it's a state of mind. This unique outcropping of gers, or traditional felt and canvas tents used by Mongolian nomads, rests in the heart of the starkly beautiful Gobi Desert. In addition to 40 gers, Three Camel Lodge's main lodge was modeled after traditional Buddhist temples, adhering to strict Mongolian Buddhist canons of "soum style." The Lodge is tucked beside a rock outcrop bearing ancient petroglyphs, but it is the vast expanse of desert and the nighttime sky filled with a million twinkling stars that will leave a lasting imprint on your heart.

Three Camel Lodge is a founding member of National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World.

RECOMMENDED FOR:

Time-starved travelers who seek to discover the beauty of The Gobi while staying in an elevated take on the traditional nomadic lifestyle.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Moltsog Els sand dunes
- Flaming Cliffs
- Yol Valley National Park

ACCOMMODATIONS:

3 nights at the award-winning Three Camel Lodge, a National Geographic Unique Lodge of the World.

Day 1

FLY TO GOBI | TUGRUGIIN SHIREE

Take a morning flight to the Gobi, Mongolia's southernmost province of semi-arid desert.

Upon arrival, drive to Tugrugiin Shiree. Tugrugiin Shiree is best known for the famous "Fighting Dinosaurs," a fossil of a Protoceratops and Velociraptor locked in combat.

(Three Camel Lodge; L, D)

Day 2

YOL VALLEY NATIONAL PARK | HAVTSGAIT VALLEY

In the morning drive to Yol Valley National Park (2 hours), cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains. An ancient river carved this green valley, and its remnant streams create ice formations that sometimes persist as late as July. A hike through the valley leads to the habitat of indigenous vulture-like Lammergeiers, Altai snowcocks, ibex, yaks, and Argali mountain sheep. After exploring the valley, visit the local natural history museum for an overview of the flora and fauna of the surrounding area. Return to the lodge. In the evening, if time permits, drive to the Havtsgait Valley, site of ancient rock drawings left by early Gobi settlers for more than 15,000-40,000 years ago. Hundreds of petroglyphs adorn rocks scattered on top of the mountain.

(Three Camel Lodge; B, L, D)

Day 3

MOLTSOG ELS | FLAMING CLIFFS

In the morning, drive to Moltsog Els (1 hour), one of the few regions of the Gobi covered by sand dunes. This would also be your opportunity to ride a Bactrian camel and also to visit a local camel herding family.

Return to the lodge for lunch.

In the afternoon drive to Bayan Zag (1 hour), commonly known as the Flaming Cliffs for the orange glow of its rock at dawn and dusk. It was here in 1923 that Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews and his exploration team from the American Museum of Natural History found the first nest of dinosaur eggs. Although not obvious to the untrained eye, the Flaming Cliffs are rich with dinosaur fossils and have been the site of important paleontological discoveries.

Enjoy dinner and the evening at the lodge.

(Three Camel Lodge; B, L, D)

Day 4

DEPARTURE

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Dalanzadgad for your flight to Ulaanbaatar.

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B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

Nomadic Expeditions reserves the right to change the above itinerary if necessary.



LAND PRICE FOR 2018

Between July 5 - 20:

1 Traveler: \$5,680
2-3 Travelers: \$3,295 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$3,080 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$820

During June, July & August:

1 Traveler: \$5,230
2-3 Travelers: \$3,075 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$2,750 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$655

During May, September, October:

1 Traveler: \$5,115
2-3 Travelers: \$2,995 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$2,670 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$595

Internal Airfare: \$300 (subject to change)

LAND PRICE FOR 2019

Between July 5 - 20:

1 Traveler: \$6,485
2-3 Travelers: \$3,780 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$3,555 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$670

During June, July & August:

1 Traveler: \$5,455
2-3 Travelers: \$3,375 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$3,005 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$525

During May, September, October:

1 Traveler: \$5,340
2-3 Travelers: \$3,280 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$2,910 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$475

Internal Airfare: \$300 (subject to change)

LAND PRICE INCLUDES:

- Ground transportation in Mongolia as described in the itinerary
- Transfers on arrival and departure
- All accommodations based on double or twin occupancy (hotel rooms, tents, and gers)
- Meals as noted in itinerary
- Horse and camel riding as noted in the itinerary
- All excursions, entrance fees, and visits as described in itinerary
- Extensive pre-departure Travel Guide, reading list, important information about your trip, map and luggage tags
- English speaking Nomadic Expeditions guide throughout your stay

LAND PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- International and internal airfare
- Passport and visa fees
- Comprehensive medical and trip insurance
- Airport taxes
- Excess baggage charges
- Gratuities to guides and drivers
- Photography and video fees
- Food and beverages not included in the group meals
- Items of personal nature including alcoholic beverages, laundry and telephone calls
- Other items not specifically mentioned as included.

