

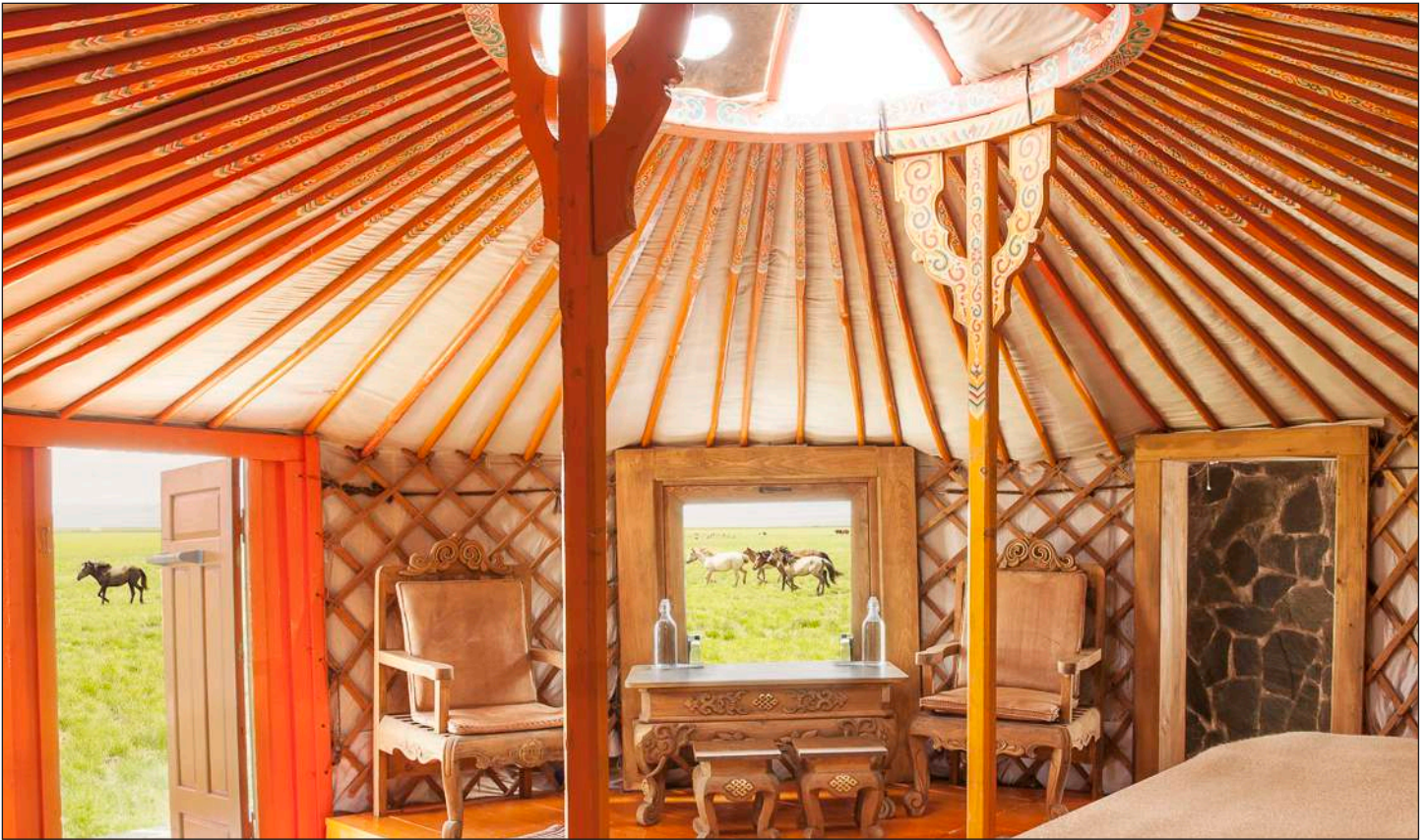
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The Gobi & Three Camel Lodge

Five Days/Four Nights



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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 over 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.

YOUR JOURNEY

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:

Flaming Cliffs

Hike through Yol Valley National Park

Hongoryn Els Sand Dunes

ACCOMMODATIONS:

1 night at local ger camp

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

Day 1

YOL VALLEY NATIONAL PARK | HAVSGAIT VALLEY

Fly to the Gobi from Ulanbaatar (1 1/2 hours). Upon arrival, drive to Yol Valley National Park (2 hours), cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains. 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, followed by a drive to Dungenee Valley, a deep and narrow gorge where it is possible to view Argali sheep, Altai snowcocks, and ibex.

In the evening, 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 the top of the mountain.

(Three Camel Lodge; B, L, D)



Day 2

GEGEET VALLEY | HONGORYN ELS

Continue exploring the spectacular panoramas of the world's northernmost desert with a drive to Gegeet Valley (2 hours), the habitat of the elusive snow leopard. Later, drive to Hongoryn Els (2 hours) and spend the rest of the day exploring the sand dunes on foot or on the back of a Bactrian camel. You may also have the opportunity to visit a local camel herding family.

(Gobi Erdene Local Ger Camp; B, L, D)

Day 3

HONGORYN ELS

Spend the morning exploring the dunes, then depart for Three Camel Lodge (4 hours). In the late afternoon, drive to Bulgan Temple near the Lodge.

(Three Camel Lodge; B, L, D)

Day 4

TUGRUGIIN SHIREE | BULGAN SUM | FLAMING CLIFFS

This morning, drive to Tugrugiin Shiree, the site where the famous "Fighting Dinosaurs" fossil of a Protoceratops and Velociraptor locked in combat position was discovered in the 1970s. Explore this white-sandstone escarpment and nearby sand dunes.

Next, visit Bulgan, a small town near a natural spring. Bulgan has one of the only farms in the Gobi, which supplies local ger camps with fruits and vegetables, an example of local businesses being supported by ecotourism.

In the late afternoon, drive to Bayan Zag, commonly known as the Flaming Cliffs for the orange glow it emits 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.

(Three Camel Lodge; B, L, D)

Day 5

DEPARTURE

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

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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: \$6,665
2-3 Traveler: \$3,680 per person, double occupancy
4 Traveler: \$3,230 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$840

During June, July, & August:

1 Traveler: \$5,815
2-3 Traveler: \$3,465 per person, double occupancy
4 Traveler: \$3,230 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$680

During May, September, & October:

1 Traveler: \$5,275
2-3 Traveler: \$3,110 per person, double occupancy
4 Traveler: \$2,685 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$615

Internal Airfare: \$300 (subject to change)

LAND PRICE FOR 2019

Between July 5 - 20:

1 Traveler: \$7,480
2-3 Traveler: \$4,165 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$3,670 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$750

During June, July, & August:

1 Traveler: \$6,060
2-3 Travelers: \$3,770 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$3,670 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$610

During May, September, & October:

1 Traveler: \$5,280
2-3 Travelers: \$3,330 per person, double occupancy
4 Travelers: \$2,960 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$555

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.

