

FIRE - Magic Lake Horse Trip in Northern Mongolia Frequently Asked Questions

Weather

The weather in Northern Mongolia in June and July is very comfortable with intermittent showers. The days are pleasant with cool nights.

Food

While in Ulaanbaatar we will enjoy the finest restaurants the country has to offer. Our options range from gourmet Italian to Thai to Indian. While at the Wind Horse Camp you will be treated to the freshest of ingredients grown in the immediate surroundings. The Wind Horse chefs have been specially trained in France. While camping with the Tsaatan Reindeer People and at Lake Khovsgol we will be accompanied by a chef from the Wind Horse Lodge who will provide exception meals. All special diets can be accommodating. Please let us know your needs.

Lodging

In Ulaanbaatar you will stay at a top quality hotel located in the center of town. The hotel will be either the Puma International or the Ulaanbaatar Hotel, depending on availability at time of booking. The Wind Horse Camp has the highest quality beds and amenities in the setting of a traditional “ger” camp. A ger is the Mongolian word for yurt – a portable round structure insulated by a felt cover

Extra Days

You are welcome to arrive early and extend your trip. FIRE will accommodate your schedule. Extra days in Ulaanbaator for a single are \$300, a shared room is \$250 per person. If you would like to stay for the Naadam festival, additional charges are \$150 and in Moron and \$350 a day in Ulaanbaator. Please add \$50 per person for a single room.

Single Supplement

Single rooms and gers are available on a limited basis for \$900 per person for the entire trip.

Saddles

Both Western and English tack is available. Please let us know your preference.

Riding Level

This trip is suitable for all riding levels.

Guides

The main guide is Hamid Sardar. Please visit the website for his extensive biography. He speaks English, French and Mongolian. Executive Director, Meredith Potts will also accompany the trip as well as one additional guide. We will be supported by local Darkhat “arats” (cowboys) who will care for the horses and day-to-day maintenance.

Visas

American citizens do not need a visa to travel to Mongolia.

Shots

We recommend that you be up to date with Hepatitis A and B as well as tetanus.

Language

You will be accompanied by a translator at all times.

Insurance

FIRE will purchase the highest quality Emergency Evacuation Insurance for the duration of your trip. We highest advise each guest to purchase additional travel insurance. FIRE can make these arrangements for you for an additional fee.

Cost Includes

The cost of the trip includes all lodging, travel within Mongolia, meals, Emergency Evacuation Insurance and alcohol outside of Ulaanbaatar.

What to bring

FIRE will send you a detailed equipment list upon book of your trip.

Luggage

Within Mongolia you will be able to travel with 20 kilos for free. Any additional weight will be your responsibility to pay for at the rate of \$2.50 per kilo.

Transportation

You will be traveling over land in Russian 4x4 vehicles. You will also be on horseback accompanied by Reindeer support. You will also be on a Yacht for an entire day.

Safety

Politically the country is very stable. An elected President and parliament is at the head of the country's management. Administratively, if you meet your visa requirements, no other hassle will be experienced. Policemen are helpful to foreigners and no street violence exists. No natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods were registered recently. The only problem you might encounter is a drunken Mongolian who at night starts relating you his life stories in Mongolian language.

How to get to Mongolia

There are many ways to travel to Mongolia. The best way is through Seoul, Korea or Beijing, China. If you are departing form the United States you can expect to pay between \$1200 and \$2200. Korean air is the most comfortable airline into Mongolia, but also the most expensive.

How to book

Please call us or send us the reservation form from our webpage. Your spot will be confirmed upon receipt of the \$500 non-refundable deposit.

How to pay / Cancellation Policy

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