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Dear Joe,

Thank you for choosing Explorient. We are delighted to serve you on your trip to Mongolia. Below please find the summary of services for your trip. All services have been confirmed at this time.

TRIP SUMMARY:

10 day / 9 night Private Custom Mongolia Program – Land Only

- Economy Class Airfare between Moltsoq Els and Ulaanbaatar
- All ground transportation by private vehicle per itinerary
- 3 nights at Hotel Blue Sky in Ulaanbaatar
- 1 night Ger Camp Stay in Hustain Nuruu
- 2 nights Ger Camp Stay in Kharakhorum
- 1 night Ger Camp Stay in Ongiin Hiid
- 2 nights at Three Camel Lodge in Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park
- Breakfast, Lunches and Dinner per Itinerary
- Private Tour throughout: All airport transfers and sightseeing provided by private vehicle, driver and professional English-speaking guides

TRIP OUTLINE

Day	Activity Summary
June 26	Arrive Ulaanbaatur: Upon arrival in Ulaanbaatur, be met and transferred to Hotel Blue Sky for your next 2 nights' accommodations.
June 27	Ulaanbaatar: Enjoy a full day tour of Ulaanbaatar. Highlights today includes visits to several of the cities local markets including Narantuul Market, Khuchit Shonkhor and Mercuty Food Market. Afterwards, visit the Natural History Museum, the National Museum for an overview of Mongolia's history and nomadic culture. As time permits, visit the Bogd Khan Palace which displays elaborate ceremonial robes, other personal effects of Mongolia's '8th Living Buddha. Lunch and dinner are served at local restaurants. (B,L,D)
June 28	Ulaanbaatar / Hustai Nuruu: Time permitting, visit Bars Market and Bombogor marekt before proceeding to Gandan Monastery famous for the magnificent statue of Migjid Janraisig, an 82-foot high statue gilded in pure gold and clothed in silk and precious stones. Next, visit Sukhbaatar Square, the site of the Great Khans Memorial built in celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Mongolian Empire. After lunch, drive to Hustain Nuruu National Park (2 hours), home to the last remaining species of wild horse, the "takhi". Twenty-five years after becoming extinct in the wild, the takhi was reintroduced to the Mongolian steppe from zoo populations by the Foundation for the Preservation and Protection of the Przewalski's Horse. Sixteen horses were flown from the Netherlands to Mongolia in 1994, and nearly 400 now roam re-introduction sites in Mongolia and China. Learn about current conservation efforts and the status of the herds found within the reserve. Overnight in a Ger Camp where dinner will be served. (B,L,D)

June 29	Hustai Nuruu / Kharakhorum: Morning departure by road to Kharakhorum, visiting several local villages and food markets en-route. Kharakhorum is site of the 13th century capital of the Mongol Empire created by Chinggis Khan, the largest contiguous land empire in recorded history. Visit the Kharakhorum museum offers fascinating insight into what was once the center of arts, politics, trades, and religions of the world. Includes Lunch and Dinner. Overnight at a Ger Camp. (B,L,D)
June 30	Kharakhorum (Orkhon Waterfall): Early morning drive to the Orkhon Waterfall. Passing and stopping at local villages en-route. Orkhon Waterfall lies in the historically significant Orkhon Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage site and was formed by combinations of volcanic eruption and earthquakes some 20,000 years ago. Return to Kharakhorum in the late afternoon. Accommodations at a Ger Camp. (B,L,D)
July 01	Kharakhorum / Ongiin Hiid: After breakfast drive to Ongiin Hiid and explore the ruins of this 17 th century temple situated in a beautiful mountainous region. Still known as the "Pearl of the Great Desert," Ongiin Hiid was one of the largest monasteries in Mongolia until its destruction during the communist purges in 1939. Lunch and dinner are served at local restaurants. Overnight at a Ger Camp in Ongiin Hiid. (B,L,D)
July 02	Ongiin Hiid / Gobi Desert / Flaming Cliffs: Further drive to the Gobi Mongolia's southernmost province of semi-arid desert. Contrary to the sameness that the word 'desert' suggests, the Gobi is a fascinating and diverse region, and includes sites of some of the most important paleontological discoveries of the 20th century. Here, we explore the stunning landscapes of the Gobi, habitat for several rare and elusive species such as the dhole, snow leopard, wild camel, and the Gobi bear. Afterwards, drive to Bayan Zag (5-6 hours), commonly known as the Flaming Cliffs rich with Dinosaur fossils and where the first nest of dinosaur eggs were discovered in 1923. After visiting a local nomadic village, continue on to Moltsoq Els and walk along these towering sand dunes. Accommodations at Three Camel Lodge ger camp located at Bulagtai Mountain on the edge of Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park. (B,L,D)
July 03	Yol Valley / Moltsoq Els: Morning drive to Yol Valley National Park (1 hour), cradled in the foothills of the Altai Mountains, for 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. Next, drive to Moltsoq Els, one of the few regions of the Gobi covered by sand dunes. Enjoy a visit to local village and market before return to the Three Camel Lodge for dinner and accommodations. (B,L,D)
July 04	Moltsoq Els / Ulaanbaatar: Transfer to the airport for your morning flight to Ulaanbaatar city. Upon arrival, visit the Narantuul Trade Market, the biggest market for various local products and foods. Overnight at Hotel Blue Sky. (B,L,D)

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