

Chinggis Khaan & Wild Horses: Mongolia's Hidden Treasures



There are many aspects of Mongolia that tourists would love. Most of them come here to discover wild nature with untouched and vastly unexplored landscapes or to experience the nomadic way of life. There are some rare species of animals to be found in Mongolia; the most important of which are the takhi - the only wild horse species, snow leopards or the argali wild sheep.

The best way of experiencing the natural beauties is to visit the spectacular Gorkhi-Terelj valley park or crystal clear deep lakes. The Dark Blue Pearl Lake Khuvsgul is Mongolia's deepest one. In the Gun-Galuut Nature Reserve, tourists may watch endangered birds species and enjoy fishing, rafting, hiking, or trekking. It is a surprise that visitors are allowed to camp here.

Those seeking historical treasures will enjoy spending some time in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city. It is surrounded by majestic mountains and its wide boulevards and vast squares create a comfortable spacious feeling about the whole setting. The museum-goers will enjoy the National History Museum, The National Art Gallery or the Museum of Fine Art. There are also several Opera, Drama and Ballet theatres.

Local cashmere factories are also very interesting. Karakorum is one of the most popular tourist destinations. It once used to be the administrative centre of Mongolia and is connected to the name of Chinggis Khaan, a warrior-statesman who united tribes into the Mongolian nation in the 13th century. The city was eventually destroyed and the materials were used to build a monumental 400m wall surrounding the country's first Buddhist monastery of Erdene Zuu.

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