

PACKING LIST – MAGIC OF MONGOLIA

FOOTWEAR:

- 1 pair midweight hiking boots/shoes
- 1 pair of comfortable shoes for general use
- 3-4 pairs of hiking socks (wool or synthetic equivalent: Smartwool, Thorlo, Darn Tough)

CLOTHING:

- 2-3 T-shirts short-sleeved
- 1-2 pair lightweight, quick-drying hiking pants/3/4 pant (supplex/nylon/blend). Zip offs are a good option.
- 1 lightweight long-sleeved shirt for sun/bug protection - button up front is the best
- 1 pair lightweight long underwear - top and bottoms
- 1 medium-weight wool/fleece sweater/pullover or heavy shirt.
- 1 warm down/fleece jacket
- 1 waterproof rain jacket with hood AND waterproof rain pants.
- 1 warm hat
- 1 pair warm gloves
- 1 wide-brimmed hat or baseball cap for rain/sun.
- 1-2 bandanas
- Underwear/nightwear
- 1-2 changes of casual clothes to wear at end of day
- 1 Swimsuit

EQUIPMENT/ESSENTIALS

- Passport and a photocopy of your passport
- 1 pair Trekking poles (strongly recommended)
- 1 Sleeping bag rated to 20-degree Fahrenheit for use in Gers
- 1 daypack (see notes on packing list for recommended capacity)
- 1 Rain cover for your pack
- Capacity to carry 2/3 liters of water. If using a hydration system, also bring 1 wide mouth water bottle to facilitate purifying water.
- Sunglasses (100% UV protection) w/retention strap
- Small headlamp or flashlight
- Ear plugs (for a good night's sleep!)
- Lightweight umbrella (mainly for sun protection)
- Lightweight bath towel or large pack towel (Towels are provided by most of the lodgings but it is nice to have your own for those who do not.)
- Small 'camping' pillow for use on trek
- Wristwatch/travel alarm clock
- Insect repellent

TOILETRIES (small everything)

- Toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, hand sanitizer, shampoo, contact lens paraphernalia, sanitary supplies
- Sunscreen and lip protection with sunblock of at least SPF 15
- Personal first aid/patch kit - Band-Aids, 1 safety pin, moleskin, Compeed (or blister bandages), ibuprofen, any personal medications

Please note: Individuals who have had or have the potential for a severe allergic reaction to insect stings, specific foods or medications must bring an epi-pen. Please consult your physician and tell your guide.

OPTIONAL (personal preference, not required)

- Camera (extra battery) and film/memory card
- Book, notebook, journal, pencil/pen
- Compact binoculars
- Your favorite snack (snacks will also be provided)
- 10 ft. light cord and 4-6 clothespins, detergent

NOTES ON PACKING

Adventures in Good Company's packing list includes items to help you be prepared for the various activities and conditions. It is not personalized, so please add the items that you require to travel safely and comfortably but remember – less is better! You may not use everything you bring; however, you need to come prepared for all possible weather. At the same time, you must be able to carry your own luggage, sometimes up and down stairs. We recommend packing in a convenient, wheeled piece of luggage and bringing with you a soft-sided (canvas or nylon) duffel without wheels to use for the trekking portion of the trip. The wheeled luggage can be left in the vehicles with clothing/equipment you don't need for the 2-night trek.

Daypacks: Your daypack should be large enough to hold the following items: 1 – 2 liters of water, rain gear, lunch/snacks (for the day), sun screen, warm layer (fleece pullover or vest), personal first aid kit, lightweight gloves, warm hat and personal items such as camera, etc. We recommend a daypack with a capacity of between 30 – 40 Liters (1800 and 2400 cubic inches) with a hip belt, padded shoulder straps, and 'lifters'. Line your daypack with a durable plastic bag to keep your belongings dry, and/or have an elasticized pack cover that fits snugly over it. Before you leave home check to be sure that it is comfortable to wear all day and has sufficient space for all of your items. **IMPORTANT: Before you leave home check to be sure that it is comfortable to wear all day and has sufficient space for all of your items.** Note: Fanny-packs and hydration packs are not large enough to hold all of the items you will need for the day.

Pack Cover: These are waterproof/resistant, usually elasticized covers designed to go over your backpack and keep both the pack and its contents dry in case of inclement weather. Pack covers are sized. If you are purchasing a pack cover be sure to either take your pack with you or know the size cover you need. Many daypacks do come with built in pack covers. An alternative to purchasing a pack cover is to use a heavy-duty, plastic bag to line your pack to protect the contents from rain – your pack however will get wet using this method. Purchasing a pack cover is highly recommended.

Footwear: Well-fitting, sturdy boots or trail shoes are very important to your safety and enjoyment. If you plan to buy new boots, break them in by wearing them around town and taking some short hikes *before* your trip. For general hiking, lightweight or midweight cordura or leather boots with a Vibram sole work well. If you have weak ankles or are recovering from an ankle injury, get boots that come above the ankle– you'll find that this will give you more support in uneven or slippery terrain. Remember to waterproof your boots before the trip. Even boots billed as 'waterproof' need to be treated with a waterproofing product.

Clothing: The clothing listed on the packing list has been chosen for your specific trip conditions and for its versatility for layering. NO COTTON for your active wear! It should all be made from synthetic/synthetic blends, down/down blends or wool/wool blends. Layering is the most practical and efficient method of insulating the body. Several layers of varied weight materials provide better insulation than one thick Layer of clothing. Also, adding or subtracting layers allows you to adjust to the temperature at your particular level of activity.

Rain Gear: You will need a parka or jacket made of a coated nylon or a waterproof/breathable fabric like Gore-tex, HellyTech, Membrane, H2No, or Ultrex. **Be sure it keeps water out.** Before making this important purchase, be sure that it fits you properly. It should be large enough to fit over all your layers. In particular, the hood needs to be effective. It should shield your face from the rain and turn with your head. Movement of your arms must not interfere with the hood. Put on your daypack; can you still raise your arms? Your wind/rain pants should be comfortable, allow enough room for your layers, and permit free movement of your legs (for example, can you crouch comfortably?). Partial or full-length leg zippers are useful for easily putting your pants on over your boots. An inexpensive plastic poncho will both leak and tear easily and is not recommended.

Hydration: Being able to easily access your water without assistance, so that you can drink frequently, is important to your safety and enjoyment. One method is to have a water bottle attached to your waist strap. Another option is to use a **HYDRATION SYSTEM** such as CamelBak, Platypus, and MSR bladder bags, which are collapsible water bags with a hose attachment that you drink from. The bags fit inside or outside your pack with the hose positioned over your shoulder so that you can access your water as you hike. Bladder bags can hold 1 - 3 liters of water.

Please note: For this trip, if you are using a hydration system, please also bring a wide-mouth liter water bottle to facilitate purification of water. Recommendations for purifying water will be sent with the pre-departure document.

Personal First Aid Kit: Bring a small first aid kit with familiar medicine and first aid supplies you might need. Recommendations include the following: blister or foot remedies like moleskin, Compeed, blister bandages, or similar, a small roll of duct tape (always useful!), remedies for respiratory ailments, stomach ailments, sore muscles or joints. The guides will have a first aid kit but having what you know works well for you is a good idea.

Trekking Poles: Trekking poles are highly recommended for this trip. Trekking poles contribute to your safety by improving your balance and stability, and to your health by saving stress on your hips and knees. If you are not familiar with trekking poles, [click here to read this blog post](#) that addresses the most commonly asked questions.