



GOBI MARCH (MONGOLIA) 2024

TRAVEL INFORMATION

KEY DATES

- ☐ You need to arrive in Ulaanbaatar by **Friday, 21 June** at any time.
- ☐ You are ready to leave Ulaanbaatar on **Sunday, 30 June** at any time.

The race activities start on Saturday, 22 June and the race finishes on Saturday, 29 June, but we provide hotel accommodation on Friday, 21 June and Saturday, 29 June based on two racers sharing a room. If you want a single room you can [pay the single room supplement](#) for both nights.

See the [itinerary page](#) on the website for full details of the pre- and post-race schedule.

Chinggis Khaan International Airport



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

Mongolia's national carrier, [MIAT](#), has direct international flights to Frankfurt, Istanbul, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Beijing, Seoul, Busan and Tokyo at the time of writing. Several other international airlines (Air China, Asiana, Korean Air and Turkish Airlines) provide direct flights to Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. To give you an idea of options, here are some routes that are commonly used by Gobi March participants. Note that these are not the only options:

- ☐ **From Europe:** Direct flights via Istanbul and Frankfurt.
- ☐ **From North America:** There are currently no direct flights to Ulaanbaatar. The most common transit options are via Asia (Tokyo, Bangkok, Seoul, Hong Kong and Beijing), or through Europe (Istanbul or Frankfurt).



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- ❑ **From Asia:** There are direct flights from Bangkok, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Beijing, Seoul, Busan and Tokyo.
- ❑ **From Australia and New Zealand:** There are currently no direct flights to Ulaanbaatar. The most common transit options are via Tokyo, Bangkok, Seoul, Hong Kong and Beijing.

The table below shows the fastest routes currently available from [Skyscanner](https://www.skyscanner.net) from major international cities at the time of writing (October 2023).

| NORTH AMERICA | EUROPE |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Miami – Korean + MIAT❑ Atlanta – Korean❑ New York – Turkish❑ Los Angeles – Korean❑ Dallas – Alaska + Korean + MIAT❑ Houston – Spirit + Korean❑ Chicago – Lufthansa + Turkish + MIAT❑ Toronto – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Vancouver – Air Canada + Korean | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ London – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Madrid – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Paris – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Frankfurt – MIAT❑ Amsterdam – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Warsaw – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Rome – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Dublin – Lufthansa + MIAT❑ Copenhagen – Lufthansa + MIAT |
| SOUTH AMERICA | AUSTRALIA / NEW ZEALAND |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Mexico City – ANA + MIAT❑ Buenos Aires – Iberia + Air China❑ Rio de Janeiro – Air France + MIAT❑ Sao Paulo – Air China❑ Lima – LATAM / Asiana + MIAT❑ Panama City – Copa + Air China❑ Bogota – LATAM + Air China | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Auckland – Air New Zealand + Korean❑ Christchurch – Qantas + Air China❑ Wellington – Qantas + Air China❑ Sydney – Air China❑ Melbourne – Air China❑ Perth – Scoot + Air China❑ Brisbane – Singapore + MIAT |
| Middle East | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Dubai – Cathay Pacific + MIAT❑ Abu Dhabi – Etihad + MIAT❑ Doha – FlyDubai + Cathay Pacific + MIAT❑ Tel Aviv – EL AL + MIAT | |

Travel websites such as www.cheapoair.com, www.skyscanner.net, www.kayak.com, etc. can be helpful to find the best route for you showing the routes which are shortest, cheapest and on different dates.



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AIRPORT TRANSFER TO ULAANBAATAR

The easiest way to get from Ulaanbaatar airport to the city center is to take a taxi. Depending on your arrival time, the cost is MNT100,000 – 150,000 (USD30-45).

TIPS & ADVICE ON TRAVEL PLANNING

1. Arrive a few days early if you can.

We recommend that you arrive 1 or 2 (or more) days early if possible. This reduces unnecessary stress in case of any changes to your flights or lost luggage which is not uncommon (this does usually show up but can take a couple of days to catch up with you). It also allows time to recover from a long flight and acclimatise to the new environment and altitude.

You can leave on Sunday, 30 June at any time but you may want to choose an option that leaves in the afternoon on Sunday or on Monday to give you a bit more post-race recovery time.

2. Check your insurance

It is worth considering a flexible ticket and getting insurance to cover for flight changes or cancellations as well as lost luggage in case of any changes you need to make or made by your airline. We also recommend that your insurance covers for cancellation.

3. Carry as much race equipment as possible

While you don't need to consider this when planning your travel, I can't stress enough how important this is to avoid any issues in case check-in bags are delayed or lost by airlines.

VISA & ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Before making your travel plans you should check whether you need a visa to enter Mongolia as a tourist. We recommend that all nationalities check with the nearest Embassy or Consulate of Mongolia for visa requirements.

The government of Mongolia offers visa-free entry to many countries. [The list](#) was expanded in 2023 to exempt visa requirements for the nationals of an additional 34 countries including 32 European countries (the Schengen area and UK), Australia and New Zealand.

It is important to check early so you are aware of anything you need to do. If you need a letter or other information from RacingThePlanet, let us know.

> Do also check the visa requirements of any countries that you plan to transit through.



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ADDITIONAL TRAVEL BEFORE OR AFTER THE RACE

If you are planning to spend extra time exploring Mongolia before or after the race, there are lots of options across this diverse country.

In and around Ulaanbaatar

- ☐ Gorkhi-Terelj National Park
- ☐ National History Museum
- ☐ Genghis Khan Statue Complex
- ☐ Hustai National Park
- ☐ Genghis Khan Square
- ☐ Migjid Janraisig Sum
- ☐ Gandantegchenling Monastery
- ☐ Zanabazar Museum of Fine Art
- ☐ Zaisan Memorial
- ☐ Choijin Lama Temple Museum
- ☐ Bogd Khaan Palace Museum of Mongolia

Across Mongolia

- ☐ Southern Gobi Desert: Take a trip to the mesmerizing Southern Gobi Desert.
- ☐ Khuvsgul Lake: This pristine lake offers stunning views and various activities.
- ☐ Terelj National Park: Known for its breathtaking landscapes, Terelj National Park attracts many visitors.
- ☐ Orkhon Valley: Discover the historical and cultural significance of Orkhon Valley.
- ☐ Flaming Cliffs: Uncover the secrets of the ancient dinosaur fossils at the Flaming Cliffs.
- ☐ Elsen Tasarkhai Sand Dunes: Experience the beauty of the desert and enjoy camel riding at Elsen Tasarkhai Sand Dunes.
- ☐ Hustai National Park: Witness the majestic wild horses, known as Przewalski's horses, at Hustai National Park.



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FRIENDS & FAMILY OPTIONS

If your friends and family want to join you on the trip they may be interested in the above options in Mongolia or they can get more involved in the race with one of the following options:

- ☐ [Volunteer at the Race](#) - volunteers are a key part of the race. They work hard but see the area in a unique way and will be there to share your full experience. Roles include manning checkpoints, sweeping (optional), roving parts of the course in a vehicle (with a local driver), helping keep camp clean and tidy, and more. There is no cost to volunteer but they do need to pay their flights to get to Ulaanbaatar.
- ☐ [Join the Friends & Family Experience](#) - this enables friends and family to come to Camp 6 on the Rest Day, spend one night at Camp, eat Expedition Food meals and either run / walk the final stage, or meet you at the final finish line. Two nights' hotel accommodation, transfers to the course and the Awards Banquet ticket is all part of this experience.
- ☐ Meet you at the Finish Line of the race - we can provide details of where to be and when to see you cross the finish line and give you your medal. They are also welcome at the Awards Banquet but will need to [purchase a ticket](#).

