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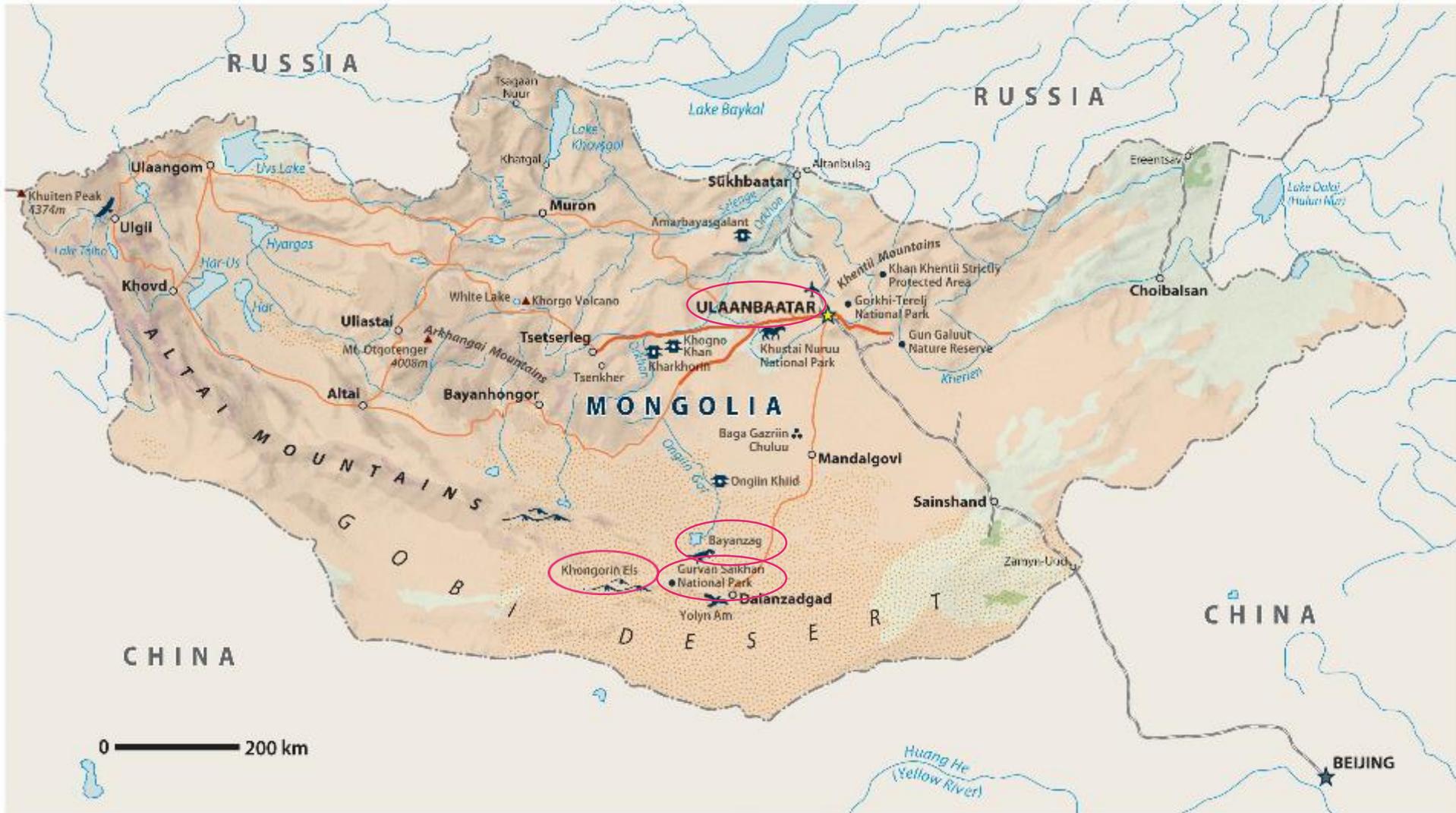
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The Gobi is one of the world's great deserts and its expanse crosses Southern Mongolia and into China. The Singing Dunes of Khongoryn Els play to the classic sand dune imagery however ice filled gorges, impenetrable mountain ranges, and grazing grasslands confound expectations. Many dream of visiting this magical place so here is a suggestion of how to get the best from a short visit.



MAP OF MONGOLIA



DAY	ITINERARY	ACCOMMODATION	TRAVEL DETAILS
	ARRIVE ULAANBAATAR		
1	Your first day will be spent in Ulaanbaatar where you will be able to stroll around the city and take in sights such as the Museum of National History and explore the capital including the impressive Chinggis Khan Square.	Hotel 9 – 3* Standard room	Airport transfer (45mins)
	HEAD TO THE GOBI		
2	Fly to Dalanzadgad from where your guide and driver will take you to Yolyn Am, also known as 'Eagle Gorge' named after the Lammergeyers that make it their home. The gorge is so narrow and deep that you'll often find pockets of ice even in the 30-degree heat of summer. This is also a great place to spot wild argakali sheep and ibex clinging to the cliffs.	Ger Camp	40mins to ULN airport; 1.5hr flight
	GURVAN SAIKHAN NATIONAL PARK TO KHONGORYN ELS		
3	Spend the next day travelling west through the stunning Gurvan Saikhan National Park to Khongoryn Els, home to the biggest sand dunes of the Gobi desert. The dunes here are known as the Singing Dunes due to the sounds they make when you walk across them, a strange acoustic phenomenon caused by the size of the sand grains that is shared only with the dunes of Namibia. On your second day in this area you will spend time with the nomadic camel herders of the region, learning about their life and perhaps taking a camel trek across the sands.	Ger Camp	A longer drive today, 6-7 hrs.
	GOBI LIFE WITH CAMEL TREKKING		
4	After breakfast drive to a camel breeder's family. Learn about the life of camel breeders and the camels themselves. Take a trek on the camels across the desert landscape. Later this afternoon, if you have not done so already climb (on foot) to the top of the nearby highest dunes for one of the most spectacular views in Mongolia [This is best enjoyed at sunset or sunrise].	Camping – Tents	No driving today

FLAMING CLIFFS OF BAYANZAG

- 5 For the last part of your journey you will travel to the Flaming Cliffs of Bayanzag. This region is famous for its extraordinary dinosaur discoveries and fossils are still found today: look hard enough and you may find your own. Here you can enjoy a sundowner as the sun sets and you will see the full majesty of this place and understand how it got its name.

Ger Camp

FLY BACK TO ULAANBAATAR

- 6 After flying back to Ulaanbaatar you will get some time in the city to pick up some mementos: cashmere; Mongolian leather boots; caviar; a handmade *Deel* (traditional long coat) or a Mongolian Nose Singing CD - haggle hard in the markets to get the best price.

Camping – Tents

DEPART ULAANBAATAR

- 7 Head home with lasting memories of a great adventure.

Shared Ger

A 45 minute
airport
transfer

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HOW TO BOOK

1. GET IN TOUCH

This itinerary is just a suggestion, a starting point, something to build upon. Everyone of our itineraries is unique to you – we can add or lose days, tweak the activities, change the accommodation or hire a private jet until it's perfect for you. So, let's have a chat. Call Denise, Kath or James to discuss creating your private journey to Mongolia

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Once we've crafted the perfect journey for you we can sign you ready to go. We accept bank transfers, Visa, Mastercard or American Express, and UK cheques. Full payment methods are detailed in our booking conditions. We shall then send you a booking confirmation together with an invoice for the full payment of your holiday which is due 90 days before your departure date.

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