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All Australians travelling to Mongolia require a visa. Travellers are strongly urged to obtain this visa before departing Australia. A single entry visa costs \$100 and is usually issued in 3 business days. This visa permits entry to Mongolia for 30 days, and is valid for entry up to 3 months (90 days) from the date of issue.

Passports must be valid for 6 months from the intended date of departure from Mongolia. Travellers should also be able to show documentation confirming their ability to financially maintain themselves during their stay, as well as tickets and entry documents for their next destination.

For further information or to apply for a Mongolian visa, please see our visa information sheet or contact a Mongolian representative on the details below. Australians travelling to Mongolia via China are reminded that they may also require a visa to enter or transit in China (see the Chinese Country Guide for the relevant details).

This advice is current for Mon, 10th March 2014.

We advise you to exercise normal safety precautions in Mongolia. Pay close attention to your personal security and monitor the media for information about possible new safety or security risks.

Because of the risk of criminal activity, you should avoid walking alone at night and exercise caution when using public transport.

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Mongolia at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Mongolia. Vaccination against Hepatitis B and Rabies (particularly if working with animals) should be considered by frequent or long stay travellers. Vaccination against Typhoid should be considered particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene. Care with food and beverage selection is recommended. Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas of Europe and Asia from France to Japan, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination in Europe. Tick avoidance measures should be used and travellers are urged to avoid unpasteurized dairy products.

Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations including for influenza. Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures.

Australians travelling to Mongolia should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Mongolian Representation in Australia

Embassy of Mongolia, Canberra

23 Culgoa Circuit
O'MALLEY, ACT 2606

Tel: (02) 6286 2947
Fax: (02) 6286 9600

Web: www.mongolianembassy.org.au

Mongolian Consulate General, Sydney

13/24 Tyron St
WOLLSTONECRAFT, NSW 2065

Tel: (02) 9436 0766

Web: www.mongolianconsulate.com.au

Mongolian Honorary Consulate, Perth

Unit 8 42 Commerce Avenue
ARMADALE, WA 6112

Tel: (08) 9497 4789



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Time Differences between Mongolia and Australia

Most of Mongolia is Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) +8 hours, however the western provinces of Bayan-Ölgii, Uvs and Khovd are GMT +7. Daylight saving time is not observed. The applicable time zone in most of Mongolia is called Ulaanbaatar Time (ULAT).

ULAT, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 12 noon; Darwin 1:30pm; Brisbane 2pm; Adelaide 2:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 3pm.
ULAT, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 12 noon; Darwin, Adelaide 1:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 2pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Mongolia: +976

To Dial Australia Call:
001 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
Call Australia on +61 2 8223 9171

Emergency Services:
Ambulance - 103
Police - 102

These numbers may have limited service outside Ulaanbaatar. Staff may not speak English. To avoid delay it may be best to seek the assistance of a Mongol speaker to call the emergency services.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Name: _____ Passport #: _____

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _____

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Mongolia

Australian Consulate General, Mongolia

4F, Naiman Zovkhis ("Eznis") Building
21 Seoul Street
ULAANBAATAR 14251

Tel: (+976) 7013 3001
Fax: (+976) 7013 3014

Australian Embassy, South Korea

19th Floor, Kyobo Building
1, Jongro 1-ga
Jongro-gu
SEOUL 110-714

Tel: (+82 2) 2003 0100
Fax: (+82 2) 722 9264

Web: www.southkorea.embassy.gov.au

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305.

Australians in Mongolia are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Australian Consulate General in Ulaanbaatar, or online with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances for Mongolia and Australia

Duty Free limits when entering Mongolia:

Alcohol: 1 L of spirits, 2 L of still wine, 3 L of beer.
Tobacco: 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars, 250 g of tobacco.
Other Goods: Up to a value of US\$1,000.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 litres.
Tobacco: 50 cigarettes or 50g of tobacco.
Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Mongolia and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Mongolian Customs regulations please visit www.ecustoms.mn, or for information regarding Australian customs regulations please visit www.customs.gov.au.

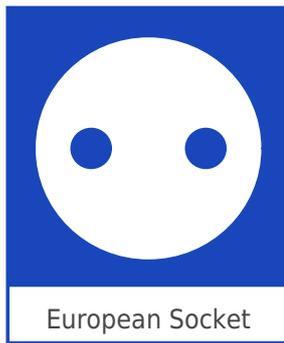
Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia, no voltage/frequency converter required).

Modem Plug Type: USA.

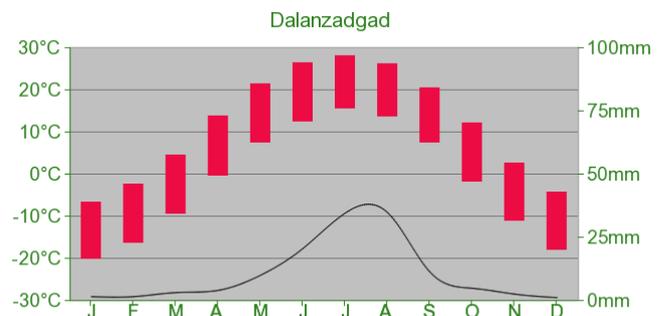
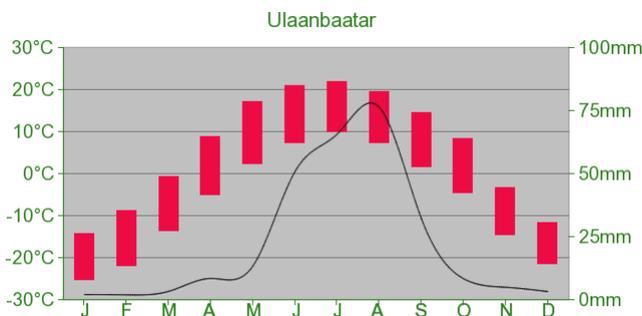
Source: Korjo Travel Products. To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Mongolian Holidays 2014

- 01 Jan: New Year's Day
- 30 Jan: Bituun (Lunar New Year's Eve)
- 31 Jan: Tsagaan Sar (Lunar New Year)
- 01 Feb: Lunar New Year Holiday
- 07/08 Mar: International Women's Day
- 02 Jun: Mothers' and Children's Day
- 11 Jul: Naadam (National Day)
- 12 Jul: Naadam Holiday
- 13 Jul: Naadam Holiday
- 03/04 Nov: Chinggis Khaan's Birthday

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Mongolia



Source: Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Mongolia. For local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1,586 Mongolian Tugrik
1,000 Mongolian Tugrik (MNT) = 0.63 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) buys 1,525 Mongolian Tugrik
1,000 Mongolian Tugrik (MNT) will cost 0.66 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Tuesday, 11 Mar 2014. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

500 MNT = \$0.33 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" of exchange listed above.		100,000 MNT = \$65.58 AUD	
1,000 MNT	= \$0.66 AUD	10,000 MNT	= \$6.56 AUD	100,000 MNT	= \$65.58 AUD
2,000 MNT	= \$1.31 AUD	20,000 MNT	= \$13.12 AUD	200,000 MNT	= \$131.16 AUD
3,000 MNT	= \$1.97 AUD	30,000 MNT	= \$19.67 AUD	300,000 MNT	= \$196.75 AUD
4,000 MNT	= \$2.62 AUD	40,000 MNT	= \$26.23 AUD	400,000 MNT	= \$262.33 AUD
5,000 MNT	= \$3.28 AUD	50,000 MNT	= \$32.79 AUD	500,000 MNT	= \$327.91 AUD
6,000 MNT	= \$3.93 AUD	60,000 MNT	= \$39.35 AUD	600,000 MNT	= \$393.49 AUD
7,000 MNT	= \$4.59 AUD	70,000 MNT	= \$45.91 AUD	700,000 MNT	= \$459.07 AUD
8,000 MNT	= \$5.25 AUD	80,000 MNT	= \$52.47 AUD	800,000 MNT	= \$524.65 AUD
9,000 MNT	= \$5.90 AUD	90,000 MNT	= \$59.02 AUD	900,000 MNT	= \$590.24 AUD
				1 million MNT	= \$655.82 AUD

Banknotes of Mongolia

The currency of Mongolia is the Mongolian Tugrik (or Tögrög), which is abbreviated using the symbol ₮ or the currency code "MNT". The tugrik is divided into 100 mungo, but this subunit is of such small value it is obsolete for practical purposes. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation, including 1, 5, 10, 20 and 50 MNT notes. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images before travelling.





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About Mongolia

Full Name:	Mongol Uls (formally Outer Mongolia).	Significant Dates:	
Independence:	11 July 1921 (from China).	221 BC	- Hunnu (Xiongnu) tribe found the first state in Mongolia and the first Empire in North Asia.
Size:	1.5 million sq km (90% the size of Queensland).	1196-1206 AD	- Temujin unites the Mongol tribes, assuming the title of Chinggis (Genghis) Khan.
Population:	3.2 million (15% the size of Australia). Ulaanbaatar 1.2 million; Erdenet 84,000.	1207-1226	- Chinggis Khan conquers most of Northern China and Central Asia from Beijing to the Caspian sea.
Religion:	Buddhist Lamaist 50%, Shamanist and Christian 6%, Muslim 4%, none 40%.	1227-1294	- Chinggis Khan dies. His sons and grandsons create the worlds biggest land empire stretching from Korea to Poland which eventually fragments.
Language:	Khalkha Mongol. Some Turkic and Russian is also spoken.	1636-91	- Qing (Chinese) Empire conquers the Mongols.
GDP Per Capita:	US\$5,400 (Australia US\$40,800).	1921	- Mongolians drive out Tsarist and Chinese forces with Bolshevik assistance. Communism imposed.
		1990	- Government resigns. Democratic elections held.

