Country Profile: Mongolia

Mongolia is a vast country of mountains, lakes, deserts and grasslands approximately the size of Alaska. It peacefully abandoned its communist system in 1990 and has been successfully making the transition to a parliamentary democracy. Economic reforms continue, although the country's development will depend on considerable infrastructure investment, particularly in the mining, energy, transportation, and communication sectors. Travelers to Mongolia should be aware that shortcomings in these areas might have an impact on travel plans. Read the Department of State <u>Background Notes</u> on Mongolia for additional information.

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COUNTRY OVERVIEW	
Country Name:	Mongolia
Continent:	Asia
Capital City:	Ulaanbaatar
Boundary Countries:	China, Russia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Hospital Number 2, Yonsei Friendship Hospital
Main Cities:	Ulaanbaatar, Altay, Huvd, Olgiy, Ulaangom, Darhan, Erdenet, Bulgan, Bayanhongor, Choybalsan, Saynshand, Dalandzadgad, Uliastay
Country Size:	1,564,116 sq km
Population:	2,951,786

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Khalkha Mongol 90%, Tukic, Russian
Currency:	Mongolian Togrog/Tugrik (MNT)
Predominant Religions:	Buddhist Lamaist 50%, Shamanist and Christian 6%, Muslim 4%, none 40%
National Holidays:	Independence Day/Revolution Day, 11 July (1921)
Economic Status:	Economic reforms continue. The country's development will depend on considerable infrastructure investment, particularly in the energy, transportation and communication sectors.
Security:	Mongolian People's Army (MPA), Mongolian People's Air Force (MPAF); there is no navy.
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Ulaanbaatar Denver Street #3 11th Micro-District Ulaanbaatar 14190 Mongolia Tel: +976-7007-6001
Major Airports:	Airports: 44, Airports w/paved runways: 12 Ulan Bator – Chinggis Khaan International Airport (ULN/ZMUB) Ulan Bator Airport, Mongolia, Ulan Bator, MONGOLIA Tel: +976 (0)1 31-31-63. +976 (0)1 32-21-44 Fax: +976 (0)1 37-99-73

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