

Wildlife of the Mongolian Steppe

Expedition Packing List

GENERAL

- Expedition Logistics Document
- Your travel plans, rendezvous details, and Earthwatch's emergency contact information
- Photocopies of your passport, flight itinerary, and credit cards in case the originals are lost or stolen; the copies should be packed separately from the original documents.
- Passport and/or visa (*if necessary*)
- Certification of vaccination (*if necessary*)
- Documentation for travel by minors (*if necessary*)

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR FIELDWORK

- **For Team 4 only:** Clothes during wildlife captures should NOT be brightly colored or white; tan and dull colors are best.
- Lightweight, quick-drying, long-sleeved shirts, and pants/trousers
- Heavy, warm, long pants/trousers (June and September)
- Short-sleeved shirts
- Shorts (June, July, and August)
- Hat (broad brim is best to protect your head, neck, and face from sun, wind, and dust)
- Hiking boots
- Rain gear (trousers/pants and jacket); sometimes it rains in the summer months from June to August
- Windbreaker
- Fleece/jumper/sweater
- Warm (down or insulated) jacket/gloves/hat—especially for participants on Team 4
- Work gloves
- Long underwear (June and September)
- Women—Strongly supportive sports bra as travel is off-road and is very bumpy.

CLOTHING/FOOTWEAR FOR LEISURE

- At least one set of clothing to keep clean for the end of the expedition.
- Comfortable footwear for camp

FIELD SUPPLIES

- A small daypack to keep your personal items together and dry.
- Drybag or plastic sealable bags (good for protecting equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water)
- Plastic sealable bags Sunscreen lotion
- 1–2 one-liter water bottles
- Binoculars (highly recommended)
- Pens, pencils, and pocket-sized notepad
- **Essential:** Flashlight or headlamp (preferred) with extra batteries and extra bulb (although the GERS—traditional Mongolian tents—have lights, the power is not 100% reliable, so it is helpful to bring a smaller lantern-style flashlight as well)

BEDDING AND BATHING

- Sleeping bag (comfortable to about $-7^{\circ}\text{C}/20^{\circ}\text{F}$)
- Sleeping pads (while pads are provided, having your own will make sleeping more comfortable). *They are highly recommended.*
- Towel

PERSONAL SUPPLIES

- Face masks—enough for the duration of the project
- COVID-19 antigen (rapid) tests
- Personal toiletries
- Hand sanitizer
- Personal first aid kit (e.g., anti-diarrhea pills, antibiotics, antiseptic, itch-relief, allergy meds, pain reliever, bandages, blister covers, etc.) and medications.
- Personal medications or other necessities, enough to cover possible time beyond your planned travel days.
- Spending money

OPTIONAL ITEMS

- Travel guidebook (The [Bradt Travel Guide to Mongolia](#) is recommended)
- Insect repellent spray
- Small gifts for Mongolian locals (postcards, notebooks, small sewing kits, etc.)
- Pillow (a pillowcase and rolled-up sweater/jumper may suffice and save on space)
- Walking poles for hiking)
- bandanas for dust storms
- Spare batteries
- Snack food
- Camera, film or memory card(s), extra camera battery
- Hardware for sharing digital photographs at the end of the expedition.
- Dry bag or plastic sealable bags (e.g., Ziploc) to protect equipment like cameras from dust, humidity, and water.
- Books, games, art supplies, etc., for free time
- Earplugs for light sleepers

Note: *Bring only what you can carry and handle on your own. If traveling by air and checking your luggage, we advise you to pack an extra set of field clothing and personal essentials in your carry-on bag in case your luggage is lost or delayed.*