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In Mongolia, jagged peaks give way to lush steppes and dry desert. Much like the landscape, the activities available to travelers are varied and distinctive. But one common theme runs through all of Mongolia’s features: adventure!

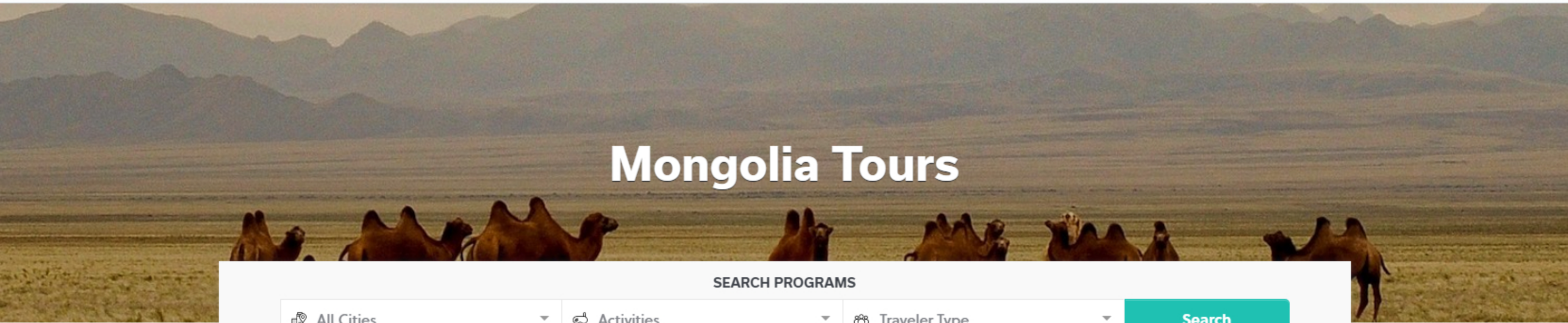
From countryside excursions to urban discoveries, the most rewarding experiences in Mongolia will usually take a few days, and sometimes specialized gear, to complete. Lake Khuvsgul’s shimmering waters and wildlife-adorned trails will pull you north while the Gobi Desert’s Singing Sands will call you south.

Mostly likely, you’ll have your sights set on a second trip before you’ve even finished the first. To travel in Mongolia is to learn how fulfilling it can be to take your time getting from one adventure to another.

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Railway Tours

Known for traversing Russia, Mongolia, and China in an ambitious days-long rail journey, the Trans-Siberian train makes a stop in Mongolia’s capital city of Ulaanbaatar. En route, passengers can tuck themselves away in cozy berths while the diverse landscape of northern Asia unfolds before them, from Mongolia’s jade-hued steppe to the Gobi Desert’s aptly named Flaming Cliffs.

Railway packages from tour companies include a few days layover in Ulaanbaatar. Here, travelers can discover ancient sites like Gandantegchinlen Monastery, a Buddhist temple. Other tour days might entail venturing just beyond the city to the Genghis Khan statue complex, a tribute to Mongolia’s greatest warrior. Afterwards, you’ll be able to hop back on the train and complete the Trans-Siberian trip.

Horse Tours

There are few activities that will get explorers closer to the Mongolian countryside than a horse trekking expedition. Tours take travelers through secluded terrain and national parks in a journey of several days, an opportunity that really highlights the nation’s strong rural culture.

Mongolia’s many countryside surprises are perhaps best experienced on the way to Hustai National Park. Guided horse trekking trips will take travelers through the Mongolian steppe, stopping to visit with nomadic herders en route and camping out under the stars. Upon reaching Hustai, visitors will be greeted by a dwindling species of wild horses, the Przewalski’s horse.

Desert Camping Tours

One of Mongolia’s most cherished sights, the Gobi Desert spoils its visitors with wavy dunes and wildlife encounters. Ascend the Khongoryn Els dunes and listen closely for the little melodies created by the wind on the sand. Camel rides are a staple of Gobi Desert visits, and you may be lucky enough to spot gazelles, ibex, and other regional fauna.

Multi-day tours guide travelers to the desert’s many wonders. Visitors will spend their days conquering sand dunes and their nights in cozy ger camps. With close proximity to Ulaanbaatar, a Gobi Desert excursion is a natural extension of any adventure in Mongolia.

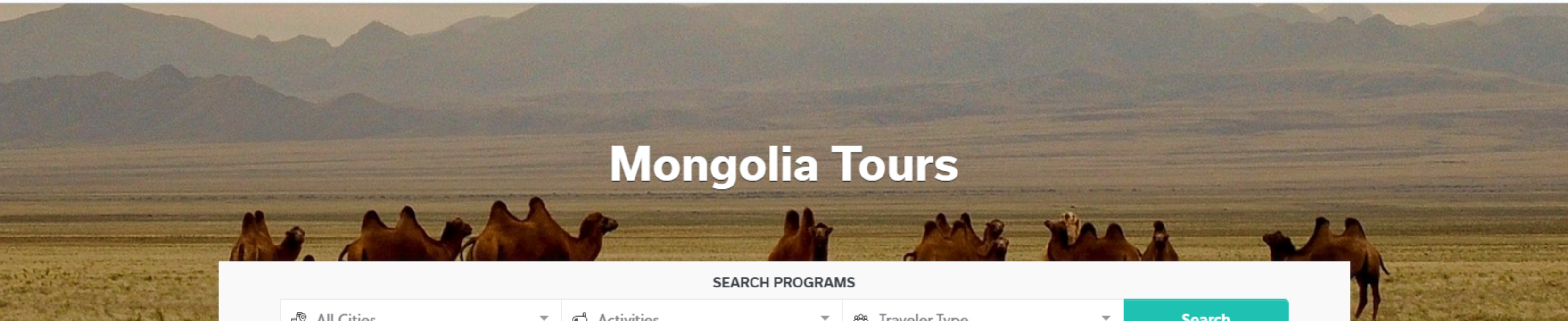
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Health

In terms of vaccinations, the CDC recommends travelers have their typhoid and Hepatitis A shots for travel to Mongolia, as these illnesses can be contracted through food. Speaking of meals, the Mongolian diet is heavy on meat and dairy. If you're not accustomed to consuming these foods, your body may take some time to adjust. It would help your transition to start eating similarly prior to departure.

Safety

When you're out discovering Mongolia's many marvels, the dangers lurking are fairly minimal. The Department of State gives Mongolia a travel advisory rating of 1, meaning it's essentially one of the safest places in the world for travelers to visit.

Some potential threats to look out for include stray dogs, who may be rabid, and theft of personal items. While Mongolia does have predators like wolves and snow leopards, attacks on humans are virtually nonexistent. Still, it's not advised to wander off at night while the rest of the camp is fast asleep. So long as you use common sense caution, your travels should be risk-free.

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