

Welcome to Mongolia

Welcome to Mongolia, a land of vast steppes, timeless traditions, and resilient people. Known as the “Land of the Eternal Blue Sky,” Mongolia offers more than just breathtaking landscapes. It is a place where ancient nomadic heritage meets 21st-century change.

Ulaanbaatar, the capital city, is your gateway to this remarkable country. As the political, cultural, and economic heart of Mongolia, the city is full of contrasts — Buddhist temples next to glass towers, traditional gers near bustling cafes.

We’re thrilled to welcome you to the Global Disaster and Crisis Working Group Meeting from June 18 to 20, 2025, in the calm, forested setting of the MRCS Youth training center. This venue offers the perfect space for focused discussion, deep collaboration, and meaningful exchanges — all with the spirit of Red Cross unity.

We look forward to welcoming you not just as guests, but as part of a global family working toward resilience, compassion, and preparedness.



On Your Arrival

Mongolian Red Cross staff, wearing Red Cross vests, will be at Chinggis Khaan International Airport to welcome you upon arrival. They will be easily identifiable by their vests and official signage. Once you arrive, please look for them at the arrival area. Our team will be happy to escort you directly to your designated hotel and assist you with any immediate needs you may have.

Hotel Accommodation

Participants will stay at Novotel Ulaanbaatar, a modern and comfortable hotel located in the heart of the capital. It's close to restaurants, cultural landmarks, and shopping areas, offering a convenient base for your stay during the meeting.



Check-in: Depending on arrival date.

Check-out: June 18, 2025

Check-in again: June 20, 2025

Check-out again: Depending on departure date.

Hotel Website: [Feel free to click the link to explore Novotel Ulaanbaatar](#)

Room Type: Standard King Room with 1 King size bed and sofa
(arranged by MRCS)

Amenities: Free Wi-Fi, gym, breakfast, 24/7 front desk, international
power outlets

Note: If you have any special room preferences or accessibility needs,
please let the us know in advance.



Typical socket in the hotel room and meeting venue, Universal outlet
(supports multiple plug types including Type A, C, I, and G) – 220V,
50Hz.

Departure

MRCS will provide transport from the hotel to the airport on June 21. If
you plan to depart on a different date, kindly inform the organizers in
advance.

Meeting Venue

“The Global Disaster and Crisis Working Group Meeting” meeting will take place at the MRCS Youth training, approximately 60-90 minutes from the Novotel Ulaanbaatar hotel. Transportation between Novotel and the Youth training center will be arranged for all participants.



Participants will be staying in “Ger”, traditional yurt at Youth training center. To accommodate all participants, we kindly request participants to arrange themselves as 2 people per ger.

The venue also offers various recreational facilities, including a basketball yard, tennis room, karaoke ger, ice cream section, and a mini shop.

Meals

All meals during the event will be provided at the MRCS Youth training center Restaurant, where our excellent in-house cook will be preparing fresh and nutritious dishes each day.

Participants will enjoy:

- Breakfast
- Two coffee breaks (morning & afternoon)
- Lunch
- Dinner

Note: Please let us know in advance if you have any special dietary requirements or food allergies.

On 19th of June, MRCS will organize “Mongolian cultural event” for dinner, if you wish to you may wear your country’s traditional dress.



About Mongolia

Location: Mongolia is a landlocked country in East and Central Asia, bordered by Russia to the north and China to the south. Ulaanbaatar, the capital, lies in the north-central part of the country.

Time Zone: GMT+8

Area: Mongolia is vast — about 1.56 million km², making it the 18th largest country in the world by land area. It features grasslands, deserts, forests, and mountains, with a low population density.

Population: Approximately 3,4 million. The majority are ethnic Mongols, with minority groups such as Kazakhs, Buryats, and others. Nearly half of the population lives in Ulaanbaatar.

Language: The official language is Mongolian, written in Cyrillic script. English is increasingly spoken in urban areas, especially among youth and in the tourism and humanitarian sectors. Russian, Chinese, and Korean are also spoken to some extent.

Entering Mongolia

Visa: Many nationalities enjoy visa-free access or simplified e-visa options. You can check the latest information at the Mongolian Immigration Agency:

immigration.gov.mn/en/articles/249/

Ensure your passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond your intended departure date. If you need a visa invitation letter, please inform the meeting Secretariat during registration.

Spending in Mongolia

Currency: Mongolian Tugrik (MNT). As of May 2025:

- 1 USD \approx 3,400 MNT
- 1 CHF \approx 3,800 MNT

Credit Cards: Visa and Mastercard are widely accepted in Ulaanbaatar at hotels, restaurants, and major stores. Smaller businesses may be cash-only.

Mobile & E-Wallets: Local payment apps such as SocialPay, MonPay, and Khan Bank App are popular, though most require local SIM and bank account access. International apps like Apple Pay or Google Pay are not widely used yet.

Getting Around Ulaanbaatar

Buses: Public buses are available across the city with fares as low as 500 MNT (~\$0.10–\$0.15). However, schedules can be hard to follow for newcomers.

Taxis: Official taxi apps like UBCab and Taxi.mn are the most reliable. Regular street taxis often don't use meters. Expect fares of 3,000–5,000 MNT per short trip.

Walking: Many central city areas are walkable but watch for traffic and wear comfortable shoes.

Weather in June

June is one of the most pleasant times to visit Mongolia.

- Daytime highs: 22–26°C
- Evenings: Can drop to 10–12°C
- Conditions: Mostly sunny, low humidity, occasional rain showers

We recommend packing:

- A light jacket or windbreaker
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sunscreen and reusable water bottle
- Layers, as mornings and evenings can be cool
- Any personal medication

May your journey be safe and enjoy your stay in Mongolia!