

## ***CONTRACTUAL CONDITIONS***

### ***VEHICLE EQUIPMENT***

***" WEIGHT IS THE ENNEMY OF THE ROAD "***  
***Confucius.***

### ***OBLIGATORY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT:***

- Double diesel filter
  - \* 4 new multi purpose tyres (all terrain) Preferably BF Goodrich.
  - \* 2 spare wheels, equipped with tyres as above, inflated to 4 bar, properly located on the vehicle.
  - \* Ratchet straps (at least 4).
  - \* High lift jack, plus wedge choc.
  - \* GPS Garmin or compatible (for GPS data transmission)
  - \* Rear and front suspensions, recently fully serviced (incl. shock-absorbers, coil or leaf springs, torsion bars and buffers)
  - \* 3 sets of keys for opening doors and ignition (one set for the organisers), each set complete with immobiliser/transponder (if applicable) – each set must be able to start the vehicle
  - \* Spare bulb kit for all lights.
  - \* Spare fuses of appropriate ratings.
  - \* One head-torch per person with spare batteries (petzl)
  - \* One survival blanket per person.
  - \* At least one recovery rope (10 metres long, rated for 7.5 tons with steel end shackles)
  - \* Spare fuel filler cap.
  - \* Spare fuel can 20L - at least one (steel jerry-can type)
  - \* 2x10L water carriers (filled according to the days requirements)
  - \* Tri-band cell phone with international calling, one per person if possible
  - \* New oil change for: engine, gearboxes, differentials
  - \* All levels full and checked
  - \* Sufficient oil for top up and oil change.
  - \* Brake and hydraulic clutch fluids at optimum level.
  - \* Spare oil filter
  - \* Spare air filter
  - \* Centrifugal filter for diesel common rail engines
  - \* All drive/cam belts must be new – keep the old ones (if still in good condition) for spares.
  - \* Tent

- \* Cleaning material and sponge (especially for the windscreen)

**N.B. The vehicle must be fully serviced before departure.**

### ***OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT:***

- \* Sand Mats (metal)
- \* Steel wheel rims
- \* Strengthened suspension supports
- \* Air compressor (preferably fixed)
- \* Emergency distress flares
- \* Appropriate fire extinguisher

### ***EQUIPMENT ADVISED FOR YOUR COMFORT***

- \* Hands free phone kit / blue tooth with charger
- \* Satellite phone
- \* Fixed 220/240v transformer with appropriate out put sockets
- \* Mini fridge

For your comfort, the Organization will provide each participant, with the following-:

#### **ON-BOARD PICNIC EQUIPMENT:**

- \* Thermos
- \* Paper napkins
- \* 40 days worth of sugar
- \* 40 days worth of tea and coffee
- \* Plates and glasses/cups
- \* Tin-opener

#### **FOR THE JOURNEY:**

- \* A multi-pocket waistcoat to carry personal and vehicle documents, etc.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP ALL PERSONAL AND VEHICLE DOCUMENTS ON YOU AT ALL TIMES**

- \* A key-ring with the number of the vehicle for night security
- \* Stickers with vehicle number, and Rally logo

**\* On departure:**

- Road book
- Up to date guide
- Return flight ticket (don't lose these)
- Diary number 1

**\* On the road:**

- Small gifts
- Quizzes
- Morning papers if possible

**\* On return:**

A cd of the best photographs

**N.B. THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ON YOU AND AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES (NOT IN THE GLOVE BOX, THANK YOU):-**

**FOR THE AUTHORITIES, A WELL ORGANISED DOCUMENT WALLET, INCLUDING:**

- Passport
- Visas
- Driving licence
- International driving licence
- V5
- Insurance certificate
- Valid MOT
- Customs documents
- A huge reserve of smiles, grace, patience...

**PLUS COPIES OF (in another bag):**

- V5 - 2 copies + 1 for the organiser
- Insurance certificate - 2 copies + 1 for the organiser
- Passport - 2 copies + 1 for the organiser
- Visas - 2 copies + 1 for the organiser
- 20 passport photos in colour
- Lots of ball point pens for filling out customs documents!!!
- And as always lots of smiles

***LUGGAGE:***

I know from experience that strong and supple bags are better than rigid suitcases which are

personal effects up to your hotel room for the night.

Advised clothing:

- for days on the road: leisure wear, loose fitting and warm, good shoes with ankle support, swimsuits for swimming-pools and lakes in Mongolia
- for most evenings, smart casual clothes
- for gala evenings, as formal as you wish,..go for it!!!

Laundry:

Prices are prohibitive in Russia, Take care to say that you want your clothes washed not dry cleaned (because everything will be done together even socks!!!) process time can vary (there's no 35 hr. week but communism has left it's mark)

It will be possible to do a large wash on rest days (St-Petersburg, Moscow, Oulan Bator and Datong). It is advisable to bring your own hand washing powder/liquid for washing smalls in your hotel room.

For Mongolia, washing products, including soap and shampoo, must be labelled biodegradable (due to local ethics)

Don't forget personal medication and creams for the sun and the cold, plus sunglasses, hats and even back belts.

It is advisable to bring an extra pair of prescription glasses and sunglasses.

Total block sun cream is essential as we will be on the Mongolian plateau in full sun at almost 2.500 metres.

A small safe will be available in the Organisation's truck, for small items of value. But please don't bring expensive jewellery it would be too risky. The countries we will be travelling through are very poor. (Average annual salary is 50\$)

## ***MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION***

- Fishermen: bring your fishing rods for the lakes in Mongolia (we are depending on your catch for dinner, if you get nothing, we all get nothing)
- Huntsmen: there's nothing we can do for you, we will be in the land of the Shaman
- Golfers: the country is enormous - bring your XXL clubs!!
- Horse riders: bring your boots you will be able to ride the Mongolian horses
- Photographers: bring your best lenses; you will be able to capture the most wonderful wildlife. Don't forget a waterproof bag for your camera and films etc.
- Filmmakers: bring a good supply of videos and hard discs, to capture the most unique moments
- Music enthusiasts: bring your recording equipment, tzigian evenings and Mongolian choirs are a memory worth keeping
- Meteorite seekers: don't forget your magnets
- Dreamers: just enjoy....

**And most important of all, as our friend Confusicius said:**

"Weight is the enemy of the road", Therefore limit extras to a minimum and don't forget to tie down everything in the cab (driver and co-driver included) – to avoid the risk of flying objects

**THANK YOU.**

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