



Mongolia Tackle Check List

Mongolia is a faraway and remote fishing destination and once you land in Ulaanbaatar you will not have access to any fishing tackle so take tackle that will last and perform no matter what the conditions.

We recommend taking at least two outfits with you – a 5-wt- and 9-wt. However, a 7-wt outfit is also useful for pike.

• Rods

- 5-wt for targeting Amur trout and lenok.
We recommend Sage's X or METHOD series of rods, or the Horizon as more affordable options.
- 7-wt for targeting pike and/or casting big hopper patterns.
- We recommend Sage's X or METHOD series of rods, or the Horizon as more affordable options.
- 9-wt for targeting taimen.
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• Reels

- Choose reels to match/balance your rods. Your reels should have a dependable drag system that will not fail under pressure, particularly when a large taimen is hooked. Do not take inferior Eastern reels to this venue – they will fail you sooner than later and can mean the difference between landing or losing the taimen of a lifetime.
- We recommend Abel's Super Series as the reels of choice for all the species you will encounter, however Sage, Galvan and Ross also make fantastic reels for this environment.

• Lines

• Floating Lines

We prefer the Scientific Anglers' Wavelength GPX lines in weight forward, or the Wavelength Titan taper for larger flies.

• Sink-Tip Lines

Some very large taimen are caught while dredging the deeper pools on the river so it is important to take fast sinking sink-tip lines along on the trip. For some of the deeper areas, we recommend Scientific Angler' Sonar Sink-Tip line.

• Leaders and Tippet

- For lenok and Amur trout, leaders should be 9 feet long and range from 1X – 3X. Tippets should range from 2X – 4X. The water is gin-clear so it is advisable to use fluorocarbon tippets at all times. We recommend using Scientific Anglers' fluorocarbon tippet material for its invisibility and high strength to diameter ratio.
- For the pike, leaders should be 9 feet long and range from 0X – 1X and a selection of tippets ranging from 1X – 2X is required. Please remember that pike require a steel trace.
- For the taimen, leaders should be 9 feet long. Tippets in the 20lb to 30lb breaking strain range are used.

• Waders

You will be float tubing these waters and will be in waders all day. It is important to wear the best quality breathable wader you can afford. The better a wader breathes, the warmer it keeps you. SIMMS is the leader in wader manufacturing and produce waders for all conditions and to fit any budget. We prefer the SIMMS Headwaters GORE-TEX® waders, as they are the most breathable. The SIMMS Freestone waders are a great affordable option. Or you could look at the HORIZON Guide Breathable wader which offer very good bang for the buck.
(DO NOT choose neoprene or PVC waders as they do not breathe and your perspiration will allow the cold to transfer straight through the wader.)



• Clothing

In Mongolia you can expect four seasons in one day. It is important to have a good layered approach to your clothing as temperatures can vary from negatives at first light to mid-to late teens by lunch time. Rain squalls and showers can approach with little or no warning and the wind can blow from dawn to sunset, cutting through your clothing. This, combined with low water temperatures can make for a cold day's fishing if one is not properly geared.

• Layering

The correct approach to layering incorporates garments that work well together and wick moisture away from the skin, while still remaining warm and dry. Use lighter layers on the bottom and work your way to heavier layers on top. SIMMS offer the best garments on the market when it comes to clothing that is designed to go under your waders or protect you from the elements, while still offering freedom of movement and the ability to add or remove layers to remain comfortable all day.

• Feet

SIMMS Liner socks should be your base layer, wicking any moisture off your feet. The liner sock should be covered by a thermal sock to retain heat. We have found the SIMMS Exstream Wading socks to be the warmest socks we have tried.

• Legs

Your fleece layer needs to be body hugging, have good freedom of movement and wick moisture exceptionally well. SIMMS Guide Fleece pants have been our choice since their launch. The SIMMS Wader Wick Fleece pants are a great affordable option. (Do not wear cotton long johns under your waders. Cotton is one of the worst wicking materials available.)

• Upper Body

Your fleece layer needs to be body-hugging, provide good freedom of movement and wick moisture exceptionally well. It is recommended to start with a lightweight, body-hugging shirt, with a technical shirt over that. The SIMMS Core Crew Neck as your first layer or the SIMMS Guide shirt is preferred for its low moisture retention. SIMMS Guide Fleece tops have been our choice since their launch. The SIMMS Wader Wick Fleece top is a great, affordable option. (Do not wear cotton under garments. Cotton is one of the worst wicking materials available.)

• Outer Shell

Having the right shell will provide a good barrier to the elements. A good SIMMS WINDSTOPPER® garment or SIMMS GORE-TEX® rain jacket will keep the wind from cutting through your layers. Although the WINDSTOPPER® garments is not considered a rain jacket, it will handle a fair amount of rain before it penetrates the membrane. Also worth considering are the SIMMS TORAY® jackets.

• Head, Hands and Neck

As much as 30% of your body warmth can be lost through your head! We prefer wearing beanies and caps on the lakes. SIMMS manufacture the warmest headwear we have seen – the GORE-TEX® Exstream cap – which will protect your head from rain, sleet and snow. The SIMMS WINDSTOPPER® beanies and WINDSTOPPER® Flap Caps will also protect you very well. Your hands will get cold if you do not wear gloves. The SIMMS Exstream™ Half Finger gloves are our glove of choice. They have a DWR finish which sheds water exceptionally well. The SIMMS Freestone half finger gloves are an affordable option. The SIMMS WINDSTOPPER® Neck Gaiter is ideal for keeping the wind off your neck.

• Boots

You will be fishing from a drift boat as well as doing some wade fishing where possible. You should wear comfortable boots with Vibram rubber soles. Boots with good ankle support will make your experience much more enjoyable.. SIMMS manufacture a variety of boots that fit the Mongolian conditions very well.





- **Polarised Sunglasses**

Polarised sunglasses are a must as they will cut the surface glare off the water, allowing you to spot fish. They will also protect your eyes from the sun and any errant fly-patterns. SPOTTERS polarized sunglasses are without peer in the marketplace – there are no better sunglasses available.

- **Flies**

All flies are provided by the operator. If you prefer to tie your own flies call the shop and we will give you a rundown of what flies you should consider tying.

- **Other items you will need**

- Vest
- Snips
- Scale
- Sunscreen
- SPF30 lip balm
- Finger guards
- Spare fly-lines
- Camera
- Camera battery charger
- Aloksak (waterproof plastic bag) to keep your camera dry
- Spare camera batteries
- Toiletries
- Casual clothing



Check/Packing List



Rods	5-wt for targeting lenok and Amur trout	
	7-wt for targeting pike and/or casting big hopper patterns	
	9-wt for targeting taimen	
Reels	5-wt	
	7-wt	
	9-wt	
Lines	5-wt floating line	
	7-wt floating line	
	9-wt floating line	
	9-wt sink-tip line	
Leaders/Tippet	9' Leaders – 0X to 3X	
	Fluorocarbon tippet material – 1X - 4X	
	Maxima Ultra Green 20lb	
Waders	Waders	
	Wader Repair Kit	
Clothing	Liner Socks	
	Exstream Wading Sock	
	Fleece Pants	
	Technical Shirts	
	Fleece Top	
	SIMMS GORE-TEX or WINDSTOPPER® Jacket	
	Rain Jacket	
	Beanie	
	Cap/Hat	
	Gloves	
Glasses	Neck Gaiter/Buff	
	Casual Clothing	
Equipment	Polarized Sunglasses	
	Fly Boxes	
	Vest	
	Nipper	
	Forceps	
	Scale	
	Floatant	
	Sunscreen	
	Lip Balm	
	Camera	
	Chargers (phone and camera)	
	Finger Guards	
	Toiletries	

