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EXPLORING MONGOLIA

An Adventurous Luxury Expedition

Designed by Jack Wheeler

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“*Outer Mongolia*” – that’s what it was called as a colony of the Soviet Union when I was first there in 1963. I was 19 years ago with a summer job filming remote places in Asia for a Hollywood stock film company. Almost 30 years later in 2002, I led an overland expedition driving some 2,500 kilometers across Mongolia – it took us over a month as there were no roads, just 4WD tracks. Last year, June 2025, I led it again with a new approach.

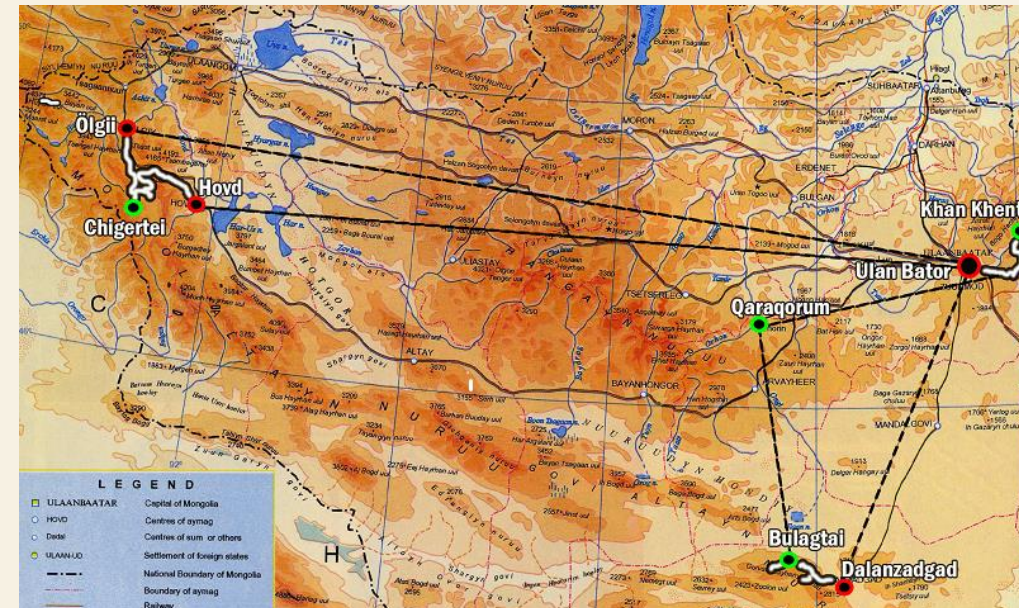
Now we explore Mongolia efficiently by supplementing regular flights with our private chartered planes to land on remote airstrips, to be met by our Land Cruisers that take you to extraordinary places and meet extraordinary people other travelers don’t see. That’s how we experience so much of Mongolia in a short period of time. This is a luxury exploration of Mongolia that is unique to Wheeler Expeditions. You won’t find it anywhere else.

Exploring Mongolia is the dream of anyone with an adventurous spirit. It is not easy to do. Mongolia is enormous – 2½ times the size of Texas and it’s mostly empty. Outside of the capital of Ulaan Bataar and a few towns, the population density is 3 people per square mile, most all of whom are nomads.

That emptiness is of extraordinary beauty and diversity, while the people you meet are marvelously welcoming and hospitable. This is your dream of Exploring Mongolia come true. **Here’s what you’ll experience and how you’ll do it – to remote wonders to camel-back over sand dunes of the Gobi.**

I’m so excited to share this expedition with you.

Blue Skies,
Jack Wheeler



June 18-30-2026-Itinerary, black flying; white driving.

Welcome to Mongolia

Traveling to Mongolia's Capital, Ulaan Bataar

Sandwiched between Russia and China, the easiest way to Ulaan Bataar is Incheon, Seoul, South Korea on Korean Airlines flight KE2041 departing Incheon airport at 08:10am and arriving at 10:50am.

When you arrive, you will be met at the airport and transferred to our hotel, the capital's best, the [5-star Kempinski Hotel](#)

Day 1 – Thursday, June 18, Arrival Day

**All guests should arrive on June 18 for the Welcome Dinner.
The program begins on June 19 at 10am.**

Flights arrive morning, so you have the entire afternoon to rest and recharge.

You may visit the gym or take a swim in the pool. You are free take a stroll or simply relax until tomorrow morning. We'll meet up tomorrow after breakfast to see highlights of the city.



Day 2 - Friday, June 19, Our Expedition Begins Today

All guests be ready to begin on June 19 at 10am.

Today after breakfast we meet in the lobby at 10am to enjoy our city tour -- from the Dinosaur Museum to awe-inspiring shrines of Tibetan-Mongol Buddhism. The capital is the country's only actual city, excellent restaurants, museums, shops and stores.

Your guided walk will take you to Sukhbaatar Square, the main square of the nation. It's flanked by state buildings from the mid-Soviet Era and contains statues of Genghis Khan (seated) and Damdin Sukhbaatar (on horseback).

We'll visit the Chinggis Khan Museum, with original artefacts of the steppe empires across more than 2000 years. Including on three floors of artefacts from the imperial times under Genghis Khan and his son and grandsons in late medieval period. You'll see bows, arrows, saddles, silverware, porcelain from the Yuan (Khubilai Khan) period. There is a new gilded huge state of Genghis Khan on the top floor, since October 2024.

We'll have our dinner at an early hour to get a good night's sleep and be well rested.

Tomorrow, it's goodbye to civilization and off to the real Mongolia.



Day 3, 4, 5 – June 20, 21 & 22 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday

We have an early morning flight to the town of Olgii in westernmost Mongolia near the triple junction with Russian Siberia and Chinese Turkestan.

This is a remote land inhabited predominantly by Kazakh nomads and their herds of sheep, goats, yaks, and two-humped Bactrian camels. We will have our lunch at a local restaurant.



Day 3, 4, 5 – June 20, 21 & 22 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday (continued)

After lunch our land cruisers drive us southeast, through the valley of Chigertei National Park on the China East Turkestan (Xinjiang) border and close to the main ridge of the snow-capped Altai Mountains.

Beautiful scenery at Tolbo Lake with Sair Mountain as a backdrop for our private ger camp at Chigertei Lake. The ger is the traditional portable tents that are home.



Day 3, 4, 5 – June 20, 21 & 22 -Sat, Sun, Mon (continued)

We find our own luxury “glamping” ger camp.
These beautiful gers, with traditional full beds will be home
for three nights – equipped with shower/bathroom.



We'll have a personal chef preparing delicious meals with
beer, wine, open bar. On the right, is our group from 2025.

*(We had wonderful reviews from our travelers last year on
this experience and other aspects of this expedition.)*



Day 3, 4, 5 – June 20, 21 & 22 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday (continued)

The Nomads here are Kazakhs. Kazakh nomads keep their eagles here. These magnificent birds, female Golden Eagles, are captured and trained to hunt foxes from horseback—a tradition honed across Eurasia for millennia. They go eagle hunting on horseback during the winter. We'll see how they care for their animals and learn about their lifestyle.



This is your chance to immerse yourself in the nomadic way of life untouched by the rest of the world. It will be a life memorable experience.



Jack Wheeler with Kazakh Eagle Hunter June 2025



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We'll likely be invited to join them in their ger and talk to understand what life means to them, as our group in June 2025 was.



Day 3, 4, 5 – June 20, 21 & 22 – Saturday, Sunday, Monday (continued)

Two full day excursions to the Ikh Yamaat (Big Goat) Valley, where with luck we can see hundreds of Siberian Ibex (*Capra sibirica*). The Argali Sheep (*Ovis ammon*) is less numerous, but the largest wild sheep in the world. These are prey animals to Snow Leopards (*Panthera uncia*). The Altai Research Institute, and Dr Barry Rosenbaum, has conducted holistic wildlife research here for soon two decades. With luck and telephoto lenses, we'll get some prized photos! And for certain, we'll get good pics of the local nomads' prized yaks.



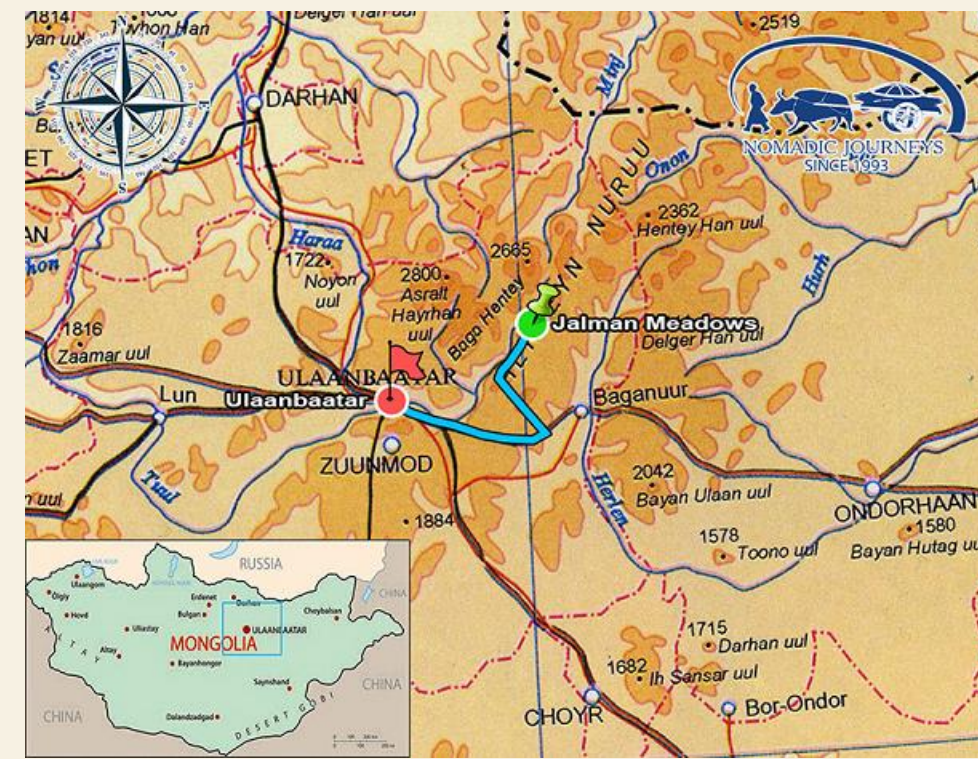
We might also be able to visit locals in Deluun village who craft Kazakh handicrafts in their homes.

Back in camp, we'll enjoy a delicious dinner and open bar like we are the only people in the world. At sunset, we'll celebrate our last night in our private gers.



Day 6 – Tuesday, June 23

This morning we fly east to Ulaan Bataar and then we're off to see an astounding monument, the world's largest equestrian statue portraying a mounted Genghis Khan (Chinggis Khaan as the Mongols spell it). It is gigantic. You'll have your photo with it just like Jack did.



From here we drive 90 minutes up into the Khan Kentii Mountains, sacred to all Mongols as the area where Genghiz Khan was born, as revealed in [*The Secret History of the Mongols*](#), the most authoritative account of Genghiz written shortly after his death in 1227.

Soon we arrive at our private luxury ger camp in time to enjoy the natural setting before dinner.

Day 6 – Tuesday, June 23 (continued)

When we arrive at Jalman Meadows in the Upper Tuul River Valley, the change of landscapes is striking.

We will enter in to the green partly forested boreal forests, which are connected to the Siberian taiga.

We will cross a ridge into the Upper Tuul River Valley until we reach Jalman Meadows.

Yak carts will bring your bags to your private ger. This is a larger camp, built and managed by our Mongolia partner.

This evening our cook will prepare some Mongolia specialties for dinner at camp.

We'll be ready for a good night sleep.



Day 7 – Wednesday, June 24 (continued)

This morning we awaken at Jalman Meadows, surrounded with forests and fields of wildflowers. It's beautiful, green, and inviting.

The Khentii Mountains are covered with larch and birch forests, and rivers flow down broad steppe valleys past wooded and alluvial meadows with broad leaf forests. The strictly protected area was established in December 1993 and covers most of the Khentii wilderness, stretching all the way up to the Russian-Siberian frontier.

During imperial times the area was called “Ikh Khorig”, the “Great Taboo.” Wildlife here were considered sacred. While herdsmen keep their livestock in the southern areas, following a lifestyle essentially unchanged since the time of Genghis Khan, to the north there is only uninhabited wilderness. Although rarely seen, wolves are numerous in the area.

Today is a relaxing day and we'll be ready for it. You may want to take a walk or explore by horseback.

This evening we'll have dinner at camp...and it will still be light and nice enough to eat outside!



Day 7 – Wednesday, June 24 (continued)

To explore the area, it can be on foot, on horseback, or even using the Russian catarafts or inflatable kayaks available at camp to float down the Tuul River.



We take every opportunity to eat outside and enjoy nature while we dine! Perhaps we can have lunch out in the beautiful scene by the river.



Day 7 – Wednesday, June 24 (continued)

There are nomads who live nearby. Some will be packing to migrate to the summer territories. Yet many should be around and we may see them and observe their lifestyle... even meet them if it happens naturally. They will be friendly!

Here's a nomad carrying firewood...



Day 8 – Thursday, June 25

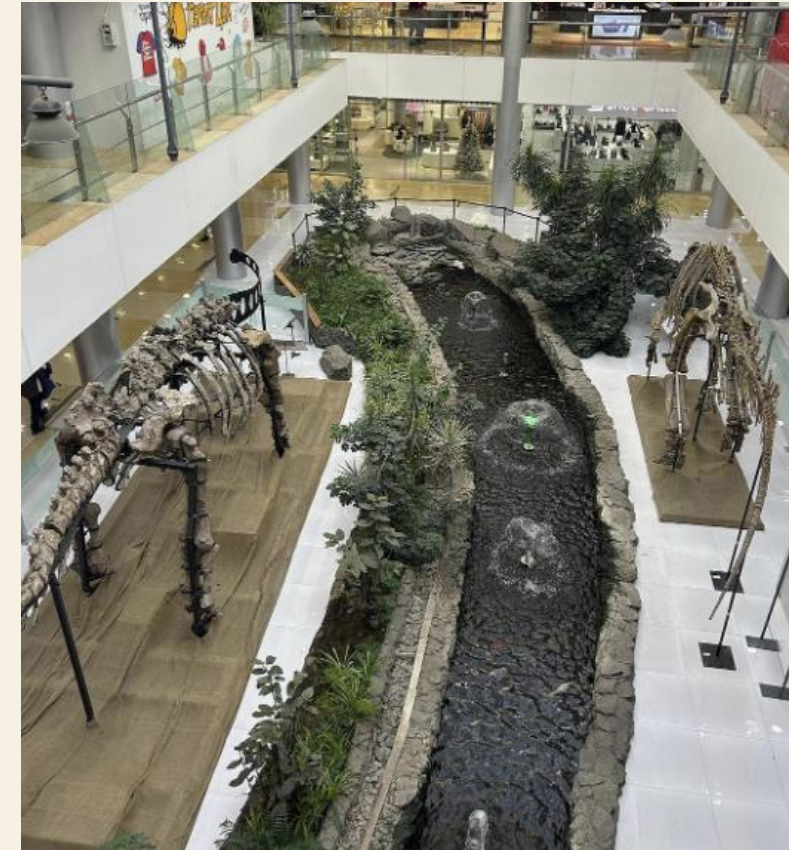
After breakfast we bid goodbye to our camp staff and head toward Ulaan Bataar to luxuriate at the brand-new 5-star [Kubilhai Hotel](#). This hotel is conveniently located nearer to the airport to miss some traffic – and high quality.

We'll be near the airport for our flight early tomorrow, it still has access to the city center. The afternoon is yours to unwind, relax at the spa, exercise at the gym, stroll in the gardens, have a drink at the bar.

One unique option is the Hunuu Shopping Mall is just down the road. It boasts being the only mall in the world with dinosaur bones displayed full time. Think of telling friends at home, “Imagine, *Jurassic Park* at the mall.”

The center courtyard area contains the skeletal remains of three very large Tarbosaurus bataar and a massive long-necked Opisthocoelicaudia dinosaurs. On the second floor there is a small museum in with a large collection of dinosaur bones, some of the highlights are the Protoceratops and Archaeopteryx. Or, of course, you could always shop!

Whatever you decide take it easy and enjoy. Tomorrow morning we fly from UB to Dalanzadgad.



Day 9 – Friday, June 26

Our destination is across the Gobi landscape where we reach the most celebrated, and most expensive, place to stay in all Mongolia, the luxurious Three Camel Lodge.



Day 9 - Friday, June 26 (continued)

We arrive in time for a marvelous lunch, and check in to our elegant private ger.



Or, if you'd like to relax in the lounge...



Day 9 – Friday, June 26 (continued)

You'll experience an ultimate serenity here. The afternoon is yours – go horseback or mountain bike riding, get a Mongol archery or chef's cooking lesson, enjoy one of the many therapeutic treatments at the Arshaan Spa.



Later, we can relax at the Thirsty Camel Bar offering one of the world's finest selection of whiskies and premium spirits (according to Forbes). The mixologist can concoct anything you please. Have fun and enjoy!

We end the day by venturing out to a section of Gobi sand dunes called the Moltsog Els, where, guided by their nomad owners, we'll ride a Bactrian camel across the dunes as they turn to gold and the sky shades into purple.

This is a magical experience you never ever forget.



Day 10 – Saturday, June 27

You may want to rise early to experience the dunes at sunrise, but you'll want a great breakfast at 3 Camels before we embark on today's adventures.

Would you believe there is a *glacier* in the Gobi Desert? Here's Jack and son, Jackson, walking on it in 2002.



In the Gurvan Saikhan mountains there is a gorge so steep and deep the sun shines only during midday during the summer. It's called the Vulture's Mouth, Yolyn Am. The Gobi is the world's northernmost and coldest desert in the world, and at 40 below in the winter, the stream here freezes solid, builds up and rarely melts.

The Vulture's Mouth Glacier can be several meters thick and over a mile long. It almost always lasts at least through July. Walking along it with the rock walls towering straight up thousands of feet above you is unforgettable. This is where we'll be this morning.



Day 10 – Saturday, June 27
(continued)

We return to Three Camels for a sumptuous lunch and enjoy its amenities until late afternoon.

The ancient sandstone where dinosaur eggs were first discovered in the 1920's glows burning red as the sun slides toward the horizon.

You can stroll along the cliff tops or contemplate their history in solitude.

This is the time when the Gobi's most legendary landmark gets its name – the iconic *Flaming Cliffs*.



Day 10 – Saturday, June 27 (continued)

As the sinking sun turns them into fiery glory, the Wheeler Expeditions Flaming Cliffs Bar is open! Extraordinary Travelers Welcome!



Tonight, back at 3 Camels, we bid adieu to the Gobi night sky.

Day 11 - Sunday, June 28

Today, we will fly to Qaraqorum by two chartered Cessna Caravans. The planes will arrive to the remote airstrip near the lodge- We will fly for nearly two hours north to Qaraqorum. On arrival at the grass airfield in Harhorin (Qaraqorum) we will embark on a full-day exploration, a significant site in Mongol history.

Once Qaraqorum played a pivotal role in the history of the Mongol Empire. Though modest in size today, this was the site of Qaraqorum, the empire's second capital during medieval times. Under the reign of Ögödei Khan, the city flourished, drawing craftsmen and merchants from across the vast Mongol Empire—the largest contiguous empire the world has ever known. While these settlers made their homes within the city's walls, the Mongol aristocracy continued to lead their nomadic pastoral lives, ruling from tented courts alongside their livestock and horses.

The glory of Qaraqorum was tragically short-lived. In the 1380s, the city was razed to the ground by invading Ming armies from China, marking the end of its prominence. It nearly became the center of Khubilai Khan's Yuan dynasty, which was based in today's Beijing and Xanadu and established the modern borders of China that endure to this day.

The only thing left of Genghis' capital is the Stone Turtle of Karakorum. Yes, below right, is Jack and Jackson in 2002.



Above is our plane and several in our group of June 2025.



Day 11 - Sunday, June 28

Close by is the huge Erdene Zuu Temple Complex built from the stones of Qaraqorum (Karakorum). It is Mongolia's oldest and most revered Tibetan Buddhist sanctuary. Two centuries after the fall of Qaraqorum, the Erdenezuu Monastery was built on its ruins, utilizing materials from the destroyed city.

This monastery, once the spiritual heart of the region, stands as a testament to the resilience of Mongolian culture. Today, it is once again a functioning monastery, with lamas conducting readings and prayers throughout the morning.



Within its ancient walls, only three of the original temples remain, offering a glimpse into a bygone era as we walk through this historic site, where echoes of the past still resonate.

Inside, there are extraordinary statues of Tibetan Buddhas.



Day 11 – Sunday, June 28 (continued)

After a visit to the new and fascinating Karakorum Museum to see what Genghis' capital actually looked like and lunch in town, we'll venture out along the Orkhon River to visit with Mongol nomads encamped on its banks. Their gers are scattered throughout, so we have our choice.



These nomads (above) were met by Jack Wheeler and Jackson on their monthlong trip in 2002 -- Jackson, right, especially enjoyed the friendly Mongols kids.

At the end of the day, we'll overnight at the charmingly unique Ikh Khorum Hotel.



Day 12 – Monday, June 29

This morning our charter plane takes us back to Ulaan Bataar and we return to luxuriate again at the 5-star [Kubilhai Hotel](#).



After lunch we'll spend the afternoon visiting the nearby Bogd Khan Palace Museum. Bogd Khan (1869-1924) was the last Emperor of Mongolia, and is idolized by Mongols today.

It is the earliest museum in Mongolia, which has a collection of more than 8,600 exhibits,

The collections of the palace museum include unique artifacts relating to the country's political, religious, and artistic history



Day 12 – Monday, June 29

Tonight we have our Farewell Dinner in one of the capital's best restaurants.

We'll celebrate all the extraordinary experiences we've just had, for we will have come to know Mongolia in a very special way.

We have so many memories to treasure of our being in Mongolia.

Tomorrow, June 30, is Departure Day.



Day 13 – Tuesday, June 30 – Departure Day

We check out of the [Kubilhai Hotel](#) for our departure flights.

You will be transferred to the airport at the appropriate time for your flight.

We've arranged for you to have V.I.P. treatment at the airport to give you access to the lounge, and other benefits.

We wish you safe and smooth travels!

Blue Skies,
Jack

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Expedition Details



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All Inclusive per person: \$19,800 (\$6,800 deposit to register; then 2 flexible payments, balance due by April 2, 2026)

Register Here: [Register for Explore Mongolia Expedition - June 18-30, 2026](#)

All Inclusive: Highly experienced expedition leaders and local English-Mongol speaking guide for the duration. The best lodging, authentic, and delicious meals with the group, all group activities and excursions in the itinerary, and accommodations from June 18 -30, (double-occupancy) All transportation during expedition, including private chartered flights (Cessna Grand Caravans), commercial flights, Land Cruisers for overland drives, and airport transfers. Every wilderness ger camp entourage includes a skilled cook and a camp master.

Cost Excludes: International flights. Any meals, services, or activities not with group. Personal items: laundry, alcohol, gratuities. Single supplement outfitter fee: \$2,400 (subject to availability.)

Travel: If you do not have a travel agent, contact us for a recommendation: holiday@wheelerexpeditions.com.

Travel Insurance and Refunds: Full refund of payment on the condition of a fully-paid acceptable replacement for you. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance that allows you to cancel for any reason. A travel agent can assist you with this.

Contact Jack Wheeler jack@wheelerwindsorexpeditions.com **or Rebel Holiday** holiday@wheelerexpeditions.com

Important caveat: Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary above. Due to the nature of adventure travel, and particularly regions such as Mongolia, the itinerary may need to be modified. Participants agree to accept any modification with a cheerful mindset.



Jack Wheeler



Rebel Holiday



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Our Expedition Leadership Team for

EXPLORING MONGOLIA

This exploration combines natural beauty with exotic culture, native peoples, authentic communities, luxury, and adventure. We'll show you an incredible part of the world that few ever have the privilege to see. Join us to experience it!

Dr. Jack Wheeler, has been called the “real life Indiana Jones” by the Wall Street Journal has traveled to all 193 countries on all seven continents. He’s had two parallel careers: one in adventure and exploration with *Wheeler Expeditions*; the other in the field of geopolitics. After receiving his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Southern California, where he lectured on Aristotelian ethics.

His adventures began early. The youngest Eagle Scout in history at age 12, he climbed the Matterhorn at age 14, swam the Hellespont (LIFE Magazine 12/12/60) and lived with Amazon headhunters at 16, hunted a man-eating tiger in Vietnam at 17, and started an export business in Vietnam at 19. He wrote *The Adventurer’s Guide* (New York: Mackay, 1975), described by Merv Griffin as “the definitive book for anyone wishing to lead a more adventurous and exciting life.” He has three “first contacts” with tribes never before contacted by the outside world: a clan of Aushiri in the Amazon, the Wali-ali-fo in New Guinea, and a band of Bushmen in the Kalahari. He retraced Hannibal’s route over the Alps with elephants; led numerous expeditions in Central Asia, China, Tibet, Africa, the Amazon and elsewhere, including 21 expeditions to the North Pole; and has been listed in *The Guinness Book of World Records* for the first free fall sky-dive in history at the North Pole. His company has conducted exclusive expeditions to dozens of countries across the globe for over 35 years.

Jack founded Wheeler Expeditions in 1976, today he and his sons lead bespoke expeditions each year to unusual destinations. The company has conducted exclusive expeditions to dozens of countries across the globe for over 35 years. On a personal note, in the early 80’s he married Ms. Rebel Holiday in St Tropez, France, and these days, Wheeler Expeditions is a family affair. They are delighted to work with their two grown sons also living adventurous lives and leading expeditions: Brandon Holiday Wheeler and Jackson Holiday Wheeler.

Rebel Holiday has traveled to over 90 countries and has co-led expeditions for 3 decades. She has lived in 5 countries and speaks three languages (English, Spanish, and Portuguese.) Professionally, she is involved in business and the arts. Wherever she goes in the world, Rebel is most interested in people and cultures. She is passionate about cuisine and finds the best restaurants, and special activities on trips. She enjoys sharing the beauty of the world.