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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Cannabis is illegal in Mongolia for both recreational and medical use.
- Possession, cultivation, sale, and trafficking are prohibited under national law.
- There is no legal framework for medical cannabis.
- Travelers and tourists are strictly prohibited from bringing cannabis, including CBD, oils, edibles, or hemp-derived products.

Background

Cannabis grows in the wilds of Mongolia and has played a role in traditional Mongolian remedies since the 12th century C.E., with evidence supporting both medical and recreational use.

In modern times, however, cannabis use in Mongolia is relatively rare, largely due to the plant being criminalized and prohibited. Mongolia is also listed as a “transit country” for drug trafficking between Russia and China, a status it historically had, though with less illegality, since the days of the Silk Road.

Moreover, Mongolia has no medical cannabis program, and cannabis legalization is a long way off. Cannabis use is criminal and treated as such rather than as a potential remedy for treating medical conditions.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Consumption: Illegal. Any use can result in criminal charges.
- Possession: Illegal. Can lead to 5 to 8 years imprisonment.
- Sale & Distribution: Severe penalties. Can lead to 10 to 15 years imprisonment.

Traveling to Mongolia with Medical Cannabis

Mongolia does not recognize medical cannabis prescriptions from any country. Bringing cannabis in any form, including oils, edibles, CBD, or hemp-derived products, is illegal. Travelers found with cannabis may face arrest, prosecution, and severe penalties.



Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not carry any cannabis product.
 2. Carry only non-cannabis medications that are legal.
 3. Obtain pharmacy-labeled packaging with valid prescription for all legal medications.
 4. Do not rely on foreign prescriptions for cannabis. The Mongolian authorities do not acknowledge them.
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Practical Tips

- If you are taking other medications, carry them in original packaging with prescriptions and clinic letters, best to verify legality via embassy.
- Speak to your embassy or consulate regarding your medical needs before planning travel.
- Use alternative, legal permitted medicines during your stay in Mongolia.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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