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Shangri-La expands hotel footprint to Mongolia

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Welcome tea at Shangri-La

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Hotel chain Shangri-La is opening its latest property in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, to further cement its roots in Asia.

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This property will be the Hong Kong-based hotel company's first in the country. Shangri-La has developments underway in many Asian and Middle Eastern countries, but this flagship property in Mongolia will give the brand a chance to connect with a new audience.

Reaching new limits

This year Shangri-La will open nine properties. These are in locations such as China, Qatar, India, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The Ulaanbaatar property sits within walking distance from famous sites. The property will host apartments and retail space as well.

Within the property, a 77,500-square-foot sports center with an indoor pool, gym, Jacuzzi and sauna, as well as a Kids Zone will be available for guests.



A suite at Shangri-La Ulaanbaatar

The 290-room hotel will feature suites and regular rooms and a Horizon Club on the top floor for VIP guests. A café, bar, lounge and restaurant will also be on the premises and available for guests.

As Shangri-La expands throughout the world, some of the yet-to-come properties have already been establishing ties with their local communities.

For instance, Shangri-La's Hambantota Resort & Spa has yet to open in Sri Lanka, but it is already making an impact by planning ahead for World Elephant Day in August with a crafty challenge that encourages recycling and reusing discarded materials for art.

To raise awareness of the threats against the survival of wild Asian elephants in Sri Lanka, participants are asked to craft an elephant sculpture entirely from discarded material. The competition will engage local community members with a nationwide cause and build anticipation for the 2016 opening of the hotel ([see story](#)).

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