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BEIJING – ULAANBAATAR – TERELJ NATIONAL PARK – IRKUTSK LAKE BAIKAL – YEKATERINBURG – KAZAN – NIZHNY NOVGOROD – THE GOLDEN RING – MOSCOW

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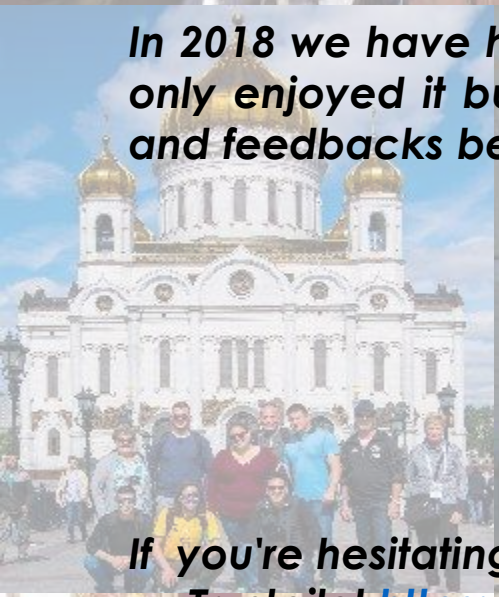
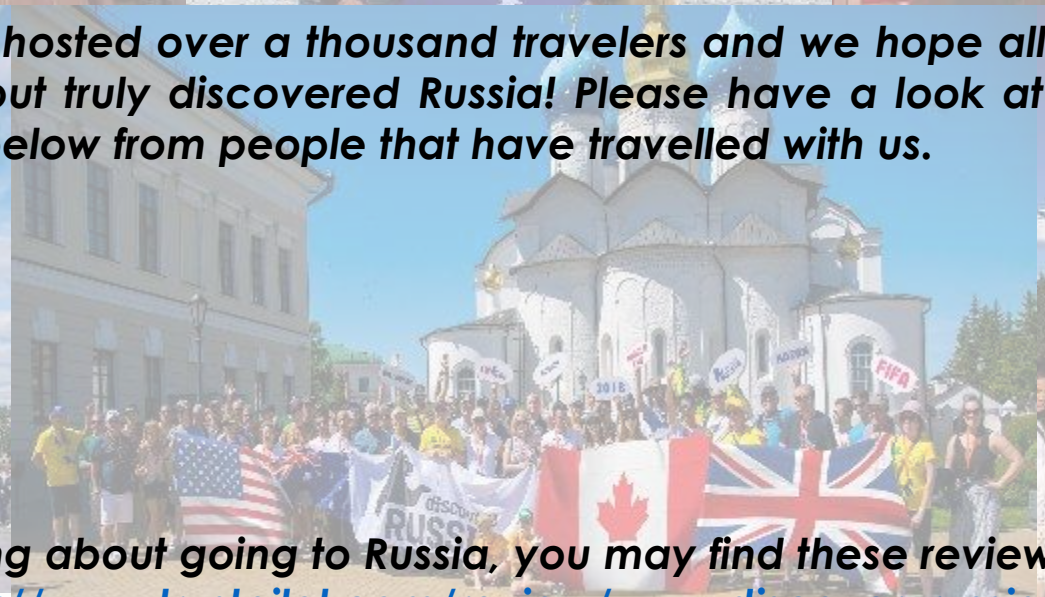

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Itinerary

Day 1-3 — Beijing, China
Day 4 — Beijing - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Day 5-6 — Terelj National Park
Day 7 — Ulaanbaatar - Irkutsk, Russia
Day 8-9 — Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)
Day 10-12 — On board
Day 13 — Yekaterinburg
Day 14 — Yekaterinburg - Kazan
Day 15 — Kazan - Nizhny Novgorod
Day 16 — Nizhny Novgorod
Day 17 — Nizhny Novgorod - Vladimir
Day 18 — Vladimir - Yaroslavl
Day 19 — Yaroslav - Rostov the Great - Suzdal
Day 20 — Suzdal - Moscow
Day 21-22 — Moscow
Day 23 — Departure

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ITINERARY

DAY 1

- *Meet and greet at Beijing airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel and check-in*
- *Evening at leisure*
- *Overnight stay in Beijing*

DAY 2

- *Breakfast*
- *Tiananmen Square with the National Flag Pole*
- *The Monument to the People's Hero*
- *The Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall*
- *The Great Hall of People, and the National Museum*
- *Forbidden City*
- *Temple of Heaven, and the Chinese traditional medicine center*
- *Chinese lunch*
- *Summer Palace, the largest and most beautiful Chinese imperial garden*
- *Overnight stay in Beijing*

DAY 3

- *Breakfast*
- *Ming Tombs - the best-preserved Chinese imperial tombs with 500 years history*
- *Jade Carving Factory*
- *Traditional Chinese lunch*
- *The hike on Badaling Great Wall(Cable car is available and optional)*
- *Overnight stay in Beijing*

ITINERARY

DAY 4

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station*
- *Departure for Ulaanbaatar*

DAY 5

- *Arrival in Ulaanbaatar*
- *Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)*
- *Turtle Rock*
- *Temple of Arya Avalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery*
- *Other Rock Formation: Praying Lama Rock/Old Man reading a Book - in the distance*
- *Dinner*
- *Overnight stay at Terelj National Park*

DAY 6

- *Breakfast*
- *Terelj NP-Explore landscape*
- *Lunch with nomadic family*
- *Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex and Bronze age/13th Century Museum*
- *Transfer to Ulaanbaatar*
- *Zaisan Memorial*
- *Buddha Garden*
- *Tumen Ekh - traditional folklore concert*
- *Dinner at hotel restaurant*
- *Overnight stay in the hotel in Ulaanbaatar*

ITINERARY

DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square
- Lunch
- Transfer to the railway station, departure for Irkutsk

DAY 8

- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- On the way stop near Shaman rock
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

DAY 9

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Baikal Seal Aquarium
- Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car)
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Local souvenir market
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

DAY 10

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Taltsy Museum
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- St. Epiphany Cathedral
- Kirov Square
- Board the train to Yekaterinburg

DAY 11

- On board

DAY 12

- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the railway station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg

ITINERARY

DAY 13

- *Breakfast*
- *City tour*
- *Museum of Minerals*
- *Cathedral on the Blood*
- *Europe-Asia Border*
- *Pyzhma military museum*
- *Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg*

DAY 14

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station*
- *Board the train to Kazan*
- *Departure*
- *Arrival in Kazan*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *Transfer to the hotel and check-in*
- *Overnight stay in Kazan*

DAY 15

- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Kazan*
- *Master class on cooking the national Tatar food*
- *Board the train to Nizhny Novgorod*

DAY 16

- *Arrival in Nizhny Novgorod*
- *Check-in*
- *Guided tour to Gorodets, exploring Central Russia*
- *Overnight stay in Nizhny Novgorod*

DAY 17

- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Nizhny Novgorod*
- *Board high-speed train to Vladimir*
- *Transfer to hotel and check-in*
- *Overnight stay in Vladimir*

DAY 18

- *Breakfast*
- *Vladimir city tour: Dormition Cathedral, Cathedral of St. Dimitriy, Museum of Crystal, Lacquered Miniatures and Embroidery*
- *Lunch*
- *Bogolyubovo city tour: the ruins of Prince Bogolyubsky's castle with its Staircase Tower, the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin and the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl*
- *Transfer to Yaroslavl*
- *Overnight stay in Yaroslavl*

ITINERARY

DAY 19

- Breakfast
- Yaroslavl city tour
- Visiting the Residence of Maslenitsa
- Transfer to Rostov the Great
- Rostov the Great city tour: the Rostov Kremlin
- Master Class on national crafts
- Transfer to Suzdal
- Overnight stay in Suzdal

DAY 20

- Breakfast
- Suzdal city tour: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of St. Euthymius, Museum of wooden architecture)
- Lunch
- Degustation of Medovukha
- Transfer to Moscow
- Transfer to the hotel
- Free time
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 21

- Breakfast
- Moscow Kremlin Tour, including the Armory and Red Square
- Moscow metro tour
- Novodevichy Convent tour
- Sparrow Hills
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 22

- Breakfast
- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Stalin's skyscrapers tour
- The Izmailovo Kremlin
- The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 23

- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for the departure flight

Day 1: Arrival at Beijing

- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Evening at leisure
- Overnight stay in Beijing

What it's like to travel the Trans Mongolian? The ancient way from China to Russia via Mongolia is arguably the most interesting Trans-Siberian route to take. The 7,621 km (4,735 miles) journey takes 6 nights if you do not stop to look around. This train cuts across Mongolia and the Gobi desert, then crosses Siberia arriving at Moscow, where you change to a bullet train if proceeding further to St. Petersburg. Travelling Trans Mongolian, you will see cities, people, villages, famous sightseeing spots and hidden gems, the best of Asia and Europe. Mighty Moscow, treasures of Kazan, natural wonders of Baikal, secrets of Mongolia and splendid Beijing... Trans Mongolian Tour is more than just a train journey. This is the world's most epic train tour, after all!

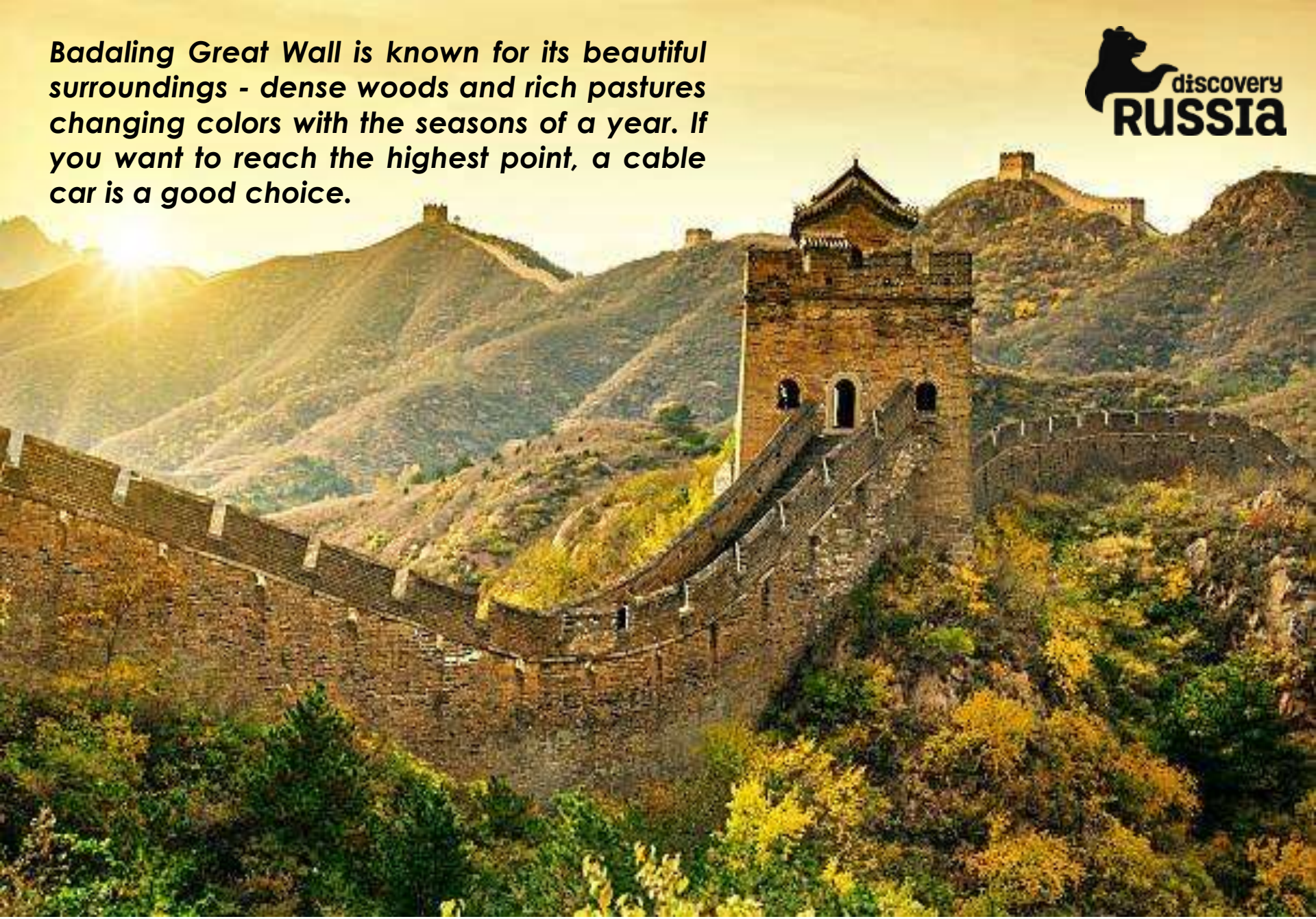
Day 2-3: Discover Beijing

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visiting Tiananmen Square with the National Flag Pole
- The Monument to the People's Hero
- The Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall
- The Great Hall of People
- The National Museum
- Forbidden City
- Temple of Heaven, and the Chinese traditional medicine center
- Summer Palace, the largest and most beautiful Chinese imperial garden
- Overnight stay in Beijing

DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Ming Tombs - the best-preserved Chinese imperial tombs with 500 years history
- Jade Carving Factory
- The hike on Badaling Great Wall
  (Cable car is available and o ptional)
- Overnight stay in Beijing


Badaling Great Wall is known for its beautiful surroundings - dense woods and rich pastures changing colors with the seasons of a year. If you want to reach the highest point, a cable car is a good choice.
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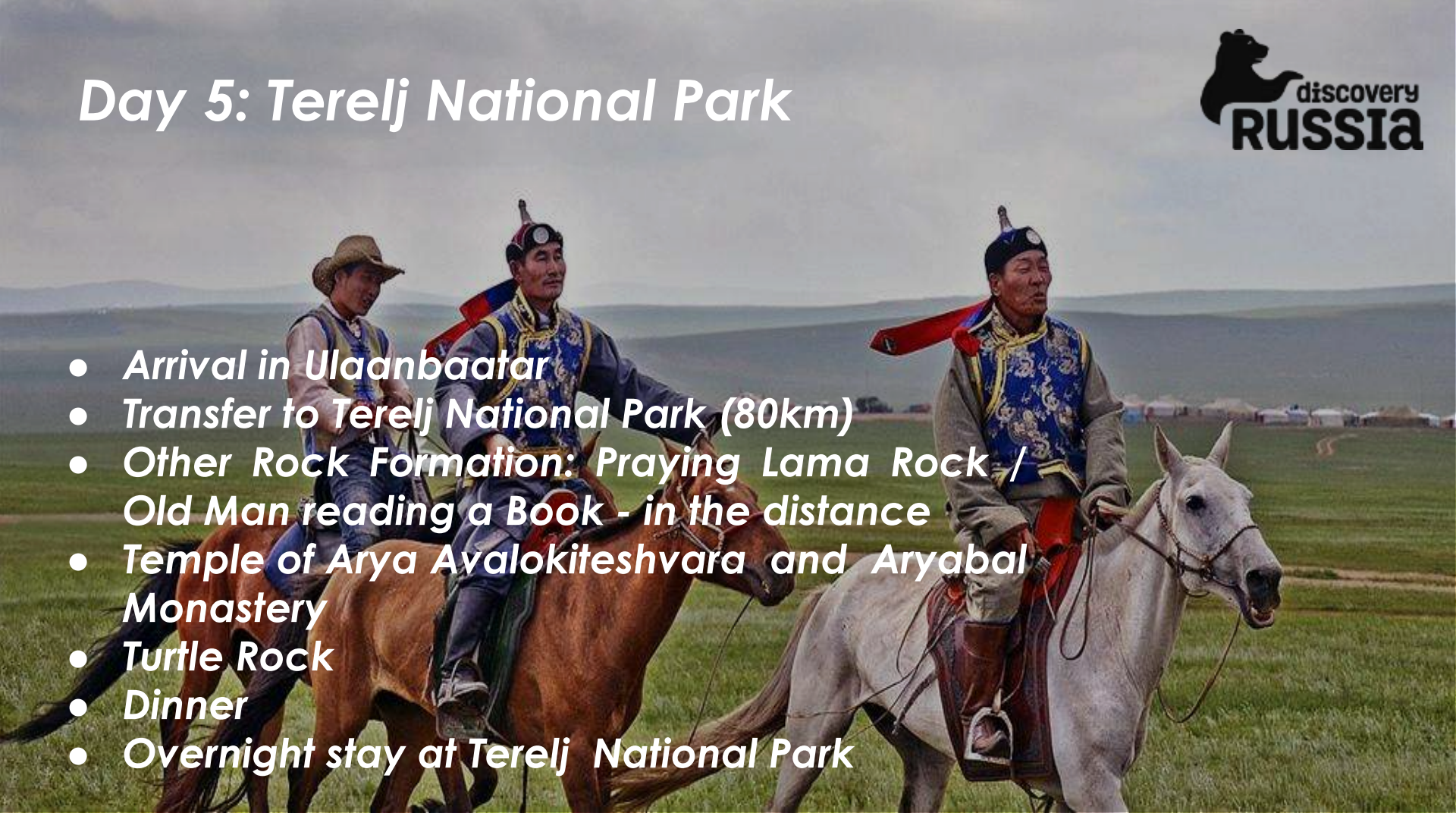
Day 4: Transfer to Ulaanbaatar

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar

Day 5: Terelj National Park



- Arrival in Ulaanbaatar
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Other Rock Formation: Praying Lama Rock / Old Man reading a Book - in the distance
- Temple of Arya Avalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery
- Turtle Rock
- Dinner
- Overnight stay at Terelj National Park

Terelj National Park is the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. Visitors can take leisurely strolls on meadows carpeted with edelweiss and a dazzling variety of other wildflowers, view fascinating rock formations against a backdrop of pine covered mountains and wander along the wooded banks of a mountain stream.

Day 6: Discover Mongolia

- Breakfast
- Terelj NP-Explore landscape
- Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex and Bronz age/13th Century Museum
- Transfer to Ulaanbaatar
- Zaisan Memorial
- Buddha Garden
- Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert
- Dinner at hotel restaurant
- Overnight stay in the hotel in Ulaanbaatar

Day 7: Discover Mongolia

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square
- Transfer to the railway station, departure for Irkutsk

Day 8: Arrival at Irkutsk & Lake Baikal

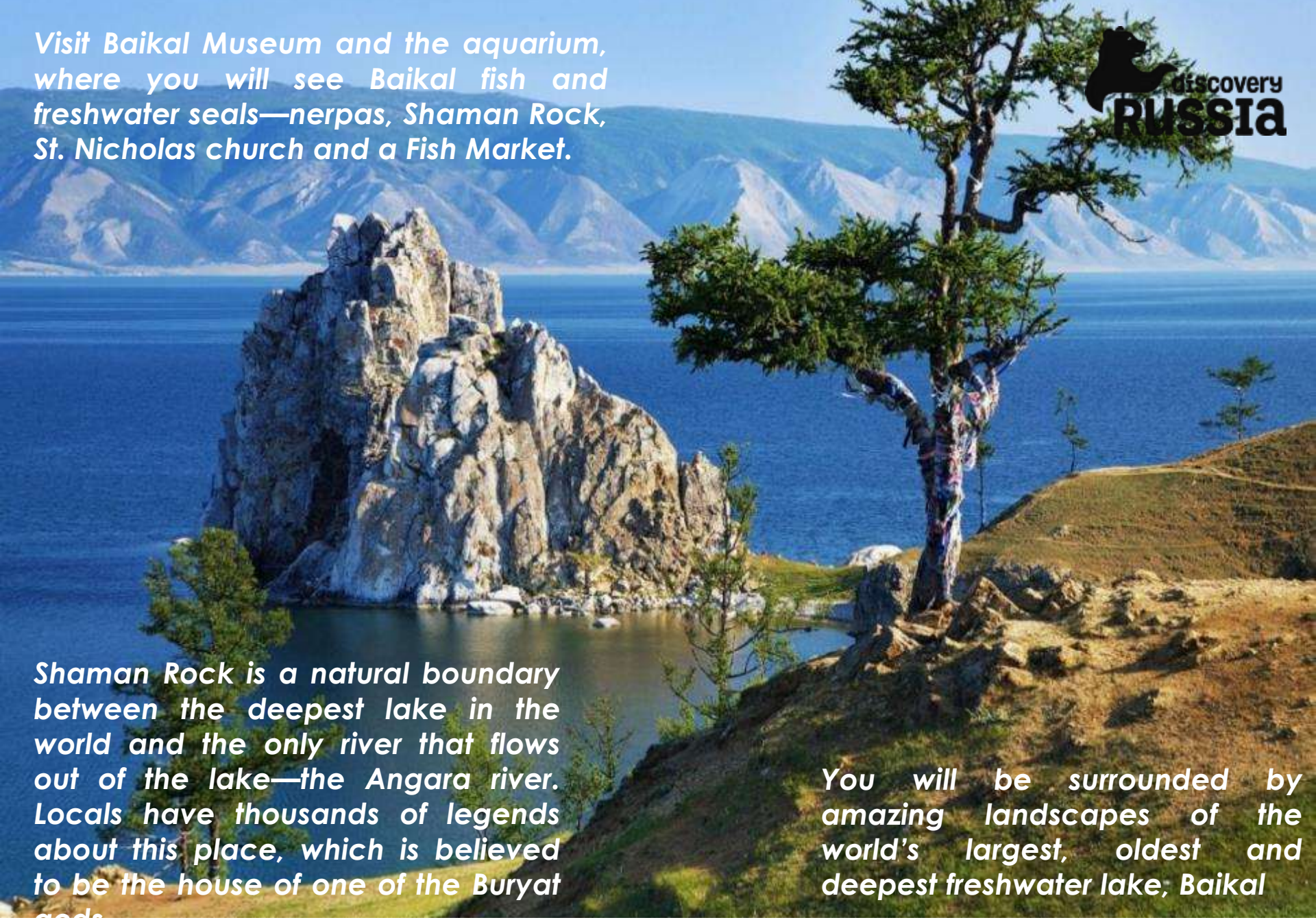
- Arrival at Irkutsk in the morning
- Breakfast
- City tour (St. Epiphany Cathedral
- Kirov Square, wooden architecture,
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Optional evening: Russian banya experience
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

Day 9: Discover Baikal

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology, Shaman Rock & Seal Aquarium
- Chersky Stone observation point & cable car
- Try local Buryat cuisine
- Visit local souvenir market
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

Irkutsk: gate to Lake Baikal

Around 1900, the city was nicknamed the "Paris of Siberia" due to its wide streets and ornate, continental architecture but travelers today will find a little resemblance with Paris. This in official capital of Western Siberia is most known for it amazing wooden architecture.



Visit Baikal Museum and the aquarium, where you will see Baikal fish and freshwater seals—nerpas, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market.

Shaman Rock is a natural boundary between the deepest lake in the world and the only river that flows out of the lake—the Angara river. Locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

You will be surrounded by amazing landscapes of the world's largest, oldest and deepest freshwater lake, Baikal

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Day 10: Taltsy & Irkutsk

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Museum
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- St. Epiphany Cathedral
- Kirov Square
- Board the train to Yekaterinburg

Day 10-11: On board

The day on board.

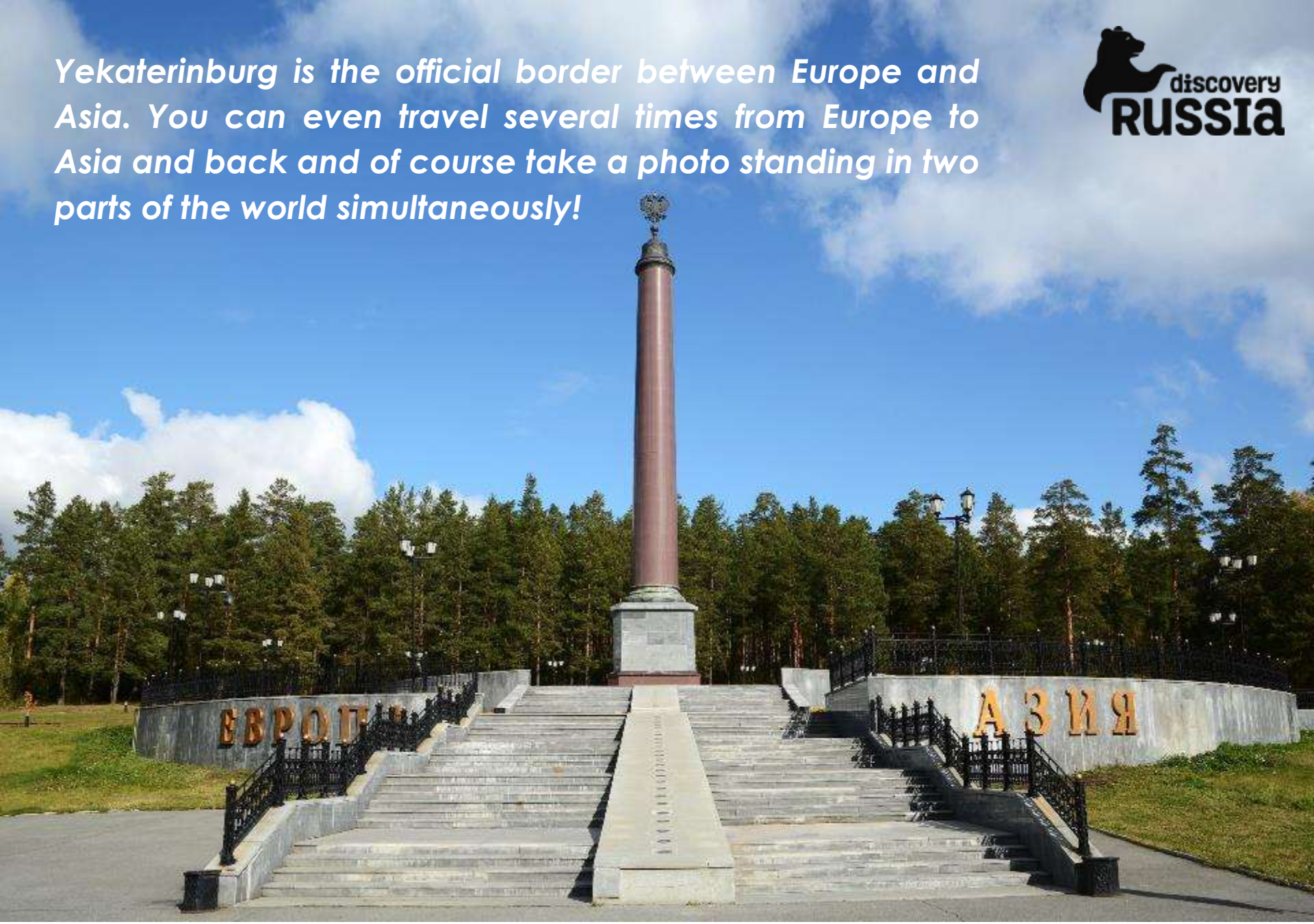
Day 12: Welcome to Yekaterinburg

- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the railway station
- Transfer to hotel and check-in
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg

Day 13: Discover Yekaterinburg

- Breakfast
- Ganina Yama Monastery
- Museum of Minerals
- Church of All Saints
- Europe-Asia Border
- Verzhny Pyzhma open air military museum
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg

Yekaterinburg is the official border between Europe and Asia. You can even travel several times from Europe to Asia and back and of course take a photo standing in two parts of the world simultaneously!



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Day 14: On board to Kazan

- Transfer to the train station to board train to Kazan
- Arrival to Kazan in the evening
- Meet and greet at the railway station
- Transfer to the hotel and heck-in
- Overnight stay in Kazan

Day 15: Discover Kazan

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Kazan
- Master class on cooking the national Tatar food and lunch
- Boarding the train to Nizhny Novgorod

Guided tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kremlin of Kazan. Built by Ivan the Terrible on the ruins of the palace of the Kazan Khanate that he destroyed, the Kremlin of Kazan reflects the ethnic mix of Tatars and Russians, Muslims and Christians, that merged into one nation centuries ago.

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Day 16: Discover Central Russia

- Early arrival in Nizhny Novgorod
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel
- Guaranteed early check-in
- Guided tour to Gorodets, exploring Central Russia
- Overnight stay in Nizhny Novgorod

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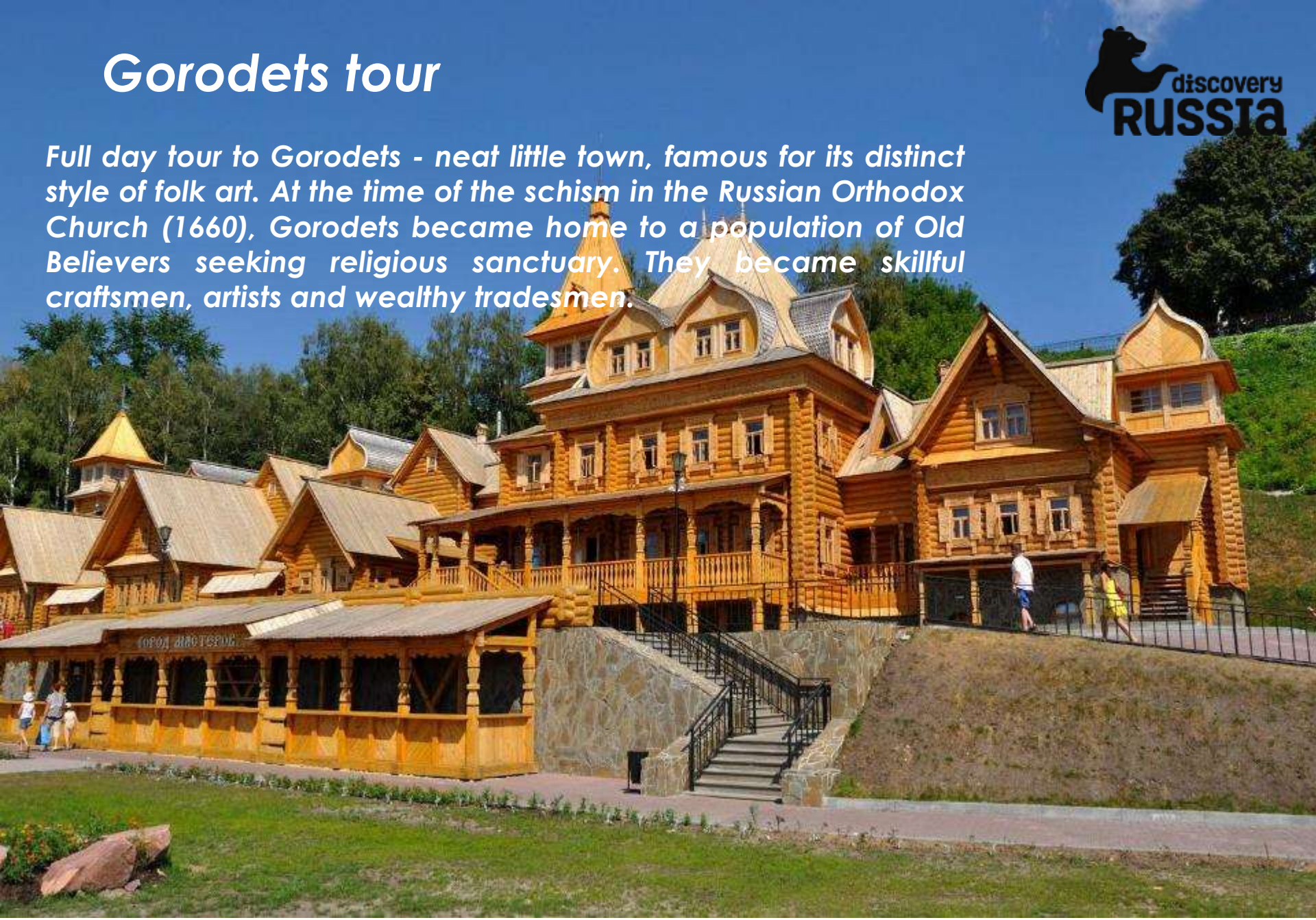
Gorodets tour

Full day tour to Gorodets - neat little town, famous for its distinct style of folk art. At the time of the schism in the Russian Orthodox Church (1660), Gorodets became home to a population of Old Believers seeking religious sanctuary. They became skillful craftsmen, artists and wealthy tradesmen.



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Day 17: Discover Nizhny Novgorod

- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Nizhny Novgorod*
- *Board high-speed train to Vladimir. The trip will take 2 hours.*
- *Transfer to the hotel and check-in*
- *Overnight stay in Vladimir*

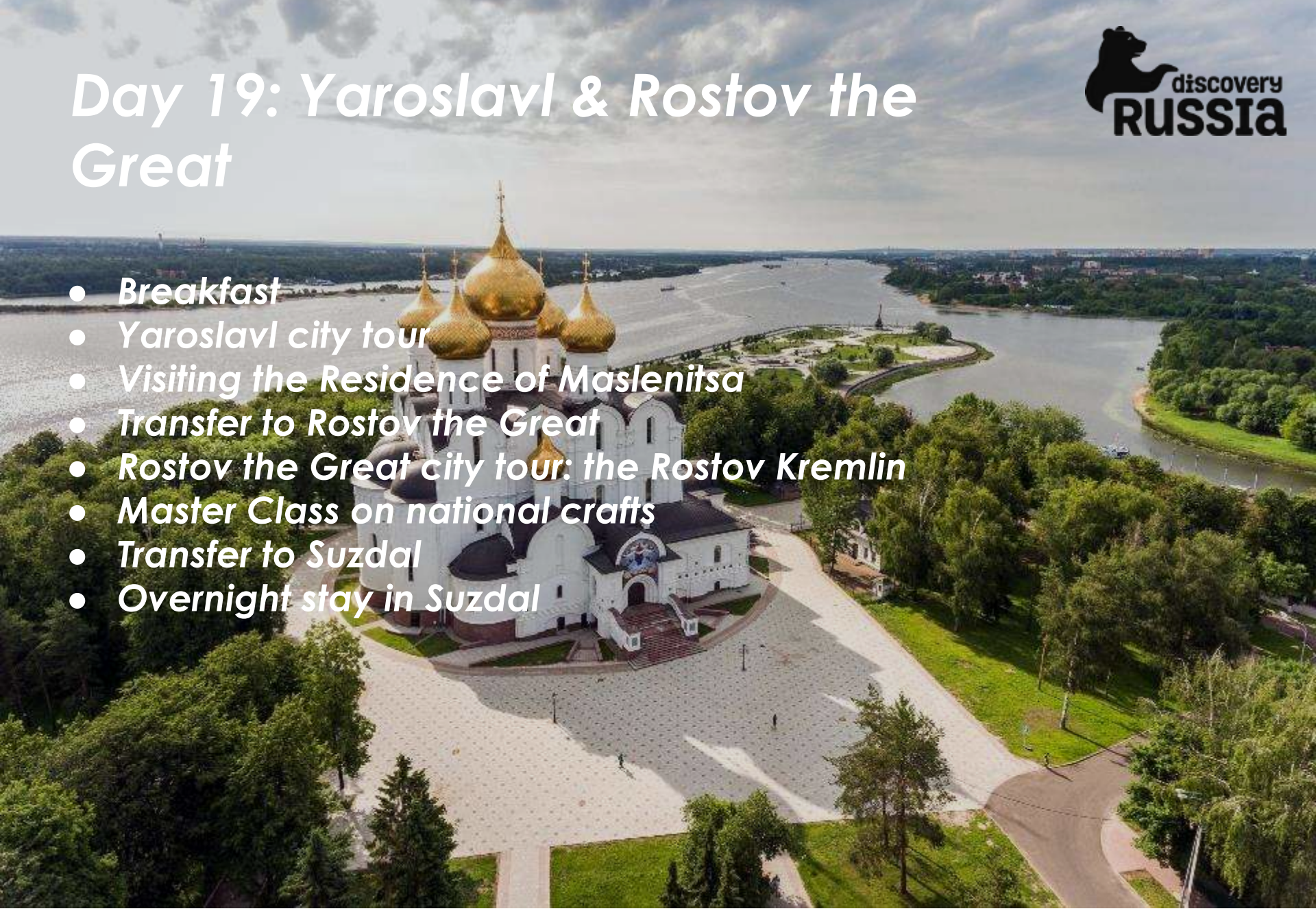
You will get the complete set of Russia's attractions in Nizhny Novgorod: the Kremlin, the State Art Museum with a collection of icons and national crafts dated back to XIV century, wooden architecture on streets and an open-air museum of traditional wooden architecture and cultures, beautiful churches, ancient monasteries, great traditional Russian food and heartily people.

Day 18: Vladimir & Bogolyubovo

- Breakfast
- Vladimir city tour: Dormition Cathedral, Cathedral of St. Dimitriy, Museum of Crystal, Lacquered Miniatures and Embroidery
- Lunch
- Bogolyubovo city tour: the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl
- Transfer to Yaroslavl
- Overnight stay in Yaroslavl

The Assumption Cathedral (famous for Andrey Rublev frescoes), St Demetrius cathedral (outside only), Golden gates and learn the old history of Vladimir, once the capital of Russia.

Day 19: Yaroslavl & Rostov the Great



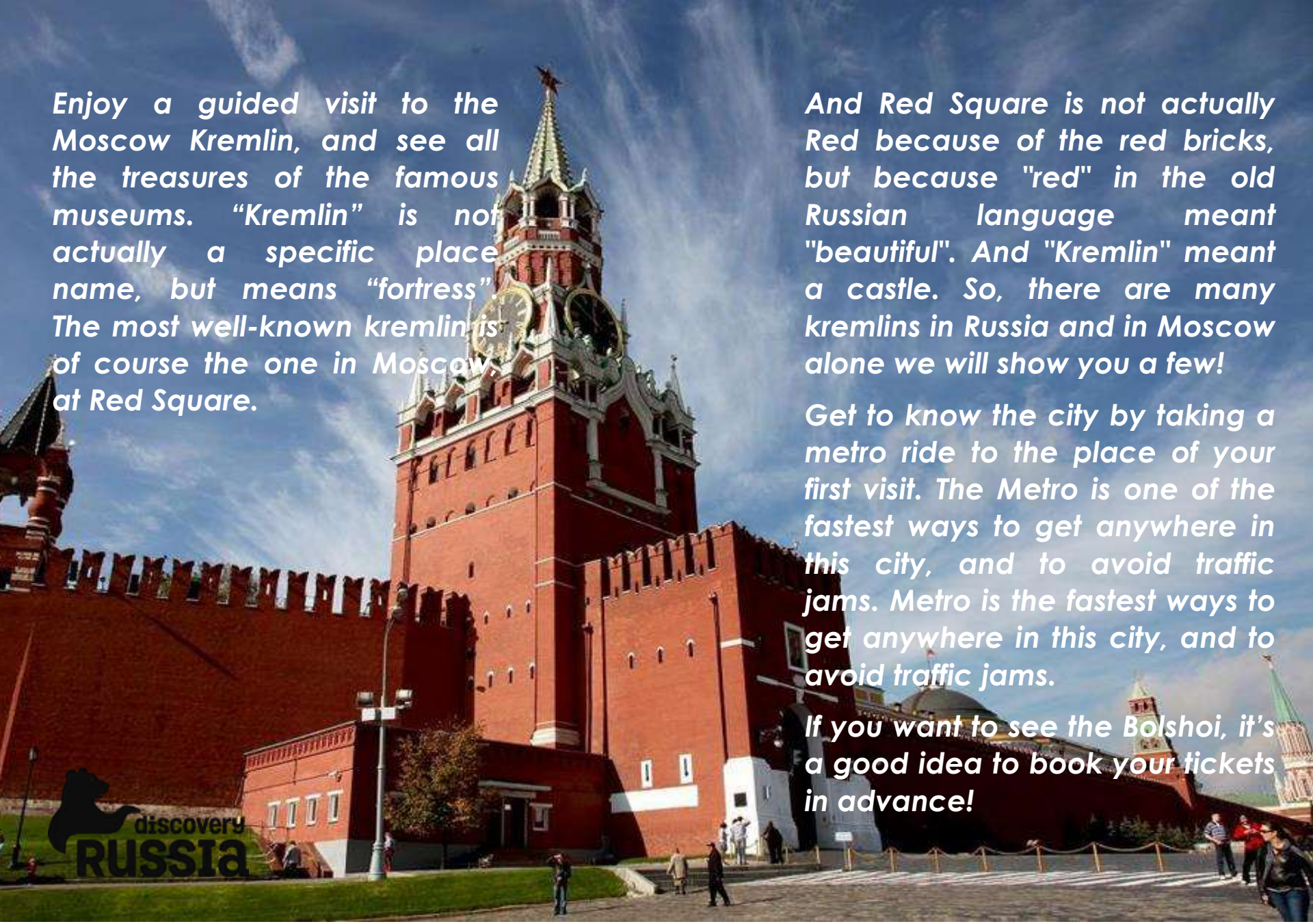
- *Breakfast*
- *Yaroslavl city tour*
- *Visiting the Residence of Maslenitsa*
- *Transfer to Rostov the Great*
- *Rostov the Great city tour: the Rostov Kremlin*
- *Master Class on national crafts*
- *Transfer to Suzdal*
- *Overnight stay in Suzdal*

Day 20: Suzdal

- Breakfast
- Excursion in Suzdal , UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Kremlin, beautiful monasteries and cathedrals
- Lunch with medovukha degustation
- Late evening arrival at Moscow and hotel check-in
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 21: Discover Moscow

- *Breakfast*
- *The Moscow Kremlin tour including the Armory and the Red Square*
- *Moscow Metro tour*
- *Excursion in Novodevichy Convent*
- *Sparrow Hills*
- *Spend evening at famous Arbat street*
- *Overnight stay in Moscow*



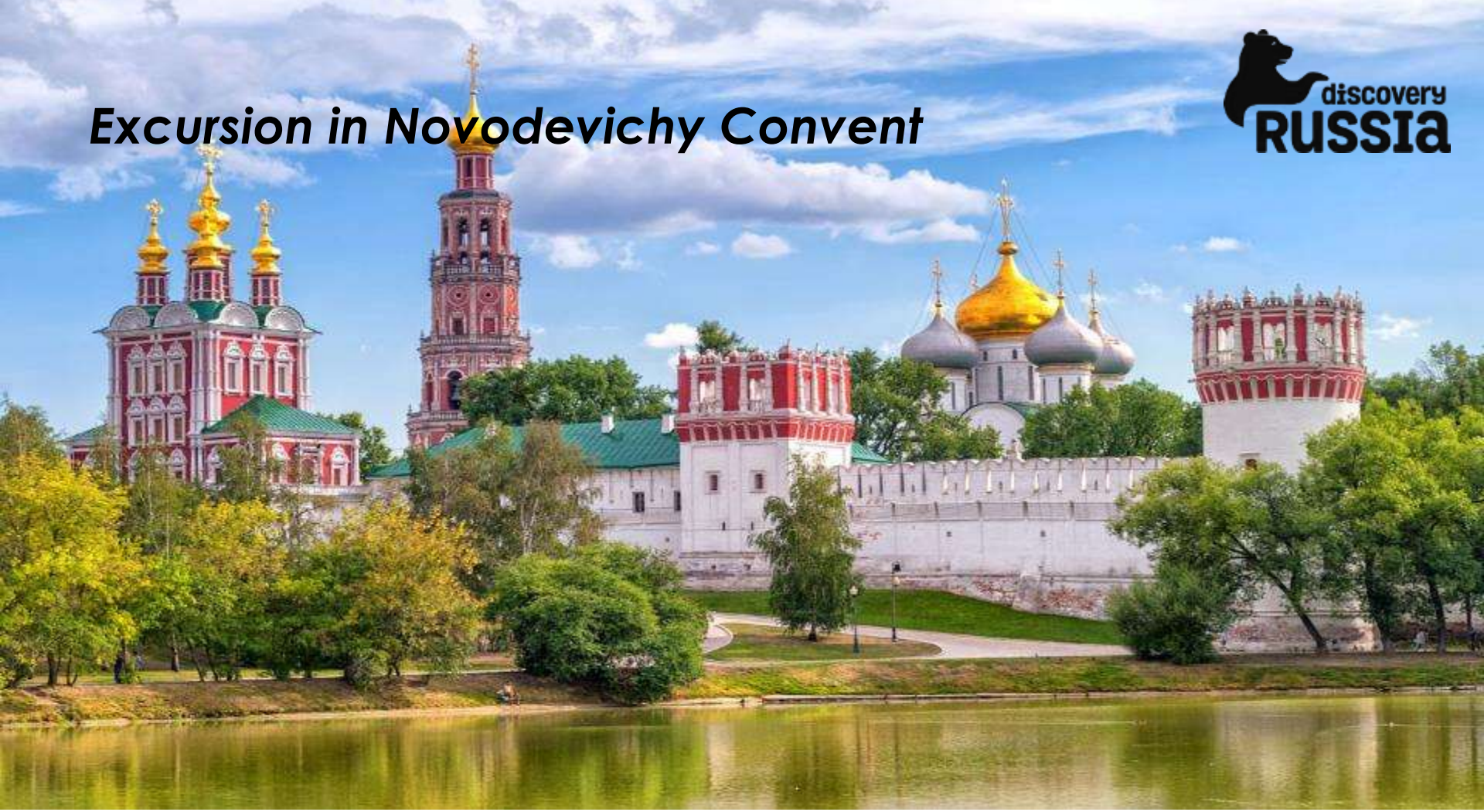
Enjoy a guided visit to the Moscow Kremlin, and see all the treasures of the famous museums. “Kremlin” is not actually a specific place name, but means “fortress”. The most well-known kremlin is of course the one in Moscow, at Red Square.

And Red Square is not actually Red because of the red bricks, but because "red" in the old Russian language meant "beautiful". And "Kremlin" meant a castle. So, there are many kremlins in Russia and in Moscow alone we will show you a few!

Get to know the city by taking a metro ride to the place of your first visit. The Metro is one of the fastest ways to get anywhere in this city, and to avoid traffic jams. Metro is the fastest ways to get anywhere in this city, and to avoid traffic jams.

If you want to see the Bolshoi, it’s a good idea to book your tickets in advance!

Excursion in Novodevichy Convent



Novodevichy Convent, also known as Bogoroditse-Smolensky Monastery is probably the best-known cloister of Moscow. Its name, sometimes translated as the New Maidens' Monastery, was devised to differ from the Old Maidens' Monastery within the Moscow Kremlin. Unlike other Moscow cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century. In 2004, it was proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Moscow Metro tour

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The Moscow Metro was opened in 1935 with one 11-kilometre (6.8 mi) line and 13 stations, it was the first underground railway system in the Soviet Union. As of 2018, the Moscow Metro excluding the Moscow Central Circle and Moscow Monorail has 224 stations (255 with Moscow Central Circle) and its route length is 381 km (237 mi), making it the fifth longest in the world. The system is mostly underground, with the deepest section 84 metres (276 ft) underground at the Park Pobedy station, one of the world's deepest. It's the busiest metro system in Europe, and a tourist attraction in itself.

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DAY 22: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Stalin's skyscrapers tour
- The Izmailovo Kremlin
- The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics
- Overnight stay in Moscow

The VDNKH ("Vystavka Dostizheniy Narodnogo Khozyaystva"—the "All-Russia Exhibition Centre") complex was built to be an exhibition centre of the entire USSR.

Today it is a remarkable place to visit with lots of museums, amazing buildings, the modern art exhibition centre and the Museum of Cosmonautics.

A remarkable feature of Stalin's era are the so-called "Stalin's skyscrapers", each built in different areas of the city, following common principles of design, but all very different from each other. One of them is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, another is a hotel, a third the Moscow State University, etc! Every building has its own story—and its own famous residents.

DAY 23: Farewell

- *Breakfast*
- *Check out from the hotel*
- *Transfer to the airport for departure flight*

Group Tour, 2020

Early bird prices: Book a tour for more than a year in advance for the price of 2019.

Starting dates for 2020: 2 May, 29 August

Group Tour, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 9,435 / 8,345 AUD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 10,395 / 9,310 AUD**

Group Tour, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 6,690 / 5,920 USD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 7,375 / 6,605 USD**

Group Tour, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 5,185 / 4,590 GBP**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 5,715 / 5,120 GBP**

Group Tour, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 9,020 / 7,980 CAD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 9,945 / 8,899 CAD**

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Private Tour, 2 people, 2020

Starting dates for 2020: Flexible

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 11,575 / 10,465 AUD**
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 12,410 / 11,299 AUD**

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 8,215 / 7,425 USD**
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 8,805 / 8,020 USD**

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 6,365 / 5,755 GBP**
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 6,825 / 6,215 GBP**

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 11,075 / 10,010 CAD**
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **- 11,870 / 10,810 CAD**

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

ACCOMMODATION:

- *Hand-picked centrally located hotels:*
  - *3 nights Beijing;*
  - *1 night Ulaanbaatar;*
  - *2 nights Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores;*
  - *2 nights Yekaterinburg;*
  - *1 night Kazan;*
  - *1 night Nizhny Novgorod with early check-in;*
  - *1 night Vladimir;*
  - *1 night Yaroslavl;*
  - *1 night Suzdal;*
  - *3 nights Moscow;*
- *1 night at Terelj National Park in ger camp (yurt);*
- *5 nights on board.*

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

MEALS:

- *Full breakfast in the hotels // Full board in Mongolia;*
- *2 lunches: Lunch after master class on cooking the national Tatar food // Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal // Russian tea ceremony in Nizhny Novgorod*
- *3 lunches on the Golden Ring: lunches in local restaurants in Vladimir and Suzdal, lunch in the Residence of Maslenitsa in Yaroslavl;*
- *Degustation of Medovukha in Suzdal;*
- *Trains have a dining car for your comfort;*
- *Group tours: Welcome dinner.*

TRANSPORTATION:

- *Train tickets of the selected category:*
  - *Beijing—Ulaanbaatar;*
  - *Ulaanbaatar—Irkutsk;*
  - *Irkutsk—Yekaterinburg;*
  - *Yekaterinburg—Kazan;*
  - *Kazan—Nizhny Novgorod;*
  - *Nizhny Novgorod—Vladimir.*
- *Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow;*
- *Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;*
- *Return airport/train station transfers;*
- *Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus.*

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:

TRANSPORTATION:

Note 1: *All 1st Class Train Tickets are Subject to availability.*

Note 2: *Train schedule may change, tickets are subject of availability; in case of the train schedule changes, Discovery Russia will use other trains and rearrange the tour without deterioration of the program.*

SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- *All guided tours as per program:*
  - *Beijing full day (8 hours) guided tour: Tiananmen Square with the National Flag Pole, the Monument to the People's Hero, the Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall, the Great Hall of People, the National Museum, Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven;*
  - *Beijing full day (8 hours) guided tour: Ming Tombs, Jade Carving Factory, the hike on Badaling Great Wall (Cable car is available and optional); // Terelj National Park guided tour; Ulaanbaatar day guided tour: Zaisan Memorial, Buddha Garden;*
  - *Lake Baikal full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Baikal Seal Aquarium, Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car), St. Nicolas Russian Orthodox Church;*
  - *Irkutsk full day (8 hours) guided tour: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, Taltsy Museum;*
  - *Yekaterinburg full day (8 hours) day guided tour: Ganina Yama Monastery, Museum of Minerals, Church of All Saints, Europe-Asia Border, the UMMC military equipment museum;*

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SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- *All guided tours as per program:*
  - *Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kul Sharif Mosque, the Kazan Kremlin, Chak-chak museum;*
  - *Nizhny Novgorod full day (8 hours) guided city tour // Gorodets full day (8 hours) guided city tour;*
  - *The Golden Ring two full day (16 hours) guided tours: Vladimir: the Assumption Cathedral, St Demetrius Cathedral, Golden Gates, Museum of Crystal; Yaroslavl: the Residence of Maslenitsa; Suzdal: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of St. Euthymius;*
  - *The Golden Ring full day (8 hours) guided tour: Rostov the Great: the Rostov Kremlin, master class on national crafts; Bogolyubovo: the Church of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin on the Nerl River;*
  - *Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kremlin, the Armory, St Basil's Cathedral, Novodevichy convent & Sparrow Hills, Moscow metro tour, Arbat street;*
  - *Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Stalin's skyscrapers tour, the Izmailovo Kremlin; the VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics.*

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ENTRANCE TICKETS & VISAS:

- *Entrance tickets to all listed attractions;*
- *Russian visa, Mongolian & Chinese visa letters of invitation (required by the Embassies to grant you the visa) is provided free of charge*

YOUR COMFORT COUNTS:

- *Russian local sim card with data;*
- *24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia;*

GROUP TOUR ADD ONS:

- *Group tours are fully escorted by **bilingual tour director**;*
- *Group size 20 people maximum.*

NOT INCLUDED:

- *International flights*
- *Visa fee*
- *Extras of Personal nature*
- *Lunches and dinners not mentioned*

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TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION

General information

✓ *In fact, there is no train called the 'Trans-Siberian Express', rather there are many trains going daily eastbound and westbound across Russia, connecting to Mongolia and then to China. You will be surprised by the scale of the system connecting together the world's largest country, thus being a bridge between Asia and Europe. You can even continue to Hong Kong, Vietnam or even Japan by a ferry. The entire system works like a Swiss watch!*

✓ *Russian branded trains offer a high standard of service, design, comfort and additional services. Most trains are air-conditioned and have electric heating and TVs. Some also have Internet connections and cable television. Discovery Russia uses the best available trains for each leg of your train journey.*

✓ *Staff is always available to offer passengers hot tea or coffee, make the beds, provide all necessary information en route and hand out periodicals and safety belts to passengers.*

✓ *Each branded train also offers a range of additional paid services.*

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Meals on board

✓ *Branded trains always have a restaurant car with a menu including national dishes and set meals.*

✓ *As you're travelling by train, the menu is limited and sometimes selected positions might not be available daily. Usually, salads and soups are served, main course (steak, schnitzel or fish with rice or potatoes). Typical breakfast includes ham and fried eggs. The restaurant car also have beer, Russian champagne and vodka, chocolate and some snacks. Apart of this, we strongly recommend to try the special Russian on-board tea served in very special Soviet cups. This is a part of your Trans Siberian experience!*

✓ *Passengers with children and people with disabilities may ask the conductor for a waiter and order breakfast, lunch, dinner and other meals from the restaurant with delivery to their compartment. The restaurant car also has special tables for passengers with children and disabled people.*

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*Planning your Trans-Siberian railway holiday, we use the best Russian trains available. There is **1st class, 2-berth compartments, carriage has shower** (2 showers per carriage, shared) and **2nd class, 4-berth compartment**, **no shower**. All passengers get a proper flat berth to sleep in, provided with all necessary bedding, convertible to a seat for day use. There are washrooms and toilets along the corridor.*

1st class car scheme:

- ***You can select the type of food***
- ***An extra meal can be provided***
- ***TV***
- ***Press***
- ***Air conditioning***
- ***Travel set***
- ***Bio toilet***

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2nd class car scheme:

- ***An extra meal can be provided***
- ***Seats/berths for people with disabilities***
- ***Air conditioning***
- ***Bio toilet***

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Beijing

3 Beijing 161 Lama Temple/ Citytel Inn / Beijing 161 LeZaiNanluo Boutique or similar*
4 Shichahai Shadow Art Performance Hotel /Park Plaza Beijing Wangfujing / Sofu Hotel or similar*
5 The Peninsula Beijing /New World Beijing Hotel / Pan Pacific Beijing or similar*

Ulaanbaatar

3 Hotel Nine/ Khuvsgul Lake / Puma Imperial Hotel or similar*
4 Ramada / Novotel / Bishrelt or similar*
5 The Blue Sky / Shangri-La /Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel or similar*

Terelj National Park

4 Terelj Lodge or similar*

Lake Baikal

3 *Krestovaya pad' or similar*
4 *Mayak/Legenda Baikala or similar*

Yekaterinburg

3 *Marins Park Hotel/Chekhov/Tenet or similar*
4 *Onegin/Voznesenskiy/Renome or similar*
5 *Vysotsky or similar*

Kazan

3 *Nogay/Maxim Gorky or similar*
4 *Art Hotel/ Corona or similar*
5 *Korston Royal/Mirazh or similar*

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Nizhny Novgorod

3* *Hampton by Hilton/Marins Park/Ibis or similar*
4* *Azimut/Marriott Courtyard City Center/Gorki or similar*
5* *Sheraton/Kulibin Park Hotel or similar*

Vladimir

3 Vladimir or similar*
4 n/a – deluxe room in 3* is provided*

Suzdal

3 Veliy/Suzdal Inn/Medny Dvor or similar*
4 Pushkarskaya Sloboda/Kremlevsky or similar*

Yaroslavl

3 Volzhskaya Zhemchuzhina/Alesha Popovich or similar*
4 SK Royal/Baccara/Ring Premier or similar*

Moscow

3* *Stoleshnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar*
4* *Peking/Pushkin/Azimut Smolenskaya or similar*
5* *Metropol'*/National/Savoy or similar*

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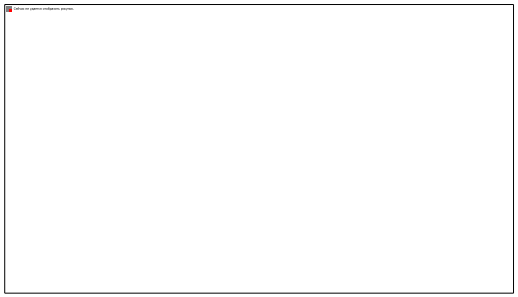

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