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Winter Ice of Lake Baikal – 2021

The packages are available as Small Groups & Private tours

Set group departures: 25 February - 2 March/ 13- 18 March

Irkutsk – Lystvyanka – Olkhon – Irkutsk



What our travelers say



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Day 1: Irkutsk & Taltsy

Arrive Irkutsk in the morning. Drive towards Lake Baikal, first making a stop at Taltsy Open Air Siberian Culture Museum.

The exposition features wooden buildings brought from all over Siberia! Right now, 40 landmarked buildings and 8000 artifacts dated by XVII-XIX centuries are presented as part of the exhibition. Here you will see the traditional folk-show and have a lunch. Your visit includes interactive program with “matryoska” painting master-class, honey degustation, lunch and Russian tea ceremony.

Late afternoon, arrive at the shore of Lake Baikal in the evening. Today, we will have a welcome vodka-tasting.



Breakfast,
Russian lunch.
Vodka tasting



Tour



Baikal hotel



Day 2: Dog sledding & Snowmobiling

Dog sledding is one of the most popular winter sports at Baikal. This is an exciting and fascinating winter entertainment. Frosty day, the wood, scintillating snow and you with a team of Baikal huskies, unforgettable impressions are guaranteed! Hot lunch will be served in taiga.

Apart of huskies, we have 2 hours snowmobile adventure (35-40 km ride) planned for today. There will be 2 persons per one snowmobile to change en-route.

Late evening, we return to Listyvanka.

Optional Russian banya experience.



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**Breakfast,
Lunch**



**Snowmobile and
dogsledding tour**



**Listvyanka
hotel**



Day 3: Olkhon Island

Transfer to Olkhon Island by special hovercrafts will take 6-7 hours. Packed lunch. We will pass famous Peschanaya bay and visit white marble rock Sagan-Zaba, famous for rock painting (2nd millenium BC) .

Hovercraft boat is the best way to experience Winter Ice of Lake Baikal. It is safe and secure.

After settling in our comfy local guest house, take a tour to Shamanka Rock, where the Baikal ruler lives according to local beliefs. Explore the Khuzir settlement, making photos of ice caves and grottoes.



**Breakfast, packed
lunch, dinner**



Tour



**Olkhon guest
house**



Hovercrafts



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Day 4. The Journey goes on

Set out for a full day guided tour to the south of Olkhon island. We also visit the island of Ogoy where Buddhists' Enlightenment Stupa with various Buddhist relics, and a bronze statue of the dakini Troma Nagmo, the mother of all Buddhas in Tibetan Buddhism.

Then, we will travel to Cape Khorgoy to see its 185 meters long ancient Kurykan protective wall. As we travel the icy surface of Baikal, you will see how local use the benefits of the nature to arrange their daily routine and how useful the ice can be! Packed lunch today.



**Breakfast, lunch,
dinner**



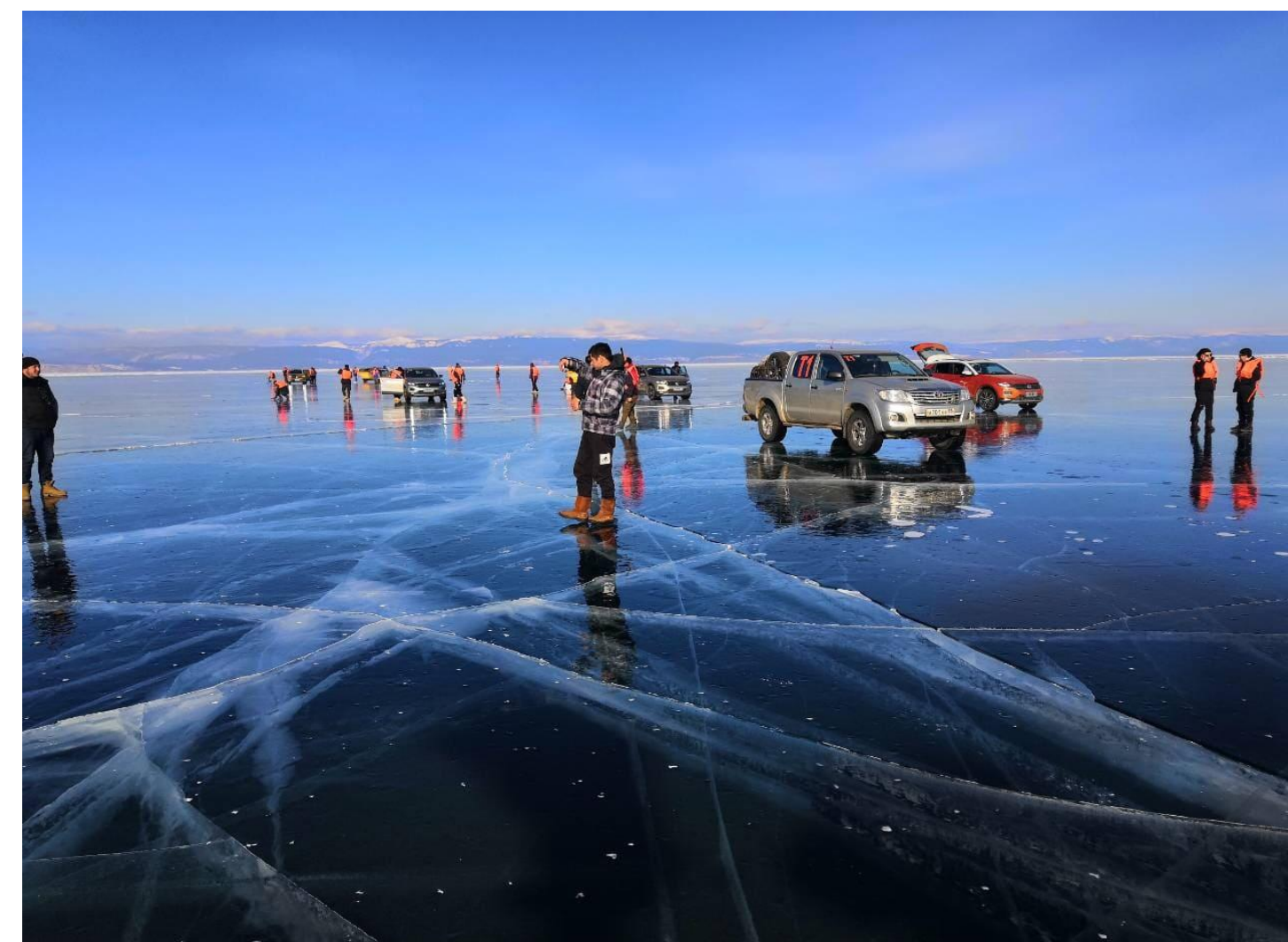
Tour



**Olkhon island
guest house**



Special winter vans



Day 5 : More whites

Morning departure by an off-road vehicle (UAZ) to the northern extremity of the island, Cape Khoboy.

We will make stops at the most interesting places on the way, exploring of ice caves and grottoes.

Ice picnic. Return to the hotel late afternoon.



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Breakfast, lunch,
dinner



Olkhon guest
house



Special winter vans

Day 6: Olkhon- Irkutsk

We start our return to Irkutsk by travelling to The Small Sea (about 1 hour drive) which is actually the straight. Explore another picturesque area and proceed to Irkutsk (3,5 hours). We will also briefly visit Buryat villages en-route and have local lunch.

Irkutsk city tour. The city was founded in the middle of the XVII century. The town is famous for its wooden houses and wooden lace perfectly preserved. In fact, the Irkutsk historic centre is one huge open air museum! Irkutsk is located on the banks of the mighty Angara river and was once used as a place of exile for revolutionary noble men from St. Petersburg and Moscow, for their participation in riots or civil disobedience. The biggest in Irkutsk' history new arrival happened after the famous Decemberists riot against the Tsar in December 1825 where some of high-profile rebels ended up travelling to Siberia with wives and families. Decemberists aimed to eliminate the monarchy in Russia.



Optionally, overnight in Irkutsk and depart in the morning



**Breakfast,
traditional Buryat
lunch**



Tour



Irkutsk hotel



Transfer

Dates & Rates RUB per person in twin/double room *

25 Feb with van ice crossing

	 Irkutsk city Hotel 3*+ Baikal hotel Olkhon guesthouse	 Irkutsk city hotel 4*+ Baikal hotel, deluxe room Olkhon 3+* hotel
Group package	125 000	135 000
Single supplement	27 000	34 500
Private tour (2 ppl to go)	175 000	190 000

Dates & Rates RUB per person in twin/double room *

13 March with Hivus hoverboat

	 Irkutsk city Hotel 3*+ Baikal hotel Olkhon guesthouse	 Irkutsk city hotel 4*+ Baikal hotel, deluxe room Olkhon 3+* hotel
Group package	139 000	149 000
Single supplement	27 000	34 500
Private tour (2 ppl to go)	220 000	235 000

Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels:

- 2 nights Listvyanka (Baikal)
- 3 nights (Olkhon Island)

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

TRANSPORTATION

- All land transfers as per program
- Hivus ice crossing Listvyanka-Olkhon (6 pax per boat), one way, *13 March departure only
- Return airport transfers

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)
- 6 lunches, 3 dinners
- Vodka tasting, Russian honey degustation & tea ceremony

SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES

Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day tour: dog sledding (2 hours), snow mobile tour (3 hours, 2 people per van)
- Guided tour to Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum
- 3 full day touring around Olkhon Island
- Irkutsk half-day (4 hours) guided tour: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, visit to Museum of Decembrists or Angara museum
- Snowmobile tour 2 hours
- Husky dogs sleigh tour

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Porters
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned
- Travel insurance

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OPTIONAL PRE-TOUR EXTENSION: THE TRANS – SIBERIAN

Day 1: Arrive Vladivostok

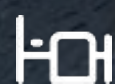
Welcome to the capital of Primorye!

Vladivostok is one of the most picturesque and interesting cities in the Russian Far East, a mysterious entity saturated with sea salt and wind. It is a Russian city, but is it Asian or European? Is it the centre of a new world, or is it an ambitious world's end? It is a city that lets you go, but never lets you forget... Every traveller finds his own meaning in what connects him with Vladivostok. You need to try it all to discover your own connection.

Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the cosy hotel in downtown.

Evening free at leisure.

Your train tickets will be delivered to your hotel in advance.



Vladivostok
hotel



Private transfer
airport - hotel

Day 2: Discover Vladivostok

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in Vladivostok.

Vladivostok started to grow with the Trans-Siberian when the construction commenced in 189. Amazing landscapes, the ocean, historical sightseeing, naval base, active marine sports, seafood - everyone will find something appealing here, at the eastern side of Russia.

Today you will visit all major highlights: harbour, Submarine S-56, view point Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Russky Island.

One of the highlights of the tour is of course Golden Bridge, an astonishing cable-stayed bridge across the Zolotoy Rog (Golden Horn). It is considered the world's 12th longest cable-stayed bridge.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Ulan-Ude.



Breakfast



Tour



**On board
the train**



**Train Vladivostok -
Ulan-Ude**





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Day 3: On board

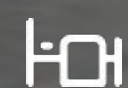
The Russian Far East is extraordinarily far from Russia's major population centres in Europe and is usually visited separately unless... by the Trans-Siberian Railway of course. The largest city in the region, Vladivostok, is a full seven time zones away from Moscow, with 9,300 km of railroad between them.

The first leg of your journey will last two days.

NB: our professional guides will assist at every train station with stocking necessary snacks before each leg of the train ride and use our Trans-Siberian Manuals to pack properly. You will find it to be pretty comfortable journey.



None today



**On board
the train**



**Train
Vladivostok - Ulan-Ude**



Day 4: On board

Train ride continues. A long train journey is a fine opportunity to relax and calm down. Read your favourite book, talk to fellow travellers and enjoy unique landscapes.

Planning your Trans Siberian and Trans Mongolian railway holidays, we use the best Russian trains available. There is 1st class, 2-berth compartments and 2nd class, 4-berth compartment. 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.

And here is more. The Trans Siberian is the best way to make new friends. Safe ride!



Day 5: Ulan-Ude Tour, Buryatia

Early arrival at Ulan-Ude. Your driver will be waiting at the train station to take you to the cosy hotel in downtown. Guaranteed early check-in.

After breakfast, start the guided city tour. Today you visit Atsagatski Datsan, famous Lenin's head monument, and Old town.

The Buryats practice Tibetan Buddhism but, along with all other religions, this was suppressed under communism. All of the Datsans (monasteries) were destroyed and the monks sent off to the Gulags. Now they are being rebuilt. They are not as big and grand as those in Tibet, somehow they have a more homely, approachable feel to them.

The main sight of Ulan-Ude is Lenin's head monument. Every tourist who is interested in unusual monuments and amazing architecture should see this 7,7 meters-high bronze head of Vladimir Lenin. This monument is the largest head sculpture in the world.



Day 6: Old believers & Datsan

Unique samples of old Buryat art, as thangkas, sculptures, ritual objects are gathered and preserved at the Ivolginsky datsan. We start the day here. Among the monastery's treasures, there is a collection of old Buddhist manuscripts written in the Tibetan language on natural silk, and a greenhouse with a sacred Bodhi tree.

Proceed to Old Believers village. The Old Believers are Orthodox Christians, who maintain traditional religious way of life and follow very old religious rules. They separated from the official Russian Orthodox Church as a protest against church reforms introduced between 1652 and 1666. Saving their lives, Old Believers had to run away to Siberia and the Far East. Another name of these people — Semeyskie or Family People — was given because they moved to Siberia with their big families. These special people keep the traditions of their ancestors, many do not recognize modern technologies, medicine and internet.

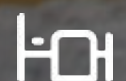
Late evening boarding the train to Irkutsk. **The next morning, join the Winter Ice Tour in Irkutsk.**



Breakfast



Tour



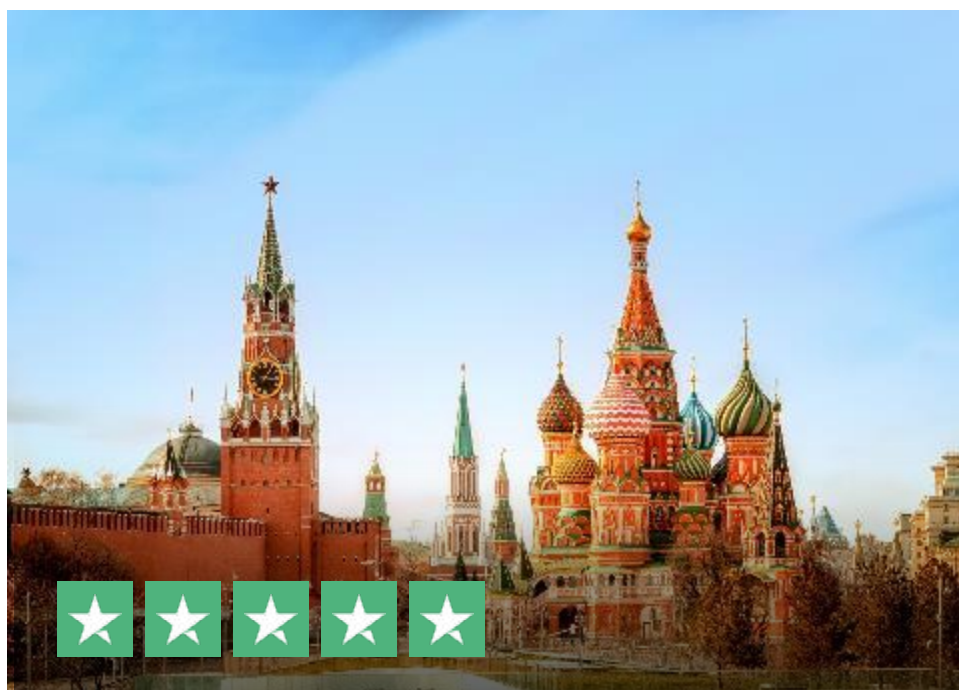
**On board
the train**



**Train
Ulan-Ude - Irkutsk**

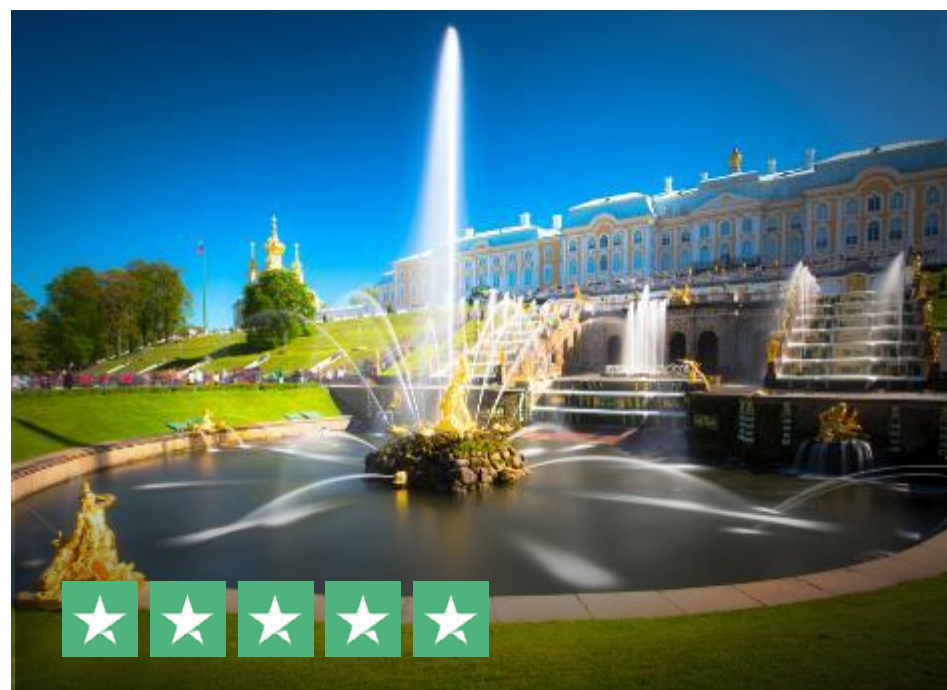


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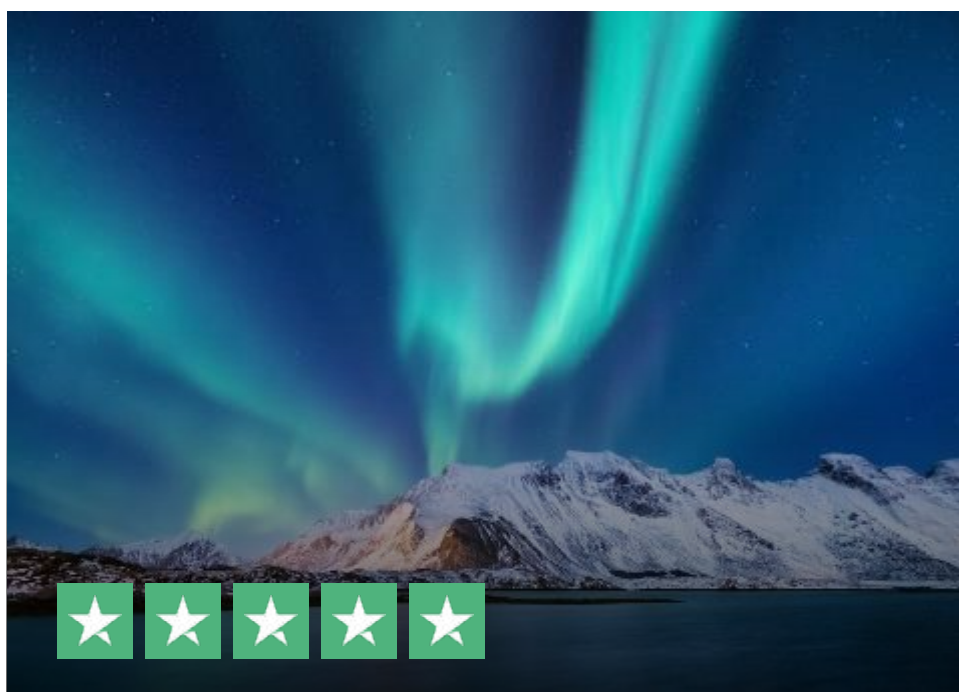
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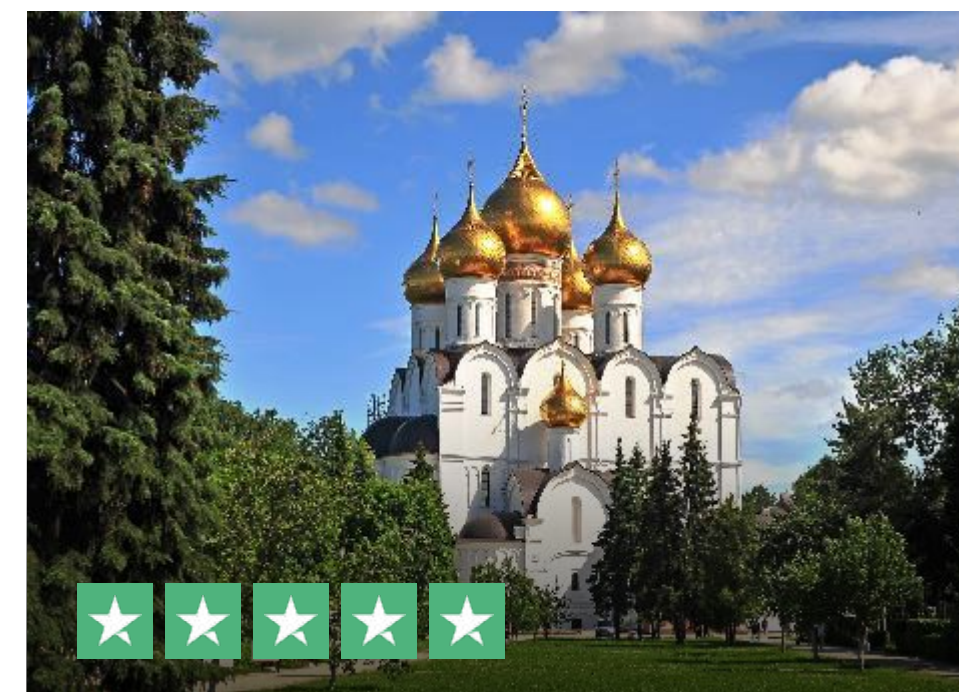
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