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Trans Mongolian Eastbound Summer 2020

Moscow to Beijing

17 Days

4 June — 20 June 2020 6 August — 22 August 2020 20 August - 05 September 2020 6 October — 22 October 2020

This package is available either Group Tour (scheduled departures) or Private Tour (flexible dates)

MOSCOW — KAZAN — YEKATERINBURG — IRKUTSK / LAKE BAIKAL — ULAANBAATAR — TERELJ NATIONAL PARK — BEIJING



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- Australian-owned company
- Over 10 years experience in Russia

24/7 support









Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visas: easy to obtain



How to obtain Visa in an easy way: Step by Step Guide

- 1. Book your tour with Discovery Russia, get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals
- 2. Fill in Visa Application form
- Apply to the Embassy or Visa Center personally or send Application, passport, photo to the Embassy or Visa Center by mail
- 4. Obtain your visa in the Embassy, Visa Center or by mail

Itinerary

Novosibirsk







Gobi Desert



Ulaanbaatar

Erlian

Beijing



Day 2-3 — Moscow tours

Day 4 — Free time in Moscow, on board to Kazan

Day 5 — Kazan tour

Day 6 — Kazan-Yekaterinburg on board

Day 7 — Yekaterinburg tour

Day 8-9 — Yekaterinburg-Irkutsk on board

Day 10-11 — Irkutsk // Lake Baikal tours

Day 12 — Irkutsk-Ulaanbaatar on board

Day 13 — Ulaanbaatar-Terelj National Park tours

Day 14 — Ulaanbaatar tour

Day 15 — Ulaanbaatar-Beijing on board

Day 16 — Arrival in Beijing

Day 17 — Departure

<u>Itinerary</u>



DAY 1

- Arrival in Moscow
- Meet & greet at the airport
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Group tour: Welcome dinner
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Day at leisure
- Transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Kazan in the evening

DAY 2

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

DAY 5

- Arrival in Kazan
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel & guaranteed early check in
- Kazan Kremlin
- Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Chak-Chak museum
- Old Tatar village
- Tatar cooking master-class & Degustation
- Overnight stay in Kazan

DAY 3

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

DAY 6

- Early check-out and transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Yekaterinburg in the morning
- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg

Itinerary



DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Romanov's assassination place & Church
- Museum of Semi precious stones and stone carving
- Europe-Asia border
- Pyzhma open-air military museum
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg

DAY8

- Check-out from the hotel
- Transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Irkutsk

DAY 9

On board

DAY 10

- Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning
- Breakfast
- Guided city tour in Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine
- Visiting Taltsy Museum
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

DAY 11

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car)
- St. Nicholas Russian
 Orthodox Church
- Local souvenir market
- Optional Russian banya
- Optional Lake Baikal boat cruise
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

DAY 12

- Early departure from Listvyanka
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Boarding train to Ulaanbaatar

Itinerary



DAY 13

- Arrival in Ulaanbaatar in the morning
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Turtle Rock
- Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara 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 14

- Breakfast
- Terelj NP-Explore landscape
- Lunch with nomadic family
- Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex and Bronz age/13th Century Museum
- Transfer to Ulan Bator
- Zaisan Memorial
- Buddha Garden
- evening 6 pm-Tumen Ekhtraditional folklore concert
- Dinner at hotel restaurant
- Overnight stay in Ulaanbaatar

DAY 15

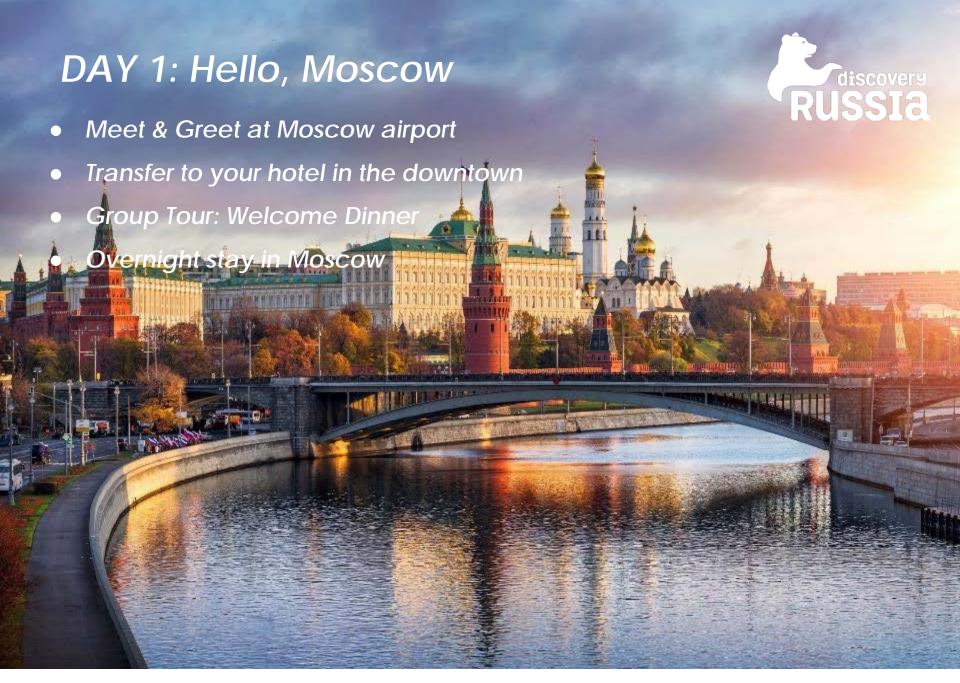
- Breakfast
- Transfer to the train station, board the train to Beijing

DAY 16

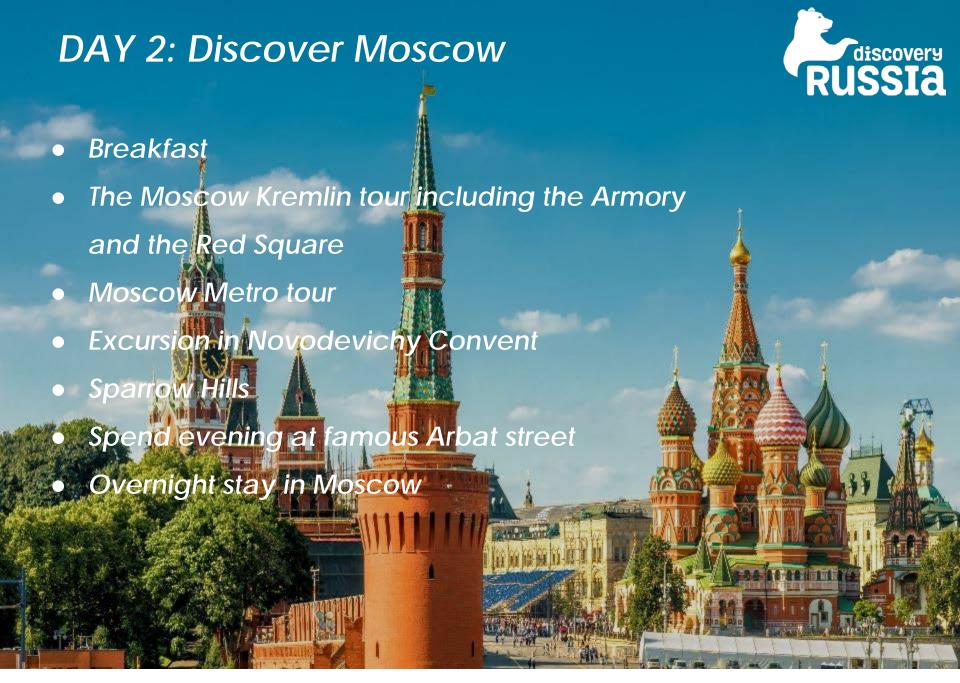
- Arrival in Beijing
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel
- Evening free at leisure
- Group tour: Farewell dinner

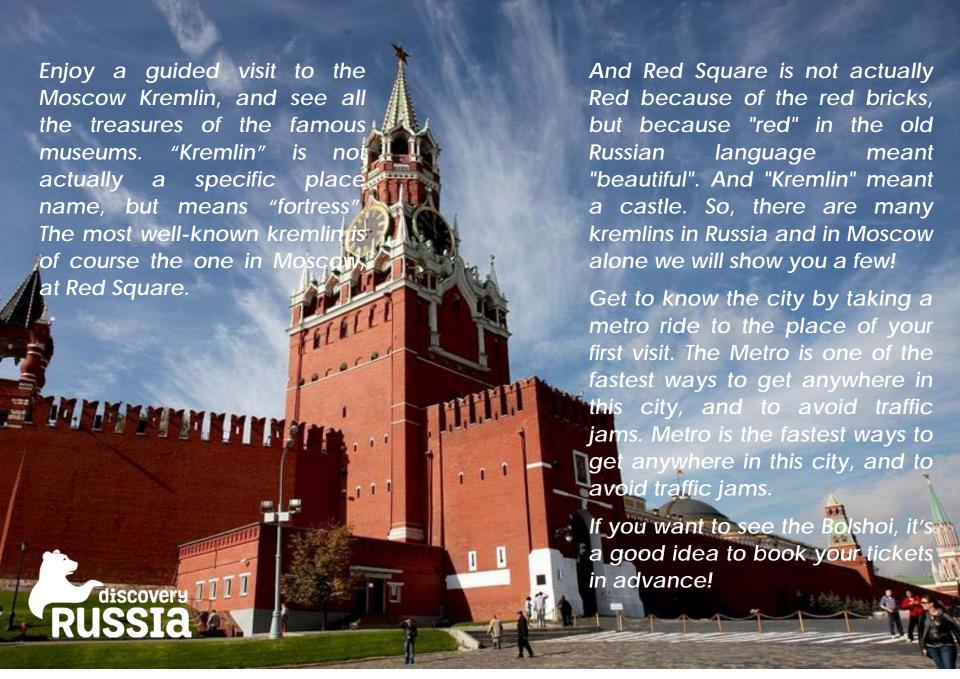
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- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight



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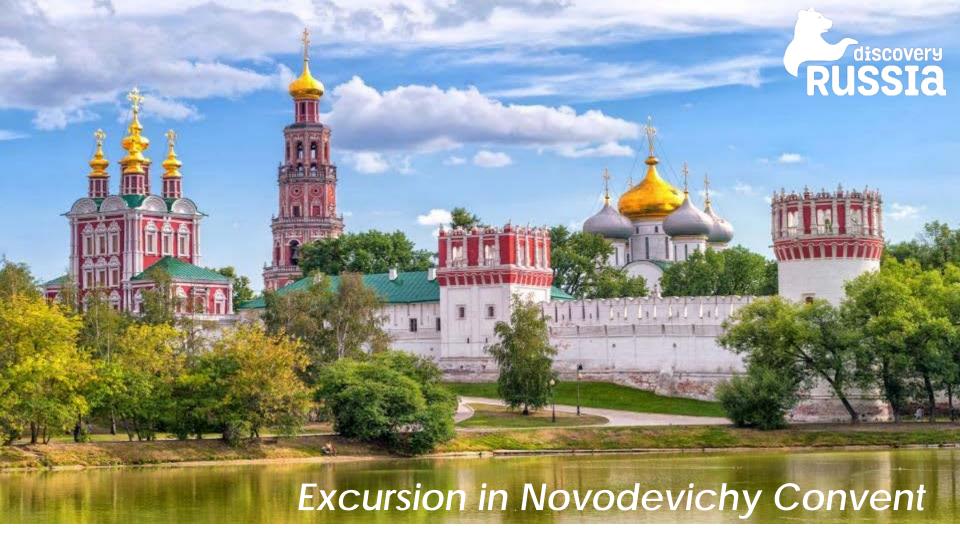




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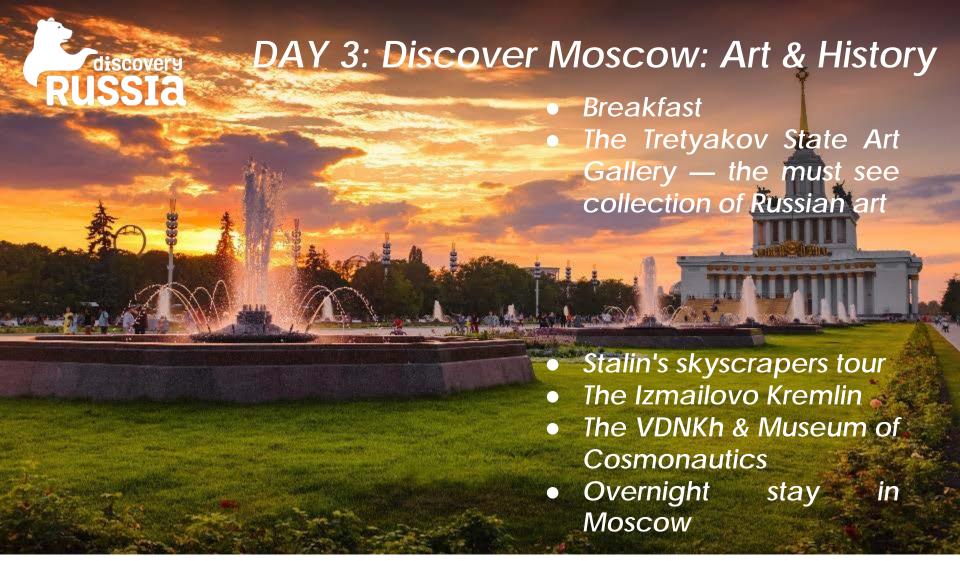
Lenin's Mausoleum, also known as Lenin's Tomb, situated in Red Square in the centre of Moscow, is a mausoleum that currently serves as the resting place of Soviet leader, Vladimir Lenin. His preserved body has been on public display there since shortly after his death in 1924, with rare exceptions in wartime.



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.



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.



<u>The VDNKH</u> ("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.



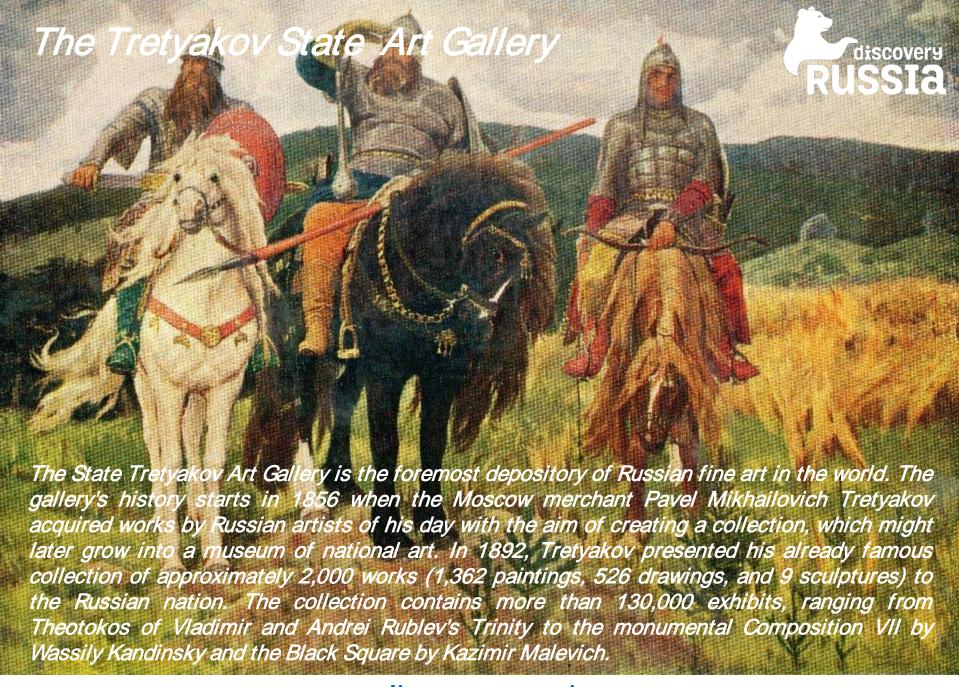
The Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics is a museum in Moscow, dedicated to space exploration. It is located within the base of the Monument to the Conquerors of Space in the north-east of the city. The museum contains a wide variety of Soviet and Russian space-related exhibits and models which explore the history of flight; astronomy; space exploration; space technology; and space in the arts. According to the Russian tourist board, the museum's collection holds approximately 85,000 different items.



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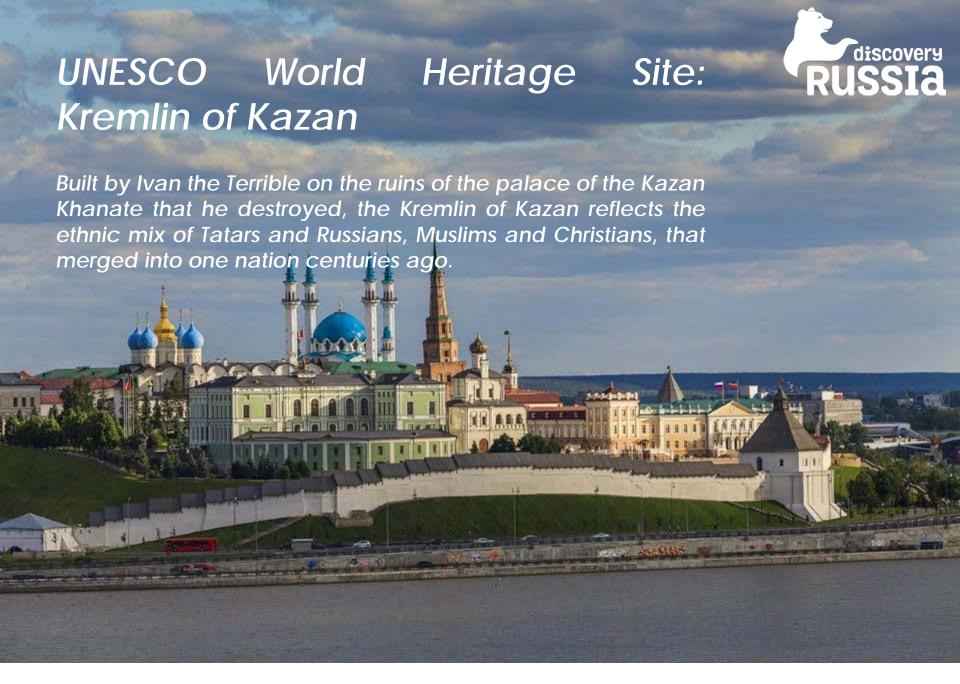


The Izmaylovo Kremlin to the east of Moscow represents a totally different style of architecture. It also includes an open air museum of wooden architecture.







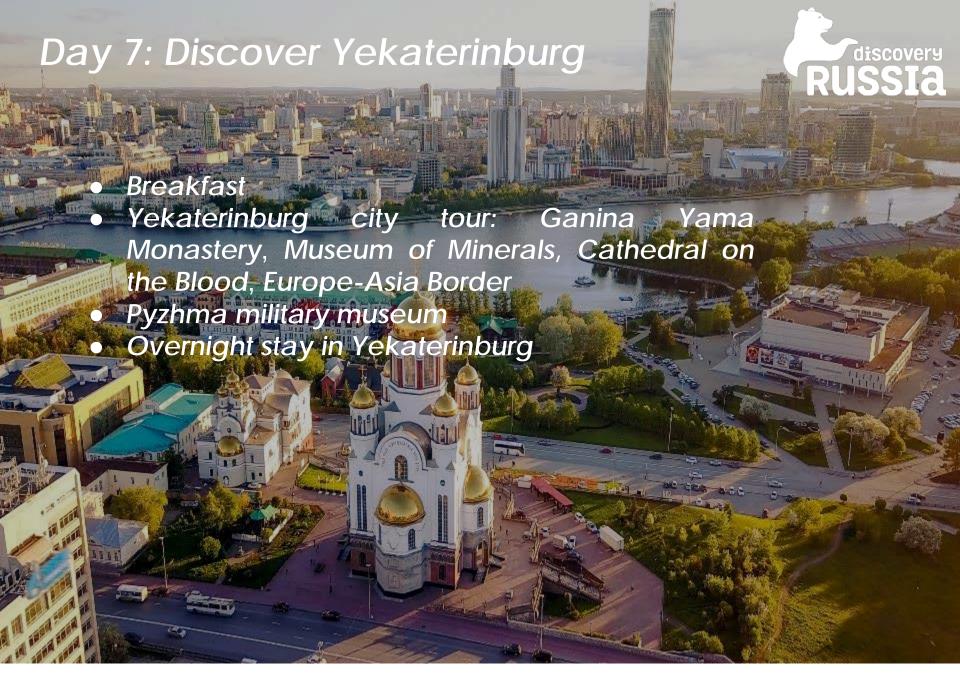


Day 6: Departure for Yekaterinburg



- Early check-out and transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Yekaterinburg
- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg

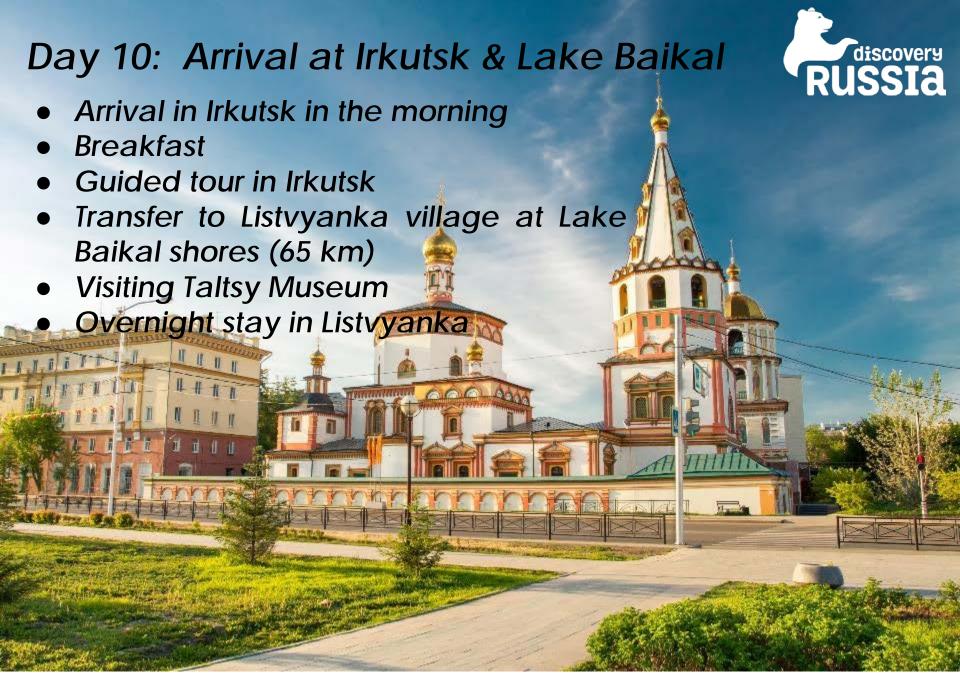




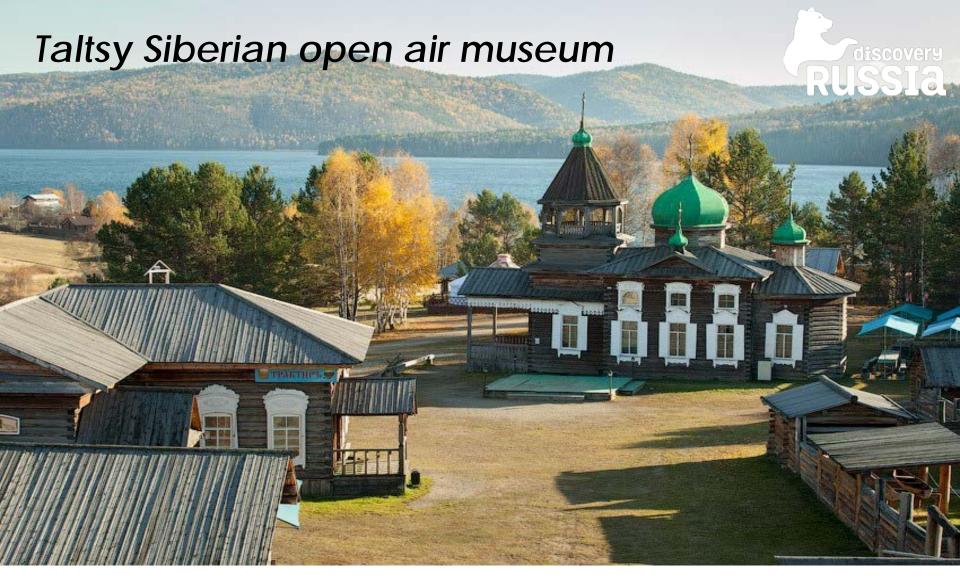


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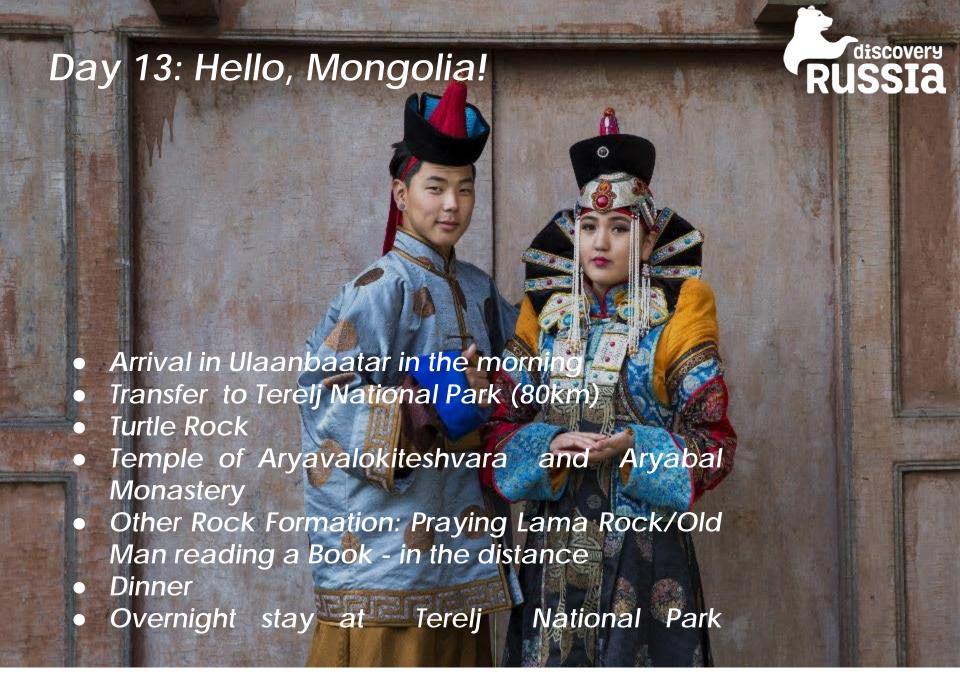




- Visit Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum
- Matryoshka painting master class
- Interactive entertainment program and Siberian lunch with Siberian tea and honey degustation













Group Tour, 2020

Book your tour more than a year in advance at 2019 rate.



Departure dates for 2020: 4 June, 6 August, 20 August, 6 October

Group Tour, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,720 / 5,535 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,120 / 5,935 AUD Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,070 / 6,890 AUD

Group Tour, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,770 / 3,930 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,050 / 4,210 USD Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,730 / 4,890 USD

Group Tour, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,695 / 3,045 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,915 / 3,265 GBP Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,440 / 3,790 GBP

Group Tour, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,430 / 5,295 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,810 / 5,675 CAD Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,720 / 6,590 CAD

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Private Tour, 2 people, 2020

Departure dates for 2020: Flexible



Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,030 / 6,760 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,430 / 7,160 AUD Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 9,295 / 8,025 AUD

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,699 / 4,799 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,980 / 5,080 USD Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,599 / 5,695 USD

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,415 / 3,720 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,635 / 3,940 GBP Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,110 / 4,415 GBP

Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,680 / 6,470 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,060 / 6,850 CAD Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,890 / 7,680 CAD



ACCOMMODATION:

- Centrally located hand-picked hotels;
 - 3 nights Moscow;
 - 1 night Kazan with early check in;
 - 2 nights Yekaterinburg;
 - 2 nights Lake Baikal/Listvyanka;
 - 1 night Ulaanbaatar;
 - o 1 night Beijing.
- 1 night in Ger Camp (Terelj National Park);
- 5 nights on board the trains.

MEALS:

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- Group tour: Welcome dinner // Farewell dinner;
- 3 lunches: Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal // Russian lunch in Taltsy with tea and honey degustation// Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan.
- In Mongolia: breakfast, lunch, dinner as per itinerary (daily).

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TRANSPORTATION:

- Train tickets of the chosen category:
 - Moscow Kazan:
 - Kazan Yekaterinburg;
 - Yekaterinburg Irkutsk;
 - Irkutsk Ulaanbaatar;
 - o Ulaanbaatar Beijing.
- Superior trains on the route with air conditioning, 1 place in a compartment. We remind that 1st class has 2 seats and 2nd class have 4 seats. If you'd like more seats per person in your booking, please consult your Discovery Russia travel advisor
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;
- Return airport/train station transfers;
- Full metro/public transport passes in St. Petersburg & Moscow;
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus.

TRAIN CONFIGURATION:

1st class carriage: 2 seats compartments. **2nd class carriage:** 4 seats compartments.

One seat at each leg of the train journey is included. Should you prefer to have extra seat/seats per person, please inquire.

NOTE: All train tickets are subject to availability.

1st class train tickets supply is limited especially during peak season. If 1st class is not available/or not provided by the railway company at a certain leg of your journey, two seats in a 2nd class carriage will be provided per person at no extra costs.

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SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Armory, the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow metro tour, Novodevichy convent & Sparrow Hills;
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Stalin's skyscrapers tour, the Izmailovo Kremlin, the VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics;
 - Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kazan Kremlin, the Kul Sharif Mosque, tatar lunch and cooking master-class, old Tatar village;
 - Yekaterinburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: Church of All Saints, Museum of minerals, the Ipatiev House, Europe-Asia border, Pyzhma military museum;
 - Irkutsk full day (8 hours) guided tour: Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum with Matryoshka painting master class and interactive program, St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, historical downtown;
 - Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market;
 - Terelj National Park tour: camel riding experience, hiking, horse riding,
 Turtle Rock visiting, Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex visiting.

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SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional Englishspeaking guides:
 - Ulaanbaatar full day (8 hours) guided tour: Zaisan Memorial, Buddha Garden, Gandan Monastery, National History Museum, Sukhebaatar Square, Tumen Fkh-traditional folklore concert.

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.:

- Entrance Tickets to all listed attractions:
- Russian visa supporting documents.
- Russian local sim card with data:
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia.

GROUP TOUR:

- Group tours are fully escorted by **bilingual tour director**.
- Group size: small group up to 20 people.

NOT INCLUDED:

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

RUSSIAN 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.

RUSSIAN TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION RUSSIAN



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.

RUSSIAN TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION



Planning your Trans-Siberian railway holiday, we use the best Russian trains available. We draw your attention, exact configuration of the train cannot be guaranteed. Shower in the first-class carriage is not guaranteed. 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 carriage: 2 seats compartments.



- You can select the type of food
- An extra meal can be provided
- TV
- Press

- Air conditioning
- Travel set
- Toilet

RUSSIAN TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION



Planning your Trans-Siberian railway holiday, we use the best Russian trains available. We draw your attention, exact configuration of the train cannot be guaranteed. There is no shower in the second-class carriage. Seats/berths for people with disabilities and air conditioning are not guaranteed. 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.

2nd class carriage: 4 seats compartments.



- An extra meal can be provided
- Seats/berths for people with disabilities

- Air conditioning
- Toilet

OUR HAND PICKED HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWNS



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

Lake Baikal

3* Krestovaya pad' or similar

4* Mayak/Legenda Baikala or similar

Ekaterinburg

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

Terelj National Park

4* Terelj Lodge or similar

Moscow

3* Stoleshnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart
Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar
4* Peking/Hitrovka/Pushkin/Azimut
Smolenskaya or similar

5* Metropol'*/National/Savoy or similar

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

OPTIONAL TOURS: ASK YOUR TRAVEL MANAGER FOR MORE DETAILS



MOSCOW

COLD WAR TRACES: SECRET ANTI-NUCLEAR BUNKER -42 (minimum 2 people to go)
Rate per person): AUD 120 // USD 85// GBP 66 // CAD 115

CHANNEL BOAT TOUR

Rate per person: AUD 100 // USD 71 // GBP 55 // CAD 96

EXTRA NIGHT STAY (the same for Moscow & St. Petersburg)

Rate per person (3*): AUD 75 // USD 54 // GBP 42 // CAD 72

Rate per person (4*): AUD 130 // USD 93 // GBP 72 // CAD 125

Rate per person (5*): AUD 230 // USD 164 // GBP 127 // CAD 220

TANK 1-62 DRIVING

(45 min ride, 2 tank shoots, Kalashnikov rifle shooting, minimum 2 people to go)

Rate per person: AUD 1850 // USD 1313 // GBP 1018 // CAD 1770



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TRANS SIBERIAN MOSCOW - VLADIVOSTOK

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WESTBOUND EXPRESS 2019

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LE GRAND TRANS
MONGOLIAN: BEIJING TO ST
PETERSBURG

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THE ORIGINAL TRANS
SIBERIAN

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THE ULTIMATE TRANS
SIBERIAN 2019
(EASTBOUND)

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS: TRANS
MONGOLIAN EXPRESS

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