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SPECIAL OFFER GRAND RUSSIAN VOYAGE

2019 Trans Mongolian **Xmas Specials** Beijing to Moscow

17 Days

featuring: Christmas & New Year!

17 December 2019 - 2 January 2020

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

BEIJING — ULAANBAATAR — TERELJ NATIONAL PARK — IRKUTSK —
Christmas at LAKE BAIKAL — YEKATERINBURG — KAZAN — New
Year in MOSCOW

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Safe.

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Reliable.

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- Australian-owned company

- Over 10 years experience in Russia

- 24/7 support



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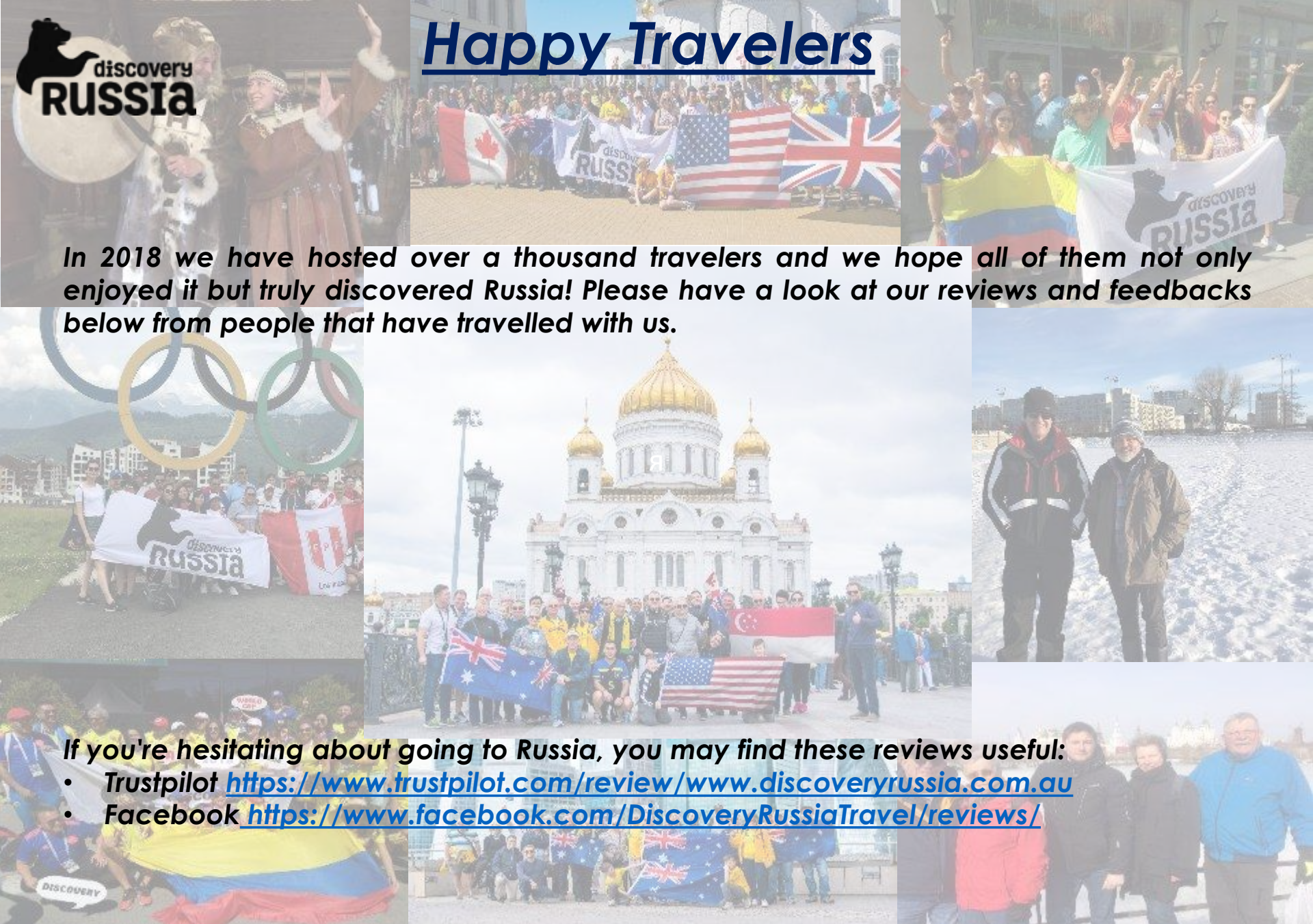
- **Get personal Visa Support Letters (VSL)**
- **Fill in Visa Application forms**
- **Send Application, passport, photo and VSL to the Embassies or Visa Centres**
- **Get visas delivered by mail**
- **Express services are available at the Embassies for last-minute bookings**
- **Check with Discovery Russia travel specialist if you are eligible for visa-free entry**





Happy Travelers

In 2018 we have hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia! Please have a look at our reviews and feedbacks below from people that have travelled with us.

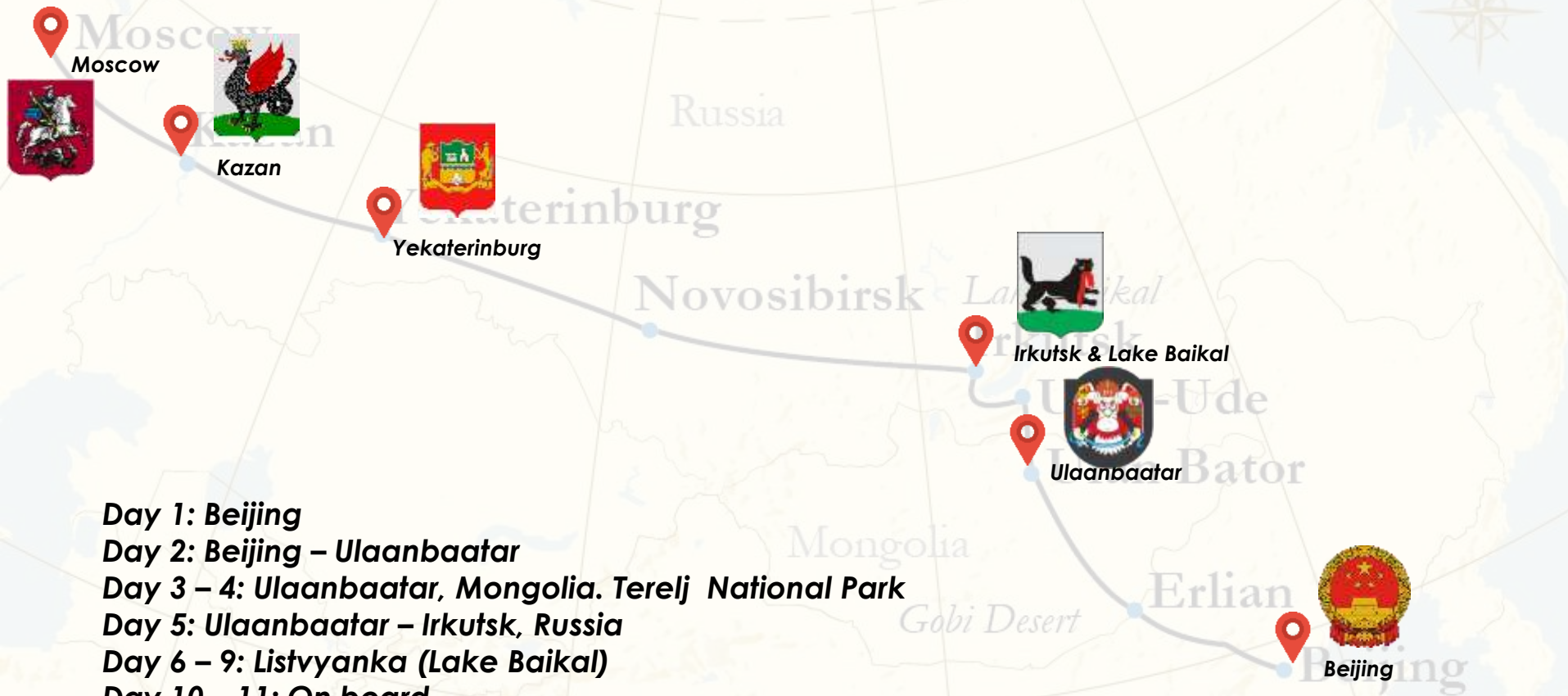


If you're hesitating about going to Russia, you may find these reviews useful:

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Itinerary



- Day 1: Beijing
- Day 2: Beijing – Ulaanbaatar
- Day 3 – 4: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Terelj National Park
- Day 5: Ulaanbaatar – Irkutsk, Russia
- Day 6 – 9: Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)
- Day 10 – 11: On board
- Day 12: Yekaterinburg
- Day 13: Yekaterinburg – Kazan
- Day 14: Kazan & Train to Moscow
- Day 15: Arrival in Moscow & New Year in Moscow
- Day 16: Moscow
- Day 17: Departure

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ITINERARY



DAY 1

- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to the hotel
- **GROUP DEPARTURE:**
Welcome dinner
(Chinese tea ceremony)

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

DAY 3

- Arrival at Ulaanbaatar
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Camel riding experience
- Dinner & Overnight at Terelj National Park

DAY 4

- Breakfast, Explore Terelj National park
- Hiking; horse riding
- Turtle Rock, Lunch with a nomadic family
- Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex
- Transfer to Ulan Bator
- Dinner & overnight in a hotel

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum
- Lunch
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Irkutsk

DAY 6

- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Transfer to your hotel
- Irkutsk guided city tour including a visit to the icebreaker "Angara" museum

ITINERARY



DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Visiting Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum
- Welcome vodka testing
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at lake Baikal shore (64 km)

DAY 8

- Chersky Stone observation point (cable car)
- Dog sledding tour with lunch
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Limnology museum
- Visiting local souvenir market

DAY 9

- X-mas lunch with Russian Santa Claus, presents and gifts!
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Boarding an afternoon train to Yekaterinburg

DAY 10

- Train ride continues

DAY 11

- Arrival at Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Free at leisure

DAY 12

- Yekaterinburg City tour
- Museum of Minerals
- Cathedral on the Blood
- Verkhnyaya Pyshma Field
- Military Museum of UMMC
- Europe-Asia Border

ITINERARY



DAY 13

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Board the train to Kazan, morning departure
- Arrival in Kazan in the evening, transfer to the hotel and check-in

DAY 14

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Kazan
- Board the train to Moscow in the evening

DAY 15

- Arrival at Moscow
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Visiting the highest observation deck in Europe
- Guided walking tour: explore the traditional Christmas markets
- **GROUP DEPARTURE: NEW YEAR Gala Dinner**

DAY 16

- Breakfast
- Bus city tour
- Visiting Kremlin & Armory
- Guided tour in the downtown
- Optional activities: ice rink on the Red Square

DAY 17

- Breakfast
- Check-out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport
- Departure flight

Day 1: Arrival in Beijing

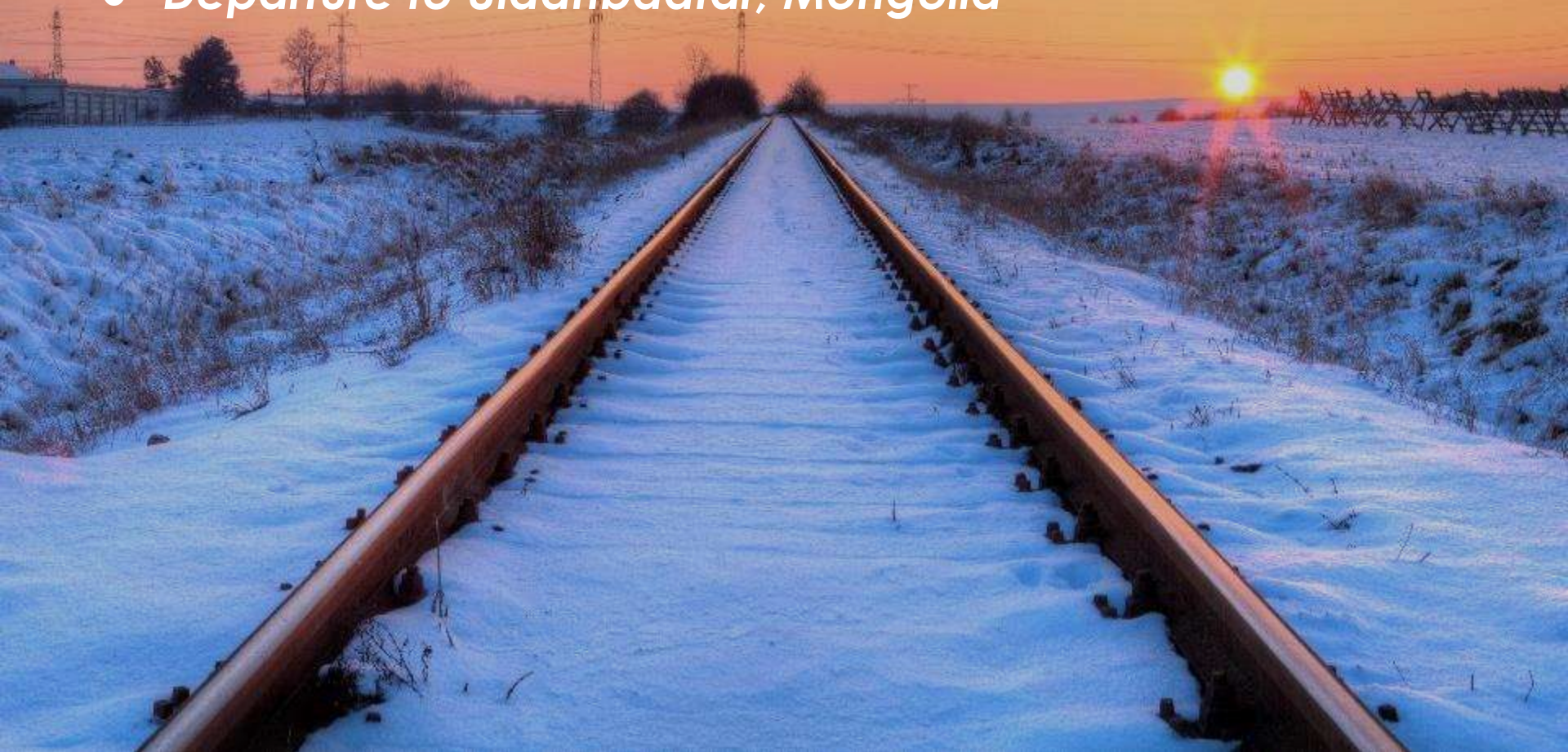
- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to the hotel
- **GROUP DEPARTURE:** Welcome dinner
(Chinese tea ceremony)



Day 2: Transfer to Ulaanbaatar



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station*
- *Departure to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*



Day 3: A glimpse of Mongolia

- Arrival in Ulaanbaatar
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Camel riding experience
- Dinner & overnight at Terelj National Park



The park is located 80 km away from Ulan Bator and is one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia.



Terelj National Park is the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area and one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia. The scenery, the snow, the winter, the swirling freezing fog, the camels... Winter tours to Mongolia have a very special taste! It is a rare opportunity to explore ancient nomadic routes and watch the way of life which might soon disappear at all.



**3* lodging: winter Ger Camp
4* lodging: winter Lodge**

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Day 4: Discover Mongolia



- Breakfast
- Explore Terelj National park
- Hiking; horse riding
- Turtle Rock, Lunch with a nomadic family
- Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex
- Transfer to Ulaanbaatar
- Dinner & overnight in the hotel



Day 5: Ulaanbaatar and train to Russia

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum
- Lunch
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Irkutsk, Russia



Day 6: Irkutsk

- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Transfer to the hotel
- Irkutsk guided city tour including a visit to the icebreaker “Angara” museum

Irkutsk has a rich history that dates back to 17th century. After the Decembrist Revolt of 1825, many Russian artists, officers, and nobles were sent into exile to Siberia for their part in the revolt against Tsar Nicholas. Irkutsk became the major centre of intellectual and social life for these exiles. You will see many of their wooden houses, adorned with ornate, hand-carved decorations and walk along frozen Angara River banks.

The Icebreaker "Angara" is the 2nd oldest in the world icebreaker and the remaining part of the ferry crossing that served lake Baikal before the Cicrum Baikal railroad was built. The icebreaker witnessed Russian-Japanese war 1904-1905 and Civil War 1918-1920 in Russia. Today, the icebreaker "Angara" is a living history museum.



Day 7: Taltsy & Transfer to Lake Baikal

- Breakfast
- Visiting Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum
- Welcome vodka testing
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at lake Baikal shore (64 km)



Day 8: Discover Baikal

- Chersky Stone observation point (cable car)
- Dog sledding tour with lunch
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Limnology museum
- Visiting local souvenir market

Day 9: Discover Baikal

- Xmas lunch with Russian Santa Claus, presents and gifts
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Boarding an afternoon train to Yekaterinburg

***Dog sledding is one of the most popular winter sports at Baikal.
This is an exciting and fascinating winter entertainment!***



***Frosty day, scintillating snow and you with a team
of Baikal huskies, unforgettable impressions are
guaranteed!***

***We will visit the source of mighty Siberian river, Angara and a legendary Shaman stone,
a home of Buryat Gods. We will rise on the rope elevator to the observation deck to
enjoy the remarkable view of Baikal and snow-covered tops.***

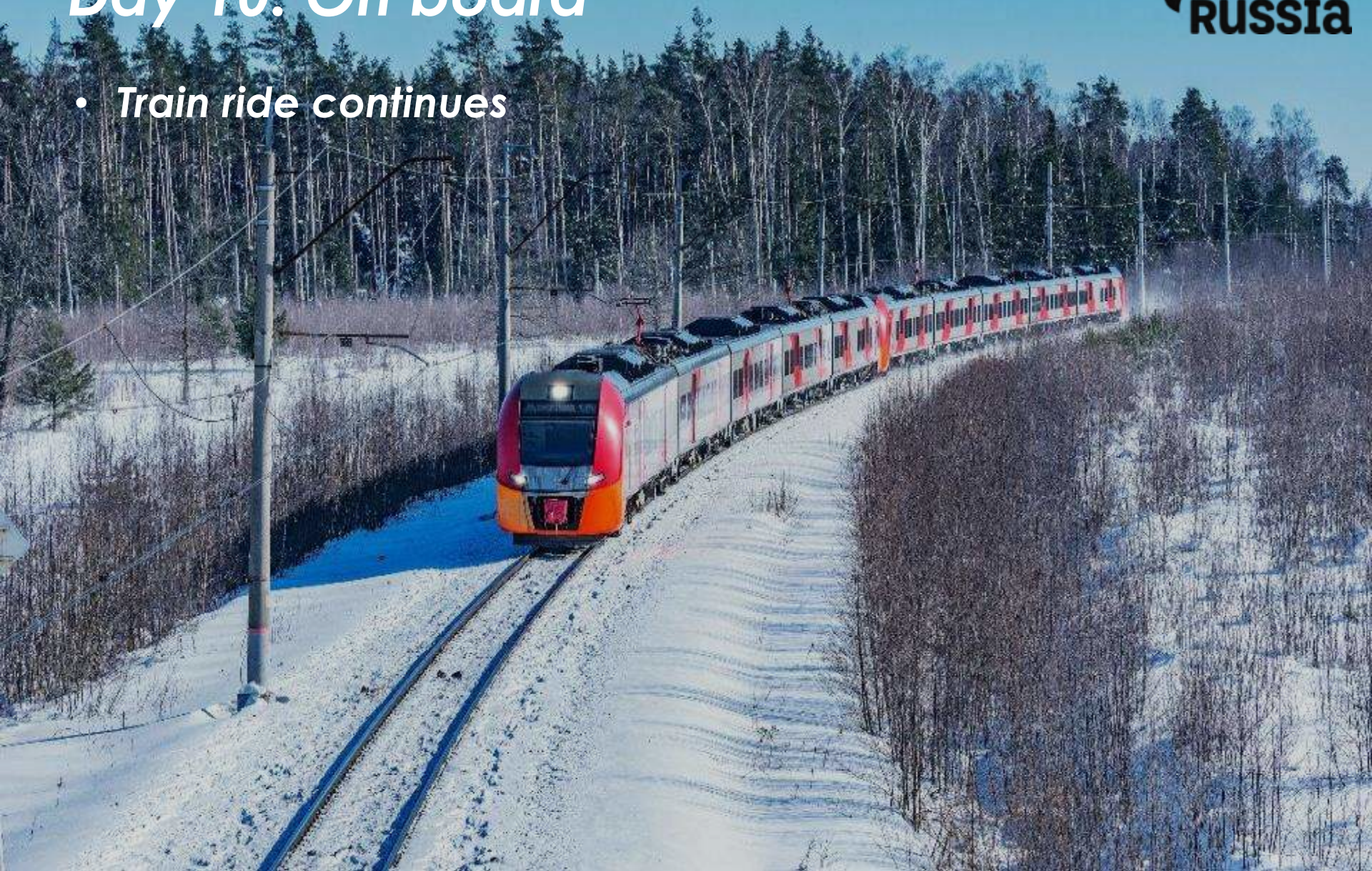


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Day 10: On board



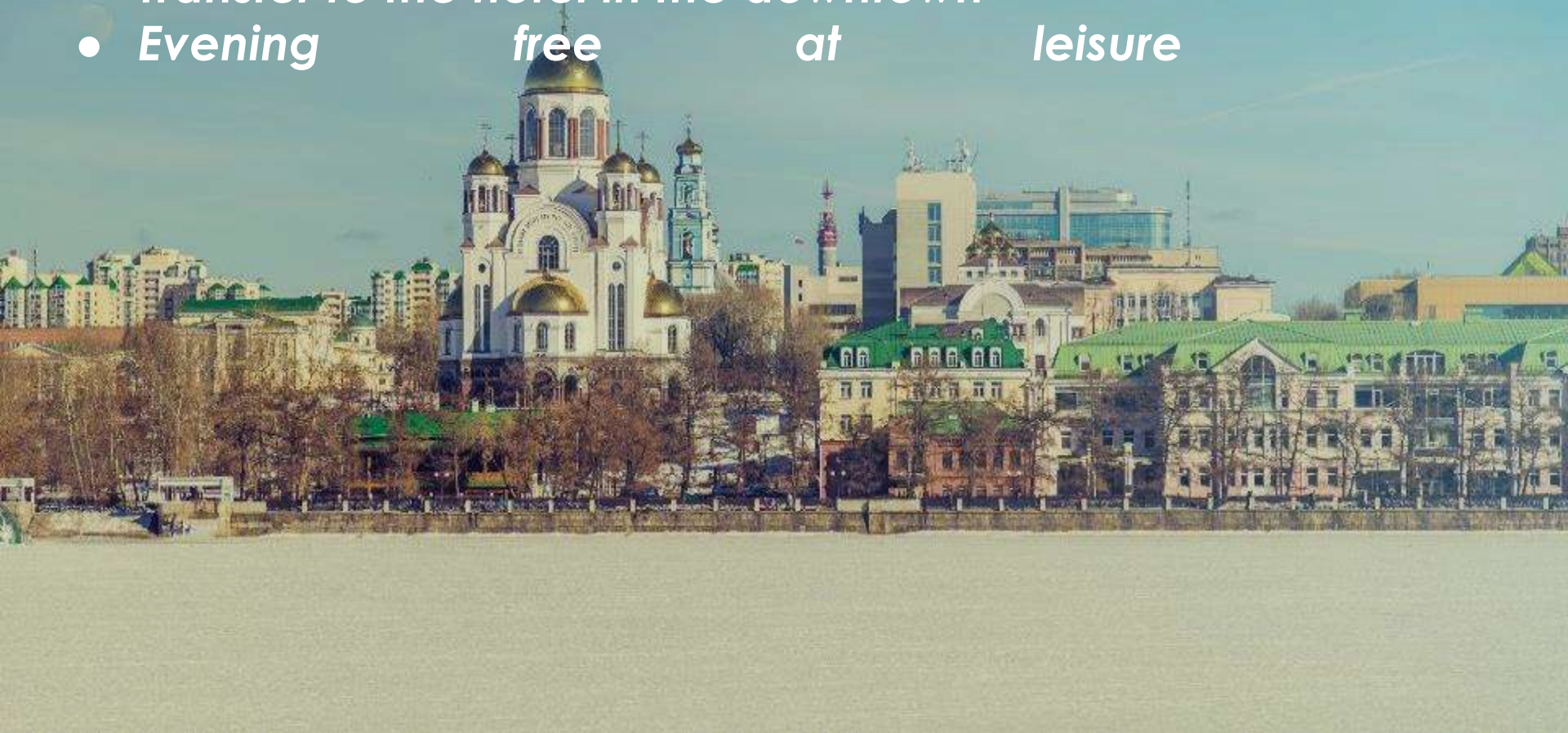
- *Train ride continues*



Day 11: Arrival in Yekaterinburg



- *Arrival in Yekaterinburg*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *Transfer to the hotel in the downtown*
- *Evening free at leisure*



DAY 12: Discover Yekaterinburg



- Yekaterinburg City tour
- Museum of Minerals
- Cathedral on the Blood
- Verkhnyaya Pyshma Field Military Museum
- Europe-Asia Border



DAY 13: Train to Kazan

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the train station
- Board the afternoon train to Kazan
- In the evening, arrival in Kazan and check-in

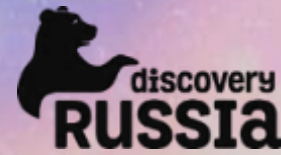


DAY 14: Discover Kazan



- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Kazan: Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque
- Syumbike tower
- Christmas markets
- Chak-chak museum
- Old Tatar village,
- Tatar cooking master-class & Degustation
- Tuvan Avalyn folk show (group departures)
- Boarding overnight train to Moscow

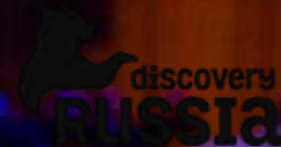
DAY 15: Moscow



- Arrival in Moscow
- Transfer to the hotel in the downtown
- Visiting the highest observation deck in Europe
- Guided walking tour: explore the traditional Christmas markets
- **GROUP DEPARTURE: NEW YEAR Gala Dinner**



DAY 15: Continued...



- **FOR GROUP DEPARTURES: New Year in Moscow! Gala dinner & Party!**

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DAY 16: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- Bus city tour (including iconic landmarks: Boulevard Ring, Novodevichy Monastery, Stalin Skyscrapers, Sparrow Hills)
- Visit Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory)
- Guided tour in the downtown: Red Square, GUM department store, Bolshoi Theatre, KGB building, Arbat
- Optional activities: ice rink on the Red Square

DAY 17: Departure

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport
- Departure



Group Tour, Christmas departure 17 December 2019

Group Tour, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **7,790 / 6,715 AUD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **8,480 / 7,399 AUD**

Group Tour, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,525 / 4,760 USD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,015 / 5,255 USD**

Group Tour, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,280 / 3,690 GBP**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,660 / 4,070 GBP**

Group Tour, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **7,445 / 6,420 CAD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **8,110 / 7,080 CAD**

Private Tour, 2 people

Private Tour, 2 people, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **8,620 / 7,560 AUD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **9,295 / 8,240 AUD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **10,640 / 9,580 AUD**

Private Tour, 2 people, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,115 / 5,365 USD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,595 / 5,845 USD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **7,545 / 6,799 USD**

Private Tour, 2 people, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,740 / 4,155 GBP**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,110 / 4,530 GBP**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,850 / 5,270 GBP**

Private Tour, 2 people, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **8,240 / 7,230 CAD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **8,890 / 7,875 CAD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **10,175 / 9,160 CAD**

TOUR INCLUSIONS

ACCOMMODATION:

- 3* / 4* / 5* centrally located hand-picked hotels:
 - 1 night Beijing;
 - 1 night Ulaanbaatar;
 - 3 nights Irkutsk/Baikal;
 - 2 nights Yekaterinburg;
 - 1 night Kazan;
 - 2 nights Moscow with early check-in;;
- 1 night in Ger Camp (Terelj national park, Mongolia);
- 5 nights on board.

MEALS:

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- 3 lunches: Buryat lunch at Lake // Russian lunch in Taltsy // Tatar cooking master class and lunch in Kazan
- In Mongolia: breakfast, lunch, dinner as per itinerary (daily);
- Vodka tasting in Talty museum (Lake Baikal);
- New Year dinner and party in Moscow;
- Group tours: Welcome dinner (Chinese Tea Ceremony).

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TOUR INCLUSIONS



TRANSPORTATION:

- Train tickets*:
 - Beijing - Ulaanbaatar;
 - Ulaanbaatar - Irkutsk;
 - Irkutsk - Yekaterinburg;
 - Yekaterinburg - Kazan;
 - Kazan - Moscow.

Note 1: 1st class compartment in China is subject of availability. If the 1st class train tickets for the section Beijing — Ulaanbaatar is not available then 2nd class train tickets will be provided with the return 65 USD per person. Extra seat in 2nd class is available at 450 USD per seat. These prices are subject to change without advance notice.

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.

Note 3: 1st class compartment to/from Russia is subject to availability. If the 1st class train ticket, for any of the section from Ulaanbaatar to Moscow is not available, then two 2nd class train tickets will be provided at free of charge instead of one 1st class ticket.

- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus;
- Meet and greet at every location;
- Return airport/train station transfers.

SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - Terelj National Park tour: camel riding experience, hiking, horse riding, Turtle Rock visiting, Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex visiting;

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TOUR INCLUSIONS



SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - Ulaanbaatar day guided tour: Gandan Monastery, National History Museum;
 - Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market, dog sledding;
 - Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Christmas markets, Chak-chak museum, Old Tatar village, Tatar cooking master-class & Degustation, Tuvan Avalyn folk show (group departures);
 - Moscow half day (4 hours) guided tour: the highest observation deck in Europe, Christmas markets
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Kremlin Armory, the Red Square, Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow metro tour, Novodevichy Convent, Sparrow hills;
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Kolomenskoye Estate & Wooden Palace, Metro tour, VDNKh & skating experience.

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.:

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

NOT INCLUDED:

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

Group tour:

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

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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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TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION

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.

TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION

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
- Air conditioning
- Seats/berths for people with disabilities
- Bio toilet

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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

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

Moscow

3* Stolesnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar

4* Peking/Pushkin/Azimut Smolenskaya or similar

5* Metropol*/National/Savoy or similar

Terelj National Park

4* Terelj Lodge 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

Check out other Trans-Siberian tours:



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LE GRAND TRANS MONGOLIAN: BEIJING TO ST PETERSBURG

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THE ULTIMATE TRANS SIBERIAN 2019 (EASTBOUND)

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WESTBOUND EXPRESS 2019

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