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Tour at a glance: Ulaanbaater to Moscow Express













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Day 1: Stunning Mongolia

Welcome to Mongolia!

Your driver will be waiting at the airport station to take you to Terelj National Park (80 km). It is the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. The park is one of the most beautiful places in the country. This is your opportunity to explore ancient nomadic routes and watch the way of life which might soon disappear at all.

Today you will see Turtle Rock, Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery. Other Rock Formation such as Praying Lama Rock/Old Man reading a Book we shall pass by. This rocky formation is incontestably a photo opportunity while you're on the road from Ulaanbaatar to Terelj. Also, visit a local family to learn about the nomadic way of life.

In the evening, enjoy delicious traditional Mongolian dinner and spend overnight at the Ger camp in Terelj National Park. Unique Ger experience is a must-do when in Mongolia!



Lunch, dinner



Tour

















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Day 2: Discover Mongolia

Today we will explore Terelj National Park. By the way, there will be hiking.

During the tour, you will see famous and astonishing Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex.

By far Mongolia's most recognizable landmark and one of the world's largest equestrian statues, the 131-foot-tall (40-meter-tall) Genghis Khan Statue Complex towers over the surrounding landscape.

Transfer to Ulaanbaatar. Visit Zaisan Memorial and Buddha Garden. Zaisan Memorial honors allied Mongolian and Soviet soldiers killed in World War II. Located on a hill in the southern part of the city, the memorial features a circular memorial painting that depicts scenes of friendship between the people of the USSR and Mongolia.

In the evening, you will arrive at Ulaanbaatar, watch Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert at the restaurant, and spend night at the comfortable hotel.



Full board



















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Day 4: Arrive Lake Baikal

Welcome to Siberia, the best part of Russia! Arrive at Irkutsk and take a transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shore.

One of the world's oldest geographical features (formed 25 to 30 million years ago), magnificent Lake Baikal is the highlight of Eastern Siberia. Most visitors agree that Siberia doesn't get better than this.

Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine.

Arrive Listvyanka village. Check-in at the hotel. The evening is free at leisure. Relax after train journey, take a walk along the lake shore and get ready for busy tomorrow.

Optional Russian banya.





















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Day 5: Baikal Tour & Cruise

Visit Baikal Museum, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market. Baikal Museum is a splendid museum where information about lake Baikal wildlife is kept, studied and exhibited: including the origins of the lake, the endemic flora and fauna from the surface of the lake to its maximum depth, an excellent model of the lake, etc. 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. Apparently, locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

In the evening, enjoy Lake Baikal boat cruise. It is one of the most exciting trips, a great opportunity to get acquainted with the main attractions of Baikal. During the cruise, you will enjoy the vastness of the lake and magnificent landscapes, feel the power and energy of the Siberian land.

Optional Russian banya.

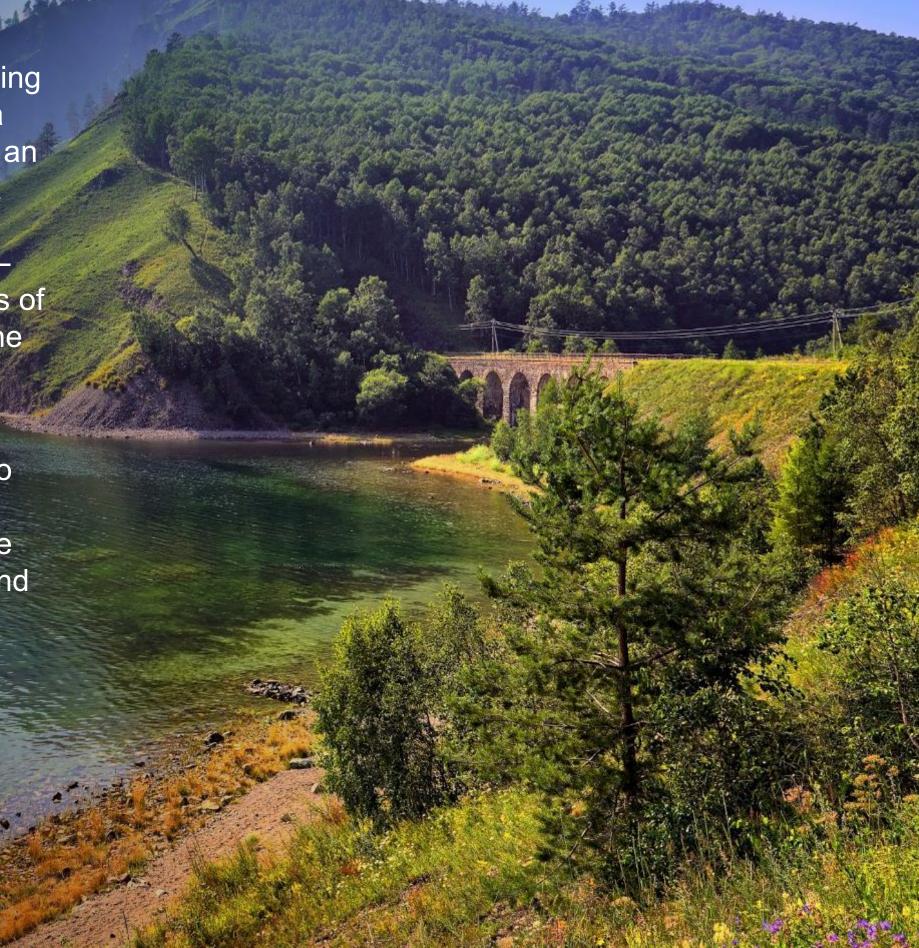


Breakfast



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Day 6: Siberian culture & Irkutsk

Today you will take the transfer to Irkutsk to have a guided city tour. But first we will make a stop at Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum.

Taltsy is located 20 kilometers away from Listvyanka. 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. And even try Russian vodka!

In the afternoon, we will arrive at Irkutsk and explore the city. 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!

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Yekaterinburg.























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Day 7: Crossing Siberia

A long train journey is a fine opportunity to relax and calm down. Read the favorite book, talk to fellow travelers and enjoy unique landscapes of Russia behind your window.

This train experience lasts for 2 days. Each train is equipped with a dining-car where you will be able to have a rest at any time. But nevertheless, we advise to get some food in advance.

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.













Day 8: Arrive Yekaterinburg

Welcome to Yekaterinburg! This city has a feast of sights to discover. It attracts travellers by rich historical heritage. Your driver will be waiting at the train station to take you to the cosy hotel in downtown.

Evening at leisure.











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Day 9: Discover Yekaterinburg: between Europe and Asia

It was nearly three hundred years ago when this town was founded on the eastern slopes of the Urals mountains on the banks of the beautiful Iset river.

The guided city tour today includes Cathedral on the Blood, place where the last Romanov Tsar was assassinated after the Revolution, Ganina Yama, Museum of Minerals.

We also drive outside of the city to visit one of its most remarkable attractions: the Europe-Asia border The monument was erected in 2004 and represents two interwined letters A and E. There you can happily put one foot in Europe and other in Asia and take some unique photographs.

Also, we shall visit the largest in Russia open-air military museum Verkhnyaya Pyshma.



Breakfast

















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Day 10: Arrive Kazan

In the morning, take a transfer to the train station and board the train to Kazan. Day-long train ride.

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

And here is more. The long journey is the best way to make new friends!

In the evening, your driver will meet you at the train station to take you to the cozy hotel in downtown.





















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Day 11: Discover Kazan

Today we have a really busy day to explore the main sights of Kazan. Firstl, enjoy the tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Kremlin of Kazan, with our professional English-speaking guide.

Our next stop is the magnificent Kul Sharif Mosque. The impressive Qol-Şärif Mosque (also transliterated as Kul-Sharif) is the most important mosque in Tatarstan and one of the largest mosques in Europe.

As Kazan is the centre of Tatar culture, we will also visit the old Tatar villages to try a local Tatar tea. Later, have a culinary master-class of Tatar dishes at a traditional restaurant.

During our city tour will also see Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square. In the evening, transfer to the train station to board the train to Nizhny Novgorod.





Tour



















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Day 12: Discover Central Russia

Early arrival at Nizhny Novgorod and guaranteed check-in. Time to refresh.

Today, we travel to now peaceful Gorodets settlement and tomorrow will explore Nizhny Novgorod and its cultural treasures.

As there was an abundance of woods around the town, becoming a woodcarver or carpenter was always considered the best option for a profession. Today Gorodets is known as the "town of masters" – a place where numerous crafts are plied. The famous Gorodets painting style, gold embroidery, wood carving, honey cake baking, pottery and basket weaving all still flourish here.

In a largely illiterate society, Gorodets has gained a reputation of "museum-town'. Russian Samovar tea ceremony with the town's speciality, "pryaniki" – hard honey-rich cakes, it is your quintessential Russian experience of the day!





















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Day 13: Discover Nizhny Novgorod

Get ready for a guided tour in Nizhny Novgorod - one of the hidden gems on the Russian touristic map. Nizhniy Novgorod is lucky to host one of the most beautiful provincial Kremlins built on high Volga river banks. Apparently, you will get the complete set of Russia's attractions: 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 architecture and cultures, beautiful churches, ancient monasteries, great traditional Russian food and heartily people.

During Polish invasion of 1621 it was Nizhny Novgorod and its citizens who assembled the people's army to fight for Moscow. In memory of it, you have seen Minin and Pozharsky monument in front of St. Basil's Cathedral at the Red Square. Since XIX century, Nizhny Novgorod was the leading Russian international trade centre.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Vladimir. Arrival and check-in.



Breakfast





Vladimir hotel



Train Nizhny **Novgorod - Vladimir**











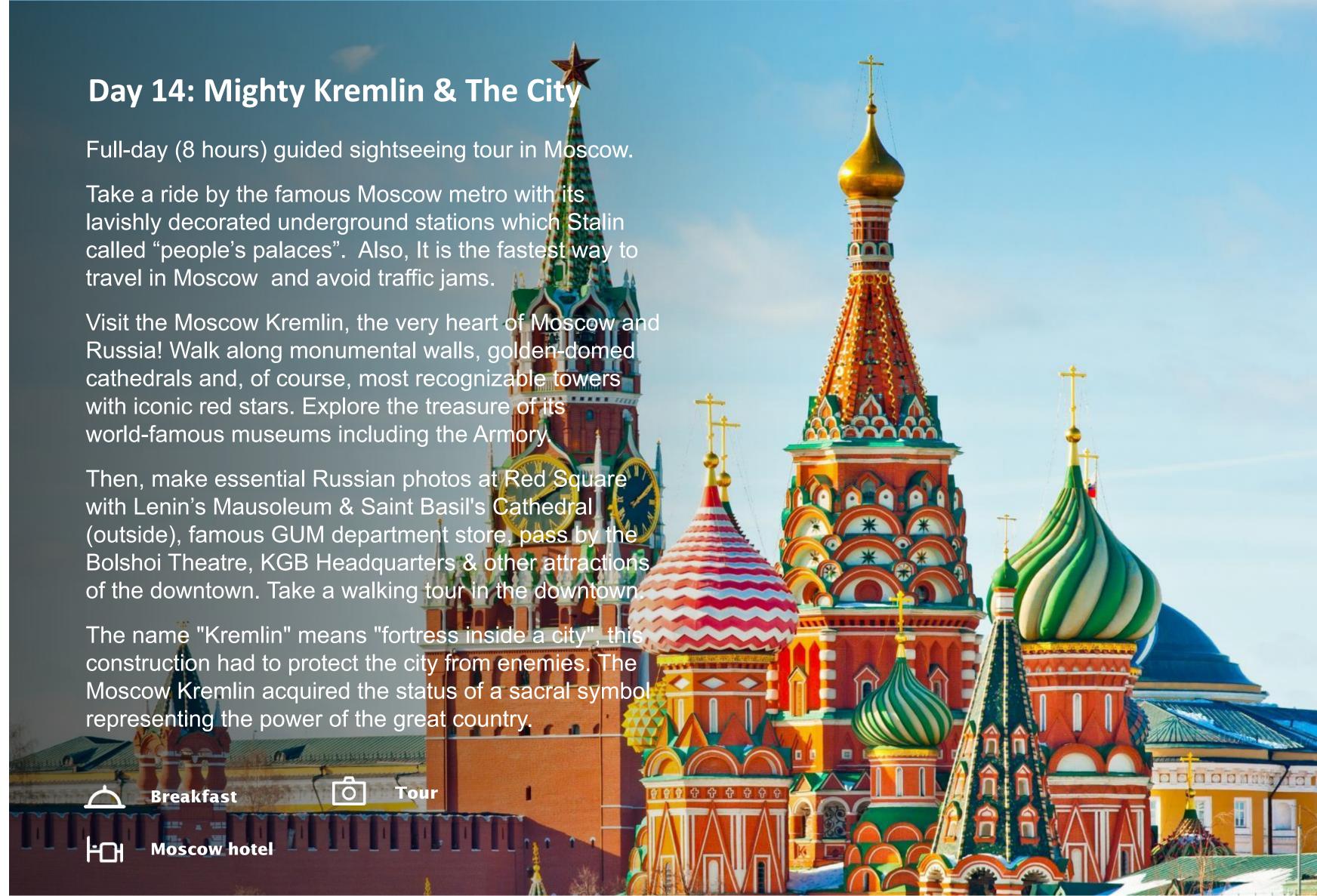


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Day 15: Farewell

Take a private transfer to airport for your departure flight, or stay for a few more days to explore Moscow.

Visit The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world, Novodevichy Convent, probably the best-known cloister of Moscow and take a guided visit inside its medieval walls. Unlike many other cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century and is now the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a panoramic driving city tour to see Sparrow Hills with the best iconic views, hear the stories behind famous Stalin's skyscrapers, and finally, visit the VDNKh Soviet exhibition with the outstanding Museum of Cosmonautics.

End more...



Breakfast









Dates & Rates USD per person in twin/double room

For customized tours, please inquire.

Set group departures 2021: 5 Sept

Set group departures 2022: 1 May, 31 Aug, 13 Sept

Private tour 2022

Early bird: book 2022 departure by 31 October and get 2021 rate







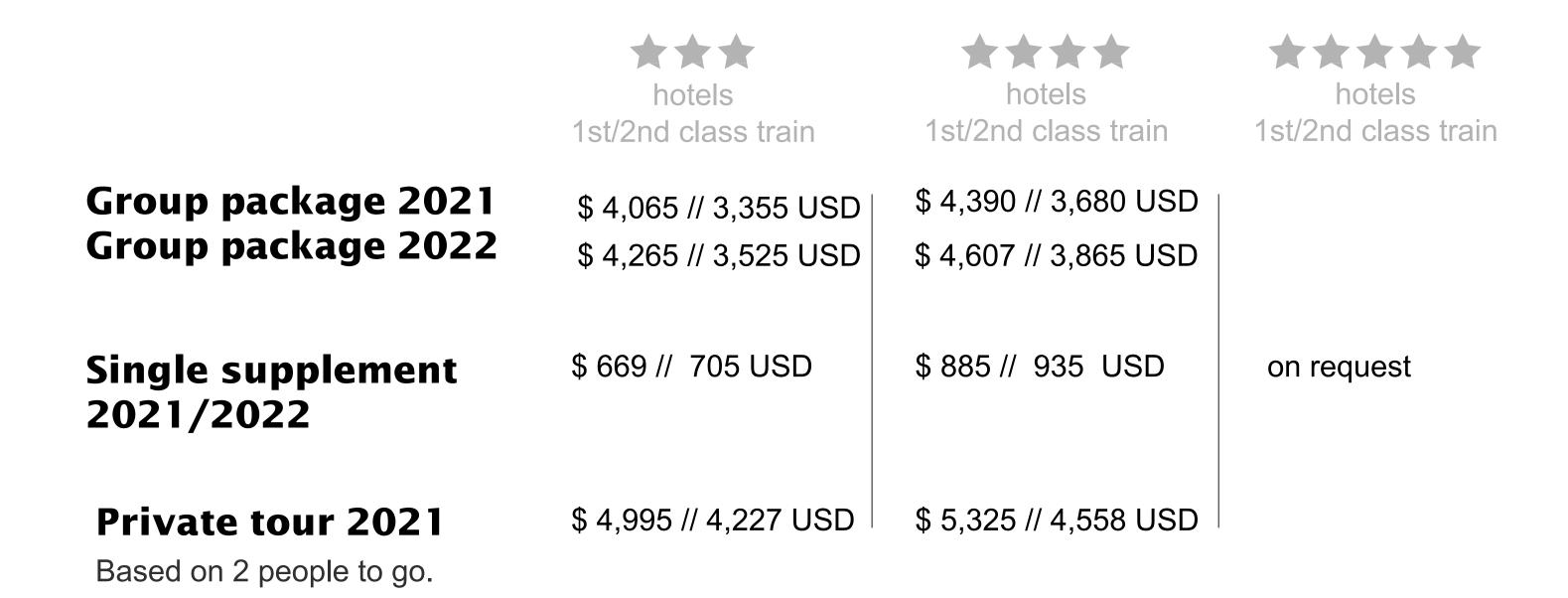


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\$ 5,245 // 4,438 USD

\$ 5,590 // 4,785 USD



Dates & Rates AUD per person in twin/double room

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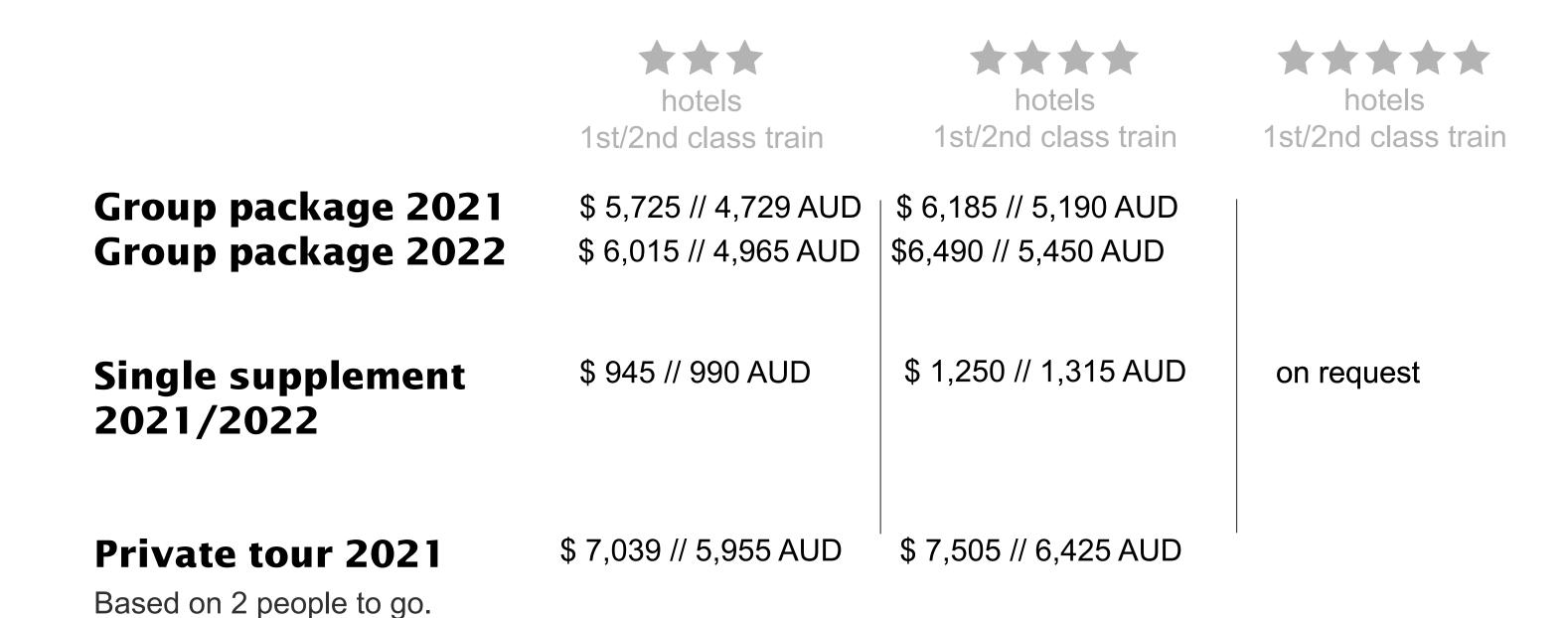




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\$ 7,880 // 6,745 AUD

\$ 7,390 // 6,255 AUD



Dates & Rates GBP per person in twin/double room

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Based on 2 people to go.

Private tour 2022

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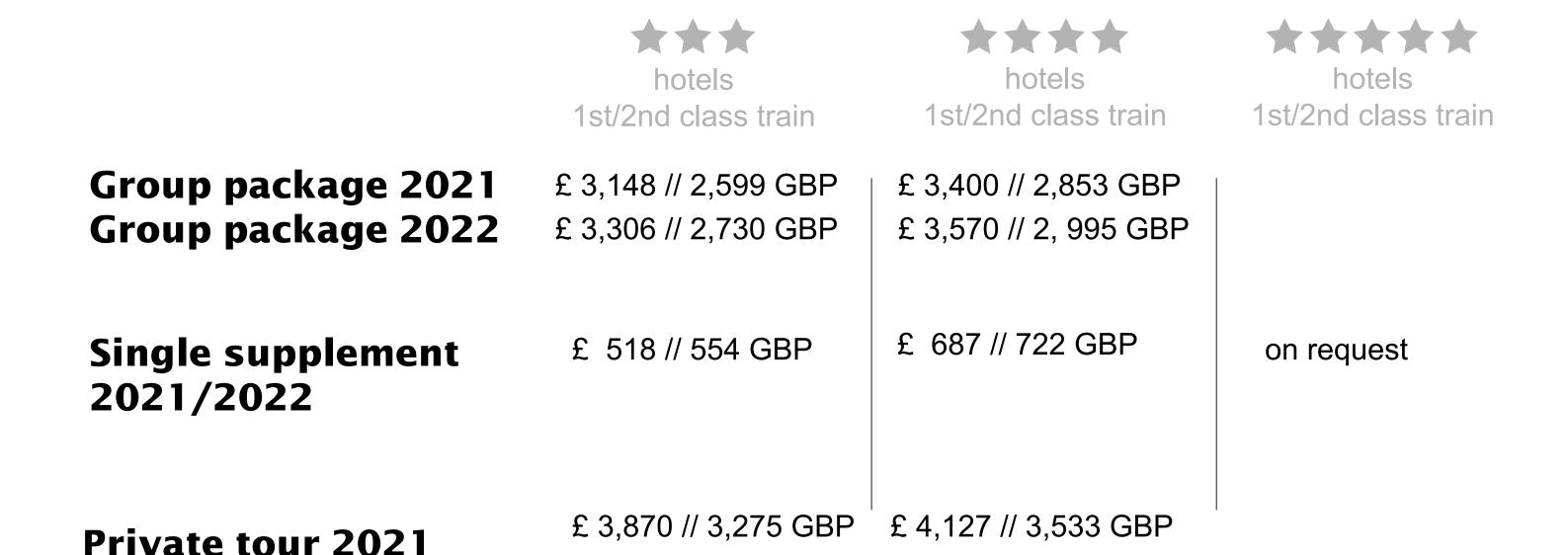
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£ 4,064 // 3,440 GBP

£ 4,333 // 3,709 GBP



Dates & Rates CAD per person in twin/double room

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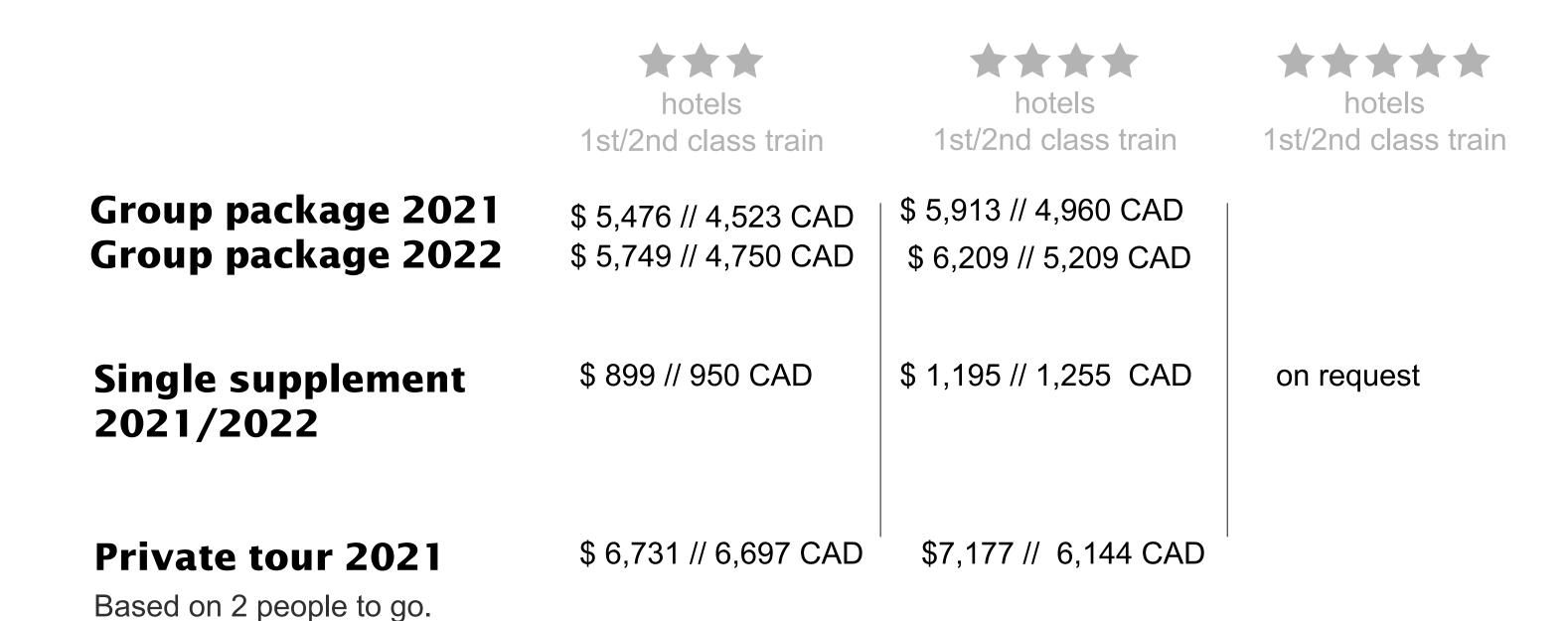


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\$7,536 // 6,449 CAD

\$7,069// 5,985 CAD



Dates & Rates NZD per person in twin/double room

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Private tour 2022

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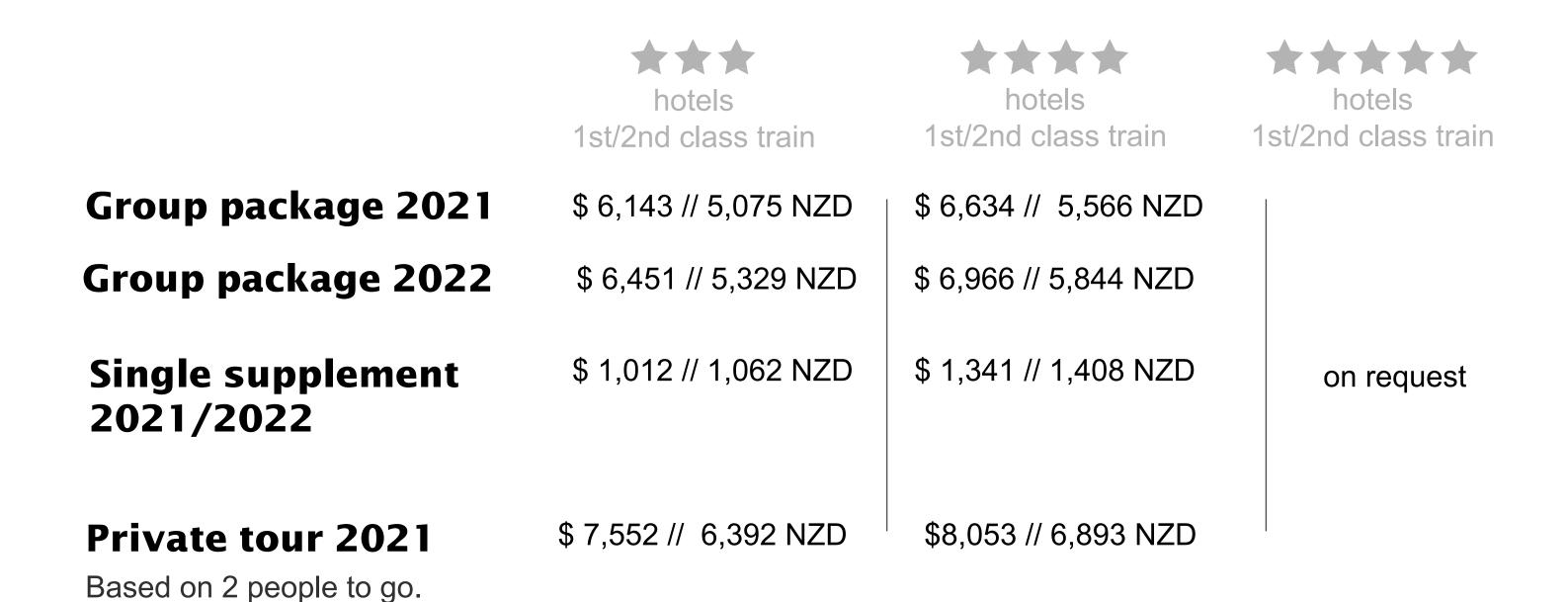


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\$ 7,929 // 6,712 NZD

\$ 8,455 // 7,238 NZD











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Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels of selected category (3*, 4* or 5* hotel of your choice):

- 1 night in Terelj National Park in a yurt
- 1 night UlaanBaatar
- 2 nights Lake Baikal
- 2 nights Yekaterinburg
- 1 night Kazan
- 1 night Nizhny Novgorod with early check-in
- 2 nights Moscow
- 4 nights on board

TRANSPORTATION

- Train tickets of the chosen category according to the itinerary:
 - Ulaanbaatar- Irkutsk/Lake Baikal
 - Irkutsk Yekaterinburg
 - Yekaterinburg Kazan
 - •Kazan Nizhny Novgorod
 - Nizhny Novgorod Moscow express

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)\
- Full board in Mongolia
- Buryat lunch in Irkutsk (or at Lake Baikal)//Siberian Lunch at Talsty
- Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan
- Russian tea ceremony in Gorodets (on Day 15)
- Welcome dinner

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Russian visa letter of invitation (required by the Embassies to grant you the visas) are provided free of charge
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line











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Tour Inclusions

TRANSPORTATION

- Superior trains on the route with a/c, heaters and dining carriage for your comfort. 1st class: one place in 2-seats compartment. 2nd class: one place in 4-seats compartment
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations
- Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except on walking tours)
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow

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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.

TRANSPORTATION 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.

SIGHTSEEING

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

- Full-day guided tour of Terelj National Park:
 Highlights include Turtle Rock, Temple of
 Aryavalokiteshvara, Aryabal Monastery, Chinggis
 Khaan Statue Complex, Praying Lama Rock
- Full-day guided tour of Ulaanbaatar: Highlights include Gandan Monastery, National History Museum, Sukhebaatar Square, Zaisan Memorial, Buddha Garden, Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert











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Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING

- Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car), local souvenir market, boat cruise
- Irkutsk half-day (4 hours) guided tour: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, Taltsy Museum with national folk performance
- Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of Yekaterinburg: Highlights include Ganina Yama Monastery, Museum of Minerals, Church of All Saints, Europe-Asia Border, the UMMC military museum
- Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kazan Arena,
 Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque,
 Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul
 Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square
- Gorodets full day (8 hours) guided tour with Russian craft master-class and Russian tea ceremony
- Nizhny Novgorod day (6 hours) guided tour: the Kremlin, historic downtown

SIGHTSEEING

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 Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of Moscow;
 Highlights include Moscow Kremlin (visiting the Cathedrals and the Armory), the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre (outside), metro tour

GROUP TOUR

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director
- Group size: small group up to 22 people
- Welcome dinner

NOT INCLUDED

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Porters
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance











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OPTIONAL TOURS

Ask your travel manager for more details

MOSCOW

Cold war traces: secret anti-nuclear bunker - 42

USD 85 // AUD 120 // GBP 66 // CAD 115 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Moscow River Yacht Panoramic Cruise

Year round. Transfer included.

USD 70 // AUD 100 // GBP 55 // CAD 95 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Tank driving

USD 1315 // AUD 1850 // GBP 1020 // CAD 1770 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)



Extra night stay

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75 per person (3*)
USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4*)
USD 165 // AUD 230 // GBP 130 // CAD 220 per person (5*)



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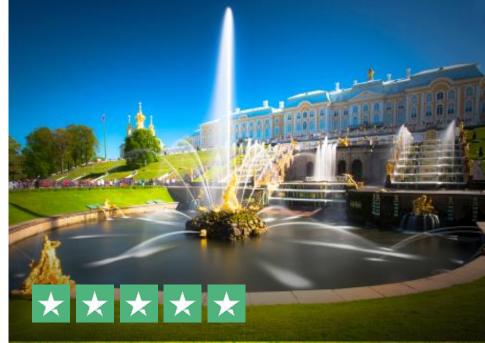
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