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SPECIAL OFFERGRAND RUSSIAN VOYAGE

2019 Trans Mongolian Xmas Specials Ulaanbaatar to St. Petersburg

20 Days

featuring: Christmas, New Year & Russian Xmas!

19 December 2019 - 7 January 2020

This package is available either

Group Tour (scheduled departures)
or
Private Tour (flexible dates)

ULAANBAATAR - TERELJ NATIONAL PARK - IRKUTSK -Christmas at LAKE BAIKAL - YEKATERINBURG - KAZAN -- New Year in MOSCOW - Russian Xmas in ST. PETERSBURG









 Australian-owned company Over 10 years experience in Russia

24/7 support





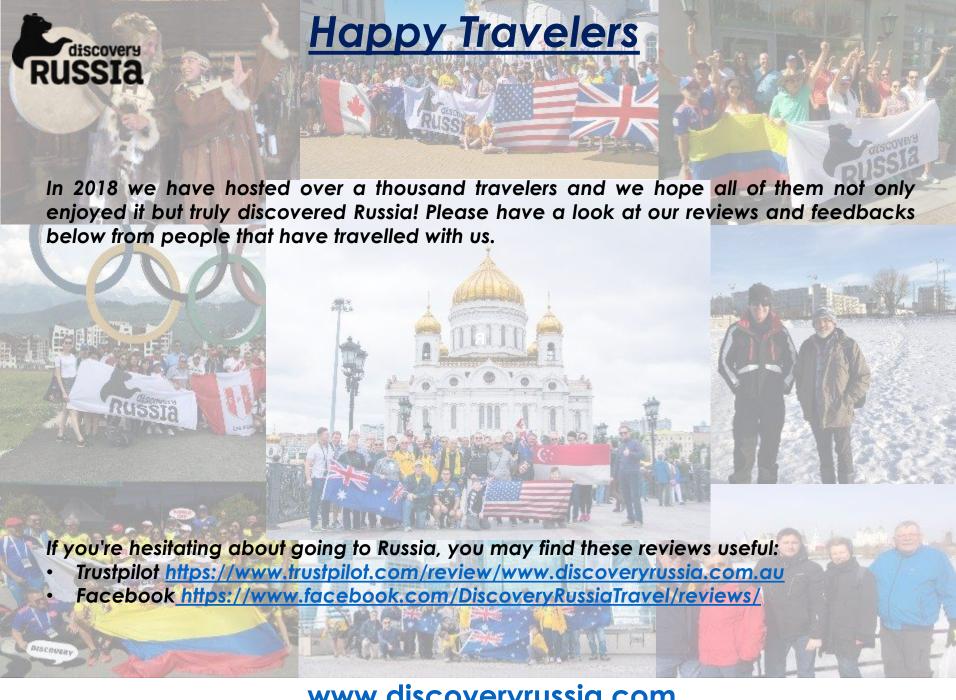




Russian and Mongolian visas

- 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







Itinerary

Novosibirsk





Yekaterinburg





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Day 1 – 2: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Terelj National Park Gabi Desert

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar – Irkutsk, Russia

Day 4 – 7: Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)

Day 8 - 9: On board

Day 10: Yekaterinburg

Day 11: Yekaterinburg – Kazan

Day 12: Kazan, Overnight Train to Moscow

Day 13: Arrival in Moscow & New Year in Moscow

Day 14 - 16: Moscow

Day 16 – 20: St. Petersburg

ITINERARY



DAY 1

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

DAY 2

- 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

DAY3

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

DAY 4

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

DAY 5

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

DAY 6

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

ITINERARY



DAY 7

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

DAY 8

Train ride continues

DAY9

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

DAY 10

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

DAY 11

- 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 12

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

ITINERARY discovery **DAY 13 DAY 14 DAY 15** Arrival at Moscow Breakfast Breakfast Transfer to your hotel in Bus city tour Full day, hours the downtown Visiting Kremlin & Armory **Guided tour** Guided tour in the downtown Visiting the highest Kolomenskoe Estate & observation deck in Optional activities: ice rink on Wooden Palace Europe the Red Square Tretyakov State Art **Guided** walking tour: Gallery explore the traditional Metro tour skating Christmas markets VDNKh GROUP DEPARTURE: NEW experience **YEAR Gala Dinner**

ITINERARY



DAY 16

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St. Petersburg
- Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown

DAY 17

- Breakfast
- Full day, 8 hours guided Tour
- Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage
- Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- Visiting Peter & Paul Fortress and royal tombs, passing by Aurora boat

DAY 18

- Breakfast
- 6 hours guided tour
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace, Free time in the park
- Troyka ride
- Optional: Mariinsky ballet

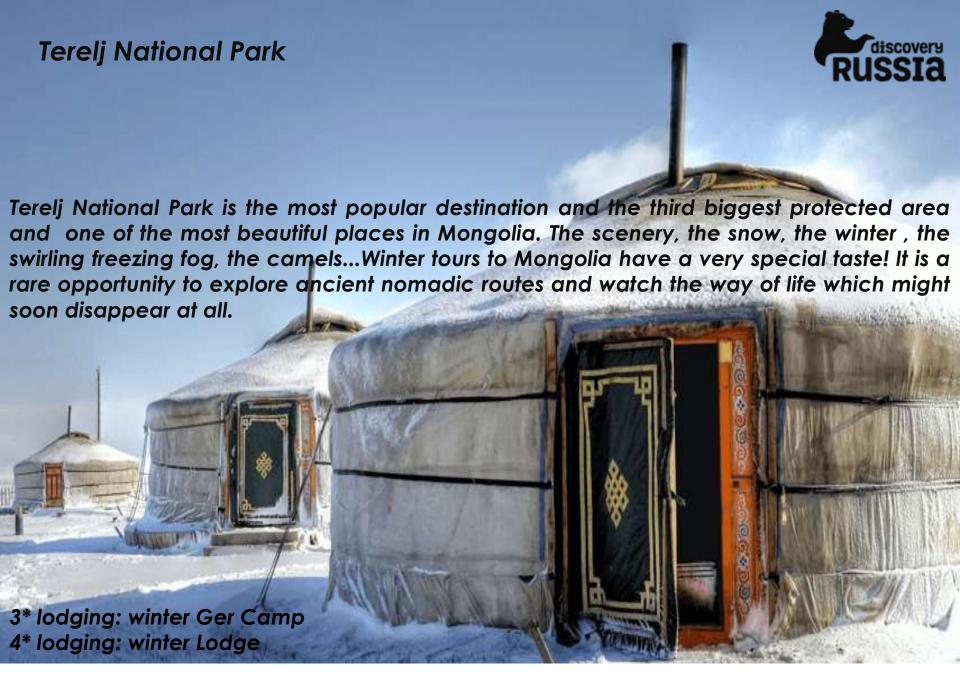
DAY 19

- Breakfast
- Day at leisure/
- Optional tours
- GROUP DEPARTURE:
 Nikolaevsky Palace folk show

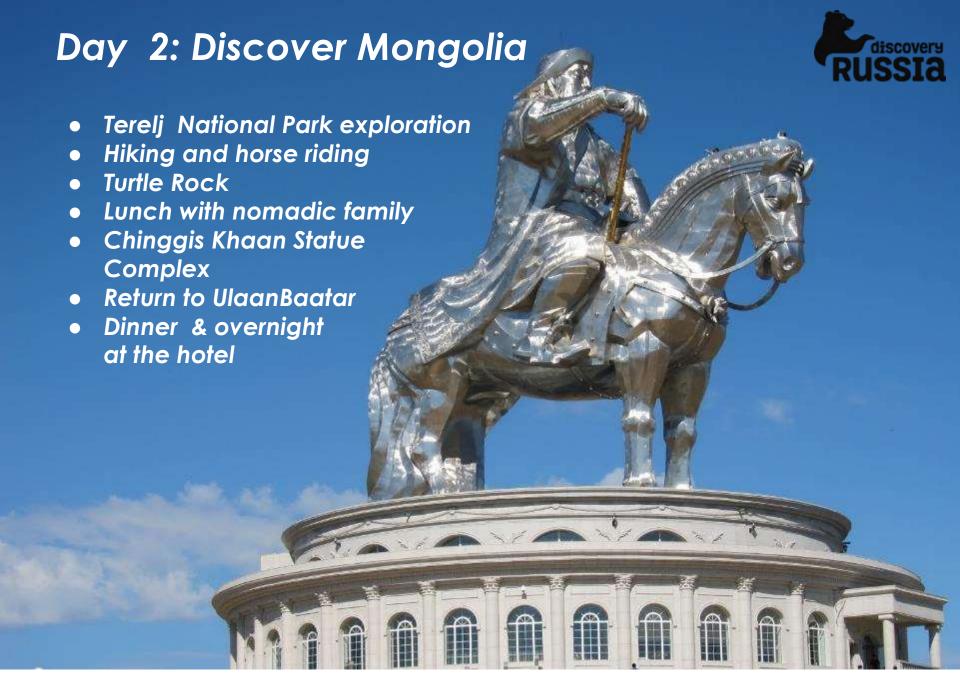
DAY 20

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





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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.



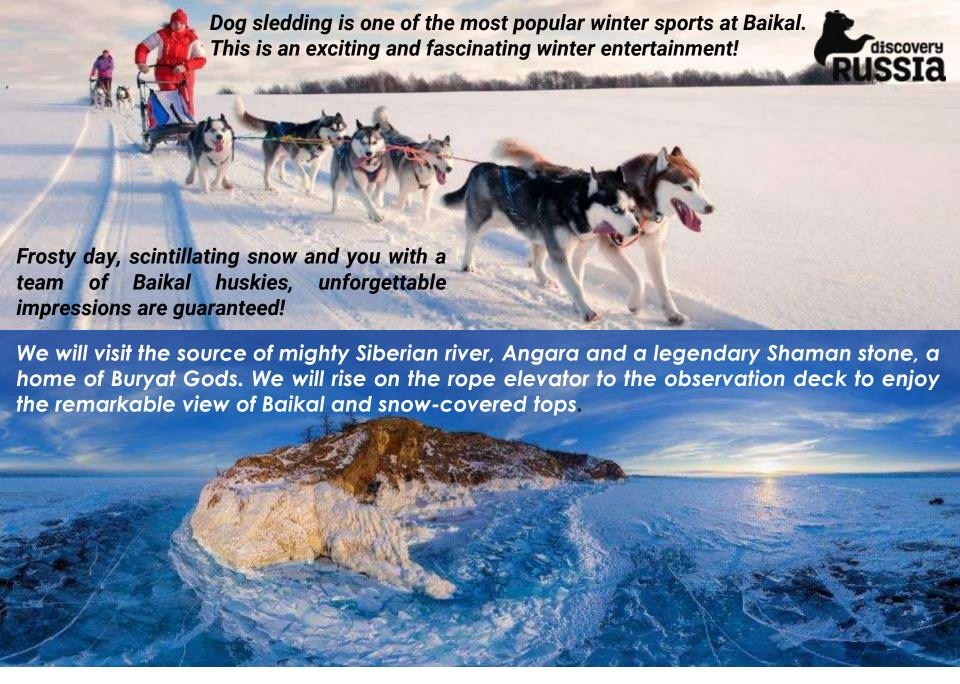
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Day 7: Discover Baikal



- Group tour: Xmas lunch with Xmas tree, gifts and Russian Santa Claus!
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Boarding the train to Yekaterinburg





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DAY 10: Discover Yekaterinburg



- Breakfast
- Yekaterinburg City tour

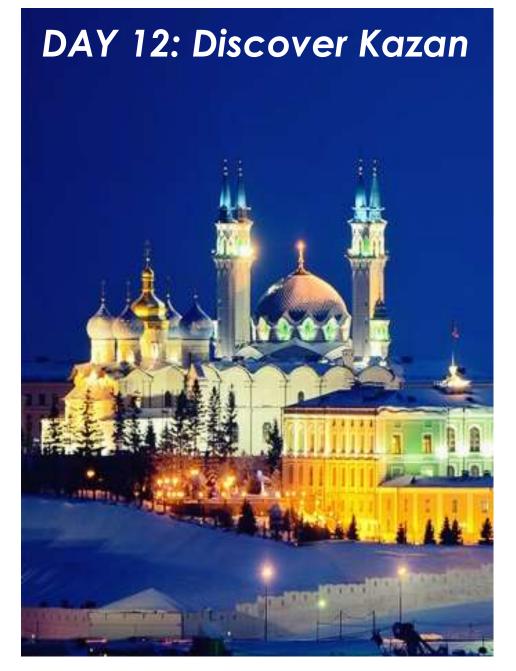
 Ipatiev House/Church on Blood - the place of Romanovs Tsars assagination



- Verkhnyaya Pyshma field military museum of UMMC
- Europe-Asia Border, place where you stand half on Europe, half in Asia!



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- Breakfast
- Kazan Kremlin
- Kul Sharif Mosque
- Syumbike tower
- Christmas markets
- Chak-chak museum
- Old Tatar village,
- Tatar cooking masterclass & Degustation
- Tuvan Avalyn folk show (group departures)
- Transfer to the train station
- Boarding overnight train to Moscow



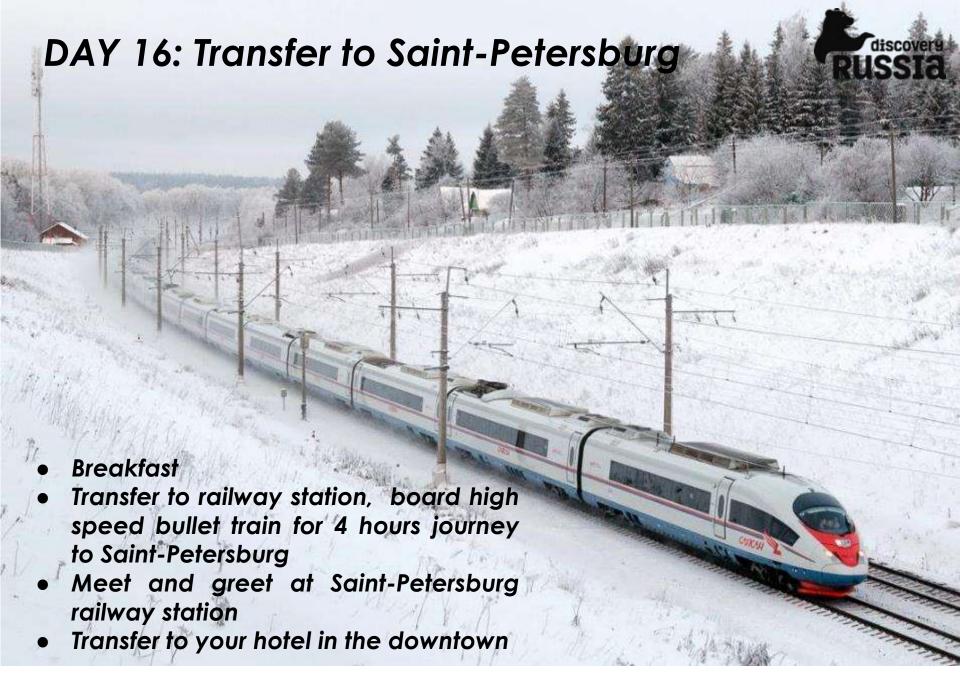




DAY 15: Discover Moscow



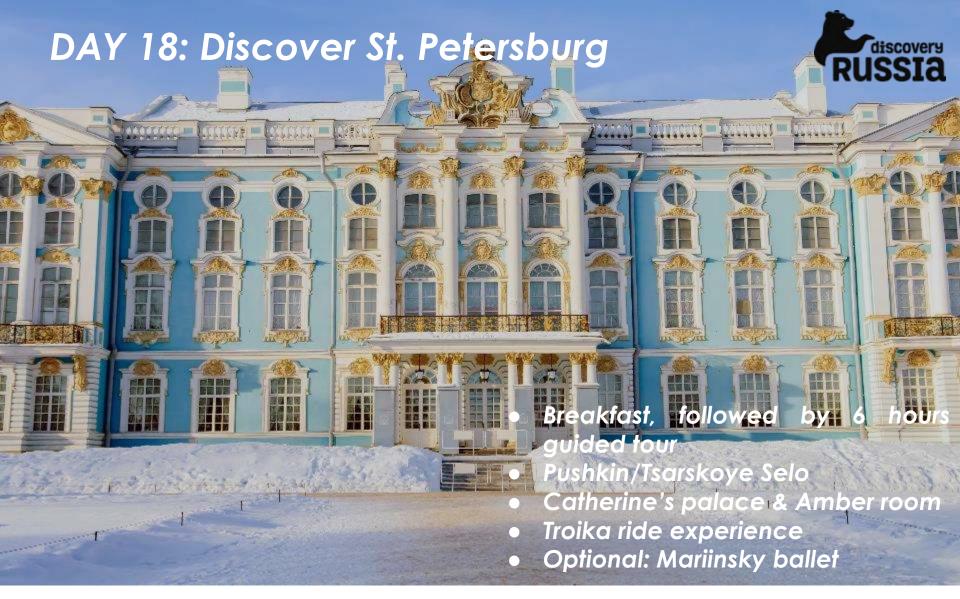




DAY 17: Discover St. Petersburg







Catherine's palace is the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family <u>Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo</u>, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

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Russian winter... Incredible, unbelievable time! Winter offers us a change to get a truly Russian experience and take a traditional troika ride. And as we're out of town. we will not miss this opportunity to get stunned by enchanted by winter landscape and dash through the snow on a colorful sleigh pulled by three borses!



DAY 19: At leisure



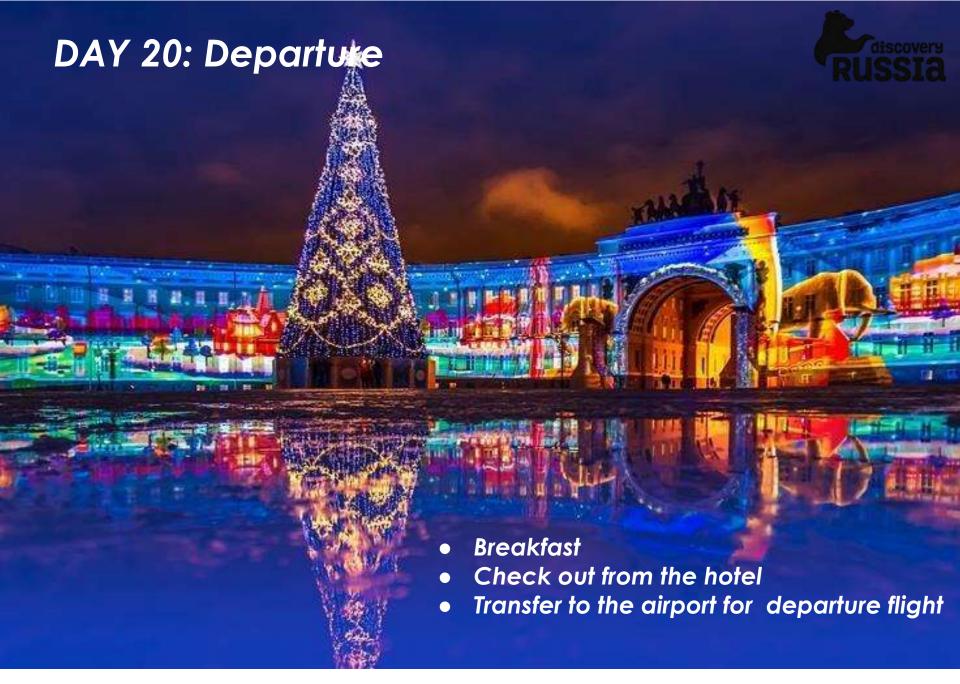


In the evening, attend famous national folk show in Nikolaevsky Palace. Enjoy this unique opportunity of getting acquainted with the history and cultural traditions of Russia! Classical quartet is playing lovely melodies of the XVIIIth century, two stunning ladies in crinolines and a handsome gentleman in a wig (ballet trio "Reverence") are welcoming guests at the Gala stairs of the Palace. How nice to be a guest of the Grand Duke!



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Group Tour, Christmas departure 19 December 2019

Group Tour, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,485 / 6,499 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,520 / 7,540 AUD

Group Tour, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,310 / 4,615 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,045 / 5,350 USD

Group Tour, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,115 / 3,575 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,685 / 4,145 GBP

Group Tour, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,155 / 6.220 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,145 / 7,210 CAD



Private Tour, 2 people

Private Tour, 2 people, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,745 / 7,665 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 9,599 / 8,520 AUD

Private Tour, 2 people, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,199 / 5,435 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,815 / 6,045 USD

Private Tour, 2 people, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,810 / 4,210 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,280 / 4,685 GBP

Private Tour, 2 people, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,360 / 7,325 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 9,180 / 8,150 CAD



ACCOMMODATION:

- 3* / 4* / 5* centrally located hand-picked hotels:
 - 1 night Ulaanbaatar;
 - 3 nights Irkutsk/Baikal;
 - 2 nights Yekaterinburg;
 - 1 night Kazan;
 - 3 nights Moscow;
 - 4 nights St. Petersburg.
- 1 night in Ger Camp (Terelj national park, Mongolia);
- 4 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: farewell dinner.

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TRANSPORTATION:

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

Note 1: 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 2: 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.

- Moscow St. Petersburg bullet train. One way, 2nd class, 4 hours ride. 1st class on request;
- Meet and greet at every location;
- Return airport/train station transfers;
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus;
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

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;
 - Ulaanbaatar day guided tour: Gandan Monastery, National History Museum;

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SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - 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 masterclass & 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 (outsite), 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;
 - St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Winter Palace and the Hermitage, Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral;
 - St. Petersburg day (6 hours) guided tour: Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo, Catherine's palace,
 Troyka ride experience;
 - Veliky Novgorod full day (8 hours) guided optional tour: the Kremlin, the Cathedral of St. Sophia, Yaroslav's Court, the St. George's Monastery, and visit the Wooden Architecture Museum.

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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.

Group tour:

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

OPTIONAL TOURS: ASK YOUR TRAVEL MANAGER FOR MORE DETAILS



SAINT PETERSBURG

DAY TRIP TO VELIKY NOVGOROD

- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod by train
- Guided tour including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument
- Beautiful white stone ancient architecture
- Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture
- Return to St. Petersburg by train

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): USD 250

MARIINSKY BALLET

• Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)

Rate per person: from USD 80

EXTRA NIGHT STAY

Rate per person: USD 155

MOSCOW

MUSEUM OF COSMONAUTICS GUIDED TOUR

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): USD 115

COLD WAR TRACES: SECRET ANTI- NUCLEAR BUNKER -42

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): USD 120

COSSACK SHOW

Rate per person: USD 100

EXTRA NIGHT STAY

Rate per person: USD 155



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.



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:



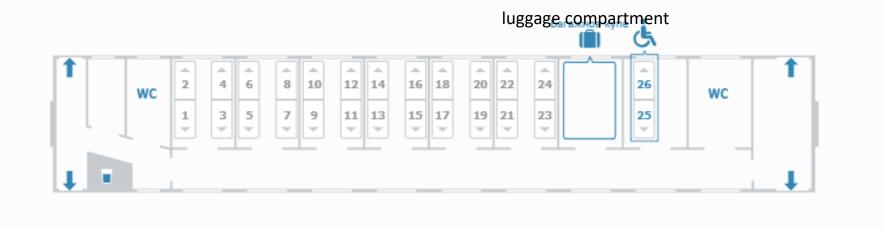
- You can select the type of food
- An extra meal can be provided
- TV
- Press

- 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

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* Stoleshnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar

4* Peking/Pushkin/Azimut Smolenskaya or similar

5* Metropol'*/National/Savoy or similar

St. Petersburg

3* Privilegiya/Aglaya/Hotel Mojka nab.Mojki 5/Atlantika or similar

4* Tchaikovsky/Aston/Zolotoy

Vek/Ambassador or similar

5* Sofitel/Astoria or similar

Terelj National Park

4* Terelj Lodge or similar

Check out other Trans-Siberian tours:





TRANS SIBERIAN MOSCOW -**VLADIVOSTOK**

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LE GRAND TRANS MONGOLIAN: BEIJING TO ST **PETERSBURG**

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