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**Itinerary**

**Day 1:** Beijing
**Day 2:** Beijing – Ulaanbaatar
**Day 3-4:** Terelj National Park
**Day 5:** Ulaanbaatar – Irkutsk
**Day 6–9:** Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)
**Day 10–11:** on board
**Day 12:** Ekaterinburg
**Day 13:** Ekaterinburg – Kazan
**Day 14:** Kazan
**Day 15:** New Year in Moscow
**Day 16–17:** Moscow
**Day 18 – 22:** St Petersburg
**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1**
- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to the hotel
- **GROUP DEPARTURE:** Welcome dinner (Chinese tea ceremony)
- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

**DAY 2**
- Breakfast
- Camel riding experience
- Dinner & overnight at Terelj National Park
- 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 3**
- Arrival in Ulaanbaatar
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80 km)
- Camel riding experience
- Dinner & overnight at Terelj National Park

**DAY 4**
- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Transfer to the hotel
- Irkutsk guided city tour including a visit to the icebreaker “Angara” museum
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
- Xmas lunch with Russian Santa Claus, presents and gifts
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Boarding an afternoon train to Ekaterinburg

DAY 10
- On board

DAY 11
- Arrival in Ekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel in the downtown
- Evening free at leisure

DAY 12
- Ekaterinburg 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 the train station
- Board the afternoon train to Kazan
- In the evening, arrival in Kazan and check-in

DAY 14
- Breakfast
- Kazan guided tour
- Board the train to Moscow

DAY 15
- 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 16
- Breakfast
- Bus city tour
- Visiting Kremlin & Armory
- Guided tour in the downtown
- Optional activities: ice rink on the Red Square

DAY 17
- Breakfast
- Full day, 8 hours Guided tour
- Kolomenskoe Estate & Wooden Palace
- Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Metro tour
- VDNKh & skating experience
DAY 18
- 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 19
- Breakfast
- 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 20
- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine’s palace
- Free time in the park
- Troyka ride
- Optional: Mariinsky ballet

DAY 21
- Breakfast
- Day at leisure/
- Optional tours
- GROUP DEPARTURE: Nikolaevsky Palace folk show

DAY 22
- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight
Day 1: Arrival at Beijing, China

- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to your hotel and free time.
- Welcome dinner with a Chinese tea ceremony
- For the first time visitor we also offer optional guided tours in Beijing, on request
- Train tickets will be delivered to the hotel in advance
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
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

The park is located 80 km away from UlaanBaatar and is one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia.
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
Irkutsk has a rich history that dates back to the 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 Circum 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 Ekaterinburg
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.
Day 10: On board

- Train ride continues
Day 11: Arrival in Ekaterinburg

- Arrival in Ekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel in the downtown
- Evening free at leisure
DAY 12: Discover Ekaterinburg

- Ekaterinburg 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
Guinded tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kremlin of Kazan. Built by Ivan the Terrible on the ruins of the palace of the Kazan Khanate that he destroyed, the Kremlin of Kazan reflects the ethnic mix of Tatars and Russians, Muslims and Christians, that merged into one nation centuries ago.

**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
- Tuivan 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!
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: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- Kolomenskoe Museum UNESCO World Heritage Site and Wooden Palace
- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery - the must see collection of Russian art
- Moscow Metro tour
- The VDNKh tour, a Soviet era exhibition centre
DAY 18: Transfer to Saint-Petersburg

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

A journey from the centre of Moscow to the centre of St. Petersburg now takes only 4 hours by a modern high speed train. Top two Russian cities are now connected more conveniently to enrich your Russian travel experience.
DAY 19: Discover St. Petersburg

• Breakfast, Followed by 8 hours full day 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 20: Discover St. Petersburg

- Breakfast, followed by 6 hours guided tour
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine’s palace & Amber room
- Troika ride experience
- Optional: Mariinsky ballet

Catherine’s palace is the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.
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 horses!
DAY 21: At leisure

- Breakfast
- Afternoon: free time in St. Petersburg or OPTIONAL tours: Peterhof palace/ Palace square skating / Russian museum/ Faberge museum/ 1 day tour to Veliky Novgorod

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!
DAY 21: Evening at Nikolaevsky Palace
DAY 21 (Optional tour*): 1 day tour to Veliky Novgorod

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod by private car/Van/Bus, 3 hours ride
- Guided tour including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument, beautiful white stone ancient architecture and Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture

*This option is not included in the total price of the package
DAY 22: Departure

- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight
Group Tour, Christmas departure, 17 December 2019
Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 9,170 / 8,110 AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 10,275 / 9,150 AUD

Private Tour, based on 2 people to go
Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 10,155 / 9,095 AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 11,210 / 10,150 AUD
Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 12,990 / 11,970 AUD

INCLUSIONS:

Accommodation:
● 3* / 4* / 5* centrally located hand-picked hotels:
  ○ 1 night Beijing;
  ○ 1 night Ulaanbaatar;
  ○ 3 nights Irkutsk/Baikal;
  ○ 2 nights Ekaterinburg;
  ○ 1 night Kazan;
  ○ 3 nights Moscow;
  ○ 4 nights St. Petersburg;
● 1 night in Ger Camp (Terelj national park, Mongolia);
● 5 nights on board.

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INCLUSIONS:

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 departure);
- Group tours: welcome dinner (Chinese Tea Ceremony);
- Nikolaev Palace in St Petersburg folk show with dinner.

Transportation:
- Train tickets*:
  - Beijing - Ulaanbaatar;
  - Ulaanbaatar - Irkutsk;
  - Irkutsk - Ekaterinburg;
  - Ekaterinburg - Kazan;
  - Kazan - Moscow;
  - Moscow - St. Petersburg bullet train.

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.
INCLUSIONS:

Transportation:
- Meet and greet at every location;
- Return airport/train station transfers;
- Full metro/public transport passes in St. Petersburg and Moscow;
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus.

Sightseeing:
- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
  - Ulaanbaatar tour as specified
  - Terelj National Park tours as specified;
  - Irkutsk tours as specified including Dog sledding in Listvyanka;
  - Ekaterinburg as specified;
  - Kazan tours as specified;
  - Moscow tours as specified;
  - St. Petersburg tour as specified including Troika ride.
- Activities:
- camel riding in Mongolia & dog sledding at Lake Baikal
- National folk Show in Kazan (group departure only) & National folk show in St Petersburg (both private and group departures)

Entrance tickets, visas & misc.:
- Entrance Tickets to all listed attractions;
- Chinese, 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.

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

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**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

**Lake Baikal**
3* Krestovaya pad’ or similar
4* Mayak / Legenda Baikala or similar

**Irkutsk**
3* Mikhail Strogov / Europe / Imperia or similar
4* Marriott / Armat / Sayen or similar

**Terelj National Park**
4* Terelj Lodge or similar

**Kazan**
3* Nogay / Maxim Gorky or similar
4* Art Hotel / Corona or similar
5* Korston Royal / Mirazh or similar

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**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

**Ulaanbaatar**
3* Hotel Nine / Khuvsgul Lake / Puma Imperial Hotel or similar
4* Ramada / Novotel / Bishret or similar
5* The Blue Sky / Shangri-La / Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel or similar

**Ekaterinburg**
3* Marins Park Hotel / Chekhov / Tenet or similar
4* Onegin / Voznesenskiy / Renome or similar
5* Vysotsky or similar

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3* Aglaya / Privilegiya / Hotel Mojka or similar
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OPTIONAL TOURS IN ST. PETERSBURG

DAILY TRIP TO VEIKY NOVGOROD

• Transfer to Veliky Novgorod by train
• Guided tour including Kremlin
• St Sofia'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: AUD 250 based on minimum 2 people to go

MARIINSKY BALLET:
From AUD 80 per person (ticket only/no guidance/transportation)

FABERGÉ MUSEUM

AUD 70 per person based on minimum 2 people to go

RUSSIAN MUSEUM GUIDED TOUR

AUD 115 per person based on minimum 2 people to go

OPTIONAL TOURS IN MOSCOW

MUSEUM OF COSMONAUTICS GUIDED TOUR:
AUD 115 per person based on minimum 2 people to go

COLD WAR TRACES:
SECRET ANTI-NUCLEAR BUNKER -42

AUD 160 per person based on minimum 2 people to go