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## SPECIAL OFFER GRAND RUSSIAN VOYAGE

### TRANS SIBERIAN: THE BAM EDITION

Vladivostok to Irkutsk

**15 Days**

25 September — 09 October 2019

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This package is available either  
**Group Tour** (scheduled departures)  
or

**Private Tour** (flexible dates)

Vladivostok — Khabarovsk — Komsomolsk-  
on-Amur — Tynda — Severobaikalsk —  
Lake Baikal — Irkutsk



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**Secure.**

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- 24/7 support





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Step by Step Guide**

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



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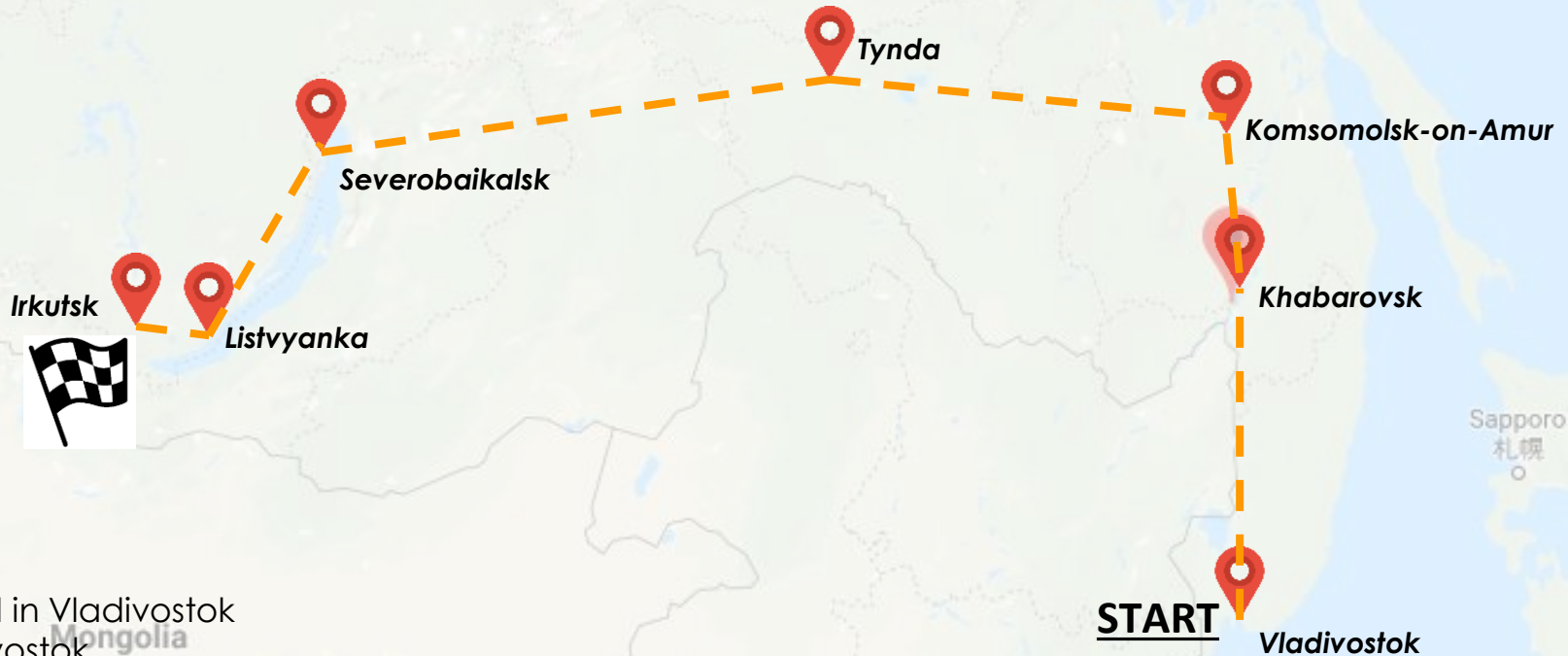
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- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRussiaTravel/reviews/>

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# Itinerary



**Day 1:** Arrival in Vladivostok

**Day 2:** Vladivostok

**Day 3:** Vladivostok & Departure for Khabarovsk

**Day 4:** Khabarovsk & Departure for Komsomolsk-on-Amur

**Day 5:** Komsomolsk-on-Amur

**Day 6:** Amur Rock Pillars & Departure for Tynda

**Day 7:** On board

**Day 8:** Tynda & Departure for Severobaikalsk

**Day 9:** Severobaikalsk

**Day 10:** Severobaikalsk & Departure for Irkutsk

**Day 11:** On board

**Day 12:** Arrival in Irkutsk & Transfer to Lake Baikal (Listvyanka)

**Day 13:** Lake Baikal

**Day 14:** Transfer to Irkutsk

**Day 15:** Departure



# ITINERARY



## DAY 1

- Arrival in Vladivostok
- Meet and greet at the airport
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- The evening is free at leisure
- Overnight stay in Vladivostok

## DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visiting real Russian Winery
- The Far Eastern wines degustation
- Tour continues to the beautiful old village Anisimovka, where you will taste traditional lunch, make photos in national costumes and create traditional souvenirs
- Overnight stay in Vladivostok

## DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Guided city tour: harbour, Submarine S-56, Golden Bridge, viewpoint Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum
- Transfer to the railway station
- Departure for Khabarovsk

## DAY 4

- Arrival in Khabarovsk
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Far Eastern Railway museum
- Stone Turtle Memorial
- Amur Embarkment
- Transfer to the train station // Departure for Komsomolsk-on-Amur

## DAY 5

- Arrival in Komsomolsk-on-Amur
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in and rest
- The local museum // First City Builders' Monument // Memorial Complex – "Eternal Flame" // Cathedral // GULAG monument // Gagarin Monument // Lenin Square & Lenin monument
- Overnight stay in Komsomolsk-on-Amur



# ITINERARY



## DAY 6

- Breakfast
- Check-out from the hotel
- Amurskie Stolby (Amur Rock Pillars)
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure for Tynda

## DAY 7

- The day on board

## DAY 8

- Arrival in Tynda
- Moskovskiy railway station
- Legendary Road Labourer Monument (Steam Locomotive EA-3246) // “Molotkastiye & Serpastiye” Monument // BAM 25th Anniversary Monument
- BAM History Museum
- Troizkiy Cathedral
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure for Severobaikalsk

## DAY 9

- Arrival in Severobaikalsk
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- The Museum of BAM Construction
- Overnight stay in Severobaikalsk

## DAY 10

- Breakfast
- The Railroad Station Building
- Steam Locomotive -П36-0098 Monument
- Pioneers' Tent Monument
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure for Irkutsk



# ITINERARY



## **DAY 11**

- The day on board

## **DAY 12**

- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Guided tour in Irkutsk: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square
- Transfer to Listvyanka village
- Stop en route to visit a real Siberian Zaimka (hunter's house)
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

## **DAY 13**

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology, Shaman Rock
- Chersky Stone observation point & cable car
- Visit local souvenir market
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

## **DAY 14**

- Breakfast
- Lake Baikal cruise
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Taltsy Museum
- Overnight stay in Irkutsk

## **DAY 15**

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport and departure



# Day 1: Arrival in Vladivostok



- Arrival in Vladivostok
- Meet and greet at Vladivostok airport
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Evening at leisure
- Overnight stay in Vladivostok

Welcome to Russia! Vladivostok is one of the most picturesque and interesting cities at the Far East. During the Soviet time the city was the home base of the Pacific Russian military fleet and thus entrance for international travelers was not allowed. Free access was given to tourists and visitors only in 1992.



## Day 2: Russian Winery & Old Village

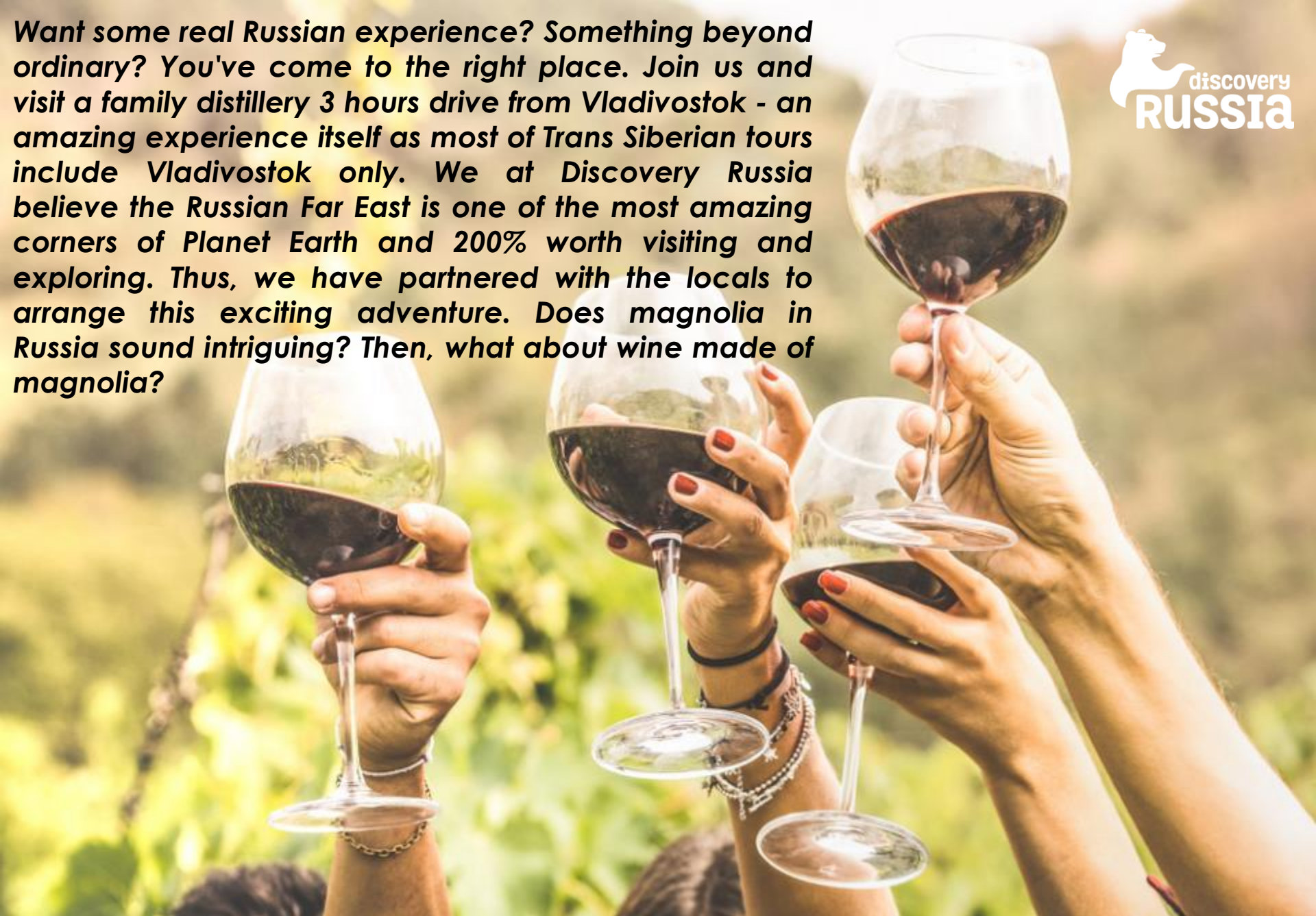


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- **Visiting real Russian Winery**
- **The Far Eastern wines degustation**
- **Tour continues to the beautiful old village Anisimovka, where you will taste traditional lunch, make photos in national costumes and create traditional souvenirs**





**Want some real Russian experience? Something beyond ordinary? You've come to the right place. Join us and visit a family distillery 3 hours drive from Vladivostok - an amazing experience itself as most of Trans Siberian tours include Vladivostok only. We at Discovery Russia believe the Russian Far East is one of the most amazing corners of Planet Earth and 200% worth visiting and exploring. Thus, we have partnered with the locals to arrange this exciting adventure. Does magnolia in Russia sound intriguing? Then, what about wine made of magnolia?**





**The area itself is called “little Switzerland” as we approach the mount Pidan. The owner himself guides the tour on site. The winemaker produces drinks according to own recipes from local taiga and garden raw materials – wild grapes, a magnolia wine, a kishmysh, a gooseberry, currant, honeysuckle, cherry ... Natural properties of wild plants allow creating a drink with a rich aroma and a palette of taste. And the most important – natural. The winemaker can make a fragrant drink with an unusual taste, colour and smell of any wild berry. Also, be sure that you will not be offered anywhere in the world! You have to get that fresh juice of taiga and garden berries, spring water, fragrant herbs to make these bio wines.**

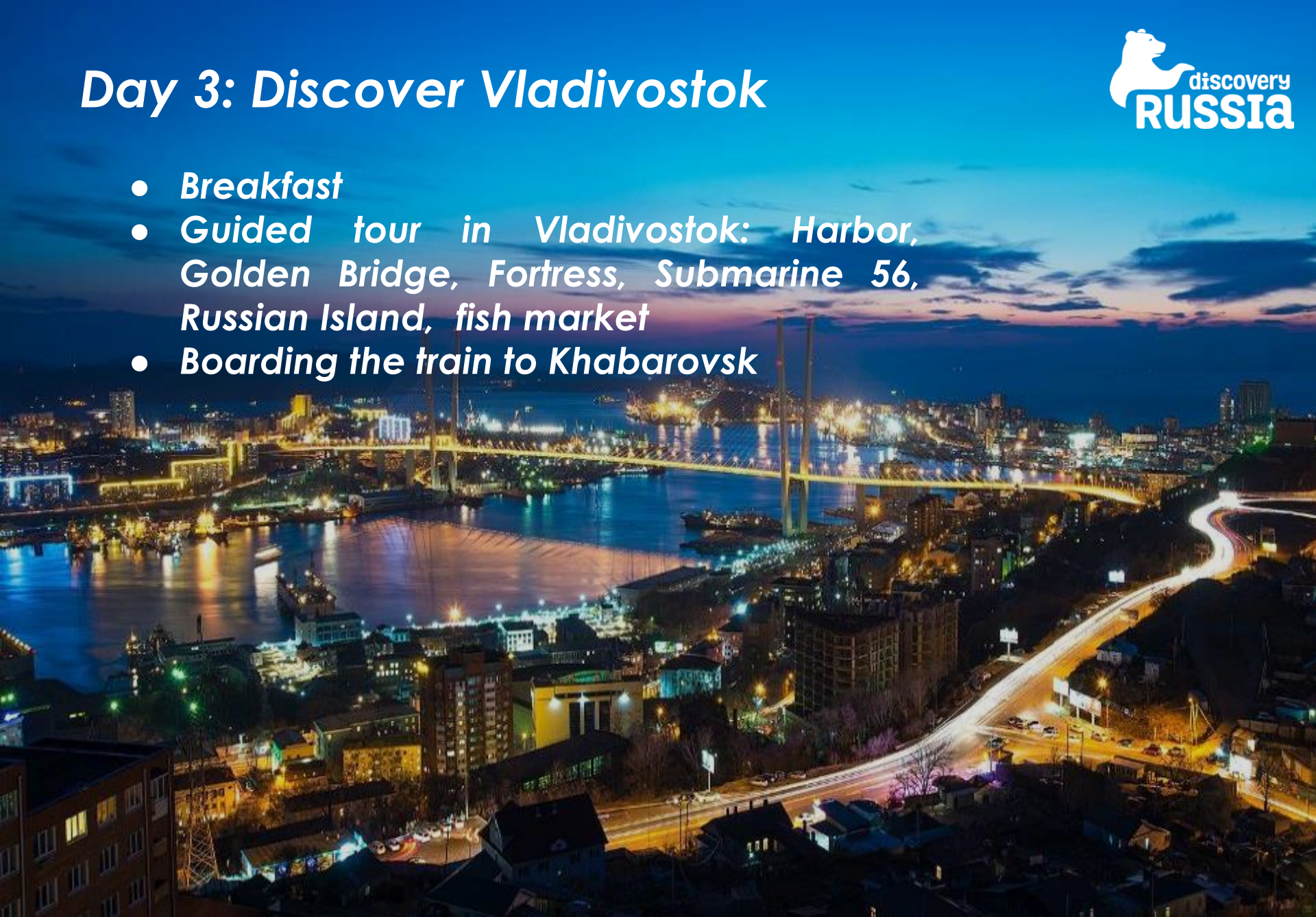




# Day 3: Discover Vladivostok



- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Vladivostok: Harbor, Golden Bridge, Fortress, Submarine 56, Russian Island, fish market*
- *Boarding the train to Khabarovsk*





# Day 4: History tour in Khabarovsk



- *Arrival in Khabarovsk*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *Far Eastern Railway museum*
- *Stone Turtle Memorial*
- *Amur Embankment*
- *Transfer to the train station //*  
*Departure for Komsomolsk-on-Amur*







The idea of the Far Eastern Railway museum arose in the mid-sixties of the past century. During more than a quarter of the century, road museum became the important centre of railway history and culture. Funds of the museum store a lot of interesting exhibits. Most of them are unique documents, photos and natural objects which reflect more than a 110-year historical way of the Far Eastern railway development.







# Day 5: Discover Komsomolsk-on-Amur



- Arrival in Komsomolsk-on-Amur
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in and rest
- The local museum // First City Builders' Monument // Memorial Complex – “Eternal Flame” // Cathedral // GULAG monument // Gagarin Monument // Lenin Square & Lenin monument // the House with a spire



## Day 6: Amur Rock Pillars



- *Breakfast*
- *Check-out from the hotel*
- *Amurskie Stolby (Amur Rock Pillars)*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure for Tynda*

*Day 7: On board*



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*Enjoy activities on board.*

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# Day 8: Discover Tynda



- *Arrival in Tynda*
- *Moskovskiy railway station*
- *Legendary Road Labourer Monument (Steam Locomotive EA-3246)*

- *“Molotkasti & Serpastiy” Monument*
- *BAM 25th Anniversary Monument*
- *BAM History Museum*
- *Troizkiy Cathedral*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure for Severobaikalsk*



# Day 9: The BAM history



- *Arrival in Severobaikalsk*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *Transfer to the hotel and check-in*
- *The Museum of BAM Construction*



# Day 10: Discover Severobaikalsk



- Breakfast
- The Railroad Station Building
- Steam Locomotive - П36-0098 Monument
- Pioneers' Tent Monument
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure for Irkutsk

Day 11: On board



# Day 12: Arrival in Irkutsk & Lake Baikal



- Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning
- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Irkutsk: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square
- Transfer to Listvyanka village on the shores of Lake Baikal
- Stop en route to visit a real Siberian Zaimka (hunter's house)
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

# Day 13: Discover Baikal

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car)
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Visit local souvenir market
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka



# Irkutsk: gate to Lake Baikal



*Around 1900, the city was nicknamed the "Paris of Siberia" due to its wide streets and ornate, continental architecture but travelers today will find a little resemblance with Paris. This official capital of Western Siberia is most known for its amazing wooden architecture.*





Visit Baikal Museum and the aquarium, where you will see Baikal fish and freshwater seals—nerpas, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market.



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. Locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

You will be surrounded by amazing landscapes of the world's largest, oldest and deepest freshwater lake, Baikal

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# Day 14: Taltsy & Irkutsk



- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Museum
- Overnight in Irkutsk





# **DAY 15: Farewell**



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

# Group Tour, 2019



Departure dates for 2019: 25 September

## Group Tour, AUD

**Rate per person** (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,660 / 3,950 AUD**

**Rate per person** (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,260 / 4,555 AUD**

## Group Tour, USD

**Rate per person** (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,299 / 2,799 USD**

**Rate per person** (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,735 / 3,230 USD**

## Group Tour, GBP

**Rate per person** (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **2,560 / 2,170 GBP**

**Rate per person** (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **2,890 / 2,499 GBP**

## Group Tour, CAD

**Rate per person** (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,455 / 3,775 CAD**

**Rate per person** (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,035 / 4,355 CAD**

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## Private Tour, 2 people, 2019

Departure dates for 2019: Flexible

### Private Tour, 2 people, AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,250 / 5,999 AUD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,750 / 6,499 AUD**

### Private Tour, 2 people, USD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,435 / 4,260 USD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,790 / 4,615 USD**

### Private Tour, 2 people, GBP

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,435 / 3,299 GBP**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,710 / 3,575 GBP**

### Private Tour, 2 people, CAD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,975 / 5,735 CAD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,456 / 6,215 CAD**



## TOUR INCLUSIONS:



### ACCOMMODATION:

- Hand-picked centrally located hotels:
  - 3 nights Vladivostok
  - 1 night Komsomolsk-on-Amur with early check-in
  - 1 night Severobaikalsk with late check-out
  - 3 nights Lake Baikal/Irkutsk
- 5 nights on board

### MEALS:

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- 2 lunches: Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal // Russian lunch in Taltsy
- Interactive program Tea in Russia & Great Tea Way with tea degustation in Taltsy
- The Far Eastern wines degustation on the real Russian winery

### TRANSPORTATION:

- Train tickets of the selected category:
  - Vladivostok—Khabarovsk
  - Khabarovsk—Komsomolsk-on-Amur
  - Komsomolsk-on-Amur —Tynda
  - Tynda- Severobaikalsk
  - Tynda—Irkutsk

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS:



### TRANSPORTATION:

**Note 1:** All 1st class train tickets are subject to availability.

**Note 2:** If the 1st class train ticket is not available then two 2nd class train tickets will be provided free of charge instead of one 1st class ticket.

**Note 3:** 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.

### SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- All guided tours as per program:
  - Vladivostok: local winery, taiga & old village tour - full day tour
  - Vladivostok full day (8 hours) guided tour: harbour, Submarine S-56, Golden Bridge, viewpoint Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum
  - Khabarovsk full day (8 hours) guided tour: Far Eastern Railway museum, Stone Turtle Memorial, Amur Embankment, Second World War Eternal Flame Memorial, Lenin Square, a walk in Northern Park visiting Serafim Sarovsky Cathedral
  - Komsomolsk-on-Amur day (8 hours) guided tour: the local museum, First City Builders' Monument – the Symbol of Komsomolsk-on-Amur, Memorial Complex – “Eternal Flame” – Cathedral, GULAG monument, Gagarin Monument, Lenin Square with Lenin monument, Tynda full day (6 hours) guided tour: Moskovskiy railway station, Legendary Road Labourer Monument (Steam Locomotive EA-3246), “Molotkastiy & Serpastiy” Monument, BAM 25th Anniversary Monument, BAM History Museum, Troitsky Cathedral
  - Irkutsk half day (4 hours) guided tour: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, historical downtown

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS:



## SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- All guided tours as per program:
  - Severobaikalsk half day (4 hours) guided tour: Visit of Museum of BAM construction, the Railroad Station Building, Steam Locomotive -П36-0098 Monument, Pioneers' Tent Monument
  - Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum with Matryoshka painting master class and interactive program Tea in Russia & Great Tea Way with tea degustation // Lake Baikal cruise
  - Listvyanka full day (8 hours) guided tour: Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market & Lake Baikal cruise

## 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 20 people maximum.

## NOT INCLUDED:

-International flights

-Visa fees

-Extras of Personal nature

-Lunches and dinners not mentioned

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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.



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

# OUR HAND PICKED HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWNS



## Vladivostok

**3\*** *Sibirskoe Podvorie/Teplo or similar*

**4\*** *Astoria/Azimut*

**5\*** *Lotte*

## Irkutsk

**3\*** *Mikhail Strogov/Europe/Imperia or similar*

**4\*** *Marriott/Armat/Sayen or similar*

## Lake Baikal

**3\*** *Krestovaya pad' or similar*

**4\*** *Mayak/Legenda Baikala 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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## THE ULTIMATE TRANS SIBERIAN 2019 (EASTBOUND)

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## WESTBOUND EXPRESS 2019

<https://discoveryrussia.com/tour/174/>



## THE ORIGINAL TRANS SIBERIAN

<https://discoveryrussia.com/tour/227/>



## CHRISTMAS SPECIALS: TRANS MONGOLIAN EXPRESS

<https://discoveryrussia.com/tour/247/>