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### SPECIAL OFFER

# Trans-Siberian Eastbound Summer 2020 Moscow to Vladivostok

Moscow to Vladivostok

16 Days

04 June — 19 June 2020 06 August — 21 August 2020 06 October — 21 October 2020

This package is available either

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

MOSCOW — KAZAN — YEKATERINBURG — IRKUTSK / LAKE BAIKAL — VLADIVOSTOK



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- Australian-owned company
- Over 10 years experience in Russia

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# Russian visa: easy to obtain

How to obtain a Russian Visa in an easy way: 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

# <u>Itinerary</u>















Novosibirsk

Yekaterinburg







Irkutsk

Ulan-Ude



Day 2-3 — Moscow

Day 4 — Free time in Moscow, on board to Kazan

Day 5 — Kazan

Day 6 — Kazan-Yekaterinburg on board

Day 7 — Yekaterinburg

Day 8-9 — Yekaterinburg-Irkutsk on board

Day 10-11 — Irkutsk // Lake Baikal

Day 12-14 — Irkutsk-Vladivostok on board

Day 15 — Arrival at Vladivostok

Day 16 — Departure









Arrival in

Moscow

airport

at Moscow

hotel and

check-in

Group tour:

in Moscow

Welcome dinner

Overnight stay

Transfer to the

Meet and greet

# <u>Itinerary</u>

# DAY 2

DAT

Breakfast

- The Moscow Kremlin Tour, including the Armory and the Red Square
- Moscow metro tour
- Excursion in Novodevichy Convent
- Sparrow Hills
- Arbat
- Overnight stay in Moscow

# DAY 3

- Breakfast
- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Stalin's skyscrapers
  tour
- The Izmailovo Kremlin
- The VDNKh & Museum
   of Cosmonautics
- Overnight stay in Moscow

### DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Day at leisure
- Transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Kazan in the evening

# DAY 5

- Arrival in Kazan
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel & guaranteed early check in
- Kazan Kremlin
- Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Chak-Chak museum
- Old Tatar village
- Tatar cooking master-class
   & Degustation
- Overnight stay in Kazan

# DAY 6

- Early check-out and transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Yekaterinburg in the morning
- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Overnight Stay
   Yekaterinburg

# DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Romanov's assassination place & Church
- Museum of Semi precious stones and stone carving
- Europe-Asia border
- Pyzhma open-air military museum
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg



# **Itinerary**

### DAY 8

- Check-out from the hotel
- Transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Irkutsk

# DAY 9

On board

### **DAY 10**

- Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning
- Breakfast
- Guided city tour in Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine
- Visiting Taltsy Museum
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

### **DAY 11**

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

### **DAY 12**

- Early departure from Listvyanka
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Boarding train to
   Vladivostok

# DAY 13-14

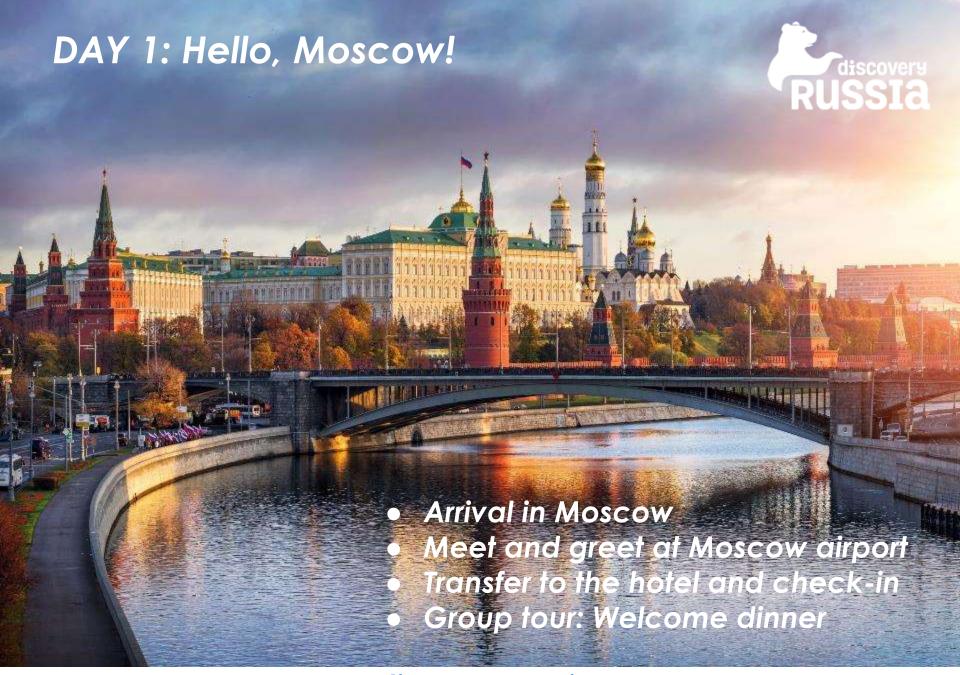
On board

### **DAY 15**

- Early arrival in Vladivostok
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and guaranteed early check-in
- City tour: Harbour, Submarine S-56, Golden Bridge, View point Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum & Russian Island
- Group tour: Farewell dinner
- Overnight stay in Vladivostok

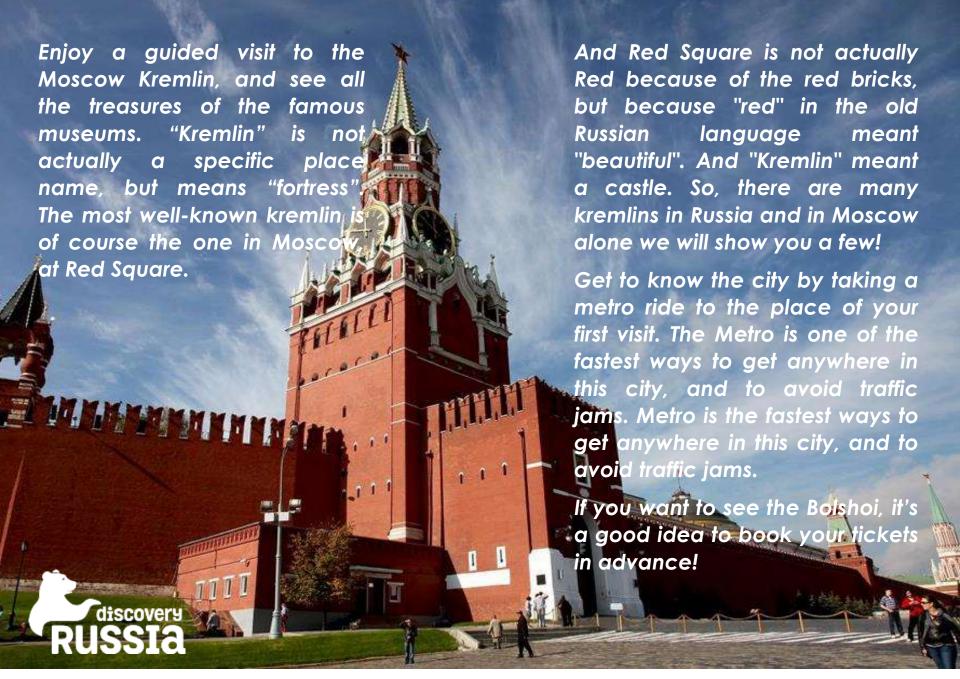
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- Breakfast
- Transfer to airport for your departure flight



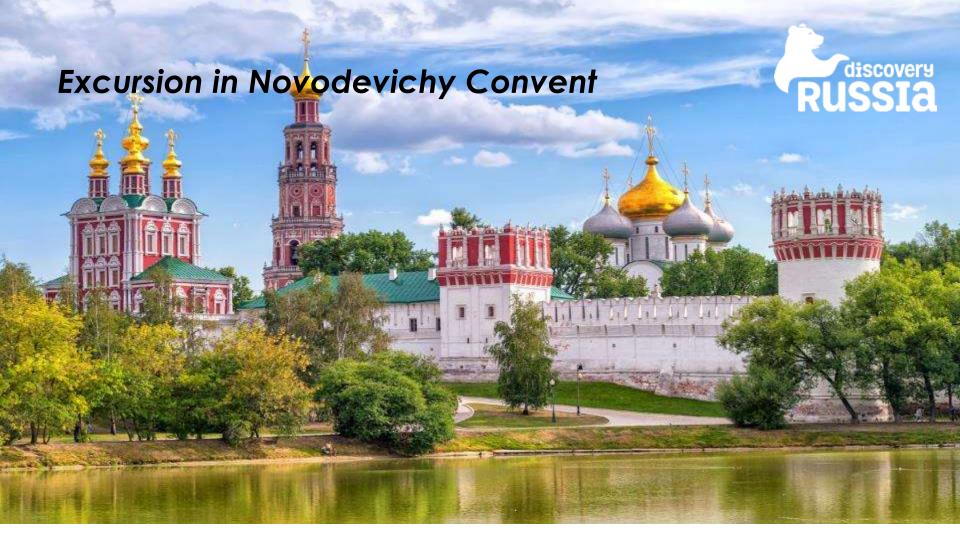


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Lenin's Mausoleum, also known as Lenin's Tomb, situated in Red Square in the centre of Moscow, is a mausoleum that currently serves as the resting place of Soviet leader, Vladimir Lenin. His preserved body has been on public display there since shortly after his death in 1924, with rare exceptions in wartime.



Novodevichy Convent, also known as Bogoroditse-Smolensky Monastery is probably the best-known cloister of Moscow. Its name, sometimes translated as the New Maidens' Monastery, was devised to differ from the Old Maidens' Monastery within the Moscow Kremlin. Unlike other Moscow cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century. In 2004, it was proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



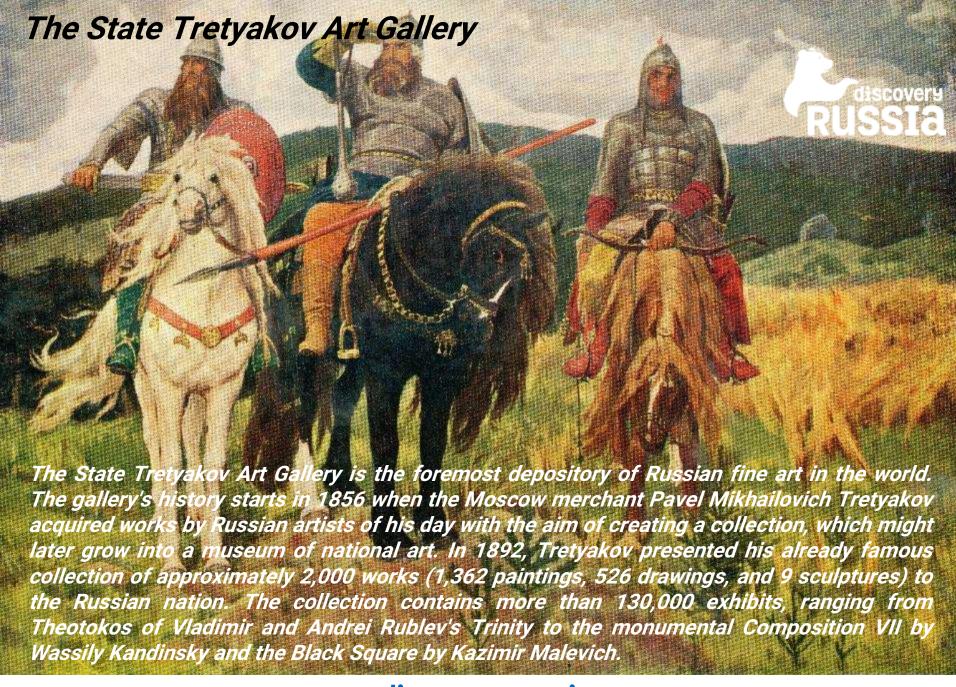
The Moscow Metro was opened in 1935 with one 11-kilometre (6.8 mi) line and 13 stations, it was the first underground railway system in the Soviet Union. As of 2018, the Moscow Metro excluding the Moscow Central Circle and Moscow Monorail has 224 stations (255 with Moscow Central Circle) and its route length is 381 km (237 mi), making it the fifth longest in the world. The system is mostly underground, with the deepest section 84 metres (276 ft) underground at the Park Pobedy station, one of the world's deepest. It's the busiest metro system in Europe, and a tourist attraction in itself.



<u>The VDNKH</u> ("Vystavka Dostizheniy Narodnogo Khozyaystva"—the "All-Russia Exhibition Centre") complex was built to be an exhibition centre of the entire USSR. Today it is a remarkable place to visit with lots of museums, amazing buildings, the modern art exhibition centre and the Museum of Cosmonautics.



Izmaylovo Kremlin to the east of Moscow represents a totally different style of architecture. It also includes an open air museum of wooden architecture.









# UNESCO World Heritage Site: Kremlin of Kazan

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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 6: Departure for Yekaterinburg

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- Early check-out and transfer to the train station
- Boarding the train to Yekaterinburg
- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg



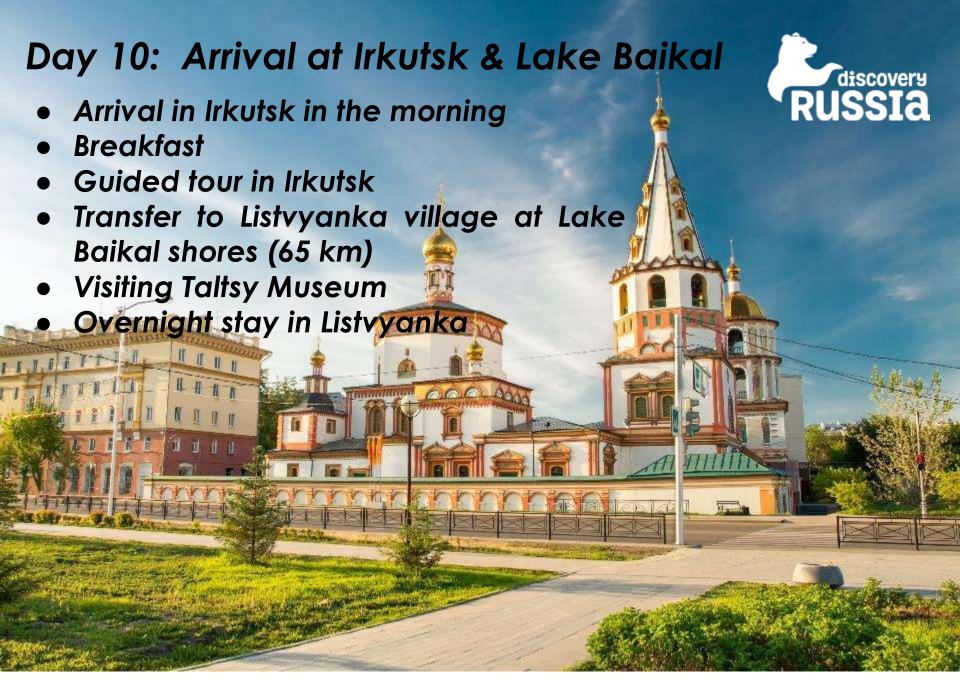
Yekaterinburg is most known as a place where the last Romanov Tsar was assassinated after the Revolution. Guided city tour includes: Romanov's assassination place & church, museum of semi precious stones, Europe- Asia border & Pyzhma open air military museum,





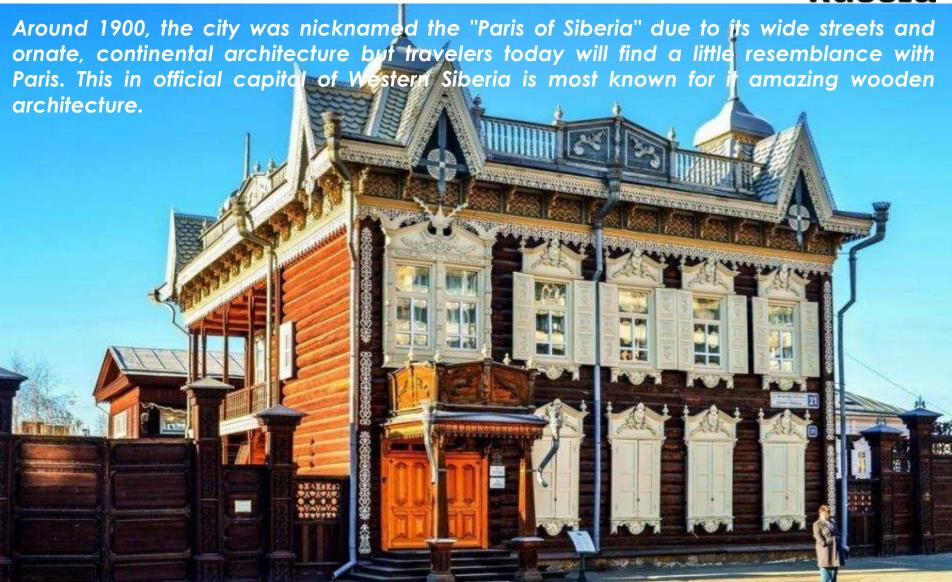
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# Irkutsk: gate to Lake Baikal







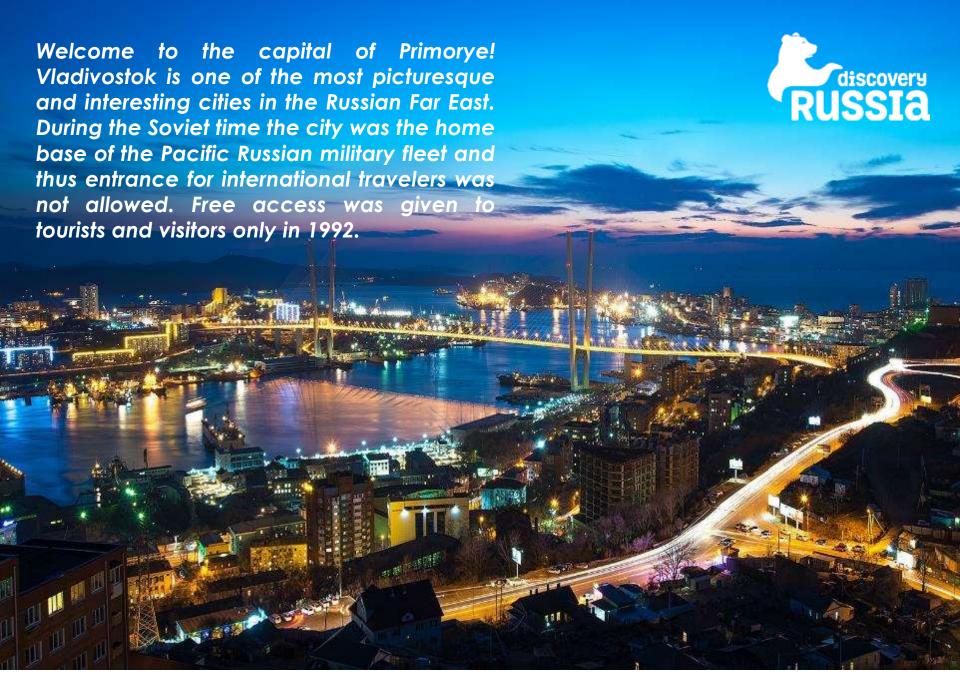
- Visit Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum
- Matryoshka painting master class
- Interactive entertainment program and Siberian lunch with Siberian tea and honey degustation



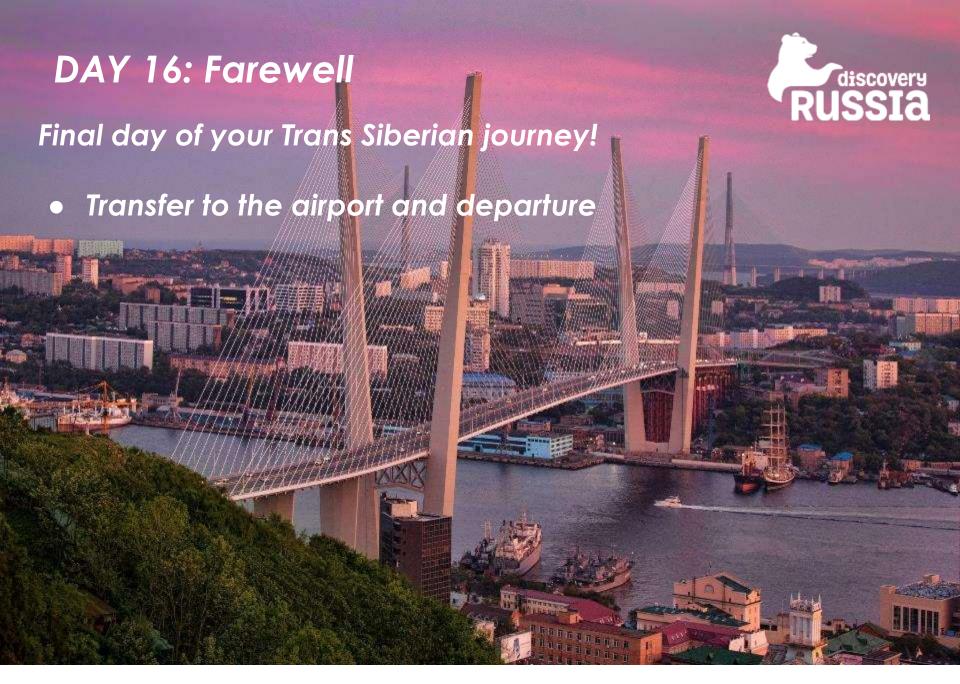


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# DAY 15: Arrival at Vladivostok Early arrival in Vladivostok Meet and greet at the train station Transfer from the train station to the hotel and guaranteed early check-in • City tour: Harbour, Submarine S-56, Golden Bridge, view point Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum & Russian Island Group tour: Farewell dinner



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# Group Tour, 2020

Early bird prices: Book a tour for more than a year in advance for the price of 2019.

Starting dates for 2020: 4 June, 6 August, 6 October



#### Group Tour, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,480 / 4,220 AUD Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,060 / 4,799 AUD Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,030 / 5,770 AUD

#### Group Tour, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,890 / 2,995 USD Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,300 / 3.405 USD Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,990 / 4,095 USD

#### Group Tour, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,015 / 2,320 GBP Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,335 / 2,640 GBP Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,870 / 3,175 GBP

#### Group Tour, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,245 / 4,035 CAD Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,795 / 4,590 CAD Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,725 / 5,520 CAD

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# Private Tour, 2 people, 2020

Starting dates for 2020: Flexible



#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,005 / 5,745 AUD Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,585 / 6,325 AUD Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,555 / 7,295 AUD

#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,970 / 4,075 USD Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,385 / 4,490 USD Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,075 / 5,180 USD

#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,855 / 3,160 GBP Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,170 / 3,480 GBP Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,705 / 3,870 GBP

#### Private Tour, 2 people, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,700 / 5,495 CAD Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,255 / 6,050 CAD Rate per person (5\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,185 / 6,980 CAD
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# discovery RUSSIA

#### **ACCOMMODATION:**

- Centrally located hand-picked hotels;
  - 3 nights Moscow;
  - 1 night Kazan with early check in;
  - 2 nights Yekaterinburg;
  - 2 nights Lake Baikal/Listvyanka;
  - o 1 night Vladivostok with early check-in.
- 6 nights on board the trains.

#### **MEALS:**

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- Group tour: Welcome dinner // Farewell dinner;
- 3 lunches: Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal // Russian lunch in Taltsy with tea and honey degustation// Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

- Train tickets of the chosen category:
  - Moscow Kazan;
  - Kazan Yekaterinburg;
  - Yekaterinburg Irkutsk;
  - o Irkutsk Vladivostok.

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#### TRANSPORTATION:

- Superior trains on the route;
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;
- Return airport/train station transfers;
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow;
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus.

Note 1: In case the train does not have a 1st class carriage, 4 berths in 2nd class compartments can be bought out (1 full compartment of 4 berths).

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.

#### **SIGHTSEEING:**

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
  - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Armory, the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow metro tour, Novodevichy convent & Sparrow Hills;
  - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Stalin's skyscrapers tour, the Izmailovo Kremlin, the VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics;

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  - Yekaterinburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: Church of All Saints, Museum of minerals, the Ipatiev House, Europe-Asia border, Pyzhma military museum;
  - Irkutsk full day (8 hours) guided tour: Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum with Matryoshka painting master class and interactive program, St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, historical downtown;
  - Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market, Baikal Seal Aquarium;
  - Vladivostok full day (8 hours) guided tour: harbour, Submarine S-56, Golden Bridge, view point Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum.

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#### **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: small group up to 20 people.

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

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



#### **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 Discoveryrussia.com 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**



#### **Vladivostok**

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

4\* Astoria/Azimut

5\* Lotte

#### 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

#### 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

#### Kazan

3\* Nogay/Maxim Gorky or similar

4\* Art Hotel/ Corona or similar

**5\*** Korston Royal/Mirazh or similar

# **Check out other Trans-Siberian tours:**





TRANS SIBERIAN MOSCOW -**VLADIVOSTOK** 

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