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## SPECIAL OFFER

### Trans Siberian Xmas Eastbound Moscow to Vladivostok 17 Days

31 December 2019– 16 January 2020

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This package is available either  
**Group Tour** (scheduled departure)  
or  
**Private Tour** (flexible dates)

MOSCOW - KAZAN - EKATERINBURG - IRKUTSK / LAKE BAIKAL -  
VLADIVOSTOK



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- *Over 10 years experience in Russia*

- *24/7 support*





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**How to obtain a Russian Visa in an easy way:  
Step by Step Guide**

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

# Happy Travelers



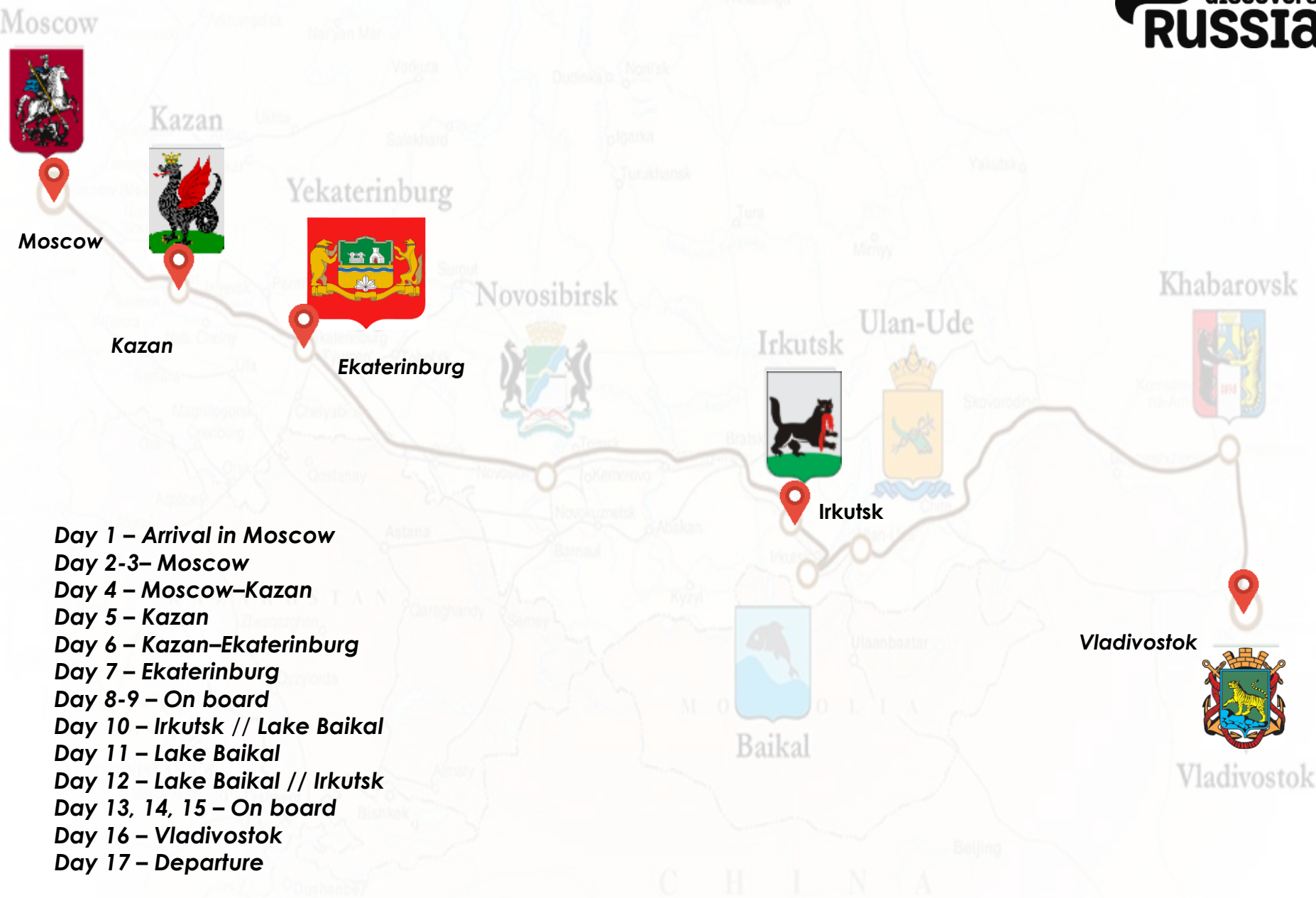
***In 2018 we have hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia! Please have a look at our reviews and feedbacks below from people that have travelled with us.***



***If you're hesitating about going to Russia, you may find these reviews useful:***

- **Trustpilot** <https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au>
- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRussiaTravel/reviews/>

# 17 days itinerary



# Itinerary



## DAY 1

- Arrival in Moscow
- Meet and greet at the airport
- Transfer to the hotel
- **GROUP DEPARTURE:**  
**NEW YEAR Gala Dinner**

## DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visiting Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory)
- City tour, Novodevichy Convent & Christmas markets

## DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Kolomenskoye Estate & Wooden Palace
- Metro tour
- VDNKh & skating experience

## DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Free time in Moscow
- Check-out from the hotel
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure for Kazan

## DAY 5

- Early morning arriving at Kazan railway station
- Early check-in at the hotel and short rest
- Guided tour in Kazan

## DAY 6

- Kazan–Ekaterinburg train
- Transfer to the hotel and check in
- Overnight stay in Ekaterinburg

## DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Ekaterinburg
- Train departure for Irkutsk

## DAY 8-9

- Train ride continues 2 days and 10 hours on the train

# Itinerary



## DAY 10

- Arrival at Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Check-in at the hotel

## DAY 11

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Chersky Stone observation point
- Try local Buryat cuisine
- Visit local souvenir market
- Dog sledding

## DAY 12

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Museum on the way
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- Board the train to Vladivostok

## DAY 13-15

On board

## DAY 16

- Early arrival in Vladivostok
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and early check-in
- Guided city tour
- Optional – late evening excursion
- GROUP DEPARTURE: Farewell dinner

## DAY 17

Final day of your long Trans Siberian winter journey!

- Transfer to the airport and departure

# DAY 1: Arrival in Moscow



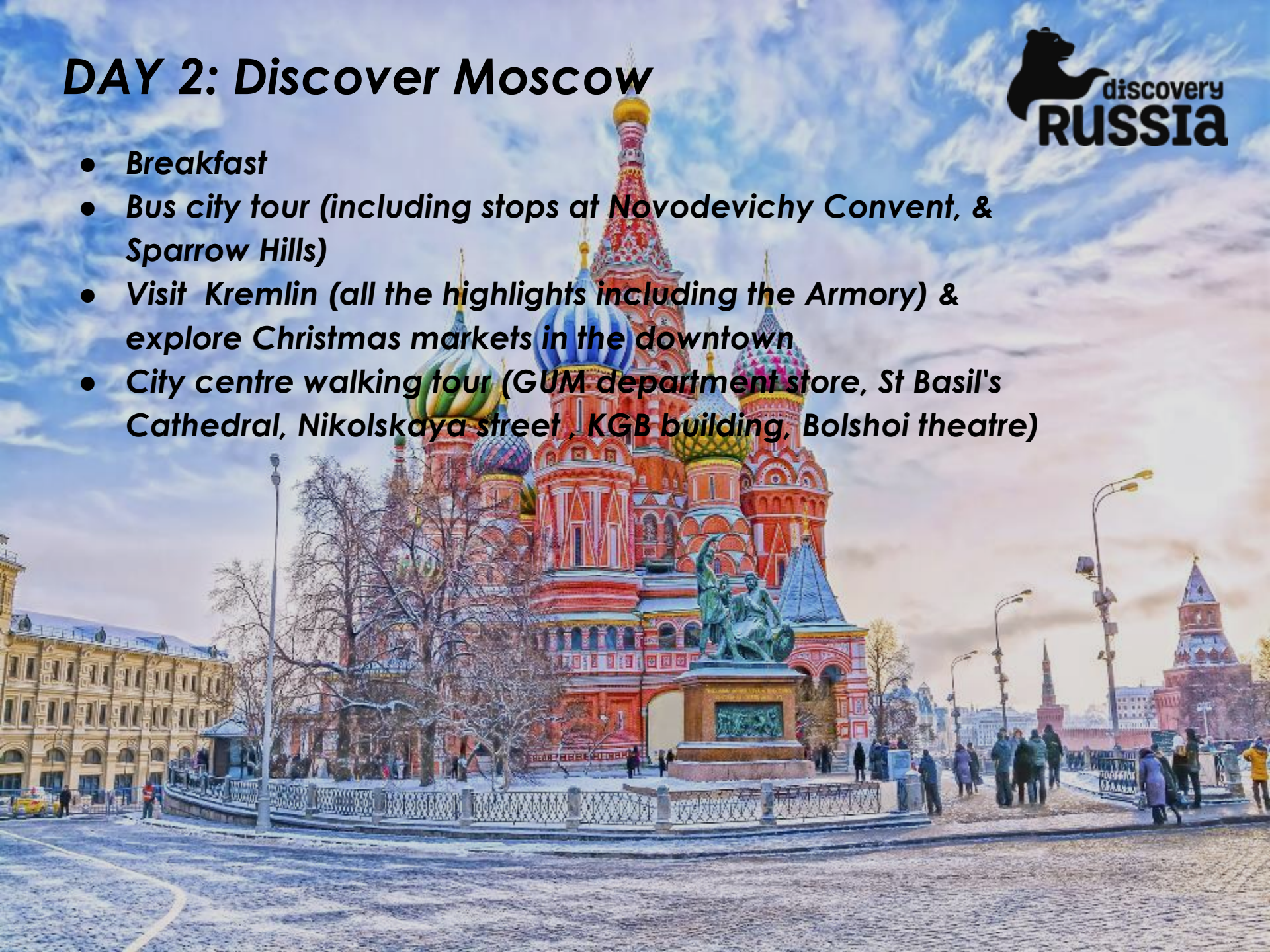
- *Arrival in Moscow*
- *Meet and greet at the airport*
- *Transfer to the hotel*
- *New Year in Russia!*

- **GROUP DEPARTURE: NEW YEAR Gala Dinner**

# DAY 2: Discover Moscow



- **Breakfast**
- **Bus city tour (including stops at Novodevichy Convent, & Sparrow Hills)**
- **Visit Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory) & explore Christmas markets in the downtown**
- **City centre walking tour (GUM department store, St Basil's Cathedral, Nikolskaya street, KGB building, Bolshoi theatre)**



# DAY 3: Discover Moscow



- Breakfast
- Kolomenskoye Estate, UNESCO World Heritage Site & Wooden Palace
- Visiting Tretyakov State Art Gallery & Metro tour
- Today we will also use Moscow metro, the fastest and most reliable means of transport in this city. Old central stations are so beautiful that Josef Stalin called them “palaces for people”
- Visiting VDNKh Soviet exhibition complex and skating (optional)



# DAY 4: Transfer to Kazan



- *Breakfast*
- *Free time to enjoy winter in Moscow*
- *Check out from the hotel*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure to Kazan*



# Day 5: Discover Kazan



- Early arrival in Kazan in the morning
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and guaranteed early check-in
- Full day guided tour: Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Christmas markets
- Chak-Chak museum
- Old Tatar village
- Tatar cooking master-class & Degustation

Guided 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 6: Departure for Ekaterinburg



- *Check-out from the hotel*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure for Ekaterinburg, Ural mountains*
- *Arrival to Ekaterinburg*
- *Transfer to your hotel and check-in*



# Day 7: Arrival in Ekaterinburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Romanov's assassination place & Church*
- *Museum of Semi precious stones and stone carving*
- *Europe-Asia border*
- *Pyzhma open-air military museum*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure for Irkutsk*



**Ekaterinburg is the official border between Europe and Asia. You can even travel several times from Europe to Asia and back and of course take a photo standing in two parts of the world simultaneously!**



**Take a look at the city's main religious institution – Church of All Saints and visit the Ipatiev House – the late Tsar's last resort. Ekaterinburg is most known as a place where the last Romanov Tsar was assassinated after the Revolution.**

**Here you can also visit the residence of KGB, Gorodok Chekistov, the largest in Russia museum of semi-precious stone that contains a wonderful collection of stone mosaics and carvings and the largest in Russia open-air military museum.**

# Day 8-9: On board



## Day 10: Arrival in Irkutsk



- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal
- Siberian lunch at traditional hunter's house "Zaimka"

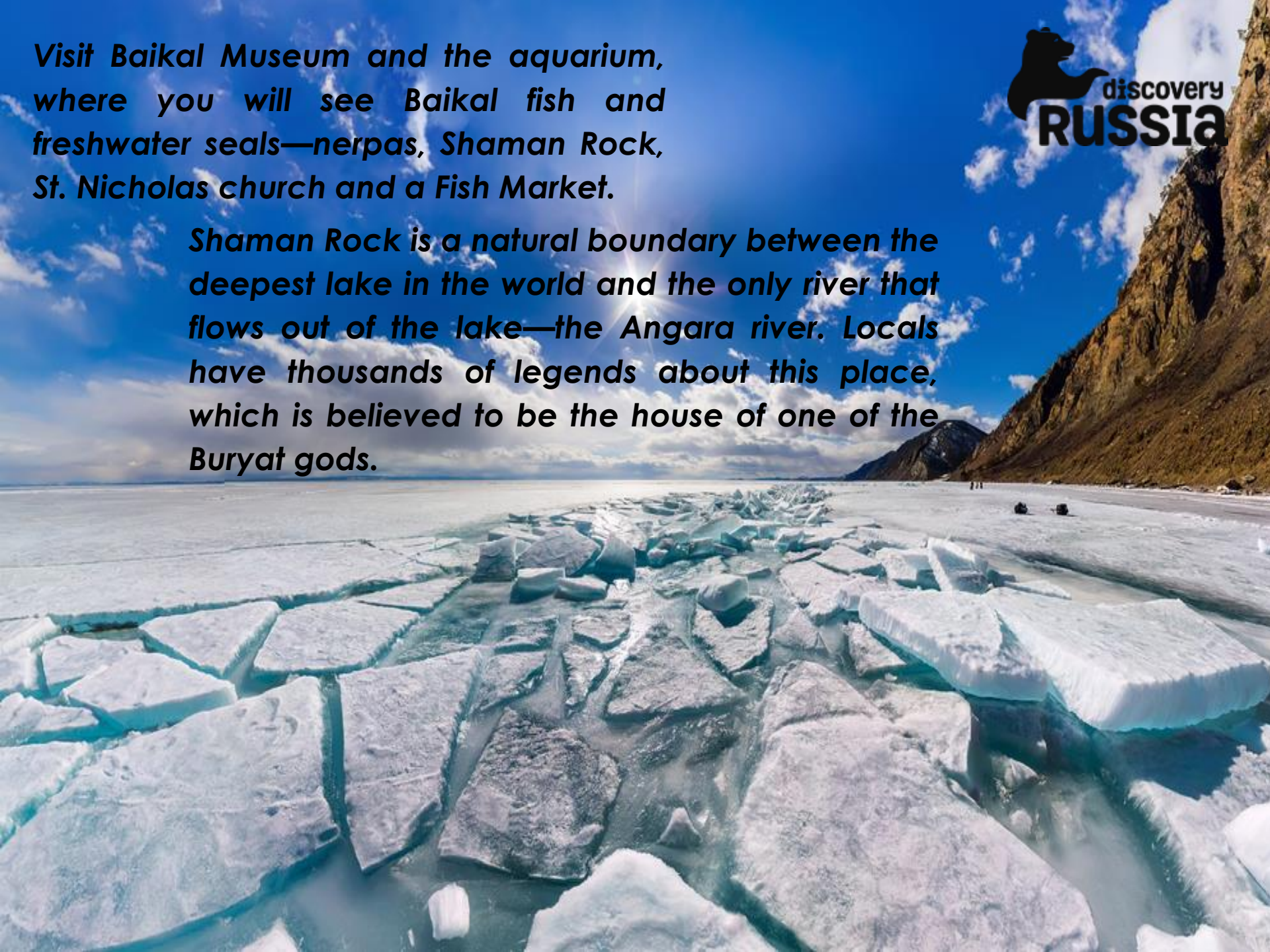
## Day 11: Discover Baikal

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology, Shaman Rock
- Chersky Stone observation point & cable car
- Try local Buryat cuisine
- Visit local souvenir market
- **Dog sledding tour!**

**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.**



# Day 12: Taltsy & Irkutsk

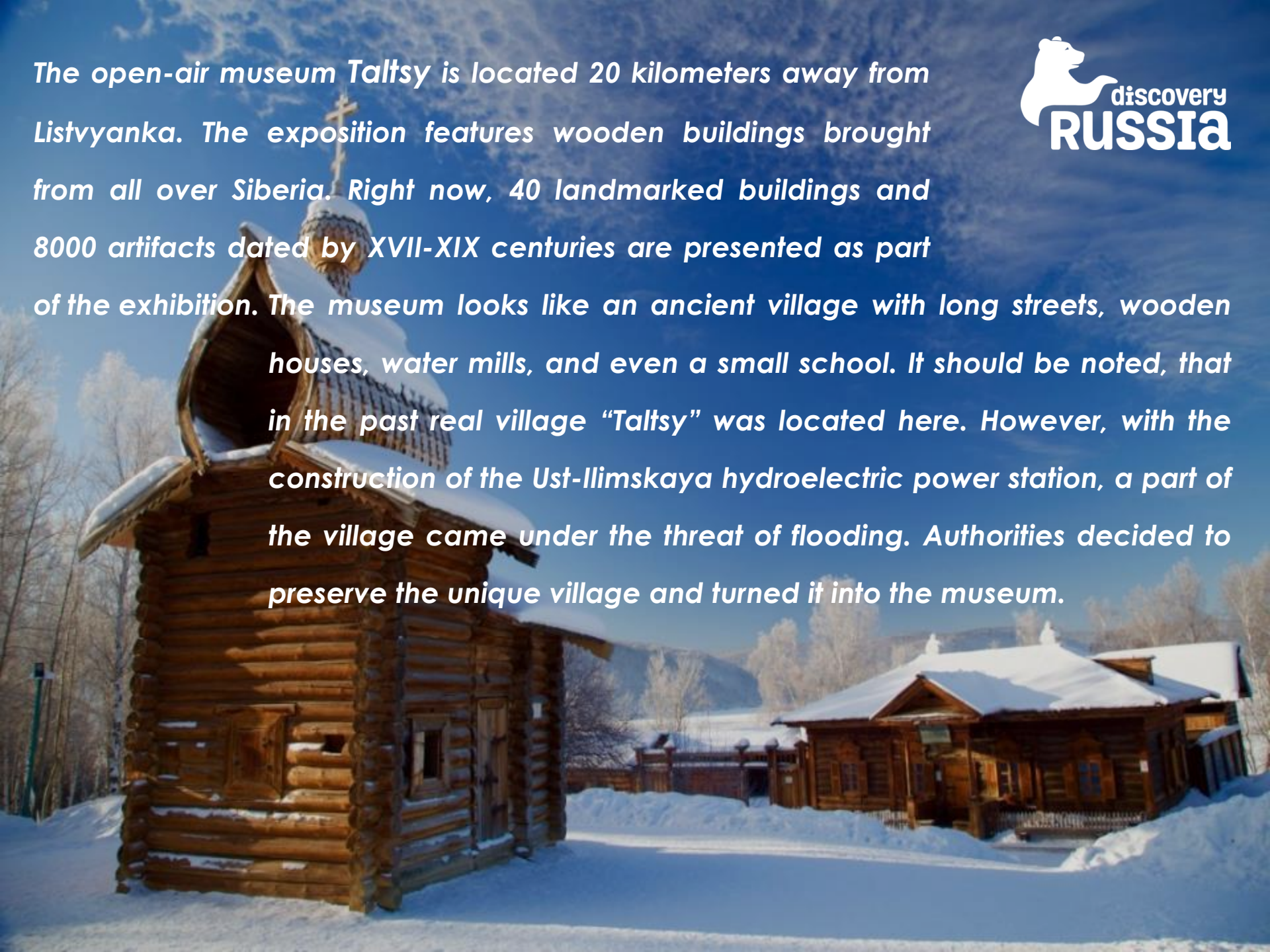


- **Breakfast**
- **Taltsy Museum**
- **Guided tour in Irkutsk: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square**
- **Transfer to Irkutsk train station**
- **Departure for Vladivostok**



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.

The open-air 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. The museum looks like an ancient village with long streets, wooden houses, water mills, and even a small school. It should be noted, that in the past real village "Taltsy" was located here. However, with the construction of the Ust-Ilimskaya hydroelectric power station, a part of the village came under the threat of flooding. Authorities decided to preserve the unique village and turned it into the museum.



*Day 13-15: On board*



# Day 16: Vladivostok. Where the Trans Siberian ends...

- Early arrival in Vladivostok - Russian Far East
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and early check-in
- Guided city tour and Russky Island tour via the second highest bridge in the world//Harbour and Golden Bridge, Submarine -56, Eggershield lighthouse - “the end of the world” spot
- **GROUP DEPARTURE: Farewell dinner**

# Day 17: Departure



*Final day of your long Trans Siberian journey!*

- *Transfer to the airport and departure*





## Group Tour

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

**6,470/5,460 AUD**

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

**7,175/6,170 AUD**

**Departure date: 31 December 2019**

## Private tour

*Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room)* **7,750 / 6,499 AUD**

*Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room)* **8,490 / 7,210 AUD**

**Flexible dates**

## **INCLUSIONS:**

Accommodation:

- 3\* / 4\* / centrally located hand-picked hotels:
  - 3 nights Moscow;
  - 1 night in Kazan with early check-in;
  - 1 night Ekaterinburg;
  - 2 nights Irkutsk/Lake Baikal;
  - 1 night Vladivostok with early check-in.
  - 5\* hotels on request
- 8 nights on board.

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## INCLUSIONS:

### Meals:

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- 3 lunches: Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal // Russian lunch in Taltsy-Irkutsk // Tatar cooking master class in Kazan;
- Group tours: New Year Gala Dinner // Farewell dinner

### Transportation:

- Train tickets\*:
  - Moscow - - Kazan;
  - Kazan - Ekaterinburg;
  - Ekaterinburg - Irkutsk;
  - Irkutsk - Vladivostok.

Note: 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 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.

- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;
- 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.



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## INCLUSIONS:



### Sightseeing:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
  - Moscow tours as specified;
  - Kazan tour as specified;
  - Ekaterinburg tours as specified;
  - Irkutsk & Listvyanka tours as specified;
  - Vladivostok tour as specified.

### 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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## OUR HAND PICKED HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWNS



### Moscow

**3\*** Stolesnikov 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

### Ekaterinburg

**3\*** Marins Park Hotel / Chekhov / Tenet or similar

**4\*** Onegin / Voznesenskiy / Renome or similar

**5\*** Vysotsky 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

### Vladivostok

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

**4\*** Azimut Hotel / Astoria Hotel or similar

**5\*** Lotte Hotel or similar

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