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# Trustpilot \* \* \* \* \* 4,8 out of 5 Eastbound Express: St. Petersburg To Ulaanbaatar

## 19 days / 18 nights

This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour Set group departures 2022: 21 May, 06 Aug, 29 Aug, 17 Sept St Petersburg - Moscow - Kazan - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk / Lake Baikal - Mongolia









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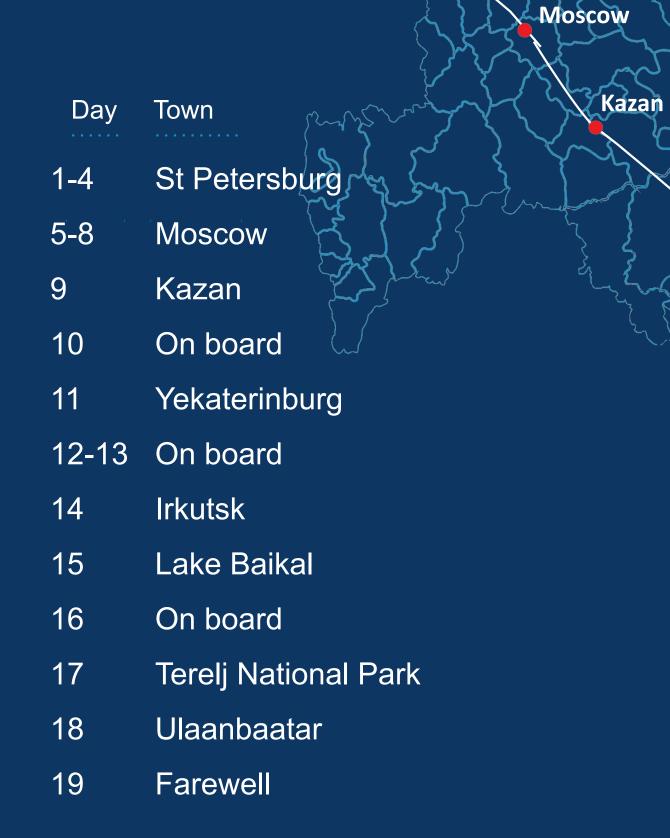


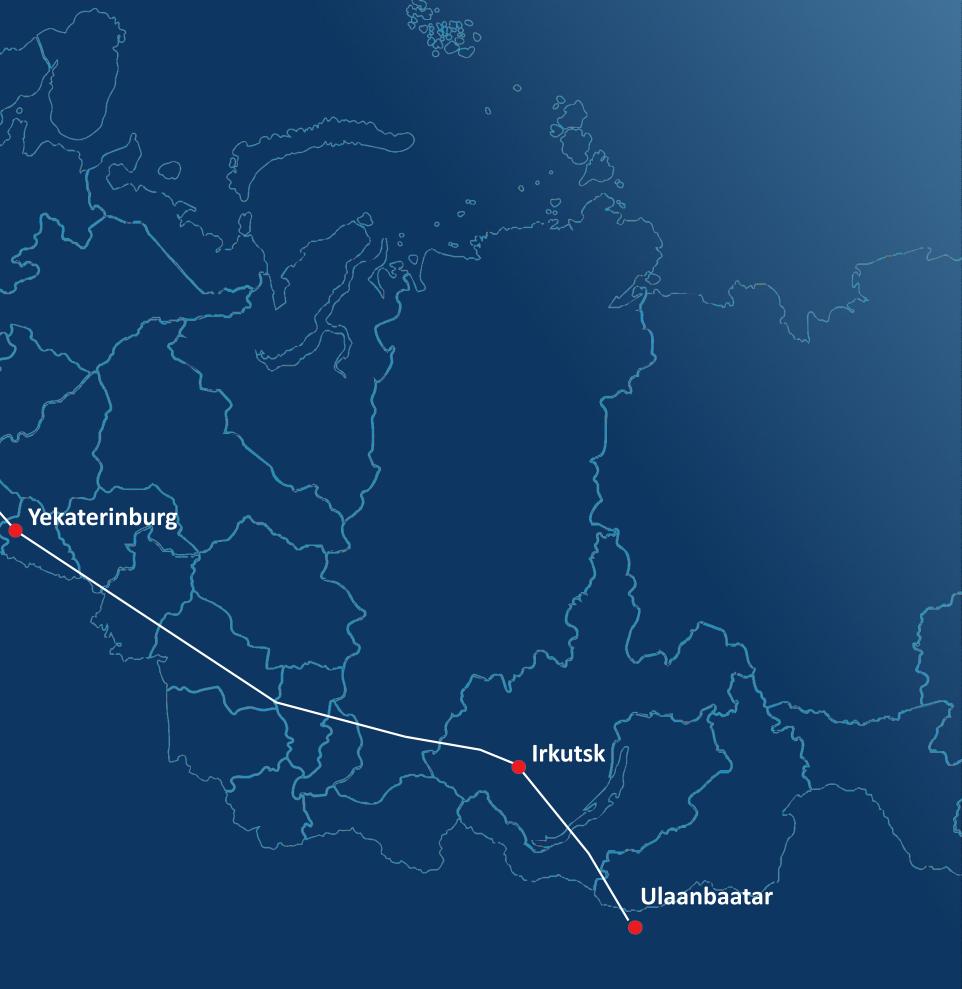
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# Tour at a glance

**St Petersburg** 









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## Day 1: Arrive St. Petersburg

Welcome to Russia!

Founded by the Tsar Peter the Great on 27 May 1703, St Petersburg was planned and built as the capital of newly emerged Russian Empire. Today, it is arguably one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Immerse yourself deep into rich Russian history, art and culture, Russian Revolution & Romanov Imperial legacy. The White Nights, luminous northern midsummer eves, are the summer weeks when the Venice of the North is sparkling like good champagne.

Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the hotel in downtown.

Afternoon at leisure. Group tour enjoy Welcome dinner.

Group tour: Welcome dinner



St. Petersburg hotel









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# Day 2: The Hermitage & Iconic Landmarks

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in St. Petersburg.

Today, you visit one of the most important sites in Russian history and heritage, the world-famous Palace of the Hermitage. Our experienced guides will make it interesting to follow the tricky path of the centuries behind it and give a better understanding of sophisticated Russian history. This former residence of the Romanovs Royal Family, the Hermitage today is the second-largest art museum in the world; its collection includes over 2.7 mln items.

Then, take a tour to visit the city's iconic landmarks: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture, and an enthralling must-see.



Breakfast





St. Petersburg hotel











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## **Day 3: Catherine's Palace**

Day (6 hours) guided tour to Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo (30 km south of St. Petersburg).

A splendid example of Russian Baroque, Catherine's Palace delights its visitors with sumptuous Great Hall and Golden Enfilade of staterooms, including the world-famous Amber Room. The exposition of the palace covers almost 300-years history of the former imperial summer residence.

A widely acknowledged masterpiece of garden and landscape art, Catherine's Park includes variously styled pavilions, bridges, monuments and exotic garden structures that carry visitors away to other countries and bygone ages.

Return to St Petersburg, the afternoon is free at leisure to explore the city on your own or get some Russian souvenirs. Extra tours are available, please inquire.



Breakfast











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## **Day 4: Peterhof Palace**

Full day (8 hours) guided tour in St. Petersburg.

Today, you visit the royal Peterhof Palace. Gardens and parks are spread over more than four hundred hectares and include thirty-one amazing museums and beautiful Versailles-style gardens. Interiors, as always in Russia, are all made of gold. In summer, the Peterhof is especially good thanks to its famous fountains which run naturally. Optional Faberge Museum Tour is available.to

Next, take the guided tour the Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral. Enjoy a romantic cruise down the canals of St. Petersburg, and see some of the city's monuments on the banks of the River Neva, all beautifully illuminated for the evening. We draw your attention that this tour is seasonal and available only from May till October (weather permitting).



Breakfast





St. Petersburg









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## Day 5: St. Petersburg - Moscow

A tour to Russia is not complete without a tour to Moscow, the heart of Russia and one of the oldest cities in the country. It was founded in 1147. Now Moscow is a city of bright contrasts where quiet patriarchal courts and small streets adjoin to futuristic business centres, and old neighbourhoods are interspersed with modern high-rises.

Check out and transfer to the railway station to board high-speed train for your comfortable 4-hour journey to Moscow. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel in the downtown and check-in. The evening is free at leisure to explore the city.

World-famous sightseeing spots such as St Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin & Red Square, the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, hundreds of amazing sights and beautiful places attract tourists from all around the world. We at Discovery Russia have carefully selected the most exciting places to visit in Moscow.



Breakfast

**Moscow hotel** 



Bullet train











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## Day 6: Mighty Kremlin & The City

Full-day (8 hours) guided sightseeing tour in Moscow.

Take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated underground stations which Stalin called "people's palaces". Also, It is the fastest way to travel in Moscow and avoid traffic jams.

Visit the Moscow Kremlin, the very heart of Moscow and Russia! Walk along monumental walls, golden-domed cathedrals and, of course, most recognizable towers with iconic red stars. Explore the treasure of its world-famous museums including the Armory.

Then, make essential Russian photos at Red Square with Lenin's Mausoleum & Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), famous GUM department store, pass by the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters & other attractions of the downtown. Take a walking tour in the downtown.

The name "Kremlin" means "fortress inside a city", this construction had to protect the city from enemies. The Moscow Kremlin acquired the status of a sacral symbol representing the power of the great country.



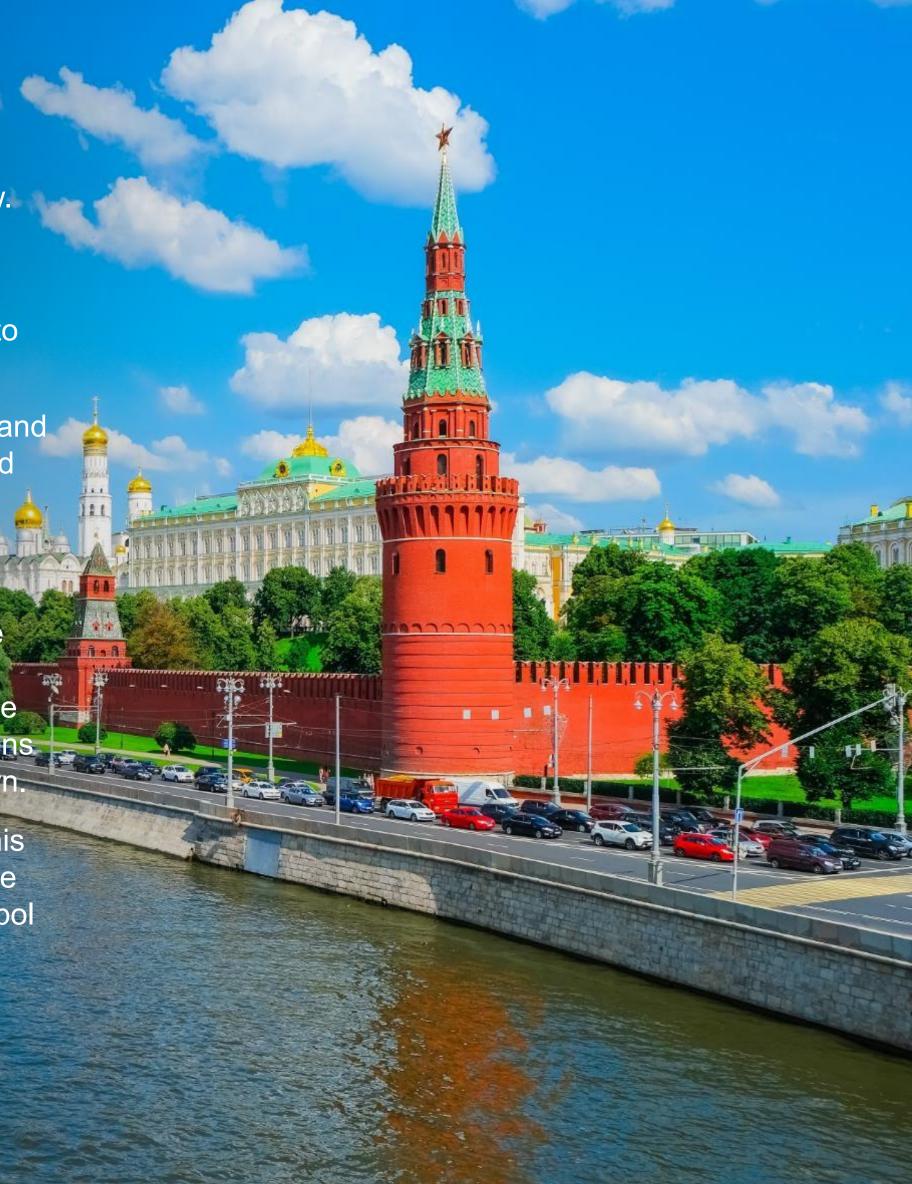
Breakfast







Moscow hotel







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## Day 7: Moscow Tour

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in Moscow.

Today, visit The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world.

We continue with a trip to Novodevichy Convent, probably the best-known cloister of Moscow and take a guided visit inside its medieval walls. Unlike many other cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century and is now the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a panoramic driving city tour to visit Sparrow Hills with the best iconic views, hear the stories behind famous Stalin's skyscrapers, and finally, visit the VDNKh Soviet exhibition with the outstanding Museum of Cosmonautics.



Breakfast





**Moscow hotel** 











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## Day 8: Day at leisure

The morning is free at leisure or to explore other treasures of Moscow. At the appropriate time, transfer to the train station and board the train to Kazan. The Trans Siberian Adventure begins!

A day to unwind and reflect on the many sights and sounds we have experienced on our journey so far. Chat to your fellow passengers, perhaps learn a few words of Russian or simply enjoy the ever-changing landscape outside your window as it unfolds.



Breakfast















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## Day 9: Discover Kazan

Early morning arrival in Kazan, transfer to the hotel and guaranteed early check-in. Time for breakfast and rest.

Today we have a really busy day to explore the main sights of Kazan. Firstl, enjoy the tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Kremlin of Kazan, with our professional English-speaking guide. Our next stop is the magnificent Kul Sharif Mosque. The impressive Qol-Şärif Mosque (also transliterated as Kul-Sharif) is the most important mosque in Tatarstan and one of the largest mosques in Europe.

As Kazan is the centre of Tatar culture, we will also visit the old Tatar villages to try a local Tatar tea. Later, have a culinary master-class of Tatar dishes at a traditional restaurant.

During our city tour will also see Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Mardzhani Mosque,Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square, visit Chak-Chak Museum.



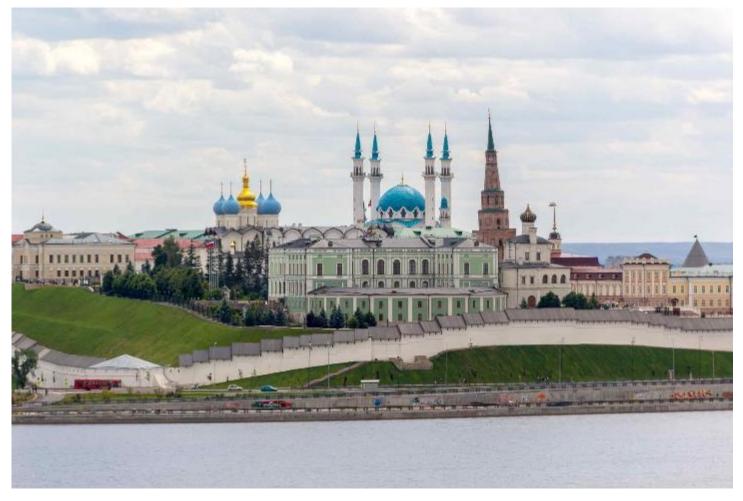
Breakfast, Tatar lunch





Kazan hotel









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## **Day 10: Arrive Yekaterinburg**

Early morning, take a transfer to the train station and board the train to Yekaterinburg. Day-long train ride today.

Planning your Trans Siberian and Trans Mongolian railway holidays, we use the best Russian trains available. There is 1st class, 2-berth compartments with 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.

And here is more. The long journey is the best way to make new friends!

In the evening, your driver will meet you at the train station to take you to the cozy hotel in downtown.

Evening at leisure.



**Breakfast** 



Yekaterinburg hotel



Train Kazan -'ekaterinburg









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## Day 11: Discover Yekaterinburg: between Europe and Asia

It was nearly three hundred years ago when this town was founded on the eastern slopes of the Urals mountains on the banks of the beautiful lset river.

The guided city tour today includes Cathedral on the Blood, place where the last Romanov Tsar was assassinated after the Revolution, Ganina Yama, Museum of Minerals.

We also drive outside of the city to visit one of its most remarkable attractions: the Europe-Asia border. The monument was erected in 2004 and represents two intertwined letters A and E. There you can happily put one foot in Europe and other in Asia and take some unique photographs.

Also, we shall visit the largest in Russia open-air military museum Verkhnyaya Pyshma.

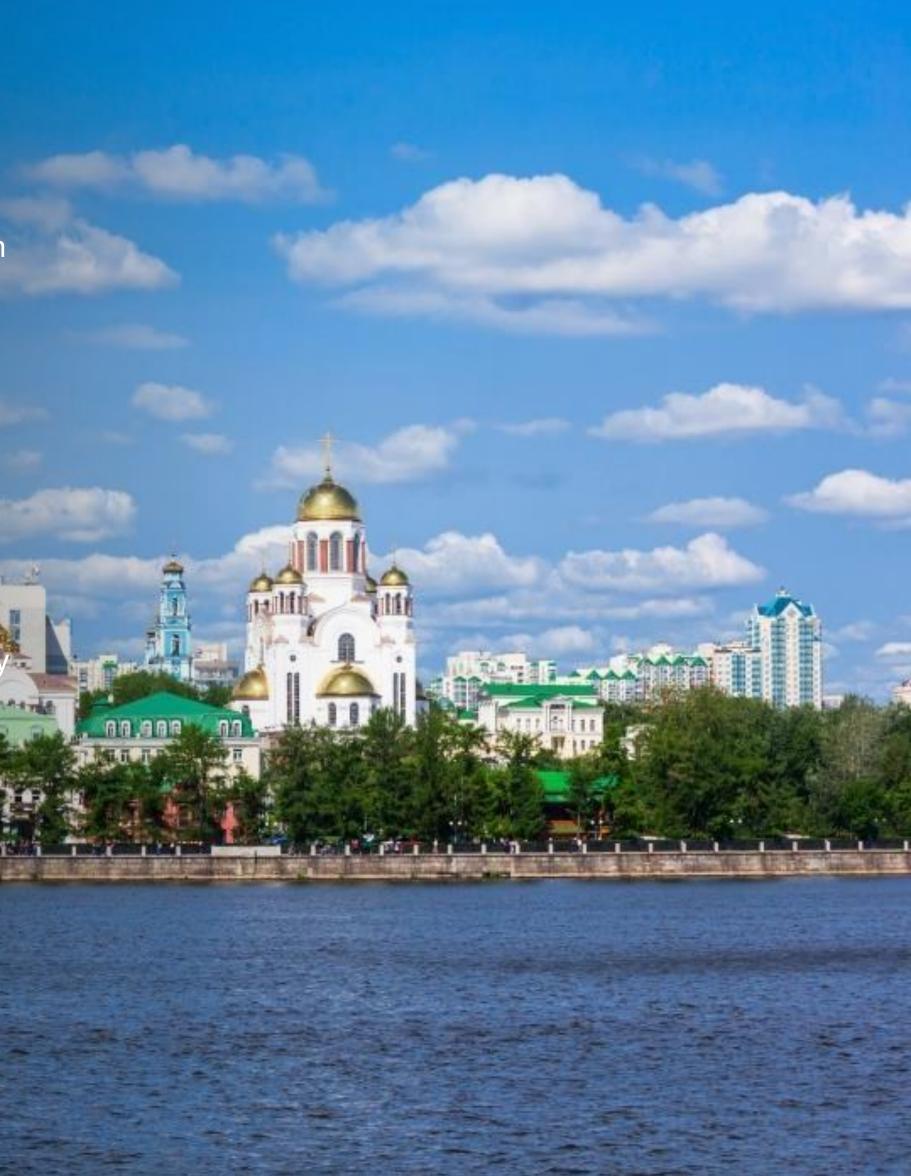


Breakfast





Yekaterinburg hotel







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## Day 12: Across Siberia

Early check out of the hotel. Transfer to the train station to board the train to Irkutsk.

There is, in fact, no one train called the 'Trans-Siberian Express', rather there are many trains going eastbound and westbound. One of a few things, that actually works perfectly well in Russia. 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. The entire system works like a Swiss watch!



On board the train



Train Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk









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## **Day 13: Trans-Siberian**

A long train journey is a fine opportunity to relax and calm down. Read the favorite book, talk to fellow travelers and enjoy unique landscapes of Russia behind your window.

This train experience lasts for 2 days. Each train is equipped with a dining-car where you will be able to have a rest at any time. But nevertheless, we advise to get some food in advance.

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.



**None today** 





Train Yekaterinburg Irkutsk









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## Day 14: Discover Irkutsk & Taltsy

Welcome to Siberia, the best part of Russia!

Take a guided city tour in Irkutsk. The town is famous for its wooden houses and wooden lace perfectly preserved. In fact, the Irkutsk historic centre is one huge open air museum!

Proceed to Listvyanka village. But first we will make a stop at Taltsy Open Air Siberian 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. Here you will see the traditional folk-show and have a lunch. And even try Russian vodka!

Arrival in Listvyanka village. Check-in at the hotel. Evening at leisure.

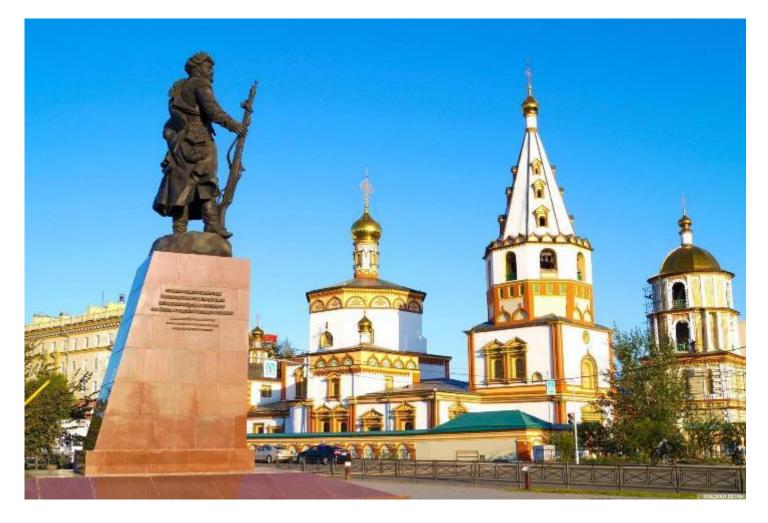


Breakfast, Siberian Lunch, Vodka tasting













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## Day 15: Baikal Tour & Cruise

Visit Baikal Museum, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market. Baikal Museum is a splendid museum where information about lake Baikal wildlife is kept, studied and exhibited: including the origins of the lake, the endemic flora and fauna from the surface of the lake to its maximum depth, an excellent model of the lake, etc. 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. Apparently, locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

In the evening, enjoy Lake Baikal boat cruise (optional). It is one of the most exciting trips, a great opportunity to get acquainted with the main attractions of Baikal. During the cruise, you will enjoy the vastness of the lake and magnificent landscapes, feel the power and energy of the Siberian land.

Optional Russian banya.



Breakfast





Listvyanka hotel









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# Day 16: On board to Mongolia

We move forward and head to mysterious Mongolia.

Take a transfer to the train station and board the train to Ulaanbaatar. Enjoy a more leisurely pace today as we travel through the beautiful landscape of Russia and Mongolia.

The train will be crossing the Mongolian-Russian border. Please be patient, sometimes it can last for a while due to border and passport formalities.

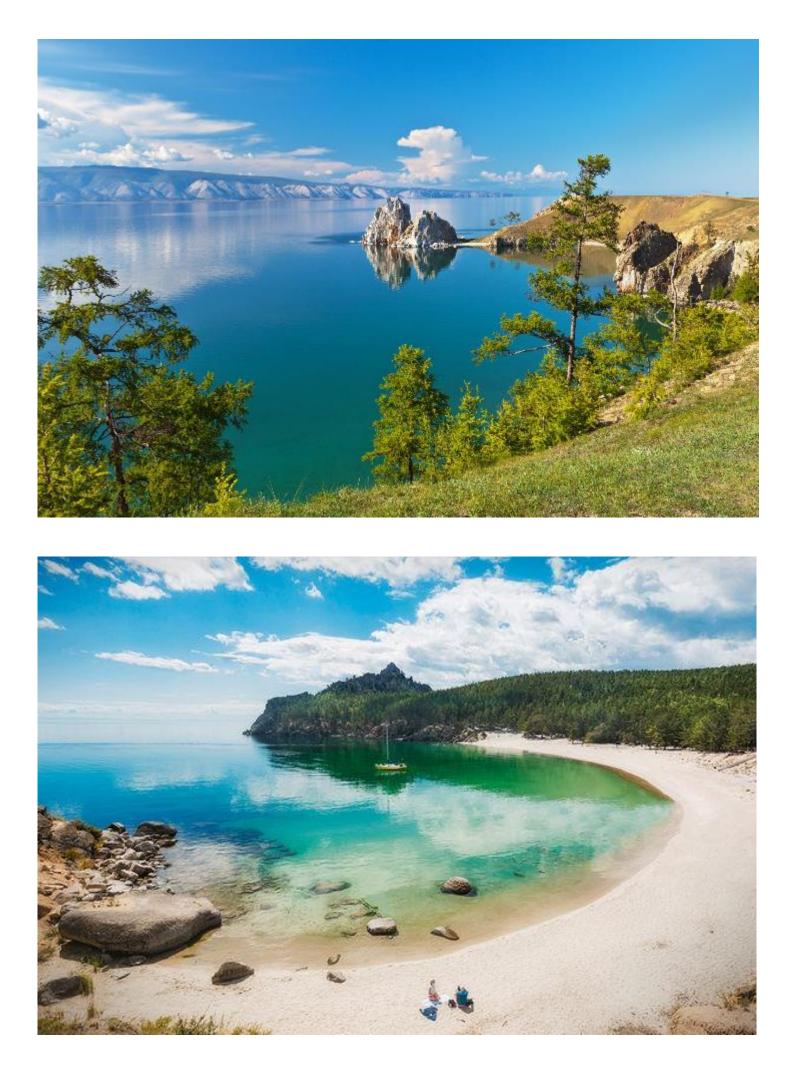


On board

the train



Train Irkutsk -Ulaanbaatar







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# Day 17: Mongolia at a Glance

## Welcome to Mongolia!

Your driver will be waiting at the train station to take you to Terelj National Park (80 km). It is the third biggest protected area in Mongolia.

Today you will see Turtle Rock, Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery, visit the astonishing Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex. By far Mongolia's most recognizable landmark and one of the world's largest equestrian statues, the 131-foot-tall (40-meter-tall) Genghis Khan Statue Complex (Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex) towers over the surrounding landscape. Rock Formation such as Praying Lama Rock/Old Man reading a Book we shall pass by. Also, visit a local family to learn about the nomadic way of life.

In the evening, enjoy delicious traditional Mongolian dinner and spend overnight at the Ger camp in Terelj National Park. Unique Ger experience is a must-do when in Mongolia.



Lunch, dinner















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## Day 18: Ulaanbaatar Tour

Time to explore the city sights. First of all, visit Mongolian Buddhist Gandan Monastery. It has been restored and revitalized since 1944. The Tibetan name translates to the "Great Place of Complete Joy". It currently has over 500 monks in residence and features a 26.5-meter-high statue of Avalokiteśvara.

Proceed to the National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square. See famous Zaisan Memorial and beautiful Buddha Garden.

In the afternoon, enjoy Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert.



Full board: Traditional **Mongolian meal** 





Ulaanbaatar hotel

## **Day 19: Farewell**

After breakfast, take a private transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



🖳 Breakfas



**Private transfer** hotel - airport





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Early bird: book your 2022 adventure at 2020 rate by 31 October 2021

hotels 1st/2d class train

**Group package 2020 Group package 2022** 

Single supplement 2020/2022

## Private tour 2020

Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.

Private tour 2022

\$6,665 // 5,890 USD \$ 6,245 // 5,470 USD

Set group departures 2022: 21 May, 06 Aug, 20 Aug, 17 Sept

hotels 1st/2d class train



\$ 4,865 // 4,185 USD \$ 5,110 // 4,936 USD	\$ 5,215 // 4,540 USD \$ 5,477 // 4,764 USD	
\$ 699 // 734 USD	\$ 932 // 979 USD	on request
\$ 5,940 //5,210 USD	\$ 6,350 // 5,610 USD	





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> hotels 1st/2d class train

**Group package 2020 Group package 2022** 

Single supplement 2020/2022

Private tour 2020

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\$ 8,800 // 7,710 AUD \$ 9,390 // 8,299 AUD

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hotels 1st/2d class train



\$ 6,855// 5,900 AUD \$ 7,200 // 6,195 AUD	\$ 7,350 // 6,395 AUD \$ 7,717 // 6,714 AUD	
\$ 986 // 1,035 AUD	\$ 1313 // 1,379 AUD	on request
\$ 8,380 // 7,340 AUD	\$ 8,950 // 7,899 AUD	





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**Group package 2020** £ 3,770 // 3,245 **Group package 2022** £ 3,959 // 3,407

Single supplement 2020/2022

## Private tour 2020

£ 4,610 // 4, 037 GBP £ 569 // 4,436 GBP

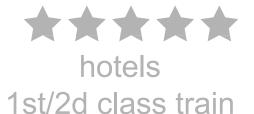
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## Private tour 2022

£ 4,840 // 4, 239 GBP £ 5,165 // 4,564 GBP

Set group departures 2022: 21 May, 06 Aug, 20 Aug, 17 Sept

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GBP	£ 4,040 // 3,515 GBP
GBP	£ 4,244 // 3,692 GBP

£ 542 // 569 GBP £ 722// 758 GBP

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**Dates & Rates CAD.** Rate per person in twin/double room

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hotels 1st/2d class train

**Group package 2020 Group package 2022** 

\$ 6,555 // 5,645 CAD \$ 6,885 // 5,925 CAD

Single supplement 2020/2022

## Private tour 2020

\$ 8,017 // /7,021 CAD \$ 8,555 // /7,559 CAD

Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.

## Private tour 2022

\$ 8,982 // 7,937 CAD \$ 8,417 // 7,372 CAD

Set group departures 2022: 21 May, 06 Aug, 20 Aug, 17 Sept

hotels 1st/2d class train



\$7,030 // 6,115 CAD \$7,380 // 6,422 CAD \$943 // 990 CAD \$ 1256 // 1,319 CAD

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## **Tour Inclusions**

## ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels of selected category (3\*, 4\* or 5\* hotel of your choice):

- 4 nights St. Petersburg
- 3 nights Moscow
- 1 night Kazan with early check-in
- 2 nights Yekaterinburg
- 2 nights Lake Baikal/Listvyanka
- 1 night Ulaanbaatar
- 4 nights on board
- 1 night at Terelj National Park at the Ger camp

## **MEALS**

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)
- Full board in Mongolia (on Day 17 only lunch and dinner)
- 3 lunches: Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal // Siberian lunch at the Taltsy Museum // Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan

## **ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.**

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Chinese, Mongolian and Russian visa letters of invitation (required by the Embassies to grant you the visas) are provided free of charge
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

## **NOT INCLUDED**

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Porters
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance







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# **Tour Inclusions**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- St. Petersburg-Moscow intercity bullet train, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options
- Train tickets of the chosen category according to the itinerary:
  - •Moscow Kazan
  - •Kazan Yekaterinburg
  - •Yekaterinburg Irkutsk
  - Irkutsk Ulaanbaatar
- Superior trains on the route with a/c, heaters and dining carriage for your comfort. 1st class: one place in 2-seats compartment. 2nd class: one place in 4-seats compartment
- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow & St. Petersburg
- Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except on walking tours)

## **TRAIN CONFIGURATION**

- 1st class carriage: 2 seats compartments.
- 2nd class carriage: 4 seats compartments.
- One seat at each leg of the train journey is included. Should you prefer to have extra seat/seats per person, please inquire.

## NOTE:

All train tickets are subject to availability.

1st class train tickets supply is limited especially during peak season. If 1st class is not available/or not provided by the railway company at a certain leg of your journey, two seats in a 2nd class carriage will be provided per person at no extra costs.

## **GROUP TOUR**

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director
- Group size: small group up to 22 people
- Welcome dinner







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## **Tour Inclusions**

## SIGHTSEEING

# Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- 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
- St Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Royal Palace of Peterhof, the Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral, boat cruise
- Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: Catherine's palace & Amber room
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin (including the Cathedrals and the Armory), the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters, Moscow metro tour
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the State Tretyakov Gallery, the Novodevichy Convent with the guided tour inside, Sparrow Hills, the VDNKh and the guided tour to the Museum of Cosmonautics, Stalin's skyscrapers tour

## SIGHTSEEING

- Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Old Tatar village
- Yekaterinburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: Ganina Yama Monastery, Museum of Minerals, Church of All Saints, Europe-Asia Border, the UMMC military museum
- Irkutsk half-day (4 hours) guided tour: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, Taltsy Museum with national folk performance
- Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market
- Terelj National Park full day guided tour: Turtle Rock, Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara, Aryabal Monastery, Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex, Praying Lama Rock
- Ulaanbaatar full day guided tour: Gandan Monastery, National History Museum, Sukhebaatar Square, Zaisan Memorial, Buddha Garden, Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert







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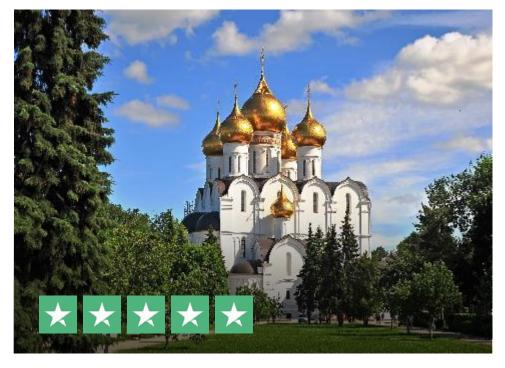
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