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Naadam Eastbound Explorer St Petersburg To Ulaanbaatar

21 days / 20 nights This package is available as Small Group Set group departures: 25 June 2022 St Petersburg - Moscow - Kazan - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk/Lake Baikal - Ulaanbaatar









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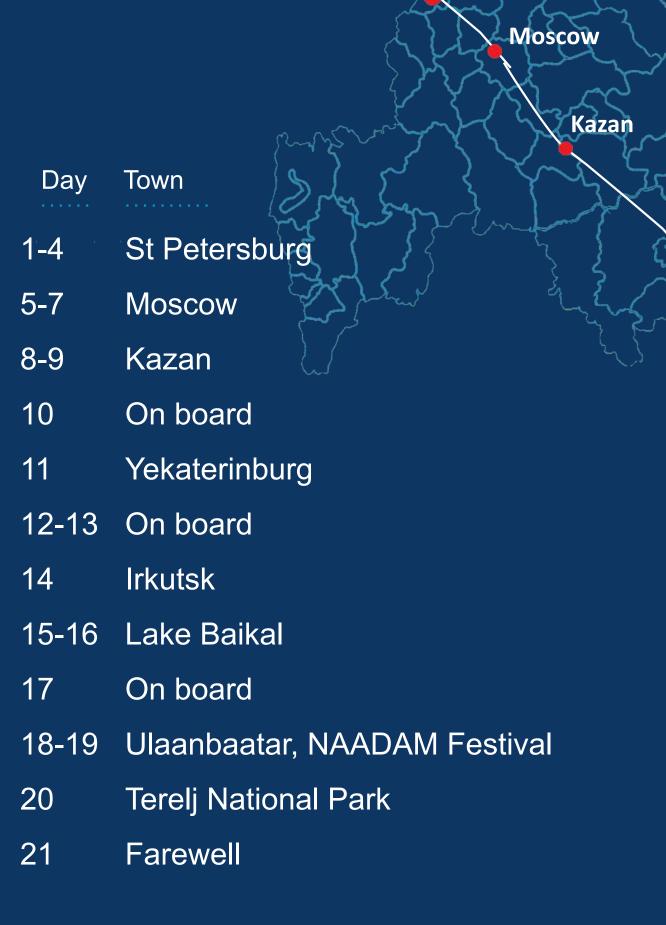




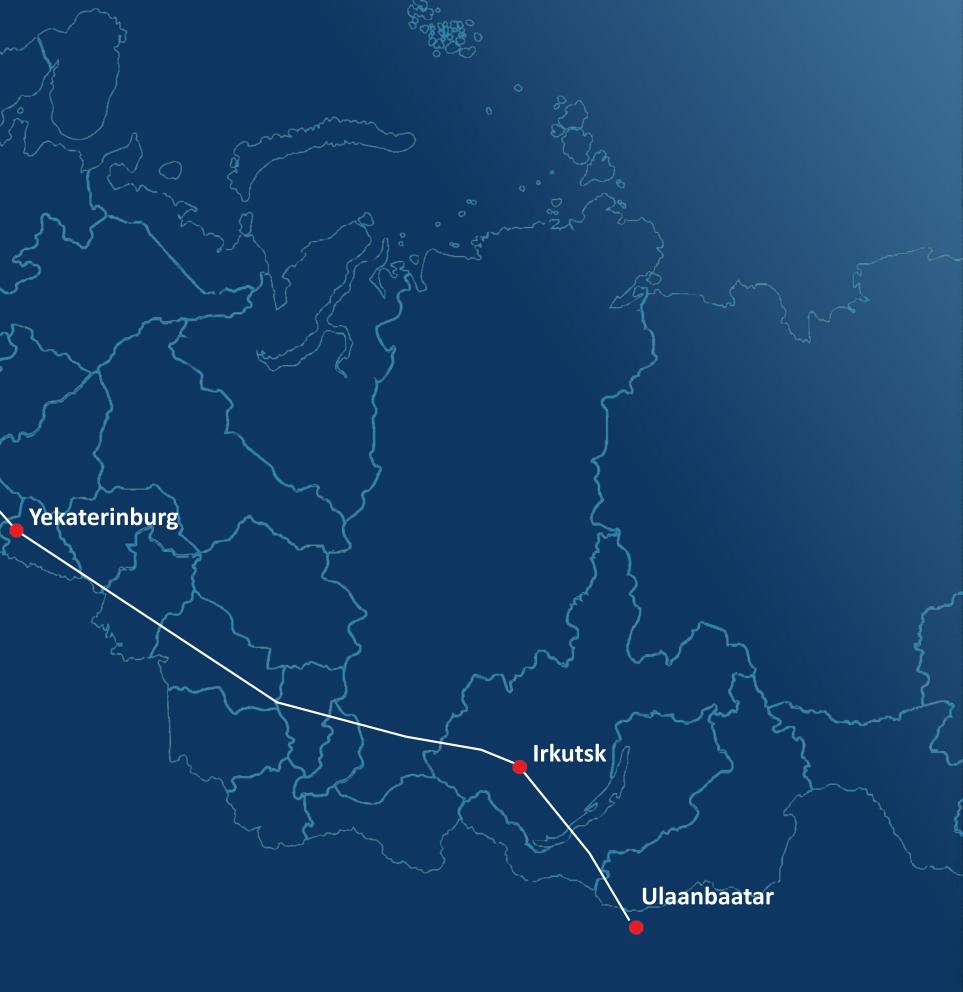
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Tour at a glance



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.



St. Petersburg hotel



Private transfer airport - 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 see the city's iconic landmark: 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

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St. Petersburg hotel











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Day 3: The Catherine Palace

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

A splendid example of Russian Baroque, Catherine 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.

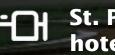
A widely acknowledged masterpiece of garden and landscape art, Catherine Park includes variously styled pavilions, bridges, monuments and exotic garden structures that carry visitors away to other countries and bygone ages.

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.

Next, take the guided tour to 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.

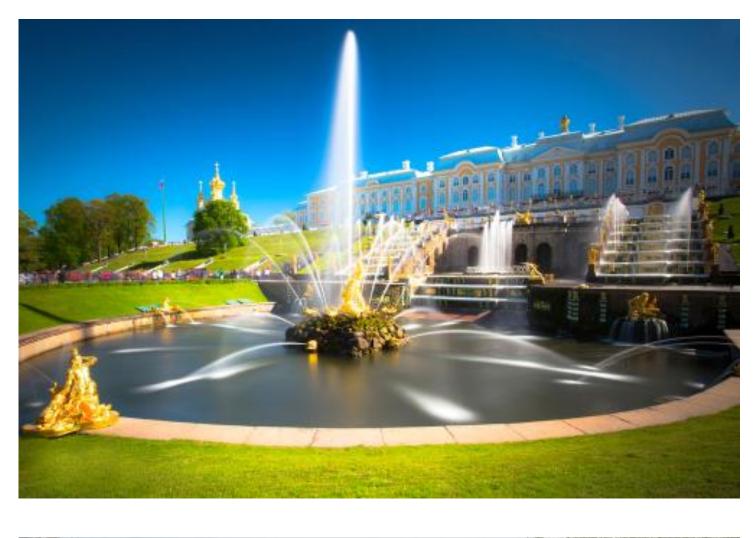


Breakfast





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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.

After check out of the hotel in St. Petersburg, you will be transferred to the railway station to board high-speed train for 4 hours journey to Moscow. On arrival at Moscow, take a transfer to your hotel and check-in. The evening is free at leisure to explore downtown.

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



High-speed train St. Petersburg -Moscow











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Day 6: Mighty Kremlin & The City

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

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 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.

During the tour, you also take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated "underground palaces".







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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 see 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.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the overnight train to Kazan.



Breakfast





Overnight train Moscow - Kazan



On board the train









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Day 8: Discover Kazan

Early arrival at Kazan. Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the hotel in downtown. Guaranteed early check-in.

Today we have a really busy day to explore the main sights of Kazan. First of all, enjoy the tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Kremlin of Kazan, with the professional English-speaking guide.

Our next point 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.



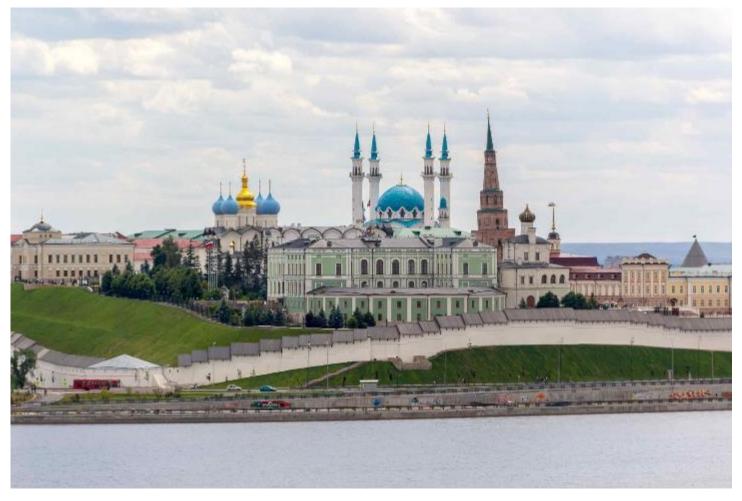
Breakfast, Tatar lunch





Kazan hotel









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Day 9: Day at Leisure

Over a hundred years older than Moscow, a genuine stew of both Tatar and Slavic cultures makes the capital of the Tatarstan Republic a treasure to explore.

With its hot summers, Muslim minarets and Orthodox monasteries, ancient archaeological sites and the science city of Innopolis, there's something for everyone in this amazing place. Situated among forest steppes and vast expanses of taiga, and with the Great Silk Road running through it, the Tatar capital really is a fascinating mix of the familiar and the exotic.

Get a culture hit at the Hermitage-Kazan Center or soak up the local atmosphere at the Central Market. And of course, don't forget Tatar food - echpochmak, smetannik, peremyach, bokkan, and baursak - you must try these!



Breakfast



Kazan hotel









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Day 10: Train to Yekaterinburg

In the morning, take a transfer to the train station and board the train to Yekaterinbrug. The trip will take the whole day.

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.



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 tour includes Ganina Yama Monastery, Museum of Minerals, and Cathedral on the Blood, place where the last Romanov Tsar was killed after the Revolution.

We shall visit the largest in Russia open-air military museum Verkhnyaya Pyshma, and the official Europe-Asia Border for a glass of champagne to celebrate a moment when you enter Siberia.

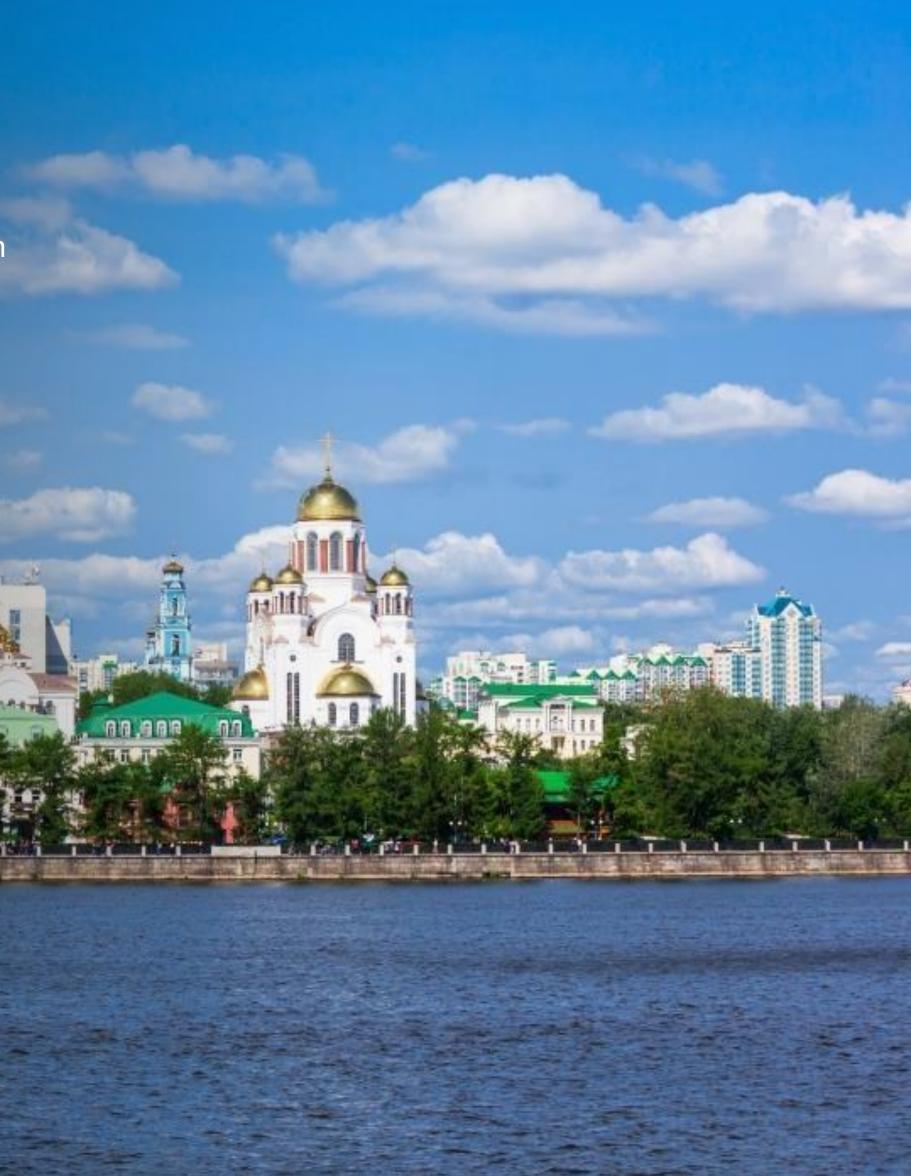


→ Breakfast





Yekaterinburg hotel









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Day 12: Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk

Take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Irkutsk.

Whether it's your daily commute or a longer trip, train rides can seem boring. However, there are many things you can do to increase your enjoyment of riding a train. Bring some entertainment, like a book or game.

Or combine two great things at the same time: traveling and making friends. Our next stop - Lake Baikal, the world's largest, oldest and deepest freshwater lake.

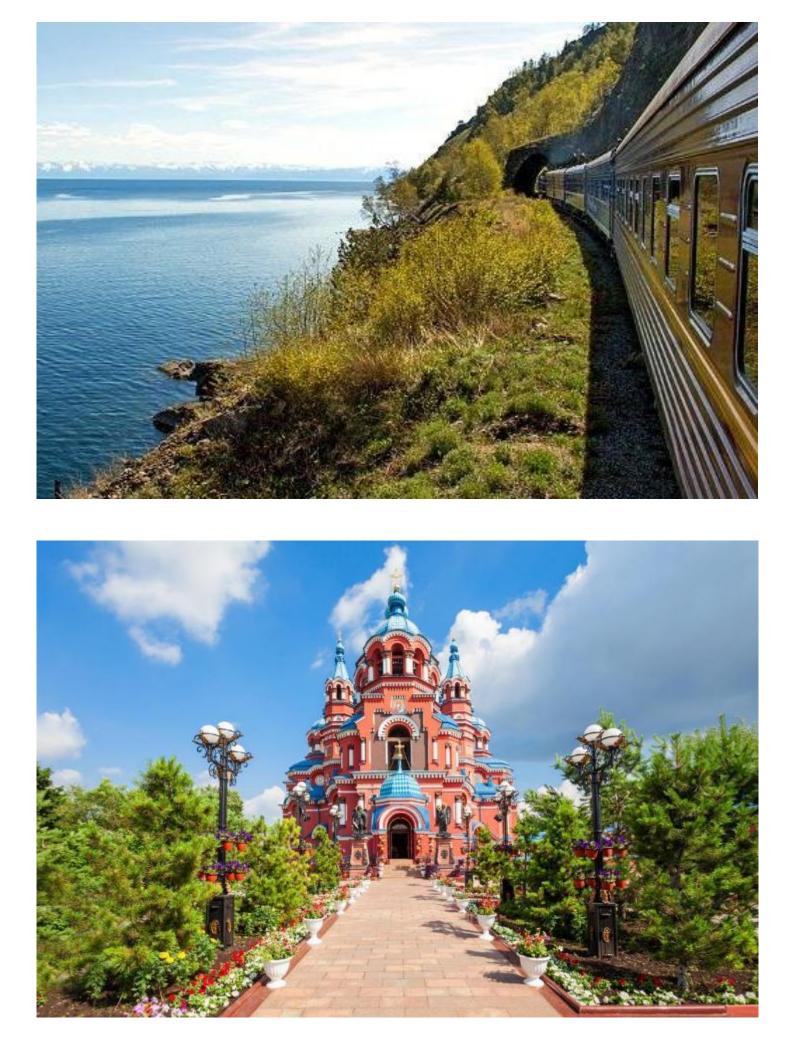


train

On board the



Train Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk







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Day 13: The Journey Goes On

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.

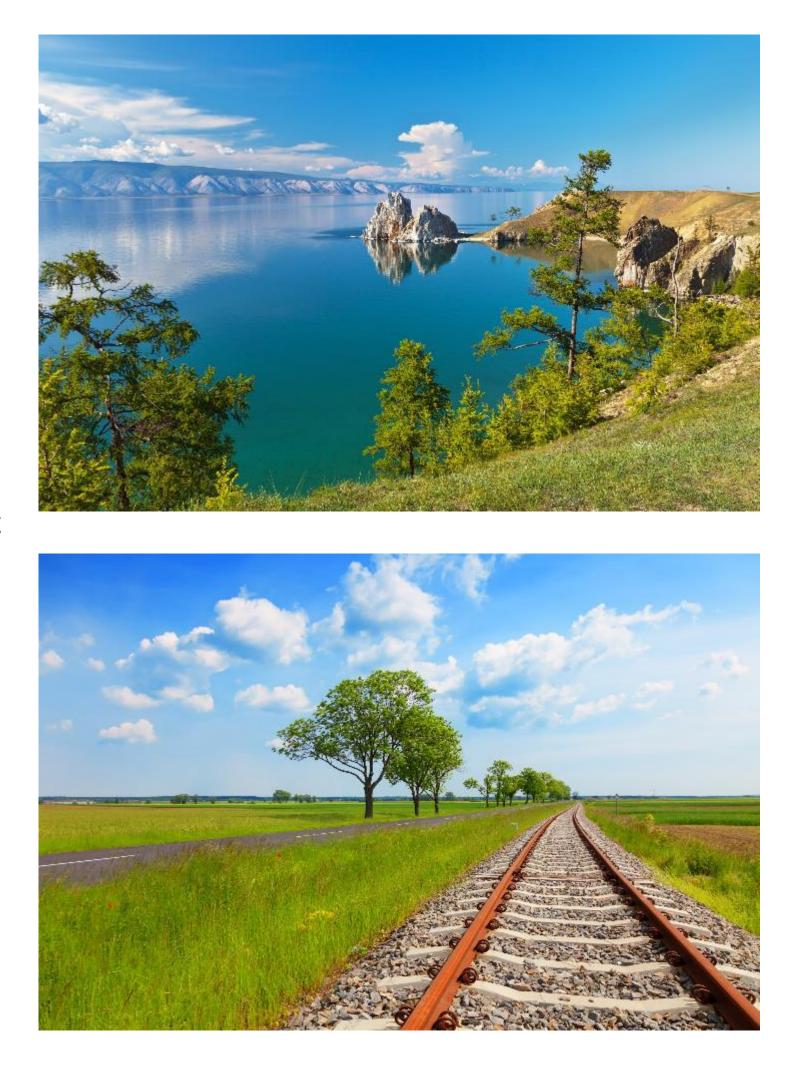


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Day 14: Arrive Irkutsk

Welcome to Irkutsk!

Today you will take the Irkutsk guided city. Take a transfer to Listvyanka village and prepare to see the world-famous Lake Baikal.

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!

In the afternoon, we will arrive at Listvyanka and finally see Lake Baikal. It is the deepest and, possibly, the most ancient lake in the world; it is about 25 million years old. Optional evening: Russian banya!

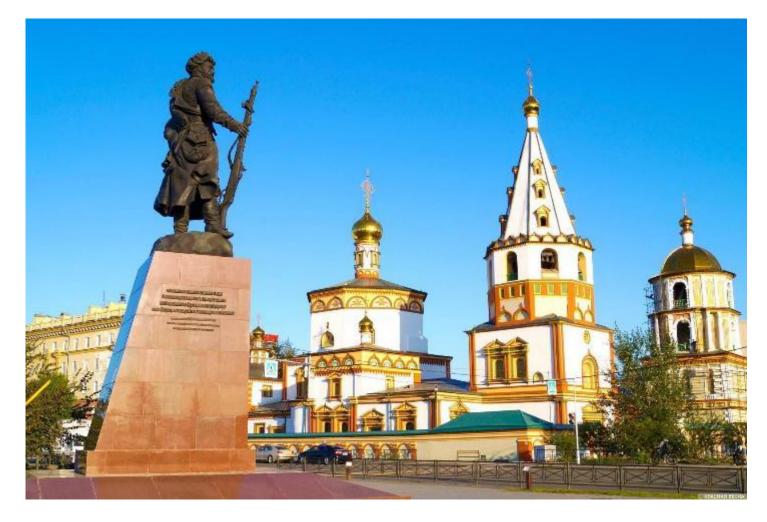


Breakfast, Siberian Lunch, Vodka tasting













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Day 15: Lake Baikal Tour & Cruise

Guided tour around Lake Baikal, the world's largest, oldest and deepest freshwater Lake.

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. It is one of the most exciting trips. It is 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.



Breakfast, Buryat Lunch





Listvyanka hotel







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Day 16: Day at Leisure

Check-out of our hotel at Lake Baikal shores and transfer to Irkutsk.

Today you have a free day to explore Irkutsk. The very centre of Irkutsk is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

The wooden buildings, some constructed as far back as the eighteenth century, have recently been restored to their stunning brilliance. Their colourful, mosaic-like facades make them look a little like gingerbread houses.



Irkutsk hotel













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Day 17: Irkutsk - Ulaanbaatar

In the morning, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Ulaanbaatar. This is the final leg of our journey. We head to Mongolia!

At night, the train will be crossing the Mongolian-Russian border. Please be patient, sometimes it can last for a while.

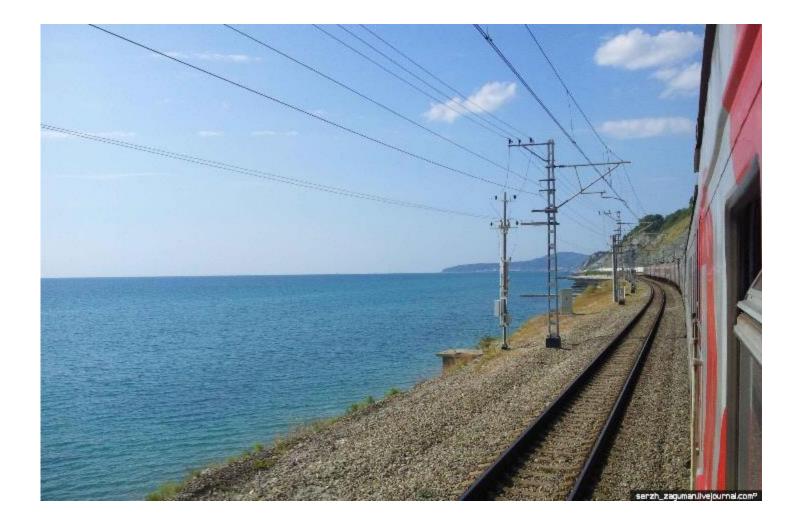




On board the train



Train Irkutsk -Ulaanbaatar









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Day 18: Naadam Festival

Arrive Ulaanbaatar in the morning, have hot lunch and get ready for the Naadam.

Full-day guided touring the festival, watching competitions, performances, the national culture of wonderful Mongolia: archery, horse riding, nomad culture at its best.

We book special seats to allow maximum comfort today, however, please mind we will need to walk to and from the stadium. Please note that while we're doing everything possible, the schedule of the day might change at late notice due to logistics complications and restrictions implied by the local authorities.



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Naadam festival













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Day 19: Naadam Festival

Enjoy the second day of Naadam Festival.

After the end of the festival, take a transfer to Terelj National Park (80 km). It is the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. The park is one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia.

A small southern portion of the park is developed for tourists, with restaurants, souvenir shops, horses and camels for rent, and tourist ger camps. However, most of the park is undeveloped and difficult to access.

Today you will 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!



Full board



Herelj National Park



Naadam festival







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Day 20: Terelj National Park

Today we will explore Terelj National Park. By the way, there will be hiking.

During the tour, you will see famous Turtle Rock and 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.

Turtle Rock, "Melkhii Khad", is a surprising granitic formation, 24 metres (79 feet) high, whose form reminds of a turtle. Its old name was Mungut Khad. Located at the foothills of a mountain covered of pines, this rocky formation is incontestably a photo opportunity while you're on the road from Terelj to Ulaanbaatar.

In the evening, you will arrive at Ulaanbaatar and spend night at the hotel.



Full board





Ulaanbaatar hotel

Day 21: Farewell

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









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Dates & Rates USD

Early book: Get 2021 rate on your 2022 departure if you book 365 days in advance.

Rate per person in twin/double room

hotels 1st/2nd class train

Group package 2021 **Group package 2022**

\$ 6,035 // 5,315 USD \$6,385 // 5,630 USD

Single supplement 2021/2022

\$920 // 965 USD

Set group departures: 25 June 2022

+++ hotels 1st/2nd class train

\$6,655 // 5,930 USD \$7,030 // 6,275 USD

\$ 1,465 // 1,535 USD





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Dates & Rates AUD

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Rate per person in twin/double room

hotels 1st/2nd class train

Group package 2021 Group package 2022

\$ 8,505 //7,490 AUD \$ 8,999 //7,935 AUD

Single supplement 2021/2022

\$ 1,295 // 1,360 AUD

Set group departures: 25 June 2022

hotels 1st/2nd class train

\$ 9,375/8,360 AUD \$ 9,899 //8,845 AUD

\$ 2,060 // 2,165 AUD





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Dates & Rates GBP

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Rate per person in twin/double room

hotels 1st/2nd class train

Group package 2021 Group package 2022

£ 4,680 // 4,120 GBP £ 4,949 // 4,360 GBP

Single supplement 2021/2022

£ 710 // 749 GBP

Set group departures: 25 June 2022

hotels 1st/2nd class train

£ 5,155/4,595 GBP £ 5,450 // 4,865 GBP

£ 1,135 // 1190 GBP





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Dates & Rates CAD

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Rate per person in twin/double room

hotels 1st/2nd class train

Group package 2021 Group package 2022

\$ 8,135 // 7,165 CAD \$ 8,589 // 7,568 CAD

Single supplement 2021/2022

\$ 1,240 // 1,299 CAD

Set group departures: 25 June 2022

★ ★ ★ ★
hotels
1st/2nd class train

\$ 8,965/7,995 CAD

\$ 9,460 // 8,440 CAD

\$1,970 // 2.070 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
- 2 nights Moscow
- 2 nights Kazan with early check-in
- 2 nights Yekaterinburg
- 2 nights Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)
- 1 night Irkutsk
- 2 nights Ulaanbaatar
- 4 nights on board
- 1 night at Terelj National Park at the Ger camp

TRANSPORTATION

- St. Petersburg-Moscow intercity high-speed train, one way, 4 hours ride/economy fare
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations
- Metro pass in Moscow & St. Petersburg
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus

TRANSPORTATION

- 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

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.







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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 the Spilled Blood
- Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone • St Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the observation point (Cable car), St. Nicholas Russian Royal Palace of Peterhof, the Peter & Paul Fortress Orthodox Church, local souvenir market, boat cruise 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 Terelj National Park tour: hiking, Turtle Rock visiting, Kremlin (including the Cathedrals and the Armory), Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex visiting 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 full day (8 hours) guided tour: Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum, Irkutsk historical downtown, St. **Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square**







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Tour Inclusions

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)
- Full board in Mongolia (except the day of arrival in Ulaanbaatar: on this day only lunch and dinner included)
- 3 lunches: Buryat lunch in Irkutsk // Siberian lunch at the Taltsy museum // Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan
- Vodka tasting at the Taltsy museum (Lake Baikal)

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Mongolian and Russian visa supporting documents
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia
- Naadam Festival seats

GROUP TOUR

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

NOT INCLUDED

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







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OPTIONAL TOURS

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MOSCOW

Cold war traces: secret anti-nuclear bunker - 42

USD 85 // AUD 120 // GBP 66 // CAD 115 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Moscow River Yacht Panoramic Cruise Year round. Transfer included.

USD 70 // AUD 100 // GBP 55 // CAD 95 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Tank driving

USD 1315 // AUD 1850 // GBP 1020 // CAD 1770 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)



Extra night stay

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD per person (3*) USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4*) USD 165 // AUD 230 // GBP 130 // CAD 220 per person (5*)





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SAINT PETERSBURG

Day trip to Veliky Novgorod

- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod by train
- Guided tour including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument
- Beautiful white stone ancient architecture
- Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture
- Return to St. Petersburg by train

USD 185 // AUD 250 // GBP 140 // CAD 240 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Mariinsky Ballet

• Ticket only (no guidance/transportation) from USD 60 // AUD 80 // GBP 60 // CAD 100 per person

Cossack Show

• Ticket only (no guidance/transportation) USD 75 // AUD 105 // GBP 60 // CAD 100

per person

Faberge Tour with audio guide

•Ticket only (no guidance/ with transportation) USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 74 per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

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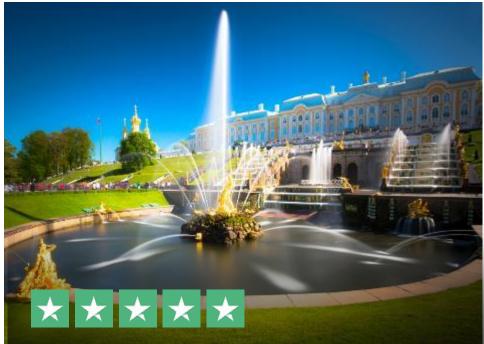
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