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## SPECIAL OFFER GRAND RUSSIAN VOYAGE

## TRANS-SIBERIAN EASTBOUND Moscow to Vladivostok

**17 DAYS**

1 July – 17 July, 2019

9 - 25 September 2019

2020\*

*\*Exact dates to be confirmed*

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

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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**
- 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**

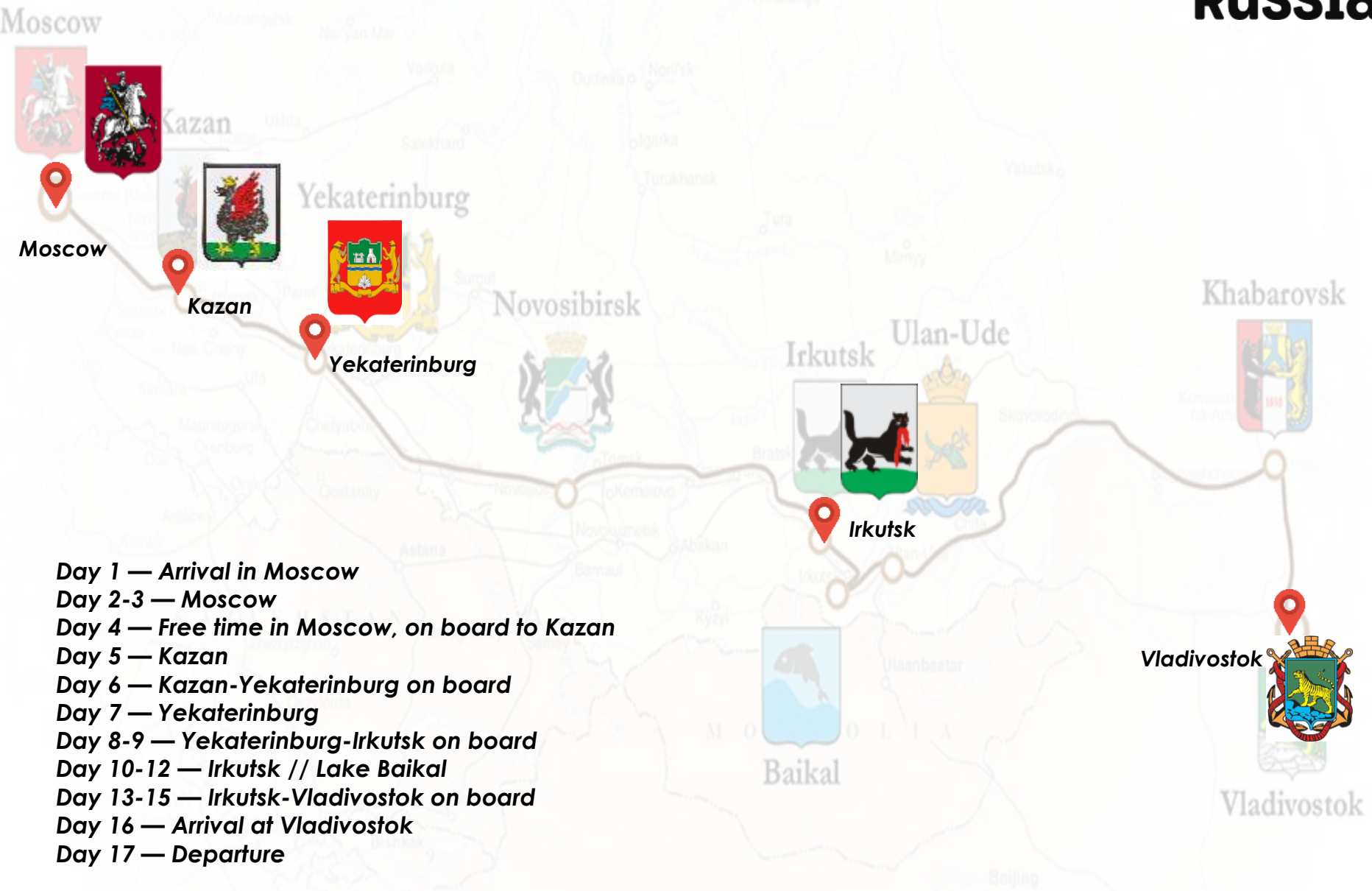
# Happy Travelers

**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/>

# Itinerary



- Day 1 — Arrival in Moscow**
- 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 10-12 — Irkutsk // Lake Baikal**
- Day 13-15 — Irkutsk-Vladivostok on board**
- Day 16 — Arrival at Vladivostok**
- Day 17 — Departure**

# Itinerary



## DAY 1

- *Arrival in Moscow*
- *Meet & greet at the airport*
- *Transfer to the hotel and check-in*
- *Day            ay            leisure*

## DAY 2

- *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*

# Itinerary



## 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 in 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

## DAY 8

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

## DAY 9

- On board

# Itinerary



## DAY 10

- Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning
- Breakfast
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine
- Arrival in Listvyanka village
- The evening is free at leisure
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

## DAY 11

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

## DAY 12

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visiting Taltsy Museum
- Russian lunch in Taltsy with tea and honey degustation
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- Overnight stay in Irkutsk

## DAY 13-15

- On board

## DAY 16

- 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

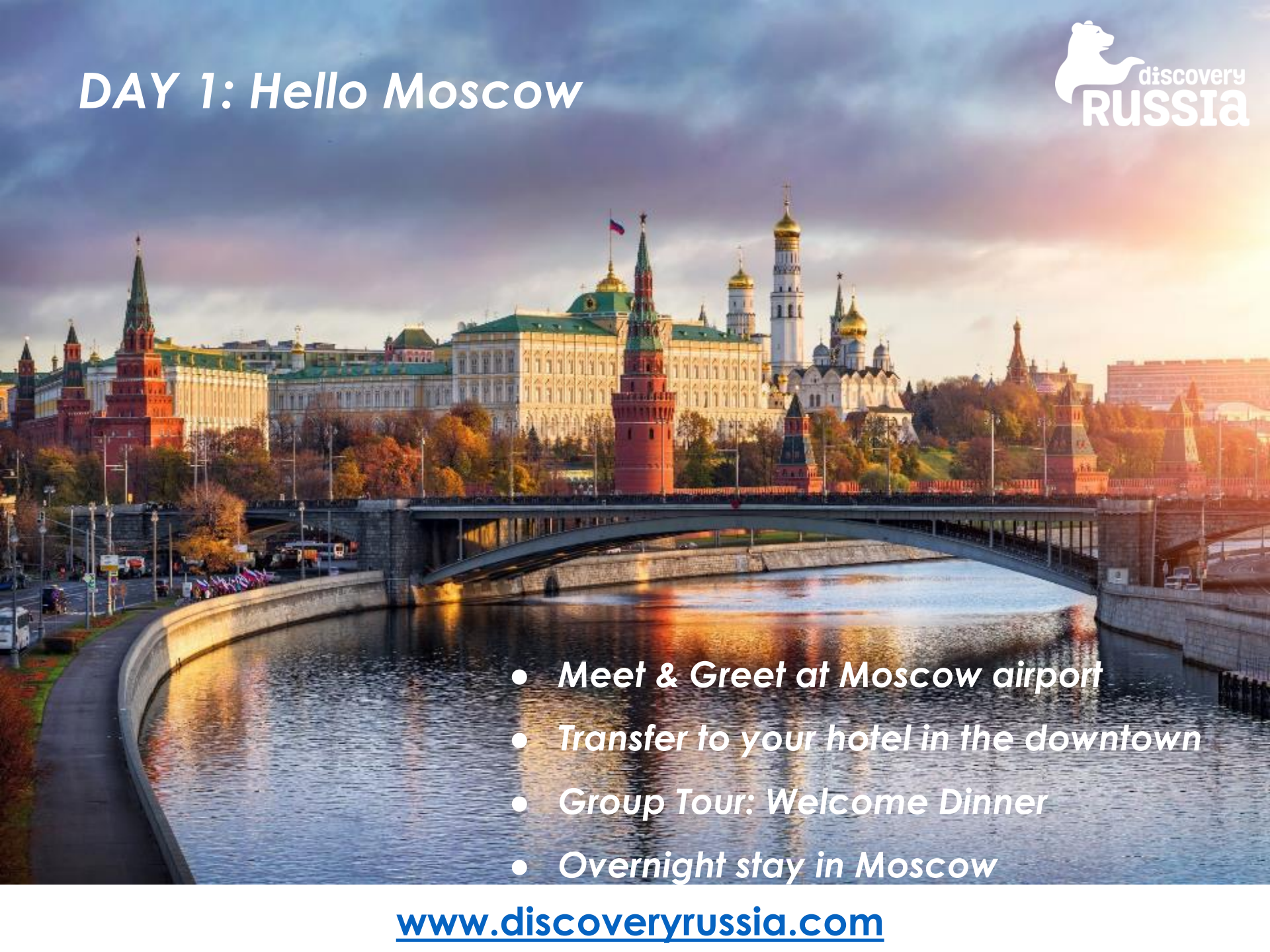
## DAY 17

- Breakfast
- Transfer to airport for your departure flight



# DAY 1: Hello Moscow



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- A wide-angle photograph of the Moscow skyline at sunset. The Kremlin's red brick walls and towers are prominent, with several golden domes of churches visible. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the scene. In the foreground, a bridge spans across a river, and the water reflects the sky and buildings. The sky is a mix of blue, purple, and orange.
- *Meet & Greet at Moscow airport*
  - *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*
  - *Group Tour: Welcome Dinner*
  - *Overnight stay in Moscow*

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# DAY 2: Discover Moscow



- *Breakfast*
- *The Moscow Kremlin tour including the Armory and the Red Square*
- *Moscow Metro tour*
- *Excursion in Novodevichy Convent*
- *Sparrow Hills*
- *Spend evening at famous Arbat street*
- *Overnight stay in Moscow*

Enjoy a guided visit to the Moscow Kremlin, and see all the treasures of the famous museums. "Kremlin" is not actually a specific place name, but means "fortress". The most well-known kremlin is of course the one in Moscow at Red Square.

And Red Square is not actually Red because of the red bricks, but because "red" in the old Russian language meant "beautiful". And "Kremlin" meant a castle. So, there are many kremlins in Russia and in Moscow alone we will show you a few!

Get to know the city by taking a metro ride to the place of your first visit. The Metro is one of the fastest ways to get anywhere in this city, and to avoid traffic jams. Metro is the fastest ways to get anywhere in this city, and to avoid traffic jams.

If you want to see the Bolshoi, it's a good idea to book your tickets in advance!



# ***Excursion in Novodevichy Convent***



***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.***

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## Moscow Metro tour



**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.**

# Lenin's Mausoleum



***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.***

# DAY 3: Discover Moscow



- **Breakfast**
- **The Tretyakov State Art Gallery — the must see collection of Russian art**
- **Stalin's skyscrapers tour**
- **The Izmailovo Kremlin**
- **The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics**
- **Overnight stay in Moscow**

**The VDNKH** (“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.

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***A remarkable feature of Stalin's era are the so-called "Stalin's skyscrapers", each built in different areas of the city, following common principles of design, but all very different from each other. One of them is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, another is a hotel, a third the Moscow State University, etc! Every building has its own story—and its own famous residents.***





# *The Izmaylovo Kremlin*



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

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# The State Tretyakov Art Gallery



*The State Tretyakov Art Gallery is the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world. The gallery's history starts in 1856 when the Moscow merchant Pavel Mikhailovich Tretyakov acquired works by Russian artists of his day with the aim of creating a collection, which might later grow into a museum of national art. In 1892, Tretyakov presented his already famous collection of approximately 2,000 works (1,362 paintings, 526 drawings, and 9 sculptures) to the Russian nation. The collection contains more than 130,000 exhibits, ranging from Theotokos of Vladimir and Andrei Rublev's Trinity to the monumental Composition VII by Wassily Kandinsky and the Black Square by Kazimir Malevich.*

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# Day 4: Train to Kazan



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

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# 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, Chak-Chak museum*
- *Old Tatar village*
- *Tatar cooking master-class & Degustation*
- *Overnight stay in Kazan*

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## 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 Yekaterinburg



- *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*



# Day 7: Discover Yekaterinburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Yekaterinburg city tour: Ganina Yama Monastery, Museum of Minerals, Cathedral on the Blood, Europe-Asia Border*
- *Pyzhma military museum*
- *Overnight stay in Yekaterinburg*

*Yekaterinburg 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!*



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## ***Day 8: On board to Irkutsk***

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

## ***Day 9: On board to Irkutsk***



# Day 10: Arrival at Irkutsk & Lake Baikal



- *Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning*
- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)*
- *Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine*
- *Arrival in Listvyanka village*
- *The evening is free at leisure*
- *Overnight stay in Listvyanka*



# Day 11: Discover Baikal



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

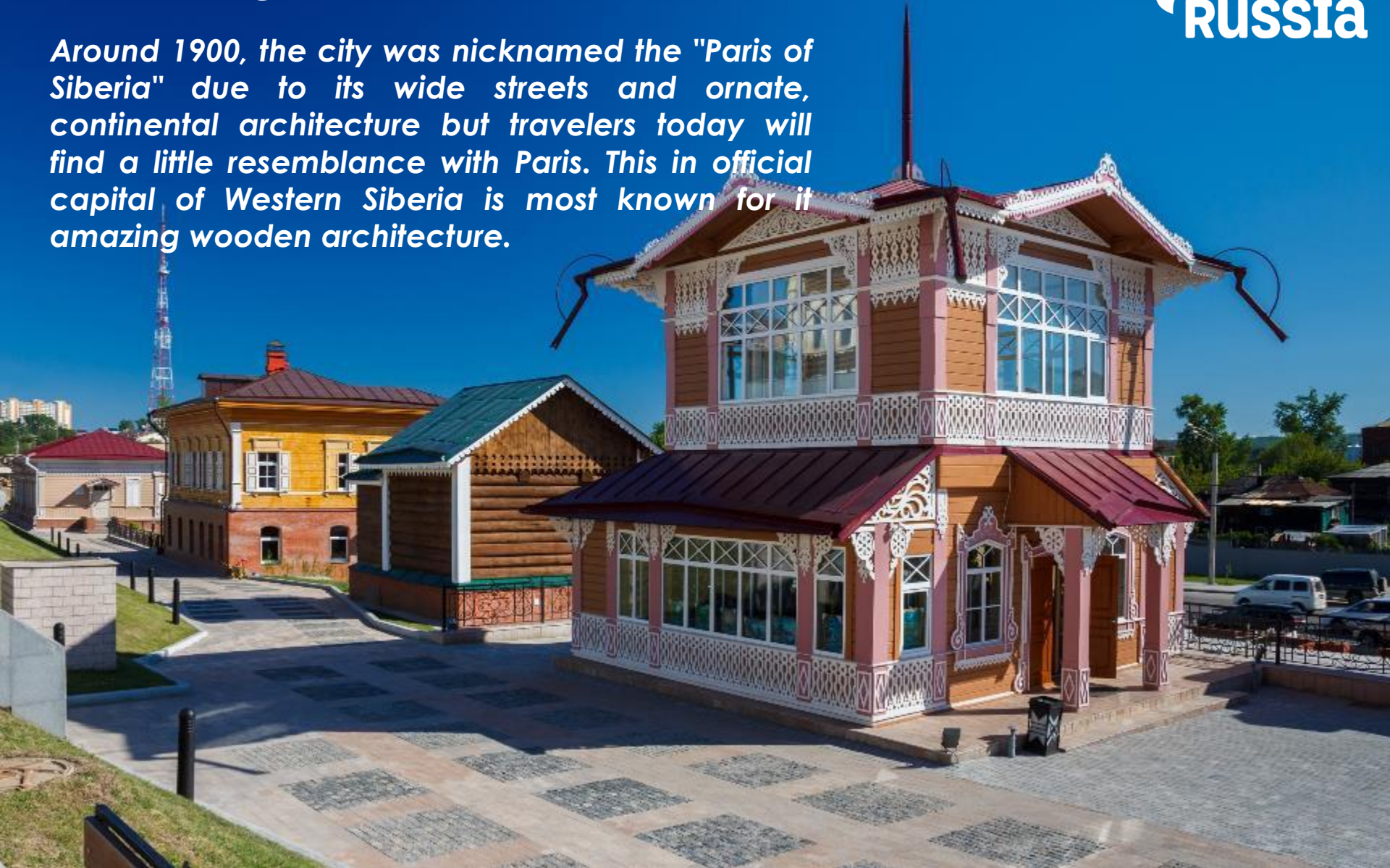
# Day 12: Taltsy & Irkutsk

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Museum
- Russian lunch in Taltsy with tea and honey degustation
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- St. Epiphany Cathedral
- Kirov Square
- Overnight stay in Irkutsk

# 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 in official capital of Western Siberia is most known for its amazing wooden architecture.*



# Taltsy Siberian open air museum



- *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 13-15: Train to Vladivostok

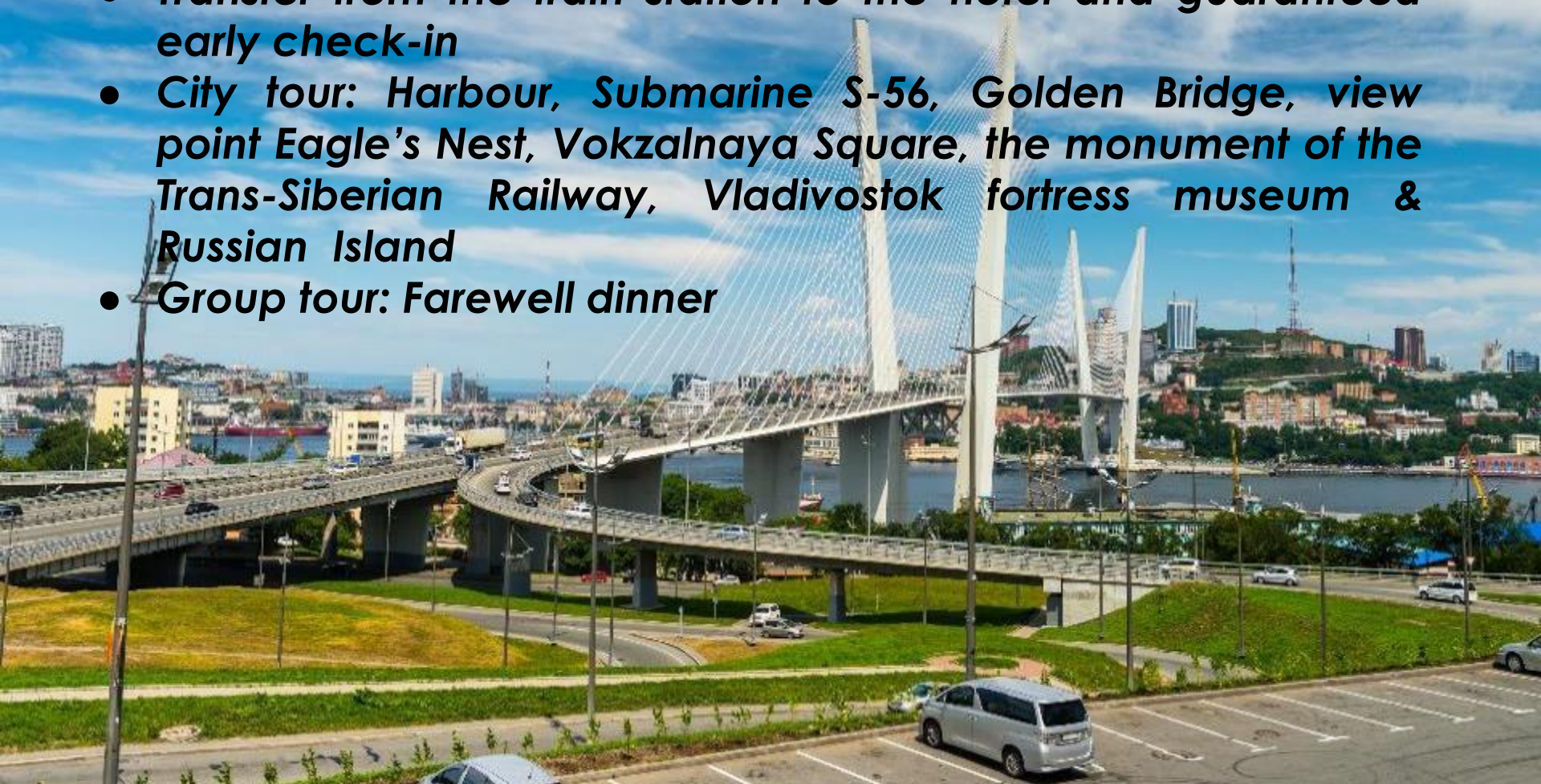
- **Early check-out and transfer to the train station**
- **Boarding the train to Vladivostok**

**You'll spend the next 3 days in the train watching the landscapes change as you're getting closer to Russia's Far East. It is truly one of the most magnificent parts of the itinerary.**

# DAY 16: 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*





Welcome to the capital of Primorye!  
Vladivostok is one of the most picturesque  
and interesting cities in the Russian 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.



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# DAY 17: Farewell

*Final day of your Trans Siberian journey!*

- *Transfer to the airport and departure*





## Group Tour, 2019

Departure dates for 2019: 1 July, 9 September

### Group Tour, 2019, AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,225 / 3,965 AUD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,940 / 4,680 AUD**

### Group Tour, 2019, USD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,710 / 2,815 USD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,215 / 3,320 USD**

### Group Tour, 2019, GBP

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **2,875 / 2,180 GBP**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,265 / 2,570 GBP**

### Group Tour, 2019, CAD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,999 / 3,790 CAD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,680 / 4,475 CAD**

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## Private Tour, 2 people

Departure dates for 2019 / 2020: Flexible

### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,760 / 5,410** AUD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **7,395 / 6,050** AUD

### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, USD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,795 / 3,840** USD

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **5,250 / 4,295** USD

### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, GBP

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **3,715 / 2,975** GBP

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **4,070 / 3,330** GBP

### Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, CAD

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **6,465 / 5,175** CAD

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - **7,075 / 5,790** CAD

## **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**



### **ACCOMMODATION:**

- Centrally located hand-picked hotels;
  - 3 nights Moscow;
  - 1 night Kazan with early check in;
  - 2 nights Yekaterinburg;
  - 2 nights Lake Baikal/Listvyanka;
  - 1 night Irkutsk;
  - 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;
  - Irkutsk - Vladivostok.

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS:



### 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:** 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 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;
  - Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Chak-Chak museum, tatar lunch and cooking master-class;

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS:



### SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- 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.

### 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.

### NOT INCLUDED:

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

### GROUP TOUR:

- Group tours are fully escorted by **bilingual tour director**.
- Group size: small group up to 20 people.

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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.

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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.*

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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

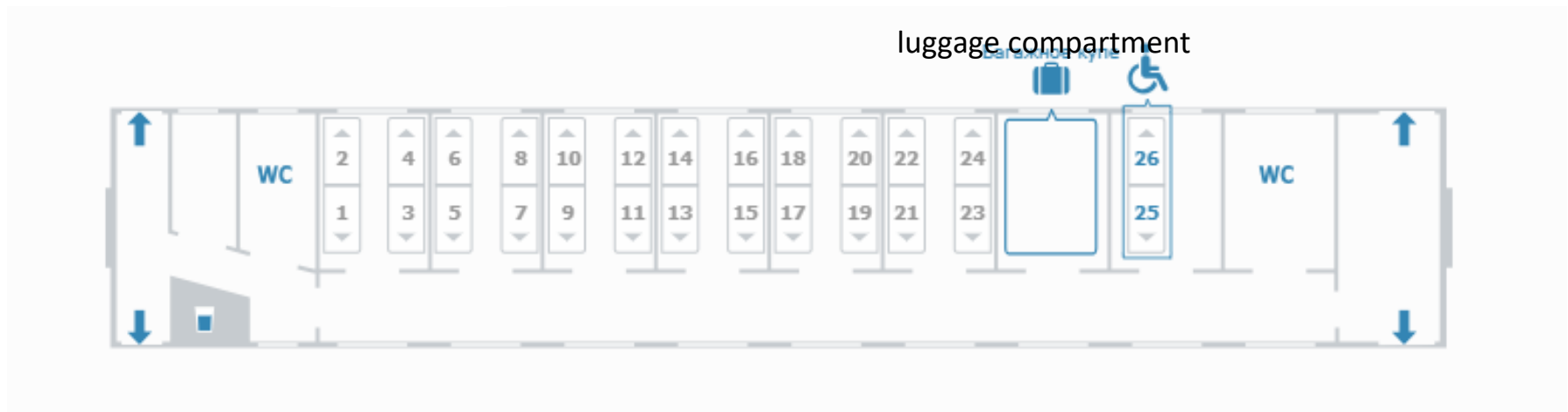
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## 2nd class car scheme:



- **An extra meal can be provided**
- **Air conditioning**
- **Seats/berths for people with disabilities**
- **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*

## Kazan

- 3\* *Nogay/Maxim Gorky or similar*
- 4\* *Art Hotel/ Corona or similar*
- 5\* *Korston Royal/Mirazh 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*

# Check out other Trans-Siberian tours:



## TRANS SIBERIAN MOSCOW - VLADIVOSTOK

<https://discoveryrussia.com/tour/202/>



## LE GRAND TRANS MONGOLIAN: BEIJING TO ST PETERSBURG

<https://discoveryrussia.com/tour/161/>



## THE ULTIMATE TRANS SIBERIAN 2019 (EASTBOUND)

<https://discoveryrussia.com/tour/196/>



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