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SPECIAL OFFERGRAND RUSSIAN VOYAGE

THE ULTIMATE TRANS-SIBERIAN EASTBOUND 2019 St. Petersburg to Vladivostok

21 DAYS

27 June — 17 July 2019 5 — 25 September 2019 2020* *Exact dates to be confirmed

This package is available either **Group Tour** (scheduled departures)

or **Private Tour** (flexible dates)

ST. PETERSBURG — MOSCOW — KAZAN YEKATERINBURG — LAKE BAIKAL — IRKUTSK VLADIVOSTOK



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24/7 support









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





Itinerary



Khabarovsk







Kazan



Yekaterinburg















Day 2-4 — St. Petersburg

Day 5 — Transfer to Moscow

Day 6-7 — Moscow

Day 8 — Free time in Moscow, on board to Kazan

Day 9 — Kazan

Day 10 — Kazan-Yekaterinburg on board

Day 11 — Yekaterinburg

Day 12-13 — Yekaterinburg-Irkutsk on board

Day 14-16 — Irkutsk // Lake Baikal

Day 17-19 — Irkutsk-Vladivostok on board

Day 20 — Arrival at Vladivostok

Day 21 — Departure





Vladivostok



<u>Itinerary</u>

DAY 1

- Arrival in St. Petersburg
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Group tour: Welcome dinner
- Overnight stay in St. Petersburg

DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye
 Selo
- Catherine's palace &
 Amber room
- Free time in the park
- Overnight stay in St. Petersburg

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage
- Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral
- Overnight stay in St. Petersburg

DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Speed boat ride to Peterhof Palace (seasonal)
- Guided tour to the Royal Palace of Peterhof
- Afternoon: visit Faberge
 Museum
- Overnight stay in St.
 Petersburg

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to Moscow
- Meet and greet at Moscow railway station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 6

- 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 7

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

DAY 10

- 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 Yekaterinbura

<u>Itinerary</u>

DAY 8

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

DAY 9

- 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 11

- 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 12

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



<u>Itinerary</u>

DAY 13

On board

DAY 14

- Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning
- Breakfast
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

DAY 15

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

DAY 16

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visiting Taltsy Museum
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- Overnight stay in Irkutsk

DAY 17-19

On board

DAY 20

- 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 21

- Breakfast
- Transfer to airport for your departure flight







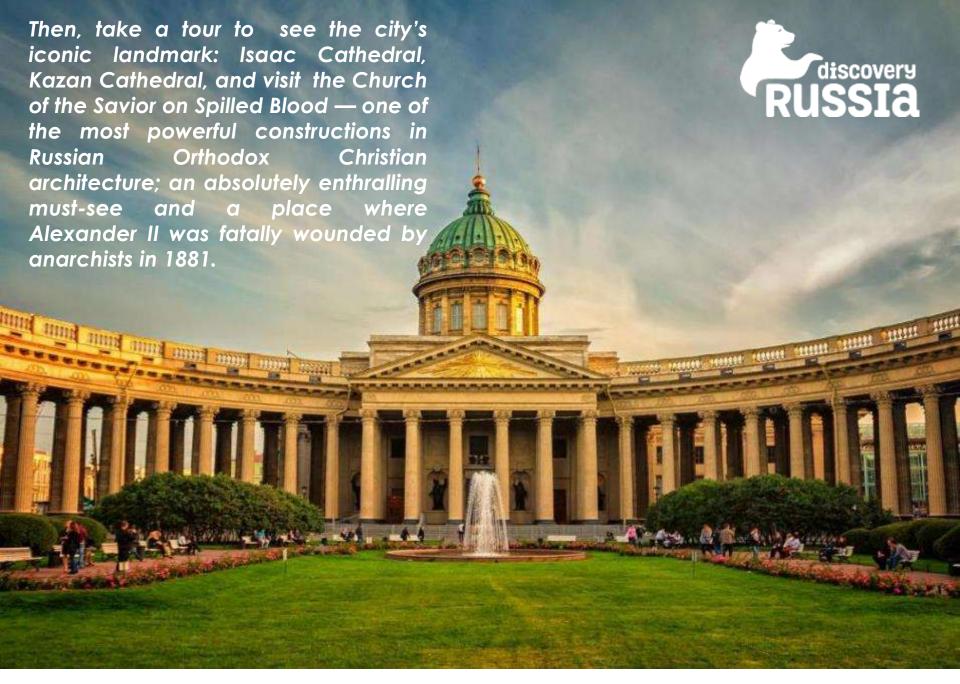
Morning: Walking trip to the Winter Palace and the Hermitage guided tour.

We force you to make it on foot. Why? Because there is no other way to understand and feel the city's soul than to explore its secret walking trails. Let us surprise you with unusual homes, architecture, perspectives and stunning views.

Today, you visit one of the most important sites in Russian history and heritage, the world-famous palace of the Hermitage, the former residence of the Royal Family.

<u>The Hermitage today</u> is one of the largest museums in the world, founded in 1764; its collection includes over 2.7 mln items. Our experienced guide will bring the museum to life to her knowledge.

Your guide will take you for a lunch in a local bistro, "stolovaya" where you can try traditional Russian food.



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DAY 3: Discover St. Petersburg



- Breakfast
- Speed boat ride to Peterhof Palace
- Peterhof tour with a visit to Grand Palace
 - Faberge Museum

Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace, located near the seashore of the Gulf of Finland, 60 kilometres away from the city.

The fastest and most comfortable way to see the State Museum «Peterhof» in its glory is a hydrofoil. The trip begins in the city centre and gives a chance to enjoy beautiful views of St. Petersburg.



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Catherine's palace - the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family <u>Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo</u>, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.



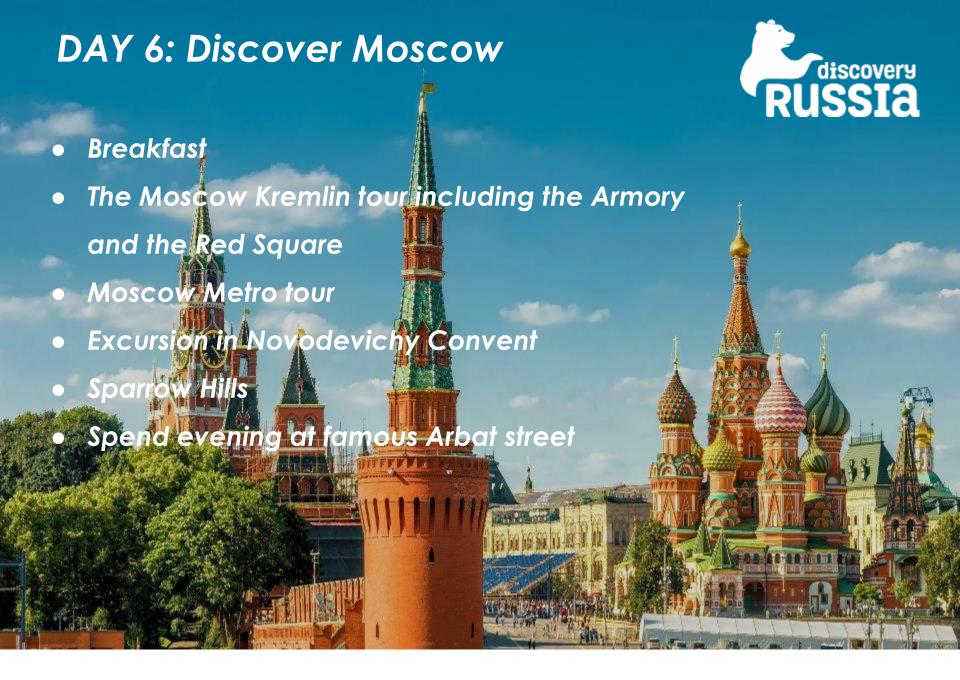
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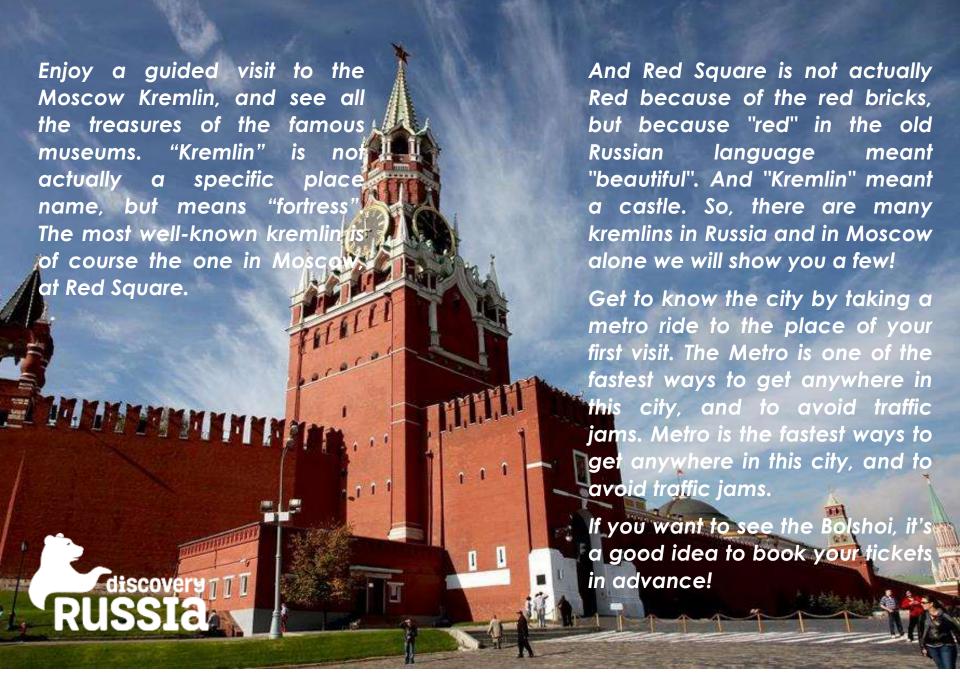
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- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to Moscow

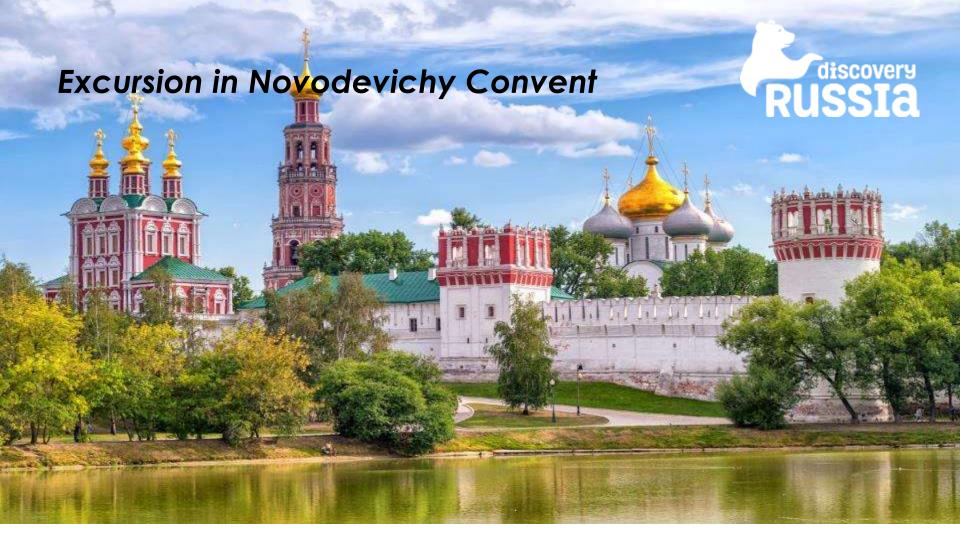


- Meet and greet at Moscow railway station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown





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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.



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.



<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.



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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

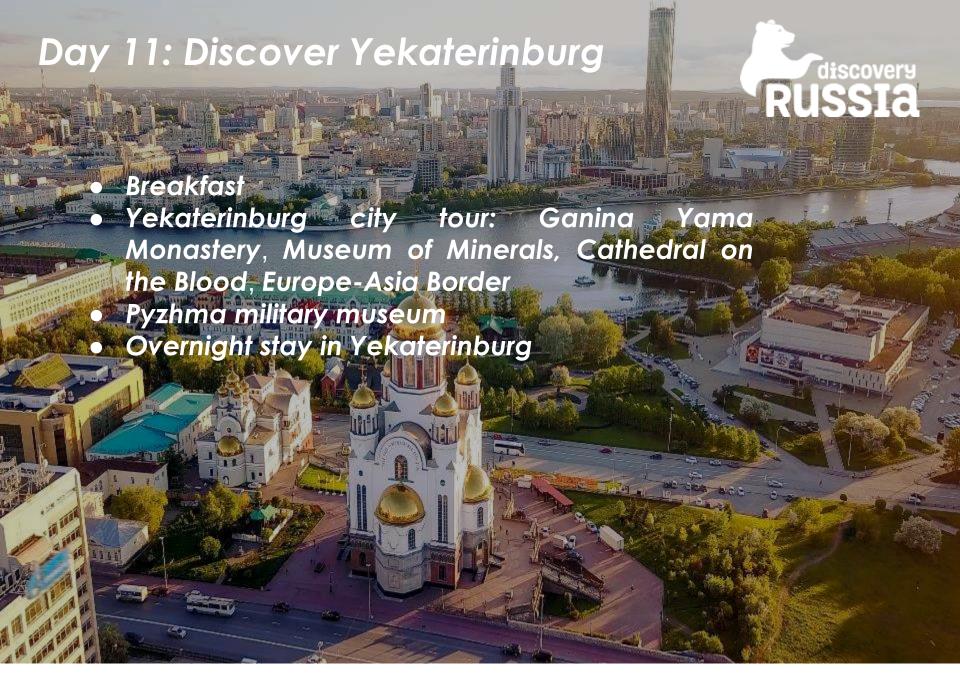
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Built by Ivan the Terrible on the ruins of the palace of the Kazan Khanate that he destroyed, the Kremlin of Kazan reflects the ethnic mix of Tatars and Russians, Muslims and Christians, that merged into one nation centuries ago.



Day 10: 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





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

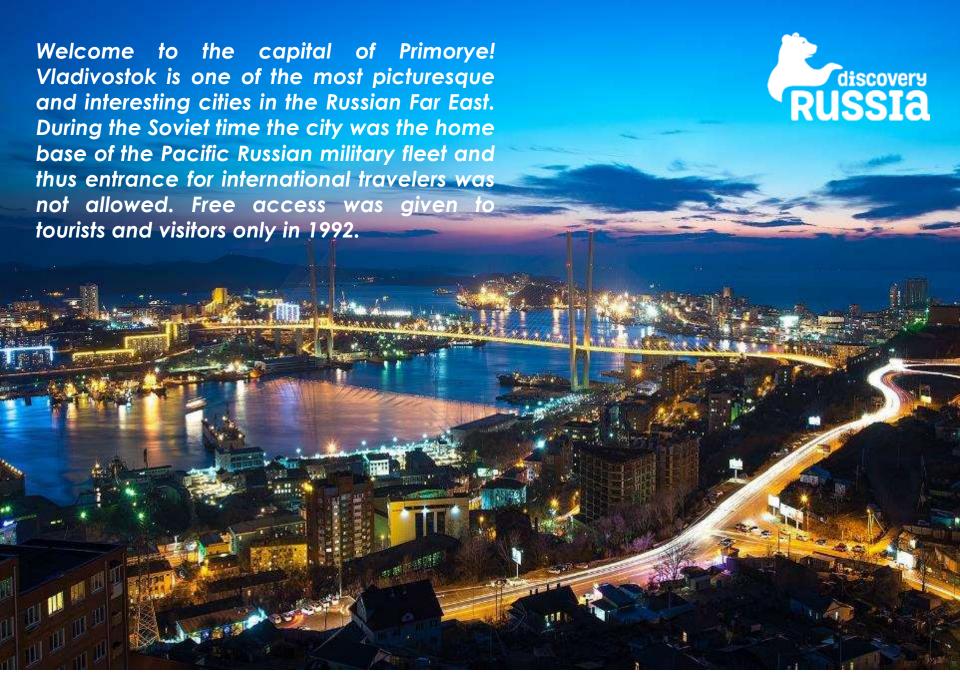
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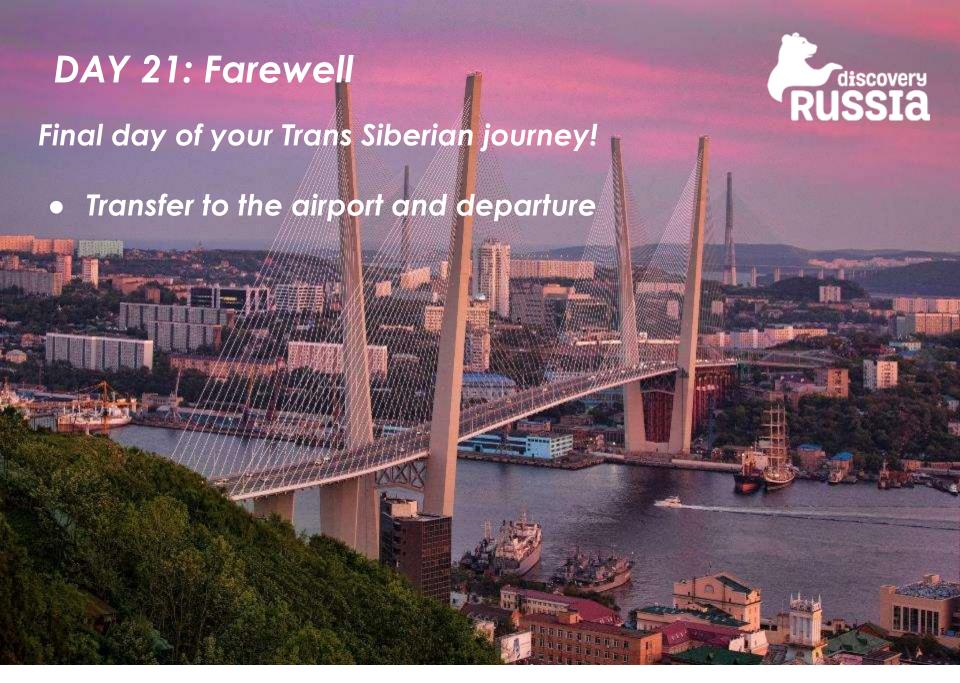
DAY 20: Arrival at Vladivostok

- 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





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Group Tour, 2019



Set departures: 27 June, 5 September

Group Tour, 2019, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,405 / 5,145 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,135 / 5,865 AUD

Group Tour, 2019, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,545 / 3,650 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,065 / 4,165 USD

Group Tour, 2019, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,525 / 2,830 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 3,925 / 3,225 GBP

Group Tour, 2019, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,130 / 4,920 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,825 / 5,610 CAD



Private Tour, 2 people

Starting 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) - 8,325 / 6,965 AUD Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 9,070 / 7,755 AUD

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 5,910 / 4,940 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 6,435 / 5,505 USD

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,580 / 3,830 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 4,990 / 4,265 GBP

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 7,965 / 6,660 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) - 8,765 / 7,417 CAD

ACCOMMODATION:

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

- St. Petersburg-Moscow intercity high-speed train SAPSAN, one way;
- 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 St. Petersburg & 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:
 - St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Royal Palace of Peterhof, Faberge Museum;
 - 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, Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral;
 - Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: Catherine's palace
 & Amber room.
 - 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;

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 - Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kazan Kremlin, the Kul Sharif Mosque, tatar lunch and cooking master-class, old Tatar village;
 - 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;

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SIGHTSEEING:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - 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.

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

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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
- Seats/berths for people with disabilities

- Air conditioning
- Bio toilet

OPTIONAL TOURS: ASK YOUR TRAVEL MANAGER FOR MORE DETAILS



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

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 250 // USD 185 // GBP 140 // CAD 240

MARIINSKY BALLET

Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)
 Rate per person: from AUD 80 // USD 60 // GBP 45 // CAD 80

NATIONAL FOLK SHOW IN NIKOLAEV PALACE

Rate per person: from AUD 200 // USD 145 // GBP 115 // CAD 195

CHANNEL BOAT TOUR

Rate per person: AUD 80 // USD 60 // GBP 45 // CAD 75

EXTRA NIGHT STAY

Rate per person: AUD 155 // USD 115 // GBP 90 // CAD 150

MOSCOW

MUSEUM OF COSMONAUTICS GUIDED TOUR

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 115 // USD 85 // GBP 65 // CAD 110

COLD WAR TRACES: SECRET ANTI- NUCLEAR BUNKER -42

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 120 // USD 175 // GBP 90 // CAD 155

COSSACK SHOW

Rate per person: AUD 100 // USD 75 // GBP 60 // CAD 95

CHANNEL BOAT TOUR

Rate per person: AUD 100 // USD 75 // GBP 60 // CAD 95

EXTRA NIGHT STAY

Rate per person: AUD 155 // USD 115 // GBP 90 //
CAD 150

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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

Irkutsk

- **3*** Mikhail Strogov/Europe/ Imperia or similar
- **4*** Marriott Courtyard/Armat/Sayen 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

St. Petersburg

- **3*** Privilegiya/Aglaya/Hotel Mojka nab.Mojki 5/Atlantika or similar
- **4*** Tchaikovsky/Aston/Zolotoy
- Vek/Ambassador or similar
- **5*** Sofitel/Astoria or similar

Check out other Trans-Siberian tours:





TRANS SIBERIAN MOSCOW - VLADIVOSTOK

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