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## SPECIAL OFFER TRANS MONGOLIAN EXPRESS Moscow - Beijing 14 Days

22 September - 5 October, 2019

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

**Private Tour** (flexible dates)

FROM MOSCOW TO BEIJING

MOSCOW - KAZAN - YEKATERINBURG -  
IRKUTSK - LAKE BAIKAL - ULAANBAATAR -  
TERELJ NATIONAL PARK - BEIJING



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**Safe.**

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**Reliable.**



- *Australian-owned company*



- *Over 10 years experience in Russia*



- *24/7 support*





## **Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visas: easy to obtain**

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

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

# 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



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1

- Meet and greet at Moscow airport
- Transfer to your hotel

## DAY 2

- Breakfast
- A visit to the Moscow Kremlin and to the Red Square
- Moscow Metro tour
- Excursion in Novodevichy Convent and Sparrow Hills
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Kazan

## DAY 3

- Arrival in Kazan
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in
- Full day city tour
- Tatar National performance with dinner

## DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Half day city tour with Tatar national cuisine lunch and master - class
- Board the train to Yekaterinburg

## DAY 5

- Arrival in Yekaterinburg
- Half day city tour including Romanov's assassination place & Church; Museum of Semi precious stones and stone carving, Europe-Asia border
- Check in the hotel

## DAY 6

- Early morning departure to Irkutsk
- On board

## DAY 7

- On board

## DAY 8

- Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Taltzy open air Siberian museum
- Russian lunch with Tea & Honey degustation in Taltzy Museum
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Cable Car to the observation point
- Local fish and souvenir market
- Traditional Buryat dinner
- Optional evening: Russian banya
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

## DAY 9

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk railway station to board the train to Ulaanbaatar

## DAY 10

- Arrival in Ulaanbaatar in the morning
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Turtle Rock
- Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery
- Other Rock Formation: Praying Lama
- Rock/Old Man reading a Book - in the distance
- Dinner
- Overnight at Terelj National Park

## DAY 11

- Breakfast
- Terelj NP-Explore landscape
- Lunch with nomadic family
- Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex and Bronz age/13th Century Museum
- Transfer to Ulan Bator
- Zaisan Memorial
- Buddha Garden
- evening 6 pm-Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert
- Dinner at hotel restaurant
- Overnight in the hotel

## DAY 12

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the train station, board the train to Beijing

## DAY 13

- Arrival in Beijing
- Transfer to the hotel, check-in

## DAY 14

- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight

## **DAY 1, Arrival at Moscow**

- *Meet and greet at Moscow airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel*
- *Group departure: welcome dinner*

## **DAY 2, Discover Moscow**

- *Breakfast*
- *A visit to the Moscow Kremlin including Armory and Red Square*
- *Moscow Metro tour & City tour*
- *Novodevichy Convent*
- *Arbat area*
- *Board the overnight train to Kazan*



*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!*



# Day 3: Discover Kazan



- *Arrival at Kazan*
- *Guided tour in Kazan, day 1*

*Guided tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kremlin of Kazan. Built by Ivan the Terrible on the ruins of the palace of the Kazan Khanate that he destroyed, the Kremlin of Kazan reflects the ethnic mix of Tatars and Russians, Muslims and Christians, that merged into one nation centuries ago.*

*During our 2 days tour in Kazan you will visit also: Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, National Museum, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square.*

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# Day 4: Discover Kazan



- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Kazan, day 2
- National museum
- Tatar cooking master class & lunch
- Time at leisure before boarding the train to Yekaterinburg in the evening



# Day 5: Yekaterinburg

- *Arrival in Yekaterinburg*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *Transfer to the hotel*
- *Yekaterinburg guided tour: Romanov's assassination place & Church; Museum of Semi precious stones and stone carving*
- *Europe-Asia border*



*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!*



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

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

## **DAY 6-7, Train ride to Irkutsk**

- **Transfer to the train station**
- **Train ride continues - 2 days and 5 hours**



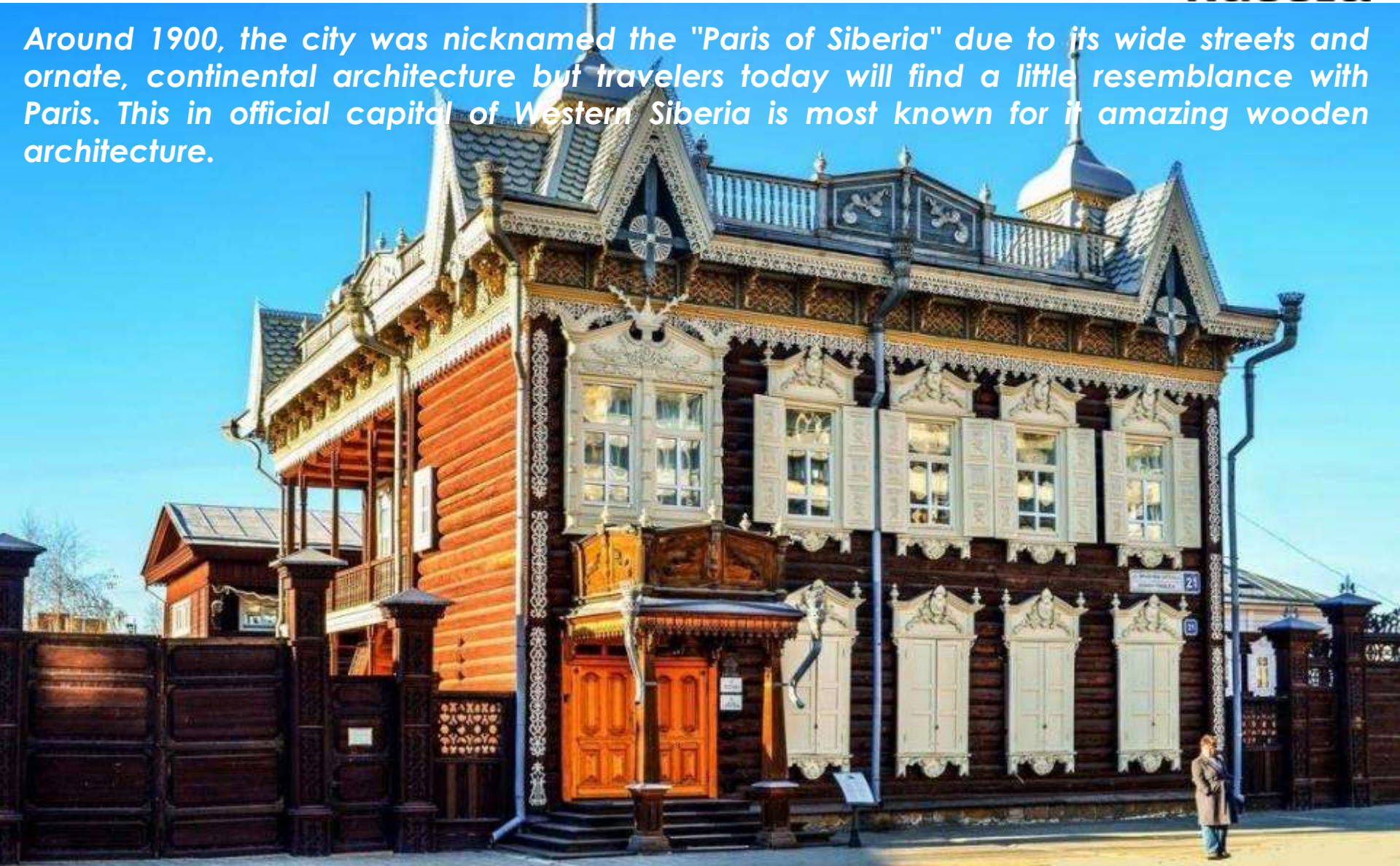
# Day 8. Lake Baikal. The heart of Siberia.



- *Arrival in Irkutsk in the morning*
- *Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)*
- *Taltsy open air Siberian museum*
- *Russian lunch with Tea & Honey degustation in Taltsy Museum*
- *Baikal Museum of Limnology*
- *Cable Car to the observation point*
- *Local fish and souvenir market*
- *Traditional Buryat dinner*
- *Optional evening: Russian banya*
- *Overnight stay in Listvyanka*

# 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*
- *Siberian lunch with Siberian tea and honey degustation*

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# Day 9: Transfer to Ulaanbaatar



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Irkutsk railway station to board the train to Ulaanbaatar*

# Day 10: Discover Mongolia

- *Arrival in Ulaanbaatar*
- *Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)*
- *Turtle Rock*
- *Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery*
- *Other Rock Formation: Praying Lama Rock/Old Man reading a Book - in the distance*
- *Dinner*
- *Overnight at Terelj National Park*



***The park is located 80 km away from Ulan Bator and is one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia***

***Terelj National Park is the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. Visitors can take leisurely strolls on meadows carpeted with edelweiss and a dazzling variety of other wild flowers, view fascinating rock formations against a backdrop of pine covered mountains and wander along the wooded banks of a mountain stream.***

# Day 11: Discover Mongolia



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- *Overnight in the hotel*

# Day 12: Transfer to Beijing

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station*
- *Departure for Beijing*

# Day 13: Arrival in Beijing

- *Meet and greet at Beijing railway station*
- *Transfer to your hotel*

# Day 14: Departure from Beijing

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to airport for departure flight*

Private Tour, 2 people (1st / 2nd Class train)

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,899 / 5,580 AUD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **7,250 / 5,930 AUD**

Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **7,975 / 6,655 AUD**

**Dates are flexible**

Group Tour (1st / 2nd Class train)

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,230 / 3,900 AUD**

Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,560 / 4,270 AUD**

Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,999 / 4,640 AUD**

**Set departure 2019: September 22**

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## GENERAL INCLUSIONS:



### TRAIN TICKETS:

- Moscow-Kazan
- Kazan-Yekaterinburg
- Yekaterinburg-Irkutsk
- Irkutsk - Ulaanbaatar
- Ulaanbaatar- Beijing

Note: In case the train does not have a 1st class carriage, 4 berths in 2nd class compartments can be bought out (1 full compartment of 4 berths).

**Note 1:** 1st class compartment in China is subject of availability. If the 1st class train tickets for the section Beijing — Ulaanbaatar is not available then 2nd class train tickets will be provided with the return 65 USD per person. Extra seat in 2nd class is available at 450 USD per seat. These prices are subject to change without advance notice.

**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.

**Note 3:** 1st class compartment to/from Russia is subject to availability. If the 1st class train ticket, for any of the section from Ulaanbaatar to Moscow is not available, then two 2nd class train tickets will be provided at free of charge instead of one 1st class ticket.

**ACCOMMODATION** in centrally located hotels with breakfast included:

- 1 night Moscow
- 1 night Kazan,
- 1 night Yekaterinburg
- 1 night Listvyanka/Lake Baikal
- 1 night Telerj National Park, Ger camp experience
- 1 night Ulaanbaatar
- 6 nights on board the trains

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## GENERAL



## MEALS:

- Full board in Mongolia;
- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- 2 lunches: Russian lunch in Taltsy with tea & honey degustation // Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan;
- 1 dinner: Buryat dinner in Listvyanka at Lake Baikal;
- Group tour: welcome dinner.

## SIGHTSEEING PROGRAM:

- All guided tours as per program with certified English-speaking guides:
  - 1 full day tour in Moscow
  - 1 full day tour in Kazan
  - 1 half day tour in Kazan
  - 1 half day tour in Yekaterinburg
  - 1 full day tour at Lake Baikal/Listvyanka/Irkutsk
  - 2.5 full day guided tours in Mongolia;
  - Entrance Tickets to all listed attractions;
- Dedicated local English-speaking guide;

## NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners

## YOUR COMFORT COUNTS:

- Transportation on tours on modern a/c van/minivan/bus;
- Transfers in all places as per program: airport-hotel, hotel-train station, train station-hotel, hotel-airport;

- Group tours are fully escorted by **bilingual tour director**; group size 20 people maximum;
- Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visa supporting documents;
- Russian local sim card with data;
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia.
- Personal tour manager on private tours

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## OUR HAND PICKED HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWNS



### Beijing\*

3\* Beijing 161 Lama Temple/ Citytel Inn / Beijing 161 LeZaiNanluo Boutique or similar

4\* Shichahai Shadow Art Performance Hotel /Park Plaza Beijing Wangfujing / Sofu Hotel or similar

5\* The Peninsula Beijing /New World Beijing Hotel / Pan Pacific Beijing or similar

### Ulaanbaatar\*

3\* Hotel Nine/ Khuvsgul Lake / Puma Imperial Hotel or similar

4\* Ramada / Novotel / Bishrelt or similar

5\* The Blue Sky / Shangri-La /Best Western Premier Tuushin Hotel or similar

### Terej National Park

4\* Terej Lodge or similar

### 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/Savvy or similar

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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**

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