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TRANS MONGOLIAN EXPRESS 13 Days

8 October - 20 October 2019

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

or

***Private Tour** (flexible dates)*

FROM BEIJING TO MOSCOW

*BEIJING - ULAANBAATAR - TERELJ NATIONAL
PARK - IRKUTSK/LAKE BAIKAL - KAZAN -
MOSCOW*



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- *Australian-owned company*

- *Over 10 years experience in Russia*

- *24/7 support*



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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:

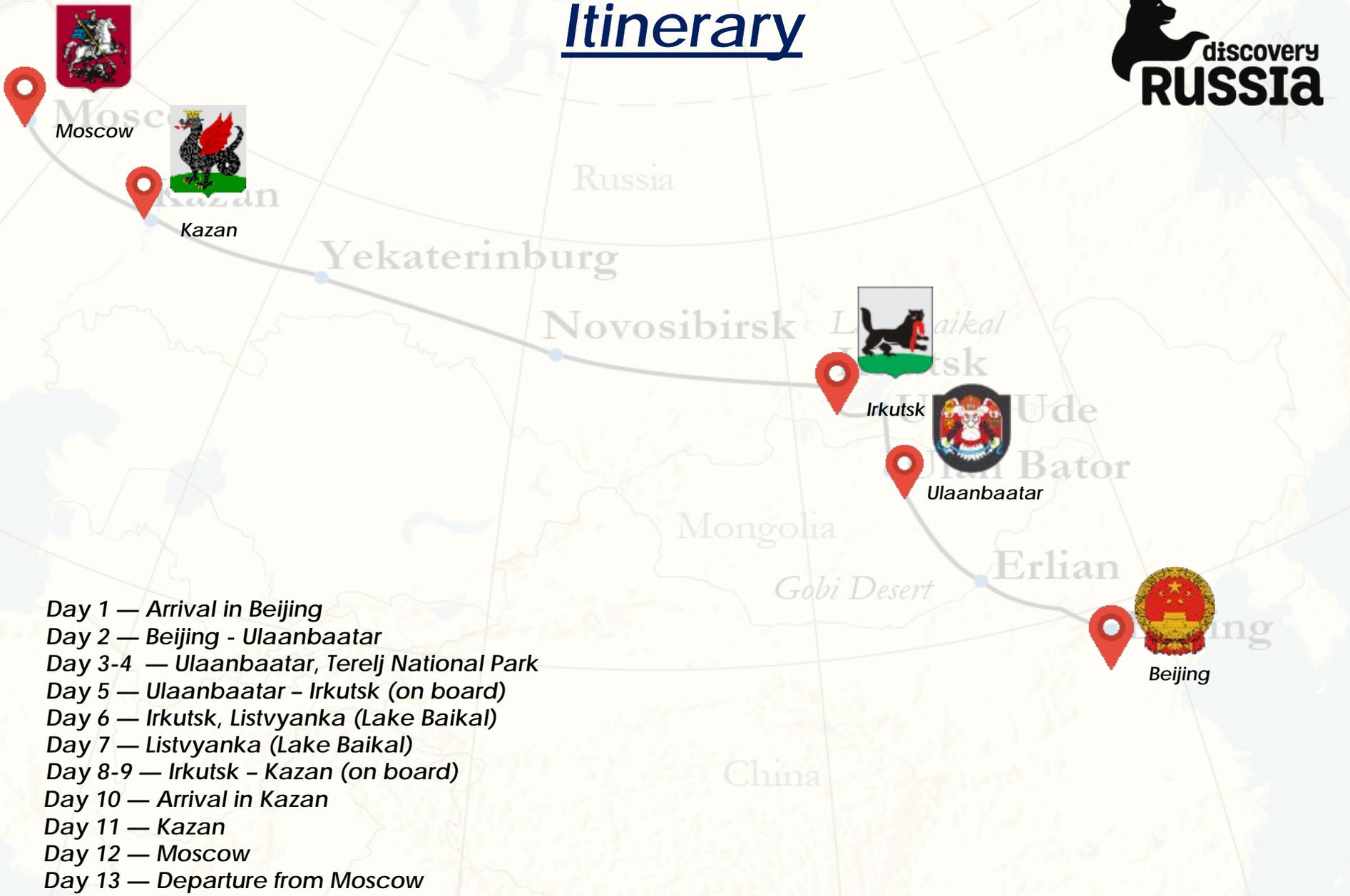
- **Trustpilot** <https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au>
- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRussiaTravel/reviews/>



Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visas

- *Get personal Visa Support Letters (VSL)*
- *Fill in Visa Application forms*
- *Send Application, passport, photo and VSL to the Embassies or Visa Centres*
- *Get visas delivered by mail*
- *Express services are available at the Embassies for last-minute bookings*
- *Check with Discovery Russia travel specialist if you are eligible for visa-free entry*

Itinerary



- Day 1 — Arrival in Beijing
- Day 2 — Beijing - Ulaanbaatar
- Day 3-4 — Ulaanbaatar, Terej National Park
- Day 5 — Ulaanbaatar - Irkutsk (on board)
- Day 6 — Irkutsk, Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)
- Day 7 — Listvyanka (Lake Baikal)
- Day 8-9 — Irkutsk - Kazan (on board)
- Day 10 — Arrival in Kazan
- Day 11 — Kazan
- Day 12 — Moscow
- Day 13 — Departure from Moscow

ITINERARY



DAY 1

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

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure for Ulaanbaatar

DAY 3

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

DAY 4

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

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square
- Lunch
- Transfer to the railway station, departure for Irkutsk

DAY 6

- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Taltsy museum
- On the way stop near Shaman rock
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

ITINERARY



DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car)
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Local souvenir market
- Afternoon, transfer back to Irkutsk to board the train to Kazan

DAY 8-9

- On board

DAY 10

- Arrival in Kazan
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Evening free at leisure
- Overnight stay in Kazan

DAY 11

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Kazan
- Master class on cooking the national Tatar food
- Transfer to the railway station
- Boarding the overnight train to Moscow

DAY 12

- Arrival in Moscow
- Meet and greet at the train station
- transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Moscow Kremlin Tour, including the Armory and Red Square
- Moscow metro tour
- Novodevichy Convent tour
- Sparrow Hills
- Overnight stay in Moscow

DAY 13

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

Day 1: Arrival at Beijing



- Arrival in Beijing
- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to your hotel

What it's like to travel the Trans Mongolian? The ancient way from China to Russia via Mongolia is arguably the most interesting Trans-Siberian route to take. The 7,621 km (4,735 miles) journey takes 6 nights if you do not stop to look around. This train cuts across Mongolia and the Gobi desert, then crosses Siberia arriving at Moscow, where you change to a bullet train if proceeding further to St. Petersburg. Travelling Trans Mongolian, you will see cities, people, villages, famous sightseeing spots and hidden gems, the best of Asia and Europe. Mighty Moscow, treasures of Kazan, natural wonders of Baikal, secrets of Mongolia and splendid Beijing... Trans Mongolian Tour is more than just a train journey. This is the world's most epic train tour, after all!

Day 2: Transfer to Ulaanbaatar



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to the railway station*
- *Departure to Ulaanbaatar*

Day 3: Terelj National Park



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

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 wildflowers, view fascinating rock formations against a backdrop of pine covered mountains and wander along the wooded banks of a mountain stream.

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Day 4: Discover Mongolia



- Breakfast
- Terelj NP-Explore landscape
- Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex and Bronz age/13th Century Museum
- Transfer to Ulaanbaatar
- Zaisan Memorial
- Buddha Garden
- Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert
- Dinner at hotel restaurant
- Overnight in the hotel

Day 5: Discover Mongolia



- *Breakfast*
- *Gandan Monastery*
- *National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square*
- *Transfer to the railway station, departure for Irkutsk*



Day 6: Arrival in Irkutsk & Lake Baikal

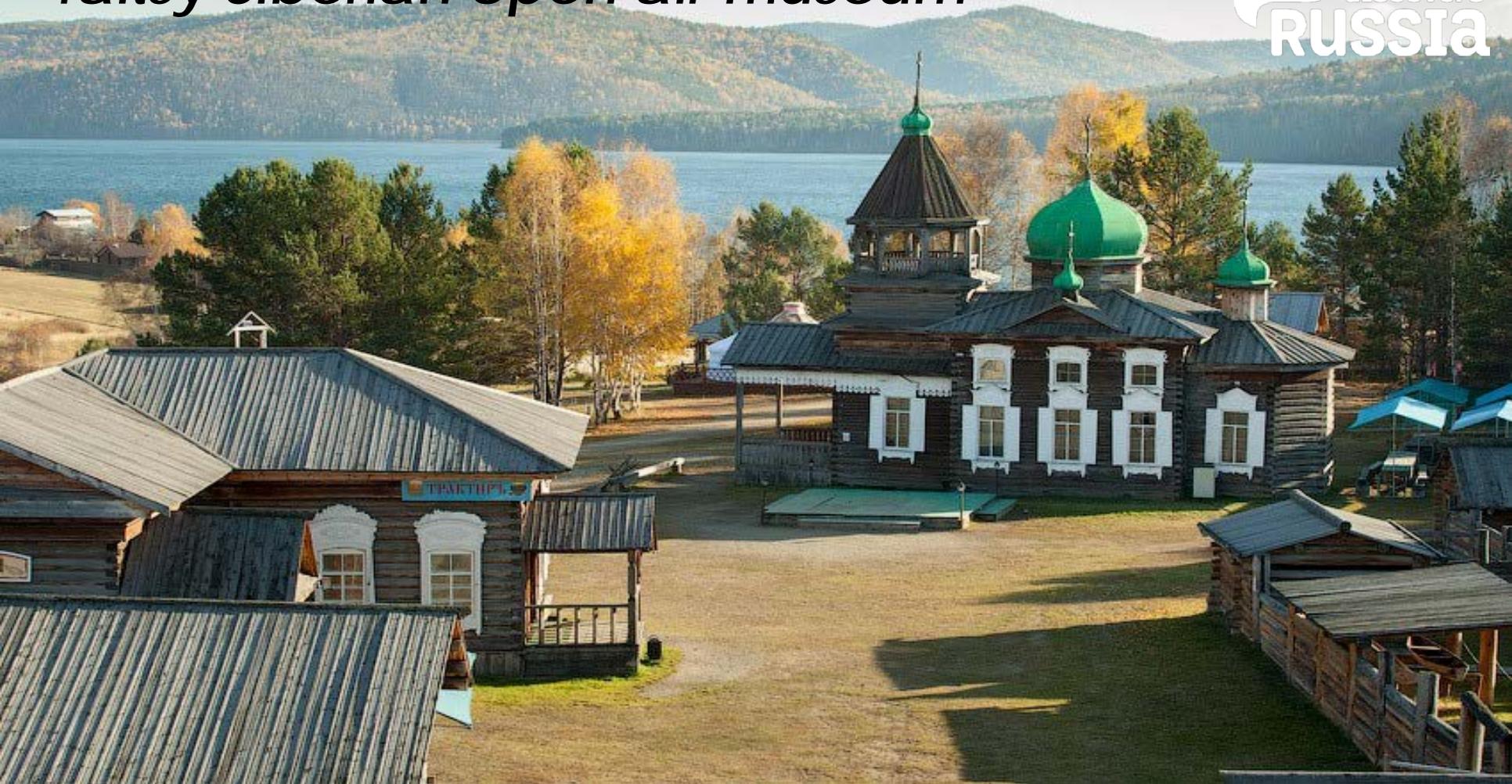


- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Taltsy museum
- On the way stop near Shaman rock
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine
- Overnight stay in Listvyanka

Day 7: Discover Baikal

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car)
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Local souvenir market
- Afternoon, transfer back to Irkutsk to board the train to Kazan

Taltsy Siberian open air museum



- *Visiting 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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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. Locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

You will be surrounded by amazing landscapes of the world's largest, oldest and deepest freshwater lake, Baikal

Day 8-9: On board



The day on board.

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Day 10: Discover Kazan



- *Arrival in Kazan*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *Transfer to the hotel and check-in*
- *Evening free at leisure*
- *Overnight stay in Kazan*

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.

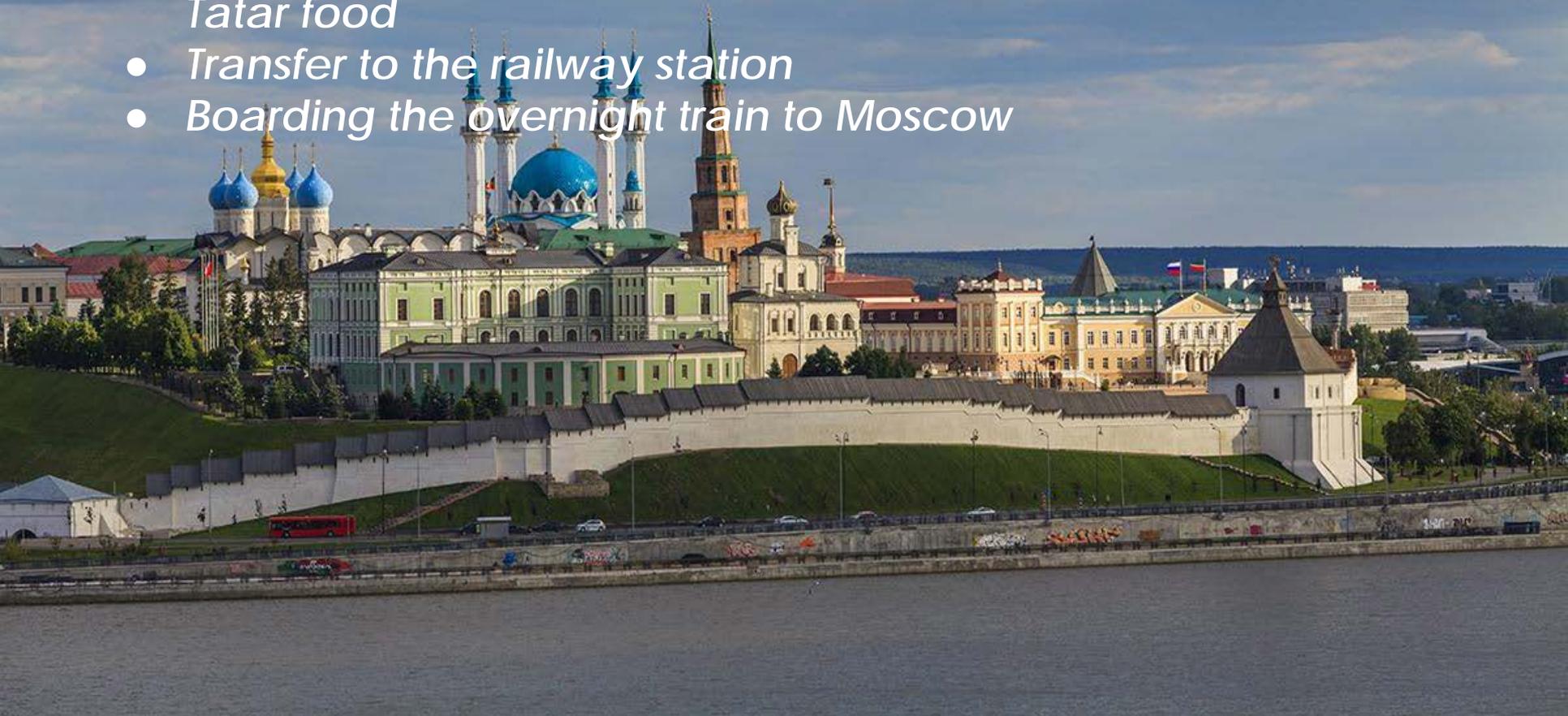
During our 2 days tour in Kazan, you will visit also: Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, National Museum, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square.

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Day 11: Discover Kazan, Pt. II



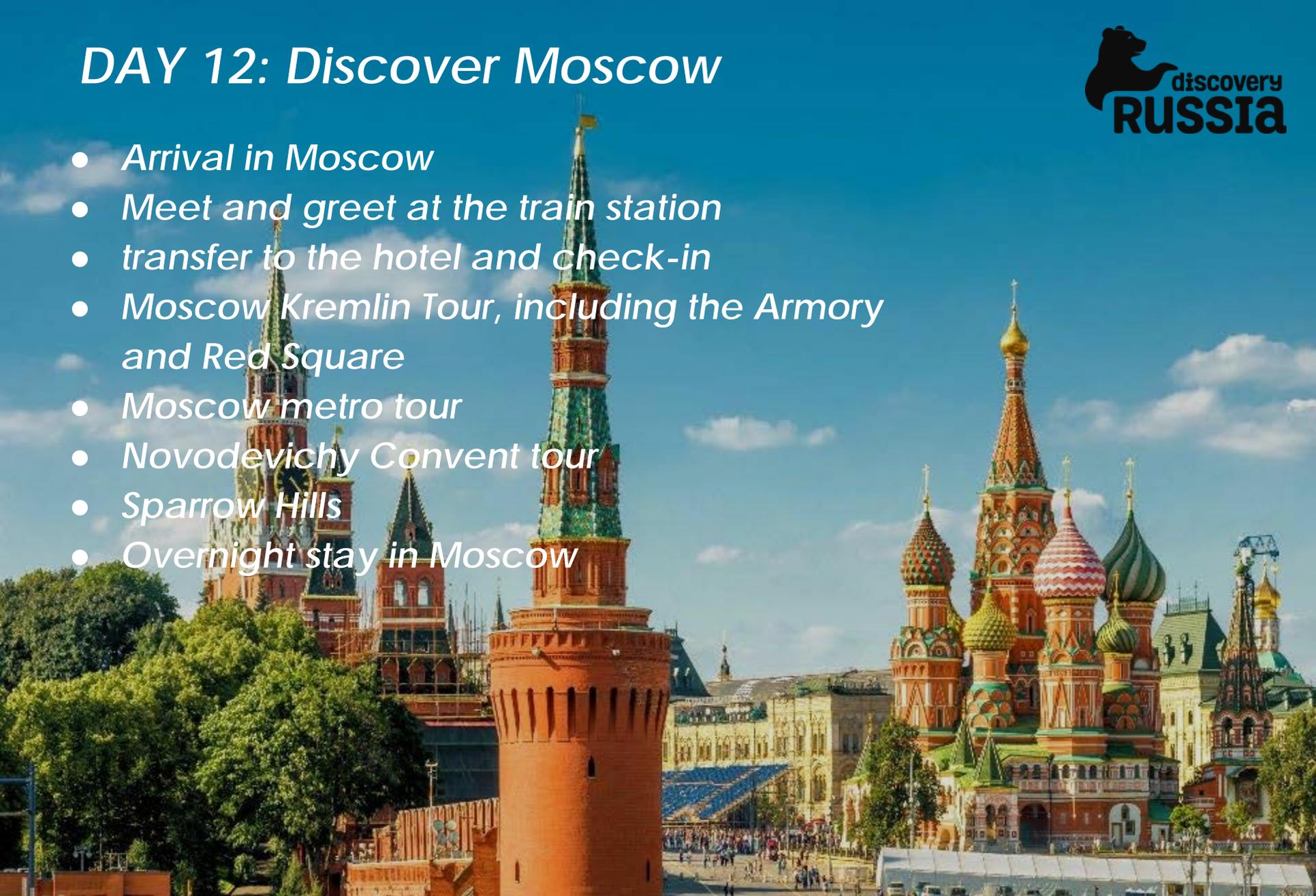
- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Kazan*
- *Master class on cooking the national Tatar food*
- *Transfer to the railway station*
- *Boarding the overnight train to Moscow*



DAY 12: Discover Moscow



- *Arrival in Moscow*
- *Meet and greet at the train station*
- *transfer to the hotel and check-in*
- *Moscow Kremlin Tour, including the Armory and Red Square*
- *Moscow metro tour*
- *Novodevichy Convent tour*
- *Sparrow Hills*
- *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!

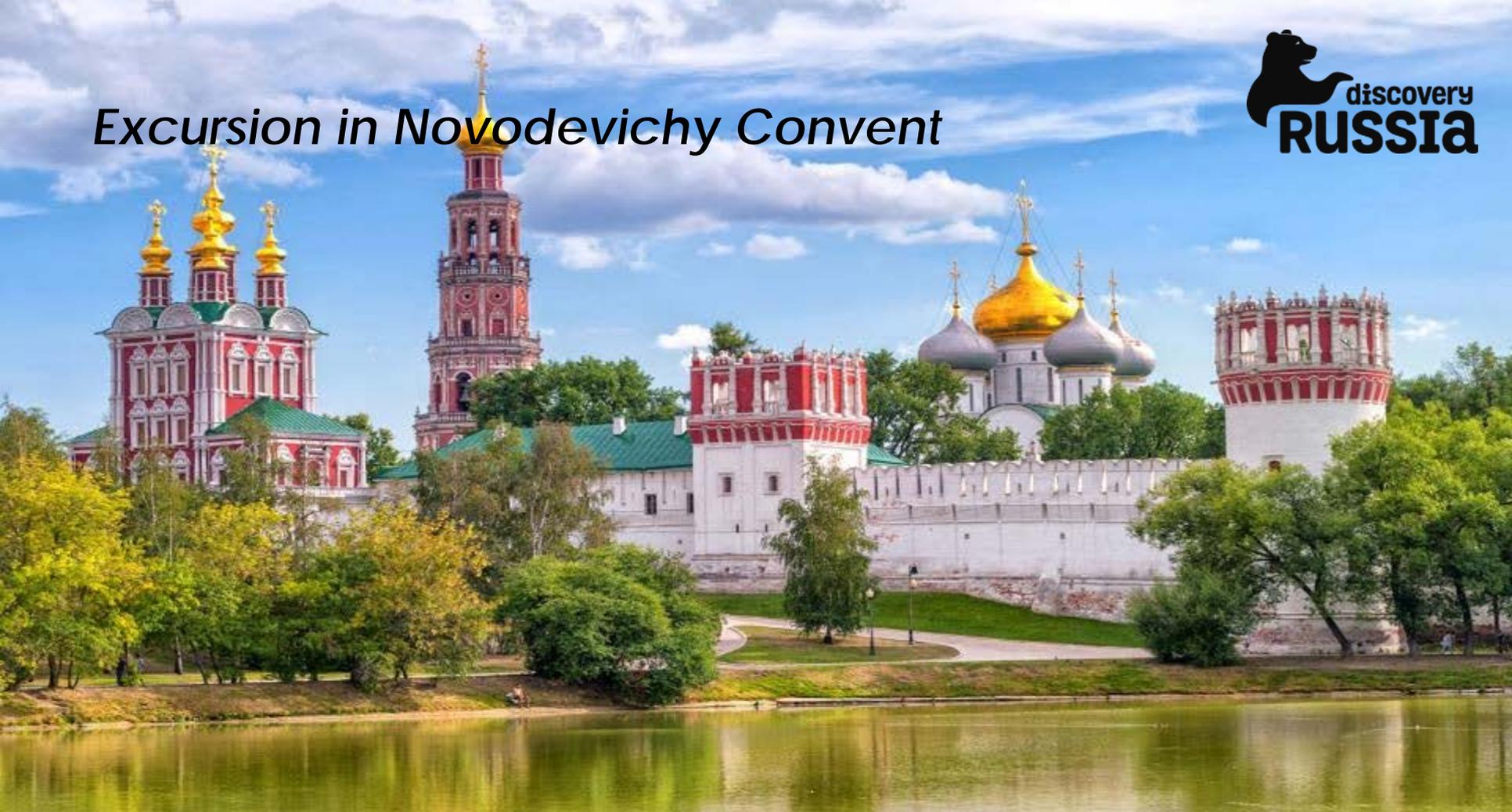


Lenin's Mausoleum



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.

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.

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DAY 13: Farewell



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

Private Tour, 2 people

Starting dates: Flexible

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room, 1st / 2nd Class Train) **5,670/4,874** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room, 1st / 2nd Class Train) **5,990/5,196** AUD

Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room, 1st / 2nd Class Train) **6,840/6,045** AUD

Group Tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room, 1st / 2nd Class Train) **5,000/4,065** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room, 1st / 2nd Class Train) **5,290/4,355** AUD

Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room, 1st / 2nd Class Train) **6,155/5,180** AUD

Starting dates 2019: 8 October

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

ACCOMMODATION:

- Centrally located hand-picked hotels;
 - 1 night Moscow;
 - 1 night Kazan;
 - 1 night Lake Baikal/Listvyanka;
 - 1 night Ulaanbaatar;
 - 1 night Beijing.
- 1 night in Ger Camp (Terelj National Park);
- 6 nights on board the trains.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:



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;
- In Mongolia: breakfast, lunch, dinner as per itinerary (daily).

TRANSPORTATION:

- Train tickets of the chosen category:
 - Beijing - Ulaanbaatar;
 - Ulaanbaatar - Irkutsk;
 - Irkutsk - Kazan;
 - Kazan - Moscow;
- 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: 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.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:



SIGHTSEEING:

- 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;
 - Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Chak-chak museum, Old Tatar village;
 - Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market, Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum with Matryoshka painting master class and interactive program;
 - 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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 - Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point, local souvenir market, Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum with Matryoshka painting master class and interactive program.

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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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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TRAINS AND CARS DESCRIPTION



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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OUR HAND PICKED HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWNS

Ulaanbaatar

3* Hotel Nine/ Khuvsugul 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

Lake Baikal

3* Krestovaya pad' or similar

4* Mayak/Legenda Baikala or similar

Ekaterinburg

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

Terelj National Park

4* Terelj Lodge or similar

Moscow

3* Stoleshnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar

4* Peking/Hitrovka/Pushkin/Azimut Smolenskaya or similar

5* Metropol*/National/Savoy or similar

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

Check out other Trans-Siberian tours:



TRANS SIBERIAN MOSCOW - VLADIVOSTOK

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LE GRAND TRANS MONGOLIAN

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THE ULTIMATE TRANS SIBERIAN 2019

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EASTBOUND EXPRESS MOSCOW TO BEIJING

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THE ORIGINAL TRANS SIBERIAN

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS: TRANS MONGOLIAN EXPRESS

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