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**25 Days**

1 June – 25 June 2019  
31 August - 24 September 2019

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

BEIJING – ULAANBAATAR - TERELJ NATIONAL PARK - IRKUTSK -  
LAKE BAIKAL - EKATERINBURG - KAZAN - NIZHNY NOVGOROD -  
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- **Fill in Visa Application forms**
- **Send Application, passport, photo and VSL to the Embassies**
- **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**





# 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



Nizhniy Novgorod

Yekaterinburg

Kazan

Kazan

Irkutsk

Irkutsk

Ulan-Ude

Ulan Bator

Ulaanbaatar

Beijing



- Day 1-3 – Beijing, China**
- Day 4 – Beijing - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**
- Day 5-6 – Terelj National Park**
- Day 7 – Ulaanbaatar –Irkutsk, Russia**
- Day 8-9 – Listvyanka (Lake Baikal**
- Day 10-12 – on board**
- Day 13 – Yekaterinburg**
- Day 14 – Yekaterinburg – Kazan**
- Day 15-16 – Kazan**
- Day 17 – 18 – Nizhniy Novgorod**
- Day 18 – 21 Moscow**
- Day 21 – 25 – St Petersburg**



# ITINERARY

## DAY 1

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

## DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar at 11:22 am, train K3

## DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visiting Tiananmen Square with the National Flag Pole
- the Monument to the People's Hero
- the Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall
- the Great Hall of People, and the National Museum
- Forbidden City
- Temple of Heaven, and the Chinese traditional medicine center
- Chinese lunch
- Summer Palace, the largest and most beautiful Chinese imperial garden

## DAY 5

- Arrival Ulaanbaatar (14:35)
- 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 3

- Breakfast
- Ming Tombs - the best-preserved Chinese imperial tombs with 500 years history
- Jade Carving Factory
- Traditional Chinese lunch
- The hike on Badaling Great Wall (Cable car is available and optional)

## DAY 6

- 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
- evening 6 pm-Tumen Ekh-traditional folklore concert
- Dinner at hotel restaurant
- Overnight in the hotel





## DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square
- Lunch
- Transfer to railway station , departure to Irkutsk at 15:22, train 05W

## DAY 8

- Arrival to Irkutsk at 14:37
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- On the way stop near Shaman rock
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine

## DAY 9

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Baikal Seal Aquarium
- Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car)
- St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church
- Visit local souvenir market

## DAY 10

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Museum
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- St. Epiphany Cathedral
- Kirov Square
- Board the train to Yekaterinburg, Departure at 17:00 train 069

## DAY 11-12

- Train ride continues 2 days and 5 hours on the train

## DAY 12

- Arrival to Yekaterinburg at 22:05
- Meet and greet at railway station
- Transfer to hotel
- Check-in

## DAY 13

- Breakfast
- City tour
- Museum of Minerals
- Cathedral on the Blood
- Europe-Asia Border
- Pyzhma military museum

## DAY 14

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Board the train to Kazan
- Departure at 10:12 train 015E
- Arrival to Kazan at 21:37, check in



## **DAY 15**

- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Kazan*

## **DAY 16**

- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Kazan*
- *Board the train to Nizhny Novgorod at 21:41*

## **DAY 17**

- *Arrival to Nizhny Novgorod at 06:55*
- *Check-in*
- *Guided tour to Gorodets, exploring Central Russia*

## **DAY 18**

- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Nizhny Novgorod*
- *Board high-speed train to Moscow*
- *Transfer to hotel and check-in*

## **DAY 19**

- *Breakfast*
- *A visit to the Moscow Kremlin including Armoury and to the Red Square*
- *Moscow Metro tour, city tour & excursion in Novodevichy Convent and Sparrow Hills*

## **DAY 20**

- *Breakfast*
- *Tretyakov State Art Gallery*
- *Stalin's skyscrapers*
- *The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics*

## **DAY 21**

### *Breakfast*

*Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St. Petersburg*

*Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station*

*Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*

*Night boat tour: drawing bridges*

## **DAY 22**

- *Breakfast*
- *Visiting the royal Peterhof Palace*
- *Guided tour Faberge Museum*



## **DAY 23**

*Breakfast*

*Visiting the Winter Palace and  
the Hermitage*

*Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan  
Cathedral, visiting the Church  
of the Savior on Spilled Blood  
Ballet (to be confirmed)*

## **DAY 24**

*Breakfast*

*Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo*

*Catherine's palace*

*Free time in the park*

## **DAY 25**

- *Breakfast*

- *Check out from the  
hotel*

- *Transfer to the airport  
for departure flight*

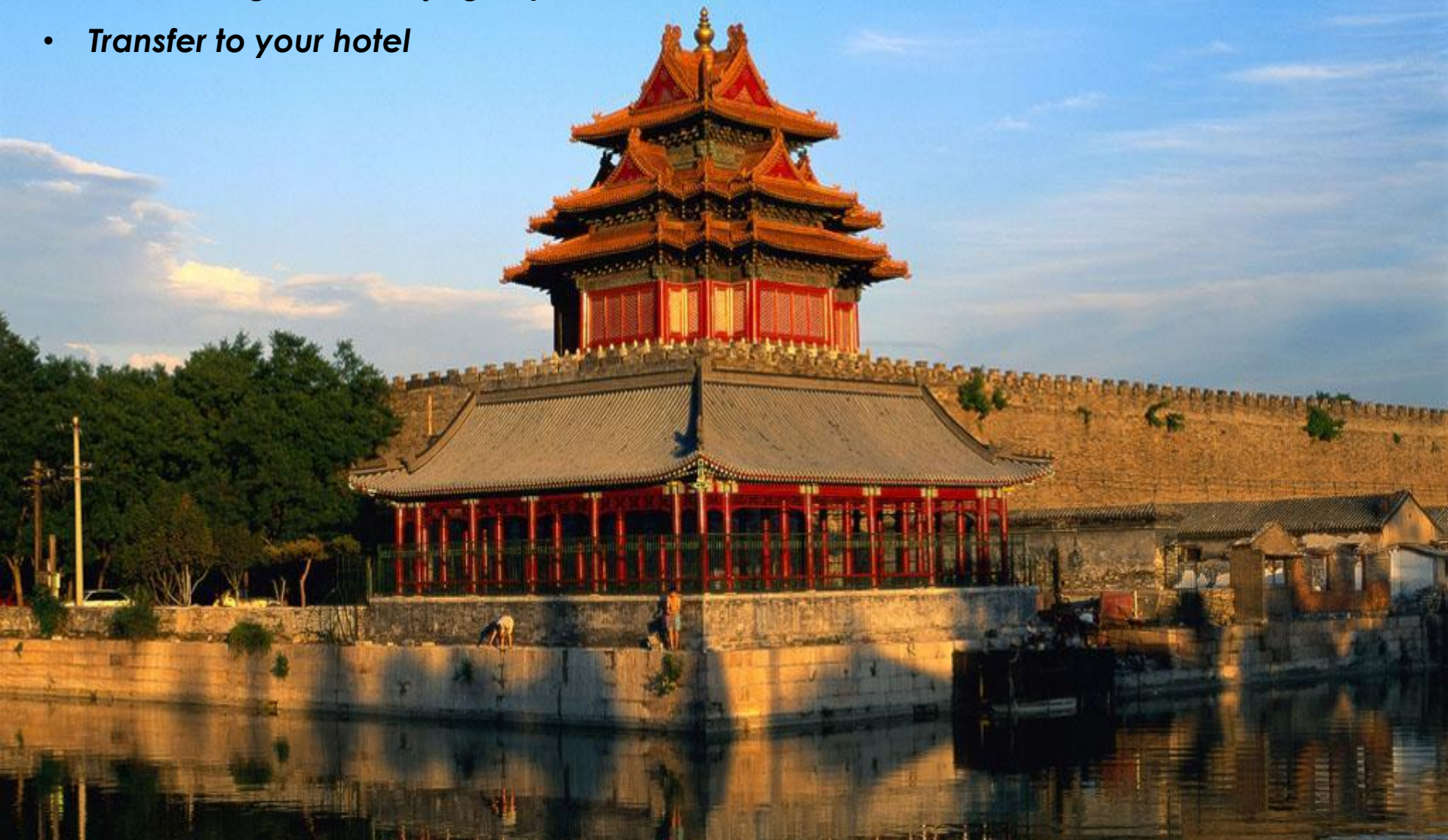




# Day 1: Arrival to Beijing



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





# Day 2 – 3: Discover Beijing



## • DAY 2

- **Breakfast**
- **Visiting Tiananmen Square with the National Flag Pole**
- **the Monument to the People's Hero**
- **the Chairman Mao Zedong Memorial Hall**
- **the Great Hall of People, and the National Museum**
- **Forbidden City**
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- **Chinese lunch**
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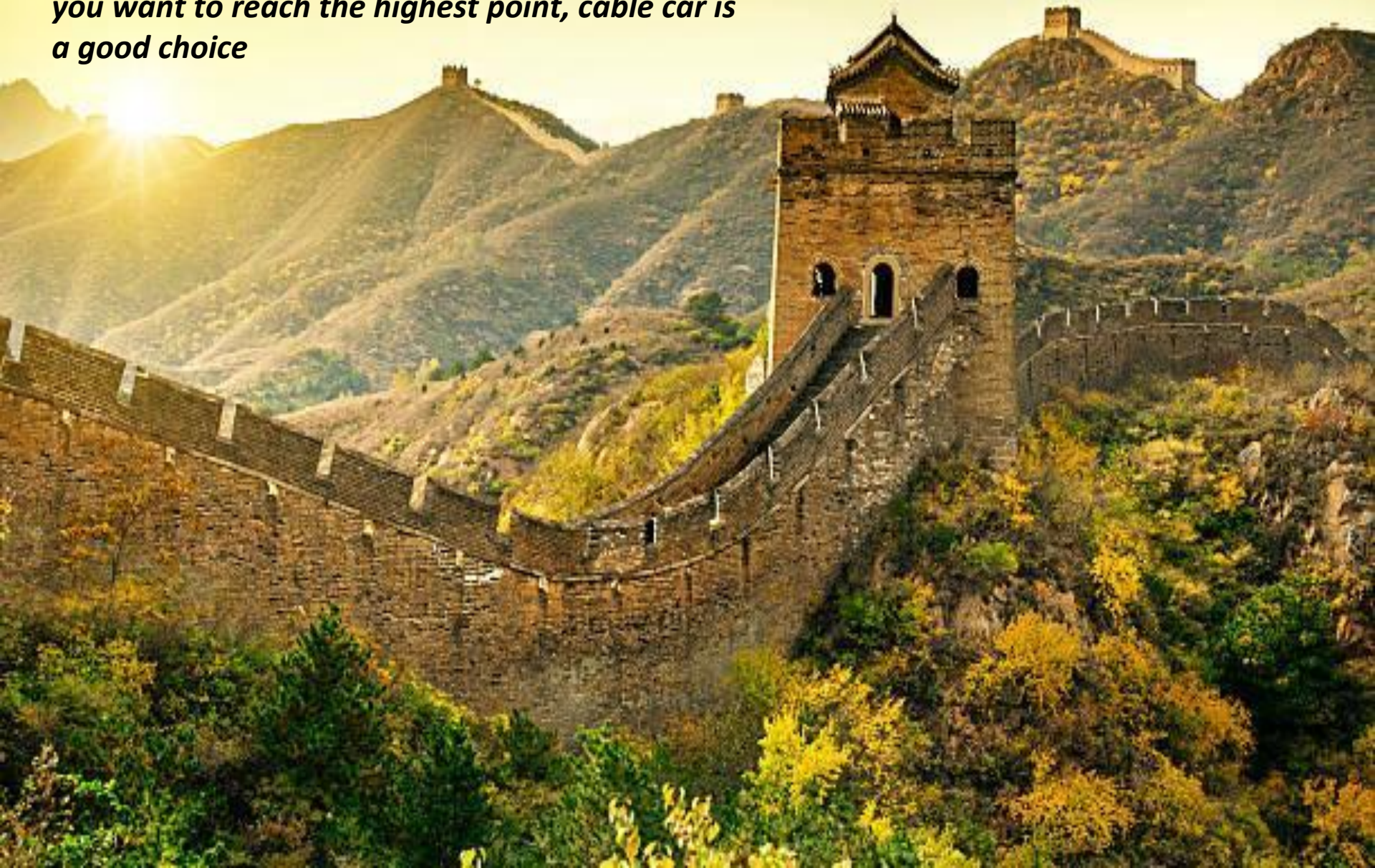
## • DAY 3

- **Breakfast**
- **Ming Tombs - the best-preserved Chinese imperial tombs with 500 years history**
- **Jade Carving Factory**
- **Traditional Chinese lunch**
- **The hike on Badaling Great Wall**

**(Cable car is available and optional)**



***Badaling Great Wall is known for its beautiful surroundings - dense woods and rich pastures changing colors with the seasons of a year. If you want to reach the highest point, cable car is a good choice***





# Day 4: Train to Ulaan Bataar



- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar at 11:22 am, train K3





# Day 5: Discover Ulaan Bataar

- Arrival Ulaanbaatar (14:35)
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Other Rock Formation: Praying Lama Rock / Old Man reading a Book - in the distance
- Temple of Aryavalokiteshvara and Aryabal Monastery
- Turtle Rock
- Dinner
- Overnight at Terelj National Park



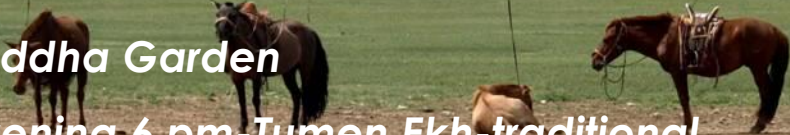
Terelj National Park is the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area in Mongolia . Visitors can take leisurely strolls on meadows carpeted with edelweiss and a dazzling variety of other wild flowers, view fascinating rock formations against a backdrop of pine covered mountains and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



# Day 6: Discover Mongolia



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

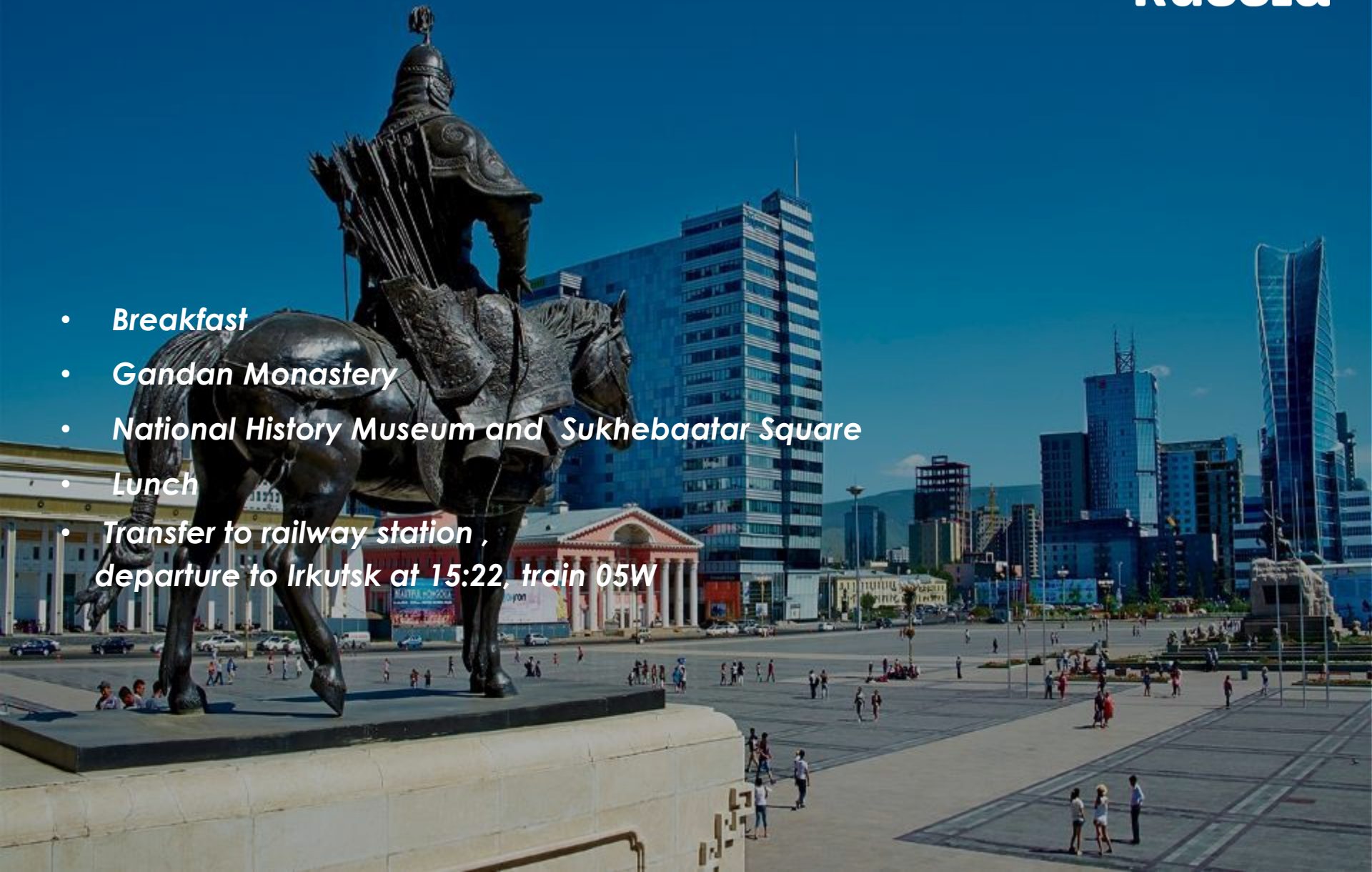




# Day 7: Discover Mongolia



- *Breakfast*
- *Gandan Monastery*
- *National History Museum and Sukhebaatar Square*
- *Lunch*
- *Transfer to railway station ,  
departure to Irkutsk at 15:22, train 05W*





## Day 8: Arrival to Irkutsk



- *Arrival at Irkutsk*
- *Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)*
- *Siberian lunch at traditional hunter's house "Zaimka"*
- *Optional evening: Russian banya*



## Day 9: Discover Baikal

- *Breakfast*
- *Baikal Museum of Limnology*
- *Chersky Stone observation point*
- *Try local Buryat cuisine*
- *Visit local souvenir market*





*Visit Baikal Museum and the aquarium, where you will see Baikal fish and freshwater seals—nerpas, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market.*



*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*

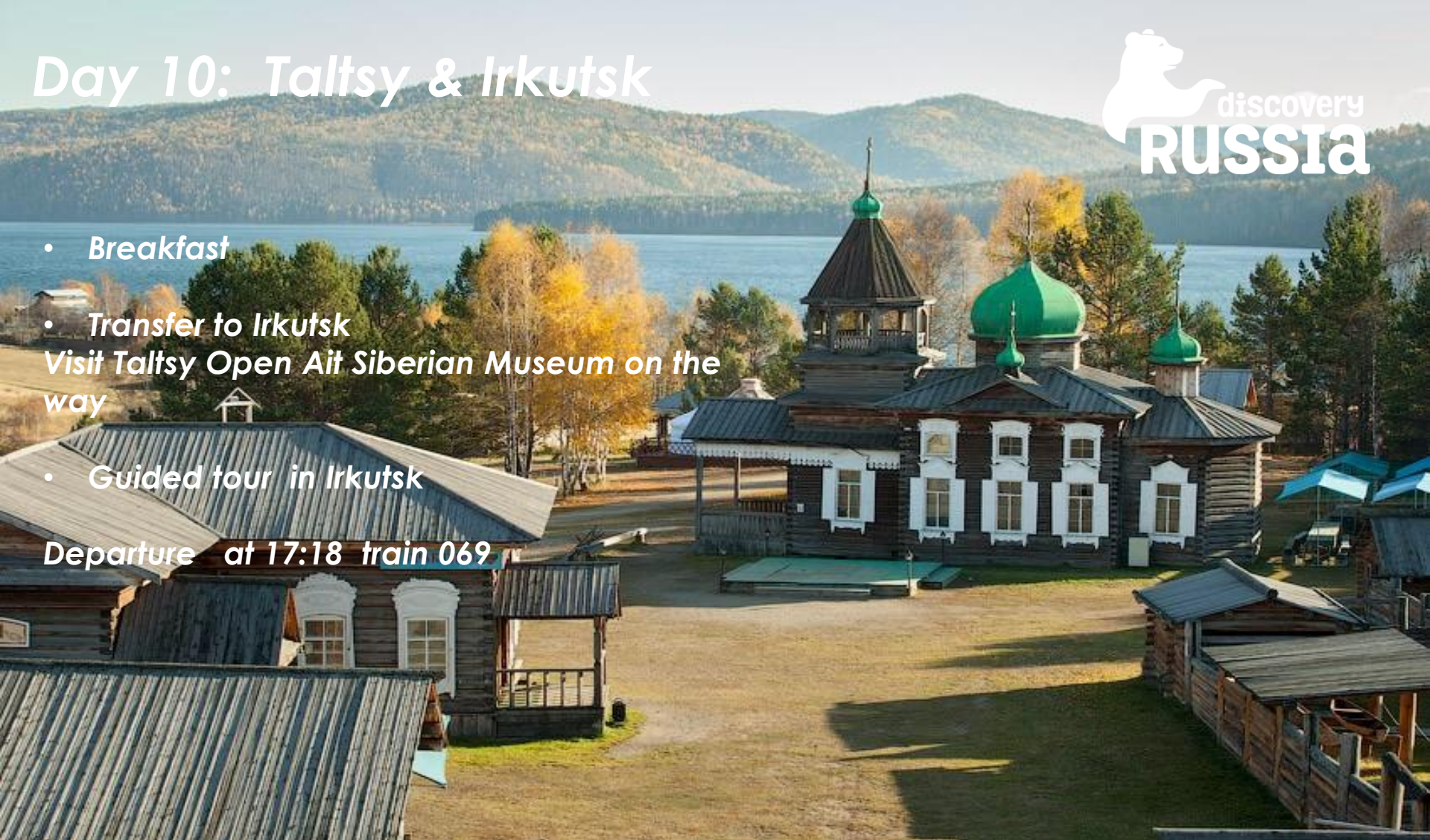


# Day 10: Taltsy & Irkutsk



- **Breakfast**
- **Transfer to Irkutsk**  
**Visit Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum on the way**
- **Guided tour in Irkutsk**

**Departure at 17:18 train 069**



**Irkutsk has a rich history that dates back to 17th century. After the Decembrist Revolt of 1825, many Russian artists, officers, and nobles were sent into exile to Siberia for their part in the revolt against Tsar Nicholas. Irkutsk became the major centre of intellectual and social life for these exiles. You will see many of their wooden houses, adorned with ornate, hand-carved decorations.**



# Day 10 -12: On board



- Train ride continues  
2 days and 5 hours on the train

Depart Irkutsk at 17:18 on Day 10  
and arrive to Ekaterinburg at 22:05  
on Day 12 of your journey  
Train 069

## Day 12

- Arrival to Yekaterinburg at 22:05
- Meet and greet at railway station
- Transfer to hotel & check-in



# Day 13: Discover Yekaterinburg



- **Breakfast**

- **Guided city tour: Museum of minerals, Church of All Saints, downtown**

- **Drive out of the city: Europe-Asia border & Pyzhma military museum**

**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. Ekaterinburg is most known as a place where the last Romanov Tsar was killed after the Revolution.**



**Here you can 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 14: Transfer to Kazan

- Yekaterinburg– Kazan  
train 10:12 – 21:37

Check in the hotel.





# Day 15: Discover Kazan



- **Breakfast**
- **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.**



# Day 16: Discover Kazan



- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Kazan, day 2*
- *Board the train to Nizhny Novgorod at 21:41*

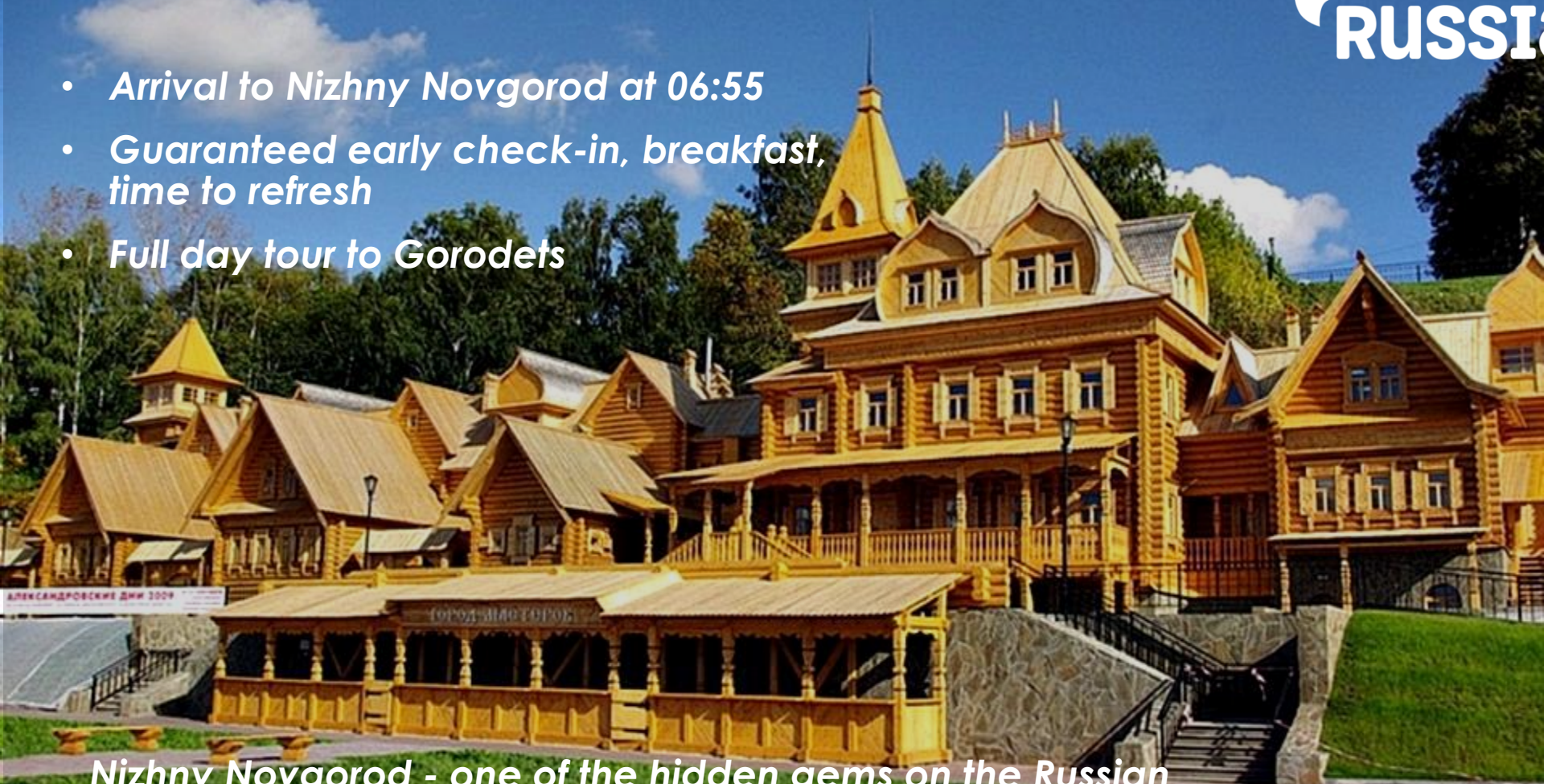




# Day 17: Discover Central Russia



- Arrival to Nizhny Novgorod at 06:55
- Guaranteed early check-in, breakfast, time to refresh
- Full day tour to Gorodets



Nizhny Novgorod - one of the hidden gems on the Russian touristic map. Nizhniy Novgorod is lucky to host one of the most beautiful provincial Kremlins built on high Volga river banks



*Full day tour to Gorodets - neat little town, famous for its distinct style of folk art. At the time of the schism in the Russian Orthodox Church (1660), Gorodets became home to a population of Old Believers seeking religious sanctuary. They became skillful craftsmen, artists and wealthy tradesmen*

*Return to Nizhny Novgorod and rest*



# Day 18: Discover Nizhny Novgorod



- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Nizhny Novgorod*
- *Evening express train to Moscow, transfer to your hotel and check-in*

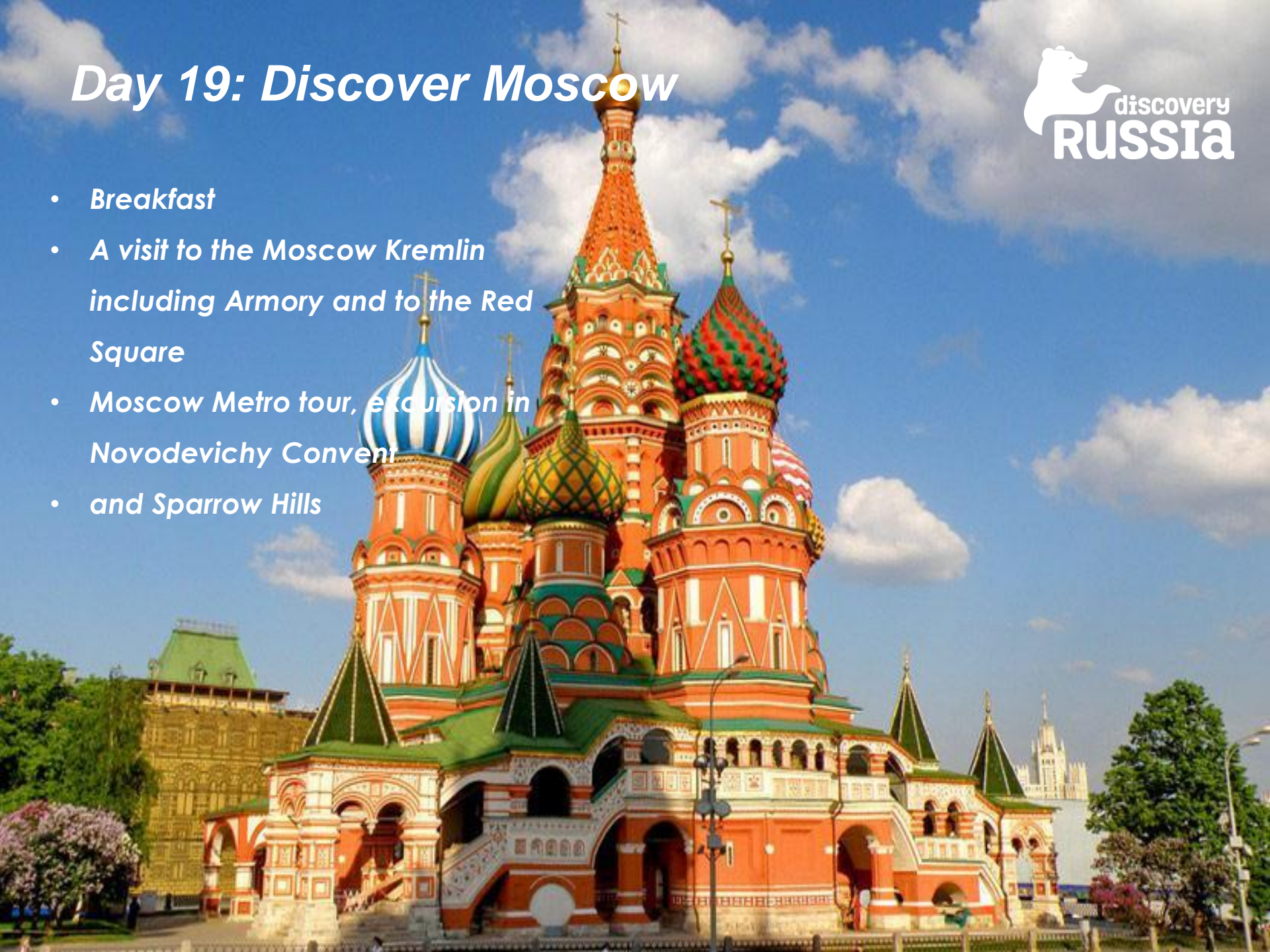
*You will get the complete set of Russia's attractions in Nizhny Novgorod: the Kremlin, the State Art Museum with a collection of icons and national crafts dated back to XIV century, wooden architecture on streets and an open-air museum of traditional wooden architecture and cultures, beautiful churches, ancient monasteries, great traditional Russian food and heartily people*



# *Day 19: Discover Moscow*



- *Breakfast*
- *A visit to the Moscow Kremlin including Armory and to the Red Square*
- *Moscow Metro tour, excursion in Novodevichy Convent*
- *and Sparrow Hills*





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 20: Discover Moscow



- Breakfast
- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Stalin's skyscrapers
- The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics

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





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. Private car at disposal for this day.

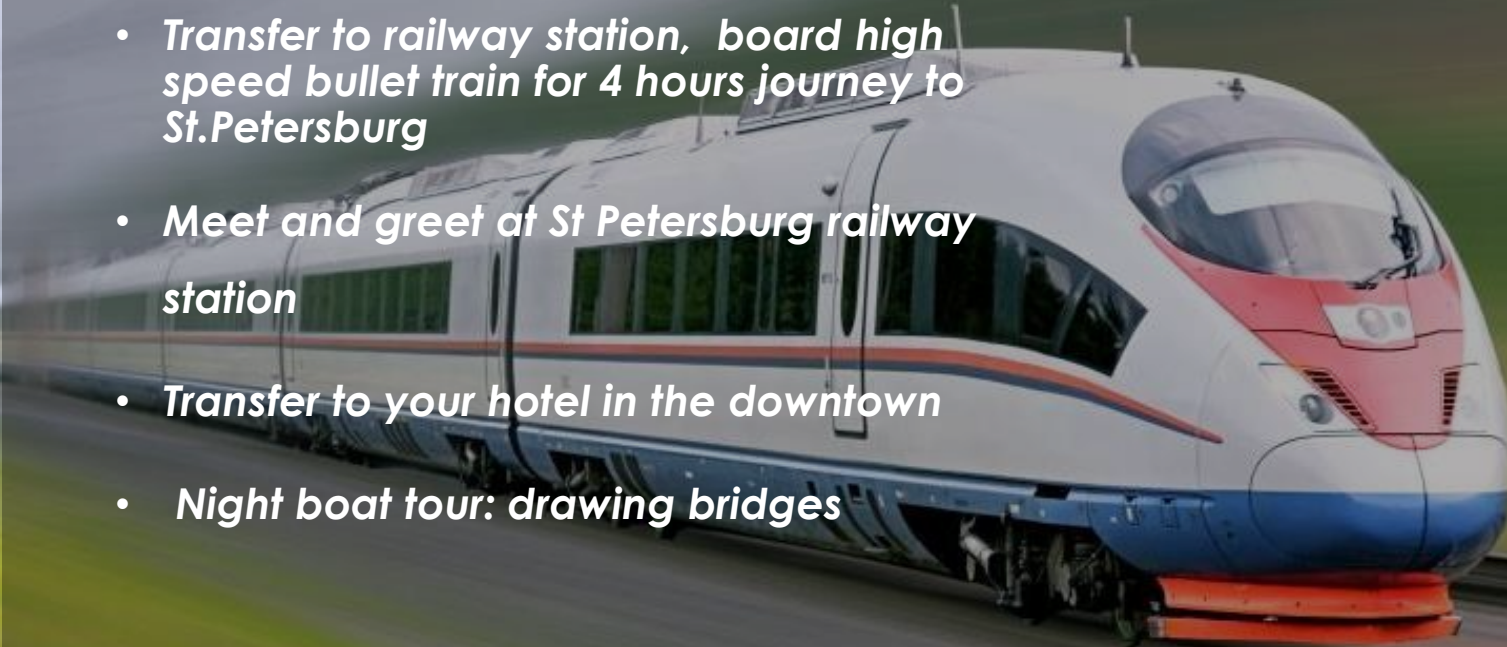




# Day 21: Transfer to St. Petersburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St.Petersburg*
- *Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station*
- *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*
- *Night boat tour: drawing bridges*





***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. Experience the thrilling spectacle of the drawbridges in full operation.***





# Day 22: Discover St. Petersburg

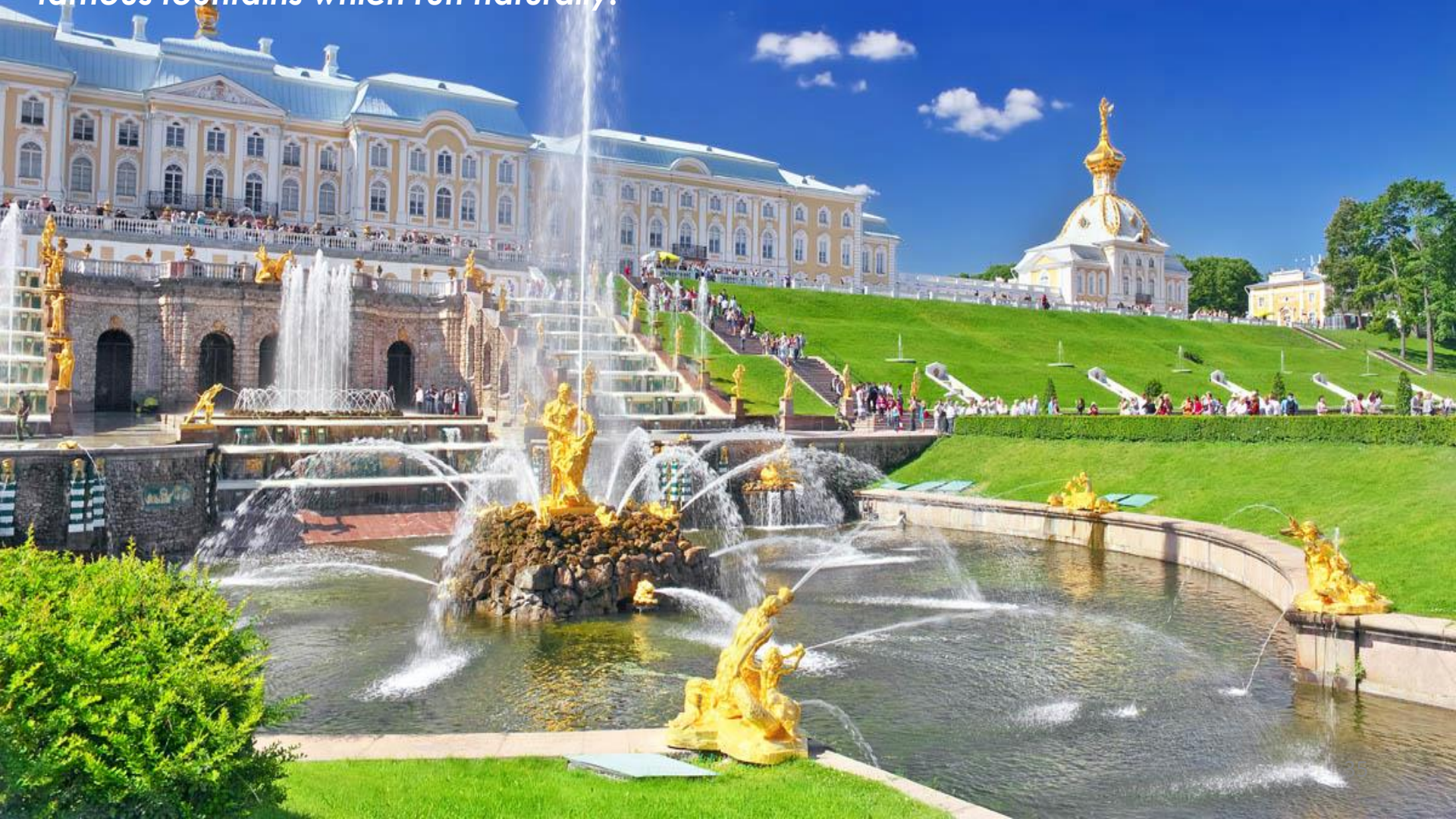


- **Breakfast**
- **Visiting the royal Peterhof Palace**
- **Guided tour**
- **Faberge Museum**

**Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace, located near the seashore of the Gulf of Finland, 60 kilometres away from the city. We take a boat to get there and will return by the intercity bus - great local experience itself!**



Gardens and Parks are spread over more than four hundred hectares, and include thirty-one amazing museums and beautiful Versailles-style gardens. In summer, the Peterhof is especially good thanks to its famous fountains which run naturally.





# Day 23: Discover St. Petersburg



- Breakfast
- Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage
- Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood





***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.***

***The Hermitage today 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.***



Then, take a tour to see the city's iconic landmark: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, and visit the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture; an absolutely enthralling must-see and a place where Alexander II was fatally wounded by anarchists in 1881.





# Day 24: Discover St. Petersburg



- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace
- Free time in the park

Catherine's palace - the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Private car at disposal for this day



The world-famous “Amber Room”, known as the ‘Eighth Wonder of the World’, is here in Catherine’s palace.



# Day 25: Farewell

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





## Group Tour

**Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 8,285 / 7,215 AUD**

**Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 9,720 / 8,650 AUD**

**Starting dates for 2019:**

**1 June, 31 August**

### INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation in hotels with daily breakfast, central locations:
  - 3 nights Beijing
  - 2 nights Mongolia
  - 2 nights Lake Baikal/Irkutsk
  - 2 nights Ekaterinburg
  - 2 nights Kazan
  - 2 nights Nizhny Novgorod
  - 3 nights Moscow
  - 4 nights St Petersburg
  - 5 nights on board the trains
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner as per itinerary in Mongolia (daily);
- Transfers in all places as per program: airport-hotel, hotel-train station, train station– hotel, hotel–airport;
- Dedicated local English-speaking guide in all places as per program.
- Train tickets:
  - Beijing – Ulan Bataar,
  - Ulan Bataar – Irkutsk,
  - Irkutsk- Ekaterinburg,
  - Ekaterinburg- Kazan,
  - Kazan- Nizhny Novgorod,
  - Nizhny Novgorod-Moscow,
  - Moscow- St Petersburg in the chosen class

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## **INCLUSIONS: Continued,**



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

Note 1: 1<sup>st</sup> class compartment in China is subject to availability;

Note 2: Train schedule might change, tickets are subject of availability; in case the train schedule changes, Discovery Russia will use another trains and rearrange the tour without deterioration of the program.

- All guided Tour as per programm
- Beijing tours as specified;
- Mongolia tours as specified;
- Irkutsk and Listvyanka tours as specified;
- Ekaterinburg, Kazan and Nizhniy Novgorod tours
- as specified;
- Moscow and St. Petersburg sightseeing tours as specified;

Note3: Night boat tour in St. Petersburg drawing bridges and speed boat to Peterhof are seasonal activity

- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg;
- Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visa supporting documents;
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia.
- For group tours only: bilingual English-Russian speaking travel coordinator throughout the tour, welcome and farewell group dinner

### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- International flights
- Visa fee (AUD 135 per person)
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners

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