

SPECIAL OFFER TRANS MONGOLIAN WINTER EXPRESS 15 Days

December 21 – January 4, 2018-2019 January 25 – February 8, 2019

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





- Australian-owned company
- Over 10 years experience in Russia
- 24/7 support in Australia and Russia

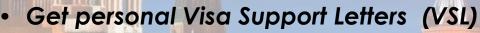








<u>Russian, Mongolian and</u> <u>Chinese visas</u>



- 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 <u>https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au</u>
- Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/pg/discoveryrussia.com.au/reviews/</u>



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DAY 1

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

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

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DAY 3

- Arrival at Ulaanbaatar at 14:37
- Transfer to Terelj
 National Park (80km)
- Camel riding experience
 Dinner & Overnight at Terelj National Park

DAY 4

- Breakfast, Explore Terelj National park Hiking; horse riding Turtle Rock, Lunch with a nomadic family Chinggis Khaan Statue Complex Transfer to Ulan Bator
- Dinner & overnight in a hotel.
- For group departure 21st Dec: Christmas dinner and party

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Gandan Monastery
- National History Museum
- Lunch
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Irkutsk

DAY 6

- Arrival at Irkutsk at 14:37
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Stop for lunch, try local
 Buryat cuisine

DAY 8

- Early breakfast
- Taltsy Siberian culture museum
- Irkutsk city tour
- Boarding the train to Kazan

DAY 9-10

• Train ride continues 2 days, 20 hours and 52 min on board



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- Breakfast , Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car), St. Nicolas Russian Orthodox Church
- Dog sledding tour
- Visit local souvenir market

DAY 11

- Train arrives at 15:50 local time
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Evening free at leisure
- For group departing 21st December: New Year! Gala dinner and party in

the hotel.

DAY 12

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Kazan
- Free time
- Board the overnight train to Moscow

DAY 13

- Arrival at Moscow
- Meet and greet at the train station, transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- A visit to the Moscow Kremlin including Armory;
- the Red Square & city tour
- Moscow Metro tour, excursion in Novodevichy
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DAY 14

- Free day in Moscow
- Skating, winter activities
- Optional tours

DAY 15

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



Day 1: Arrival at Beijing, China

- Meet and greet at Beijing airport
- Transfer to your hotel and free time.
- For the first time visitor we also offer optional guided tours in Beijing, on request
- Train tickets will be delivered to the hotel in advance.



Day 2: Transfer to Ulan Bataar

- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Day 3: A glimpse of Mongolia



- Arrival at Ulaanbaatar (14:35)
- Transfer to Terelj National Park (80km)
- Winter camel riding, exploring ancient nomad routes
- Dinner & Overnight at Terelj National Park

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



Terelj National Park is the most popular destination and the third biggest protected area and one of the most beautiful places in Mongolia. The scenery, the snow, the winter, the swirling freezing fog, the camels...Winter tours to Mongolia have a very special taste! It is a rare opportunity to explore ancient nomadic routes and watch the way of life which might soon disappear at all.

3* lodging: winter Ger Camp 4* lodging: winter Lodge

Arctic Ocean





Pacific Ocean

Mongolia

Atlantic Ocean

Pacific Ocean

Terelj National Park Exploration: Hiking and horse riding

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Lunch with nomadic family n

Atlantic Oceaninggis Khaan Statue Complex

- Return to Ulan Bataar
- Dinner & overnight at hotel

For group departure 21st Dec: Christmas
 dinner & party
 Southern Ocean

Day 5: Ulaanbaatar and train to Russia

- Breakfast
- Visiting Gandan Monastery
- Visiting National History Museum
- Lunch
- Transfer to railway station
- Departure to Irkutsk



Day 6: Arrival at Irkutsk & transfer to Lake Baikal

- Arrival at Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine in a traditional Siberian house (meals not included)

Day 7: Discover Baikal

Chersky Stone observation point St. Nicolas Russian Orthodox Church Dog sledding tour Visit local souvenir market Optional activities: Snow mobile safaris, ice diving Dog sledding is one of the most popular winter sports at Baikal. This is an exciting and fascinating winter entertainment!



Frosty day, scintillating snow and you with a team of Baikal huskies, unforgettable impressions are guaranteed!

We will visit the source of mighty Siberian river, Angara and a legendary Shaman stone, a home of Buryat Gods. We will rise on the rope elevator to the observation deck to enjoy the remarkable view of Baikal and snow-covered tops.

Day 8: Taltsy & Irkutsk

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Mysterious Russian soul revealed! With songs, dances, various cheerful competitions in surroundings of the historical Siberian village of XIXth century - what is not to like about Russian winter, after all? Visit an extensive museum exposition devoted the Siberians. Horse riding through winter forest, on snow-covered fields, snowballs fight, figure skating - there is so much to explore! Transfer to Irkutsk and city tour before boarding the train to Kazan.

Day 9 - 10: On board

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Depart Irkutsk at 23:58 on Day 8 and arrive to Kazan at 15:50 on Day 11 of your journey

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DAY 11: Arrival at Kazan

Train arrives at 15:50 local time

Transfer to your hotel in the downtown and check in. Evening free at leisure. For set departure 21st Dec: New Year Celebration, dinner & party!

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DAY 12: Discover Kazan

- Breakfast
- Full day guided tour in Kazan: Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque
- Old Tatar village, Tatar cooking master-class & degustation
 - Christmas markets

Board the overnight train to Moscow

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.

You will visit also: Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque,Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square.



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DAY 13: Discover Moscow

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- Arrival at Moscow
- Meet and greet at the train station, transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- A visit to the Moscow Kremlin
 including Armoury
- Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral
 - Moscow city four & Metro tour Novodevichy Convent

Lets visit the adjoining Novodevichy cemetery, the final resting place of many Russian icons from the worlds of art, science and politics – including Boris Yeltsin, Nikita Khrushchev, Molotov, Stanislavski and Chekhov. The cemetery is beautifully located next to the lake said to have been the inspiration behind Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake ballet.

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DAY 14: Winter in Moscow

Free day to experience outdoor winter activities or take optional tours in the city and outside; Christmas markets; skating



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DAY 15: DEPARTURE



Breakfast Transfer to airport for departure flight

Private Tour, 2 people

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 6,065 / 5,225 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 6,620 / 5,775 AUD

Group Tour, starting on 21 December (with Gala Dinners and parties)

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 5,290 / 4,445 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 5,645 / 4,800 AUD

Group Tour, starting on 25 January

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,750 / 3,905 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 5,070 / 4,225 AUD

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation 3* / 4* / 5* hotels, central locations, sharing, with breakfast included:
 - 1 night in Beijing
 - 2 nights in Mongolia
 - 2 nights Lake Baikal/Irkutsk,
 - 1 night Kazan,
 - 2 nights Moscow in centrally located hotels;
 - 6 nights on board the trains
- Full breakfast in the hotels; Full board in Mongolia
- Transfers as per program: airport-hotel, hotel-train station, train station– hotel, hotel–airport;
- Sightseeing program: Ulaanbaatar & Terelj National park, Mongolia 1 full day, two half day tours; in Russia: Irkutsk & Lake Baikal 1 full day, two half day tours; Kazan 1 full day, Moscow 1 full day with professional English-speaking guides



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INCLUSIONS: Continued,

- Entrance tickets as per program
- Transportation on tours
- Meet & greet, transfer from/to train station at every city
- Train tickets*: (1st or 2nd class, as per itinerary)
 - Beijing Ulaanbaatar**
 - Ulaanbaatar Irkutsk
 - o Irkutsk-Kazan
 - Kazan Moscow
- *All train tickets and classes are subject to availability;
 - Full metro pass in Moscow;
 - 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia
 - Local sim card with data
 - Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visa supporting documents
 - For Christmas departure only: Christmas dinner and party, New Year gala –dinner and party
 - Group tours are escorted by bilingual English-Russian speaking travel coordinator. Group size 20 people maximum
- **1st class Beijing is subject to availability

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NOT INCLUDED:

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