

Tsar's Gold: Mongolia to Moscow Private Train

11 Nights / 12 Days journey from Ulan Bator to Moscow

Ulan Bator, Lake Baikal, Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Kazan, Moscow

Departure from 17 MAY – 20 SEP conducted in English

Extra languages include French, Portuguese, Italian, Spanish and Mandarin



Additional option for visit “Naadam Festival” opening ceremony on 11 July

Experience one of the last great travel adventures. Journey along the Trans-Siberian Railway, one of the world's most fascinating and safest train routes. Enjoy this grand private train journey from Ulan Bator, Mongolia to Moscow, Russia via Lake Baikal.

You will be accompanied by an experienced multi-lingual tour director and a physician travelling on the train. A sophisticated on-board program complements a comprehensive excursion and sightseeing package to make your journey truly memorable.

Take advantage of the extensive array of services offered by Europe's most experienced travel organiser on this route.

Day 01 Arrive in Ulan Bator

Arrive in Ulan Bator, hotel transfer overnight Ulan Bator.

Overnight: Ramada Hotel (or similar).

Day 02 Ulan Bator: A Lama Temple and the Buddhist Realms of Hell (B, L & D)



Gandan Buddhist Monastery

and not included).

After breakfast you will meet the main group, during your city tour you see the impressive **Gandan Buddhist Monastery** and the odd **Chojjin Lama Temple** among other sights. In the evening you have the unique chance to attend a performance of traditional Mongolian folk arts, including throat singing, horse-headed fiddle playing, national costumes, and dancing (tickets are approx. €14/ \$15 to be paid on site

Overnight Ramada Hotel (or similar) meals included: breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D).

On request, we can organise alternative lodging in a local yurt in the beautiful landscape of the Mongolian Alps (approx. supplement €35/ \$40) a rare experience and a dream come true for nature lovers.

Day 03 The Gandan Monastery and Mongolian Alps (B, L & D)

After breakfast visit **Gandan Monastery**, where it is possible to observe a Buddhist religious ceremony. Your bus then takes you to the **Mongolian Alps**, located approx. 90 mins east of Ulan Bator, with their majestic scenery and bizarre rock formations. After a picnic lunch in a yurt camp, watch a small Mongolian horse-riding demonstration and a traditional wrestling match.

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



Gandan Buddhist Monastery

Day 04 Ulan Ude (B, L & D)



Selenga River

You take your leave of the Mongolian steppes today, travel through the valley of Mongolia's largest river, **the Selenga**. You are on the way to Ulan Ude, where your train reaches the main route of the Trans-Siberian Railway. Here you take an informative city tour.

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 05 Lake Baikal (B, L & D)

Today is spent exploring the remarkable natural phenomenon of **Lake Baikal**, the largest reservoir of freshwater in the world. In the morning your train travels directly alongside Lake Baikal, on the old route of the Trans-Siberian Railway. During two extended photo-stops, you will have a chance to explore and record the scenic beauty of the lake and its setting.

A short boat excursion from **Port Baikal** takes you out onto the lake. Take a swim in the lake, if you wish, and visit a picturesque **Baikal village**.

Dinner is a Baikal-style picnic on the lakeshore with a view of the incredible natural surroundings (weather permitting).

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



Selenga River

Day 06 Irkutsk (B, L & D)



Okhlopkov Drama Theatre

In the morning you will arrive in Irkutsk, the capital of Eastern Siberia in tsarist times, move into your centrally located hotel. You can safely leave your large baggage on the private train. Your city tour includes the **Okhlopkov Drama Theatre**, the new memorial to Tsar Alexander III, and the photogenic **Market Hall**. Around noon you pay a worthwhile visit to an open-air museum with a focus on life and work in historical Siberia.

Overnight Hotel Irkutsk (or similar); breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 07 Trans-Siberia (B, L & D)

After breakfast your train passes through the diverse landscapes of eastern Siberia. Talks on board inform you about the region and a vodka tasting with typical Russian snacks and red caviar is an opportunity to experience first-hand the Russian festive customs of hospitality and clever toasts.

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 08 Novosibirsk (B, L & D)

Around noon, your train arrives in Novosibirsk, the largest city in Siberia. You are greeted with bread and salt in the customary Russian manner and taken on a tour of this most Soviet of cities along your entire route, including the chance to see the mighty **Ob River**. Small city tour, with the possibility of seeing **the market** and **the opera house**.

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.



The Opera House

Day 09 Yekaterinburg (B, L & D)



Cathedral of the Saviour on Spilled
Blood

Your train stops in the afternoon in Yekaterinburg, the capital of the Ural Federal District. The city is known as the place where the Russian tsar Nicholas II and his family were murdered in 1918.

During a tour you see **Cathedral of the Saviour on Spilled Blood**, built in 2003 to commemorate that tragic historic event, attractively restored in 2009. Yekaterinburg is the frontier between the European and Asian continents, visit the obelisque monument which serves as a reminder of this fact.

Back on board, enjoy views of the Urals landscape and indulge yourself in the dining car. Your private train is already rolling across the European continent.

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 10 Kazan (B, L & D)

After breakfast you reach Kazan, the Tartar capital on the banks of the Volga. On your city tour see **Tartar mosques** and the most famous **Russian Orthodox Cathedral**.

Take a tour of **Kazan Kremlin**, where you learn about the turbulent history of the relationship between the Tartars, the Cossacks, and the Russians.

Afterwards you enjoy lunch in a city restaurant.



Kazan Kremlin

Overnight on board; breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 11 Welcome to Moscow (B, L & D)

Around noon, you arrive in the Russian capital of Moscow, now a thriving, prosperous city, and are accompanied to your 4-star hotel. Visit the **Kremlin Grounds** with its magnificent cathedral, several of the building interiors can also be viewed.



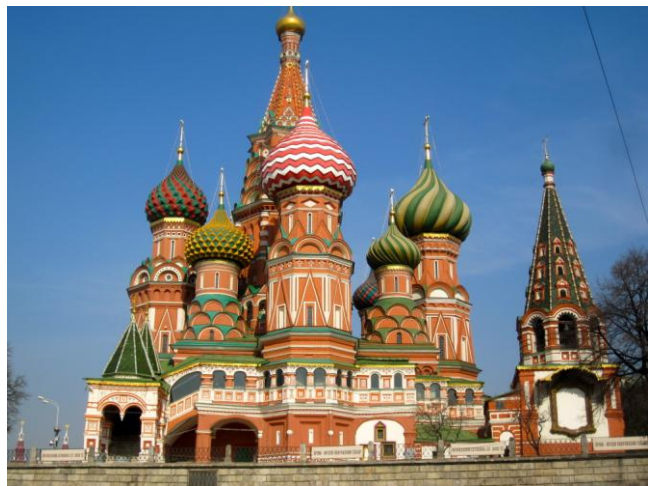
Red Square

After dinner, discover the city's magic during an hour-long “**City of Lights**” tour, including a stop at **Red Square**, and a ride on the underground to view two of Moscow's particularly beautiful metro stations.

Overnight InterContinental Tverskaya (or similar); breakfast, lunch and dinner included.

Day 12 Tour of Moscow and Flight Home (B)

After an ample breakfast at your hotel, your tour of the city takes you to the reconstructed **Cathedral of Christ the Saviour**, **Lomonosov University**, the **New Maidens' Convent** (Novodevichy Monastery), **Red Square** with its colourful **St. Basil's Cathedral**, as well as to the notorious former **KGB headquarters** and the **White House**.



St. Basil's Cathedral

This then marks the end of your memorable journey and the time has come to head to the airport. You will be accompanied to the airport and escorted accordingly.

Journey End

Tariff for Train Journey 11N / 12D

Departure	Arrival	Train	Languages
17 May 2017	28 May 2017	P5	English / Mandarin
14 Jun 2017	25 Jun 2017	P6	English / France/Spanish
10 Jul 2017	21 Jul 2017	PZ	English / Italian
02 Aug 2017	13 Aug 2017	P7	English / Spanish / Italian
28 Aug 2017	08 Sep 2017	P8	English / France / Spanish
20 Sep 2017	01 Oct 2017	P9	English / Mandarin

Compartment Type	Twin sharing	Single Occupancy
Nostalgic Comfort	71,200	105,000
Bolshoi	99,000	146,200
Bolshoi Platinum	119,000	173,900
Supplement for visit Naadam Festival Opening Ceremony inclusive transfer to / from Hotel on 11 Jul	2,800	2,800

All prices are given in HKD per person

Nostalgic Comfort



Each room offers two beds 31.5x72.8 in (80x185cm), placed one above the other plus an armchair to enjoy the passing landscape. Two neighboring compartments share a semi-private lavatory with washing basin and simple shower. Combined washing and toilet facilities at both ends of the cars.

This category offers the opportunity to truly travel in the style of the red tsars, in a nostalgic ambience that would even make past Soviet leaders feel at home, but with the 21st century's modern amenities.

Bolshoi



60 sq ft (5.57 m²) of space; two beds, upper 31.5x68.5 in. (80x174 cm) lower 43.3x72.4 in. (110x184cm), comfortable seating, a table and wardrobe. Enjoy your own lavatory with toilet, washing basin, and integrated shower with shower curtain. This category has only six compartments per car.

Bolshoi Platinum



77 sq ft (7.15m²) lower bed 47.2x72.4in (120x184cm), upper 32.3x68.5in (82x174cm) with a wardrobe, own lavatory with separate shower cabin, the highest level of comfort on the Trains Siberian Railway, only five compartments per car.

Journey Highlights

Mongolian horseback riding demonstration
Panoramic train route directly alongside Lake Baikal
Welcoming ceremony with bread and salt in Novosibirsk
Typical Siberian villages
Daily talks on the region's culture and people
Vodka tasting with Russian snacks and red caviar

Hotels Planned

Ulan Bator	2 nights	Ramada Hotel
Irkutsk	1 night	Irkutsk
Moscow	1 night	Inter Continental Tverskaya

Tour Includes

Journey with lodging in the booked category aboard the exclusively chartered private train
Journey along Trans-Siberian Railway route on the shores of Lake Baikal, with photo-stops
Tour director with knowledge of the region throughout the journey
Tour guides for each group of no more than 26 guests throughout the journey
Local travel guides
All transfers and bus tours according to itinerary
All excursions and sightseeing according to itinerary, including entry fees
All meals according to your itinerary
Porter service at all railway stations
A physician on board the train (from the Ulan Bator to Moscow)
Shower facilities on board the train
7 overnight onboard journey
2 overnights in Ulan Bator in a good, centrally located, middle-class hotel
1 overnight in Irkutsk in a first-class hotel
1 night in Moscow in first-class hotel
Informational booklet on the region and train for each compartment reserved

Travel documents and vaccinations

Passport and visas required
No vaccinations are prescribed

Not included

International air tickets & visa fees

Personal expenses (eg: gratuities) and anything else not mentioned under Tour Includes

Optional evening performance in Ulan Bator (Day 2) tickets approx/ €14/ \$15

Optional overnight in a yurt in the Mongolian Alps (Day 2) €35 / \$40 (upon request)

Due to the intricate logistics of this tour, itinerary changes are sometimes unavoidable. Minimum tour participants: 12.

Booking Policy

Non refundable 30% of ticket value at the time of requested upon reservation

Remaining 70% of ticket value 75 days prior to departure

The itinerary is tentative & subject to change without prior notice

Cancellation Policy

Up to 60 days prior to departure: 80 % of total price

Up to 21 days prior to departure: 95 % of total price

ITINERARIES, CHANGES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

COMPANY agrees to provide all of the services listed in your travel itinerary, except for the optional services. Optional services will be billed separately.

COMPANY has no responsibility for any changes in travel plans caused by airlines, train, ferry delay or rescheduling mandated by any of the aforesaid causes beyond our control, the passenger shall have the option of accepting in lieu of the original tour such rescheduled tour or other substituted tour(s) as may be offered.

If you would like to modify any portion of your itinerary, you understand that COMPANY will not bear any of the costs arising from such changes. Refunds for non-used or cancelled services will be issued in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions* described.

All new services will be billed in accordance with our *Terms and Conditions*. Due to the circumstances, including but not limited to, like closure or maintenance of monuments, weather, time, or traffic, etc., the planned visit or activity will be arranged in the future only if available. Package is non-refundable and pre-paid.

OTHER EXPENSES DURING TOURS

Tipping & gratuity guidelines, tour guide - as you depart from the tour, reward a good guide in each city by tipping USD10-15 per person per day, driver USD5- 10 per person per day, based on the satisfaction you have received from them, bellman by tipping USD3-5 Per bag, however these are guidelines are optional.

PERSONAL EXPENSE - Meals, laundry, telephone bills, beverage, extra local running for transport which is **not** included in your itinerary, (transport for sightseeing excursion will be provide between 0900hrs – 1730hrsMax.), Video & Camera fees charged at monuments directly , tips for guides, driver , travel Insurance for personal injury & loss of personal belongings.