

GOLDEN EAGLE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS

Trans-Siberian route in winter is an exceptional and unique experience. Undoubtedly the world's greatest railway journey, the Trans-Siberian Railway connects east and west from Moscow over the Urals, across the magnificent Russian steppe and alongside the shore of the world's largest freshwater lake.

The Golden Eagle has been carefully designed with emphasis on comfort, relaxation and enjoyment. In addition to the private en-suite sleeping cabins, there are beautifully appointed Bar Lounge Car and Restaurant Cars.

The Golden Eagle, comprising three categories of cabins, featuring state-of-the-art amenities and en-suite facilities –

The Imperial Suite measuring 120 sq ft

The Gold Class cabins measuring 77 sq ft

The Silver Class cabins measuring 60 sq ft



Select departures from either Moscow or Vladivostok - plus the option of shorter durations between Moscow and Ulaan Baatar. Details of Eastbound itinerary are below.

EASTBOUND

MOSCOW – KAZAN – YEKATERINBURG – NOVOSIBIRSK – IRKUTSK – LAKE BAIKAL -
ULAN UDE – ULAAN BAATAR – VLADIVOSTOK

ITINERARIES

DAY 1 MOSCOW

RUSSIA

Arrive at Moscow Airport, where you are met and transferred to the stylish five-star Four Seasons Hotel Moscow. Located in the historic building of Moskva Hotel and occupying one of the most enviable addresses in the very heart of Moscow, the hotel is a short walk from the Kremlin, Red Square and the Bolshoi Theatre.

On your first evening in Moscow you will be invited to a champagne drink's reception before our exclusive Welcome Dinner. Specially selected international wines are included with dinner, as with all meals during the tour

DAY 2 MOSCOW

RUSSIA

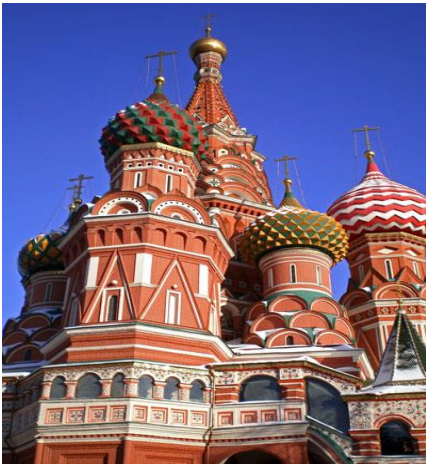
A tour programme of Russia's capital takes you to the grandeur of the Kremlin – the spiritual, historical and political heart of Moscow – and to see the treasures of the Tsars in the Armoury Chamber where you will enjoy an exclusive private viewing.

Continue to explore the city with a visit to Red Square, the iconic symbol of Russia's former military and political might with its eclectic mix of fascinating architecture. Here you visit the ornate St Basil's Cathedral's magnificent onion-domed spires and marvel at the beautiful façade of the world-famous GUM department store which was constructed in Tsarist times.

Lunch is served in Café Pushkin, a legendary Moscow restaurant serving traditional Russian cuisine with a décor that revives the atmosphere of an early 19th century mansion. An essential part of any visit to Moscow is a tour of the opulent and unique stations of the Moscow metro - showpieces of Socialist art furnished with statues, frescoes and mosaics, unsurpassed anywhere in the world.

If you have been to Moscow before we offer included *Freedom of Choice* touring where you are shown other sights of Moscow such as the

famous State Tretyakov Gallery (National Museum of Fine Art) or the Space Museum.



Upon arrival at Moscow Kazansky Station in the late afternoon, you will be greeted in the ornately decorated Imperial Waiting Room with a cold glass of Russian Champagne and canapes as you mix with the other guests and are welcomed by the train staff. 30 minutes before departure, your car attendants will escort you to Platform 1 where the *Golden Eagle* awaits ready for departure.

DAY 3 KAZAN

RUSSIA

Situated on the River Volga, the picturesque and historic city of Kazan is the capital of Tatarstan. One of the highlights of this city tour is the exploration of the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls of this ancient citadel you will explore the stunning mosque and picture-perfect onion-domed cathedral. As Kazan is the birthplace of one of Russia's most famous opera singers, Feodor Chaliapin (1873-1938), his memory is honoured with a private concert of his music. You will also have time to wander through the main pedestrian area of Kazan and immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the city.

DAY 4 YEKATERINBURG

RUSSIA

Founded in 1723 by Peter the Great, Yekaterinburg is the capital of the Urals. Known as the Great Divide, the Ural Mountains create the natural border between Europe and Asia.

The city tour takes you to the poignant site, where the Romanov, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, was executed with his family by the Bolsheviks in 1918 following 78 days of imprisonment. Now a church dedicated to their memory.



DAY 5 NOVOSIBIRSK

RUSSIA

The city is in the heart of Russia and is situated on both banks of the River Ob. The city tour takes you to Lenin Square, where the imposing Opera House is located. An architectural marvel and is one of the largest opera houses in the world. In front of the Opera House, is an impressive statue of Lenin – a marvellous opportunity to have your photograph taken with this iconic political leader.

Alternatively, the *Freedom of Choice* tour goes south of the city to visit Novosibirsk's excellent Railway Museum, which displays locomotives and

rolling stock from the late 1800s, including carriages of the Tsars, through to the Soviet era.

DAY 6 ON BOARD

RUSSIA

Today relax on board as the train travels through Siberia. In comfort enjoy the ever-changing panoramas of natural snow-covered beauty unfold before you.

DAY 7 IRKUTSK

RUSSIA

Visit to Irkutsk, the 'Paris of Siberia', takes in the most significant sites and museums in this fascinating city. Visit the Decembrist House museum which is dedicated to the memory of the aristocrats who were exiled to this remote outpost after the failed uprising of 1825, and the atmosphere is recreated of that time with a champagne reception and private concert.

As an additional option for your day in Irkutsk you may wish to visit a traditional Russian Banya (sauna).

DAY 8 LAKE BAIKAL

RUSSIA

Your day by Lake Baikal offers a real highlight of travelling through Siberia in winter. Few natural sights can surpass the beauty and grandeur of Lake Baikal and today will be an unforgettable part of your Trans-Siberian journey.

For five hours you wind your way through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks above the frozen lake with a vista of snow-capped peaks along the far shore forming a picture-perfect backdrop.

Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and during winter is completely frozen. You are taken in a hovercraft on the frozen lake to the place where the ice fishing, dog sledges and snowmobiles are situated, and you will enjoy the perfect vantage point to appreciate the magnificence of this unspoilt location.

There is the opportunity to watch the under-ice fishing and try the freshly caught fish which will be smoked in a mobile smokehouse and served warm with ice-cold vodka. Delicious!

DAY 9 ULAN UDE

RUSSIA

The ethnic and cultural diversity of Ulan Ude, the capital of the Buryat Republic, offers a unique insight into its heritage. During your exploration of the Old Believers' Village you learn about the culture and history of these religious people as you are treated to a concert featuring local traditions and folk singing.

DAY 10 ULAAN BAATAR

MONGOLIA



This eastbound Trans-Siberian adventure takes you into Mongolia and a visit to its capital, Ulaan Baatar. Mongolia, once the very centre of an enormous empire led by Genghis Khan, is a country rich in culture and history with beautiful landscapes and nomadic people.

The tour starts at Gandan Monastery, one of Mongolia's most important Buddhist Monasteries housing a community of over 500 monks. At Chinggis Square (formerly Sukhbaatar Square) you can see the central monument to

Genghis Khan, undoubtedly the most feared and revered Mongol, and visit the National Museum where you learn about the country's intriguing history.

After lunch head into the Mongolian countryside where you will visit the imposing Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, located on the bank of the Tuul River at Tsonjin Boldog and have the opportunity to visit a traditional Mongolian Ger and meet a nomadic family.

Please note depending on final timings provided by the railway authorities the company may substitute the railway journey from Russia into Ulaan Baatar with a private jet charter from Irkutsk so that the company can maintain the advertised programme in Mongolia.

DAY 11 ON BOARD

RUSSIA

Enjoy a more leisurely pace today as the *Golden Eagle* travels through the beautiful landscape of the Russian Far East. You may like to attend one of the interesting lectures or Russian language lessons.

DAY 12 ON BOARD

RUSSIA

It's the perfect opportunity to practice your Russian or simply relax as your journey today follows the Shilka and Amur rivers, close to the Chinese border.

DAY 13 ON BOARD

RUSSIA

Passing directly north of Seoul, Darwin and Osaka, spend the last full day on board the *Golden Eagle* today as the most easterly point on your mammoth journey is reached passing through Khabarovsk, where you cross the River Amur.

Tonight, you enjoy the final dinner onboard your private train that has been your home for the last 12 days as you approach your final destination on this unforgettable journey.

DAY 14 VLADIVOSTOK

RUSSIA

After travelling through 8 time zones and covering a staggering 6,600 miles (10,600kms) along this iconic railway, the *Golden Eagle* pulls into its destination, Vladivostok.

Vladivostok is a military port, located on the western shores of the Sea of Japan and is home to the Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet. Due to its military importance, the city was closed to foreigners between 1930 and 1992.

Vladivostok (literally translated as 'Ruler of the East') offers visitors an interesting opportunity to explore its principal military attractions including a visit to a preserved World War Two submarine. The city tour will also take you to the iconic suspension bridge over Golden Horn Bay, one of the largest of its kind worldwide, which opened in 2012 for the APEC conference.

The hotel in Vladivostok, where you stay for one night, is the five-star Lotte Hotel Vladivostok.

DAY 15 VLADIVOSTOK

RUSSIA

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to Vladivostok Airport to begin your journey home.



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