



# **Grand Trans- Siberian Express**

**One of the  
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|  
rail journey  
between  
Europe and Asia  
by private train**

**2019**

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# Grand Trans-Siberian Express

## Journey of a Lifetime



## Introduction

Experience the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway and the Trans-Mongolian Railway on board a private charter train. Forget about any hassle of packing and unpacking every day. Your cabin is your “home on wheels” during the entire rail cruise journey.

Our train offers a choice of 4 accommodation categories from Economy to Deluxe as well as a restaurant, a bar and a conference area for lectures. Stops for land excursions at the most interesting places along the route are included every day. In selected cities like Ekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk near Lake Baikal and Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, hotel nights in international managed \*\*\*\*/\*\*\*\*\* hotels are included, allowing you more time to explore these places and enjoy a relaxed journey. The journey may be booked either eastbound, starting in Moscow, or westbound, starting in Ulaanbaatar. Hotel nights in Moscow and in Ulaanbaatar are included as well.

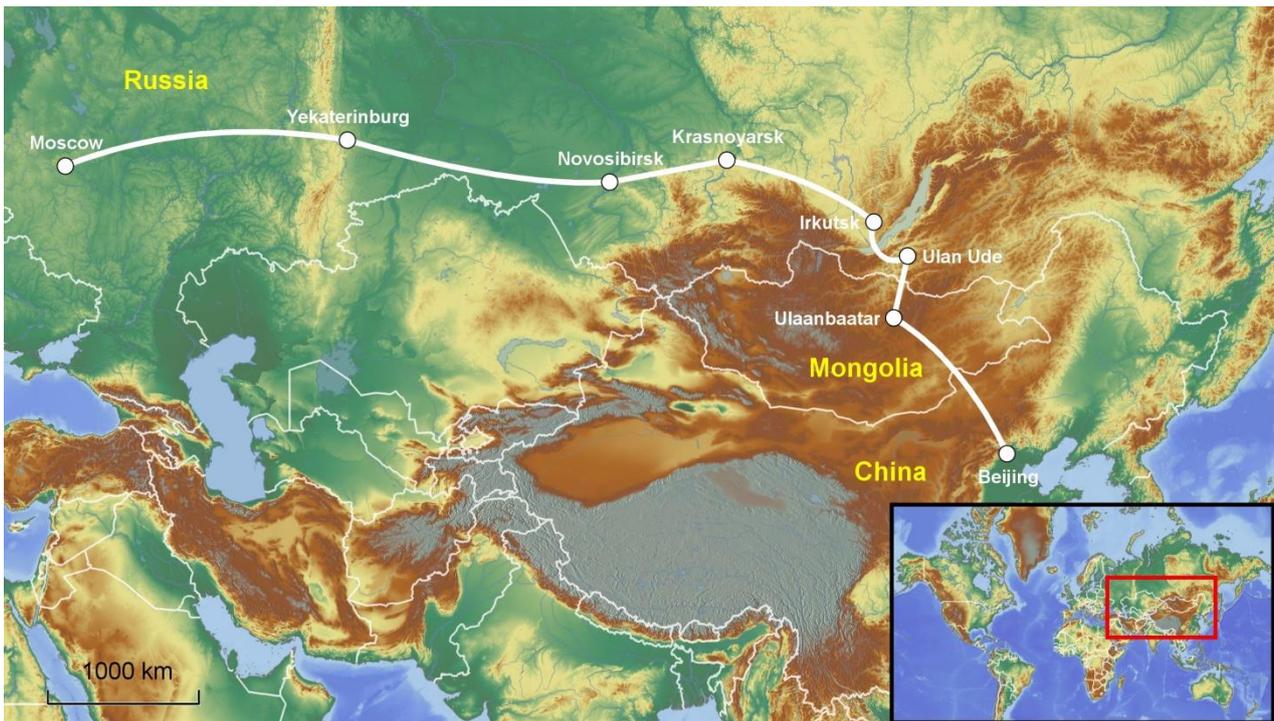
Our rail cruises offer you the possibility to experience remote areas of the world like Siberia, Lake Baikal and Mongolia and at the same time enjoy the comfort which is possible only on board of a private charter train.

### Grand Trans-Siberian Journey Highlights

- ✓ Moscow, most vibrant and fast developing metropolitan city of Europe
- ✓ Kremlin, the centre of power in Russia
- ✓ Yekaterinburg, capital of Ural Mountains
- ✓ Siberia, a huge land of extreme dimensions
- ✓ Boat cruise on Siberia’s mighty River Yenissei or Ob
- ✓ Private classical concert in a wooden palace in Irkutsk
- ✓ Lake Baikal, deepest lake, and biggest freshwater reserve of the world
- ✓ Amazing Mongolian steppes, yurts, and horses
- ✓ Cultural show of Mongolian artists
- ✓ Special Naadam show of Mongolian horse racing, wrestling, archery

### Grand Trans-Siberian Private Train Advantages

- ✓ A choice of 4 different categories of sleeping accommodation from Economy to Deluxe
- ✓ Possibility of guaranteed double and single accommodation throughout the tour
- ✓ All sleeping cars are newly build or reconstructed after 2008, equipped with modern vacuum toilets
- ✓ Modern Deluxe Silver and Deluxe Gold sleeping cars with private lavatory, toilet, and shower en suite
- ✓ Beautifully decorated restaurant cars
- ✓ A cosy lounge with live piano music in the evening
- ✓ Conference area for lectures and on-board entertainment
- ✓ Daily shower guaranteed for travellers of all categories
- ✓ Daily stopovers for sightseeing
- ✓ European management
- ✓ Travel in style, safety, and comfort



## Sightseeing Places

- Russia
  - ✓ Moscow
  - ✓ Yekaterinburg
  - ✓ Novosibirsk
  - ✓ Krasnoyarsk
  - ✓ Irkutsk
  - ✓ Lake Baikal
  - ✓ Ulan-Ude
- Mongolia
  - ✓ Ulaanbaatar

## Sightseeing Excursions

- ✓ Sightseeing tours with English speaking guides (other languages on request)

## Your Tour Guides

- A 3-level tour management system with a multilingual team:
- ✓ Eurasia Tour Director
  - ✓ Eurasia Tour Escorts Moscow-Ulaanbaatar or v.v.
  - ✓ Local Tour Guides in each city

## Hotels

### Category Standard Plus and Standard Economy:

Moscow 5\*  
Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Ulaanbaatar 4\*

### Categories Silver & Gold:

Moscow, Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Ulaanbaatar 5\*  
Irkutsk 4\*

### Hotels brands we use (examples):

Hilton, Marriott, Novotel, Radisson Blu, Doubletree by Hilton, Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn, Park Inn.

## Meals

Daily change of local specialities of Russia and Mongolia

- ✓ in specially selected local restaurants or
- ✓ in the restaurants on board the private train

# Grand Trans-Siberian Express

## Train Description



**Between Moscow and Ulaanbaatar** or vice versa you travel on board the private train **Grand Trans-Siberian Express**.

There are 4 categories of accommodation on the Grand Trans-Siberian Express:

- Standard Economy      4 persons per cabin
- Standard Plus          1 or 2 persons per cabin
- Silver                    1 or 2 persons per cabin, private shower, and toilet en suite
- Gold                        1 or 2 persons per cabin, private shower, and toilet en suite

In order to realize optimal timings on the heavily used Trans-Siberian railway line, our private train on some sections will be attached to regular scheduled trains, on some other sections will be hauled by its own locomotive.

## Restaurant Cars

There are restaurant cars on the train which serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner as part of the full board service to all passengers of the Grand Trans-Siberian Express. Local cuisine is part of the menu. During sightseeing tours in the cities local meals are served in the specially selected restaurants.



Russian Restaurant Car (Example)



Russian Restaurant Car (Example)

## Lounge

This is the most popular place of the train and open to all passengers until late. Come, sit down, enjoy the scenery passing by the window and relax while having a drink and listening to the piano entertainment after dinner.



Lounge Car (Example)

## Lecture Area

In the lecture area, part of the lounge or a restaurant car, your tour escorts hold lectures about the history, geography, economy, and daily life of the regions visited. On some evenings we show films about Russia, Mongolia, and China. Also, your tour escorts offer a language course introducing the Russian language to you.

# Gold Cabins

For those looking for the greatest comfort 1 or 2 persons per cabin

Gold sleeping cars offer the most spacious and comfortable type of accommodation on our private train. Gold cabins have a private toilet, wash basin and a spacious shower cabin en suite. Each cabin offers 1 lower and 1 upper bed, a table at the window, a chair opposite the beds, a small wardrobe and storage space. Euro-Sockets for 220 V are in each cabin, capable for razors, loading mobile phones, cameras, and notebooks. The cars are air conditioned (individual control). The air condition operates only during the time the train is moving.

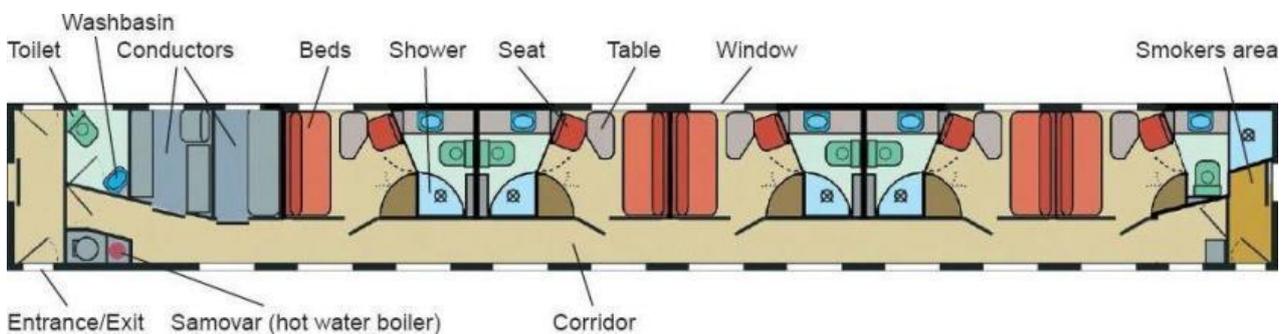
Gold sleeping cars have only 5 cabins each and may be booked for double or single use.

Gold cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 3,50 m = 7,0 sqm

Lower bed 120 x 185 cm

Upper bed 80 x 185 cm



Day Position (example)



Night Position (example)



Private shower cabin en-suite



Private toilet and washbasin en-suite



Wardrobe



# Standard Plus Cabins

The most popular category

1 or 2 persons per cabin

Standard Plus as well as Deluxe Silver are the most popular type of accommodation on our private train. Standard Plus cabins are equipped with 2 lower beds and 2 upper beds. While only the two lower beds are used for sleeping, the two upper beds can be used as additional storage for luggage – or they simply can be folded away. Toilets and wash basins for common use are situated at both ends of each Standard Plus sleeping car. The sleeping cars are air conditioned (central control). The air condition operates only during the time the train is moving. Sockets for 220 V are available in each cabin, capable for razors, loading mobile phones, cameras and notebooks. Standard Plus cars offer 9 cabins each and may be booked for double or single use.

Daily shower facilities are guaranteed.

**If you travel eastbound Moscow – Ulaanbaatar:** Shower facilities are available in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk and Ulaanbaatar in your hotel rooms where you stay overnight. In addition to that hotel day rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Krasnoyarsk and Ulan Ude (one day room per cabin).

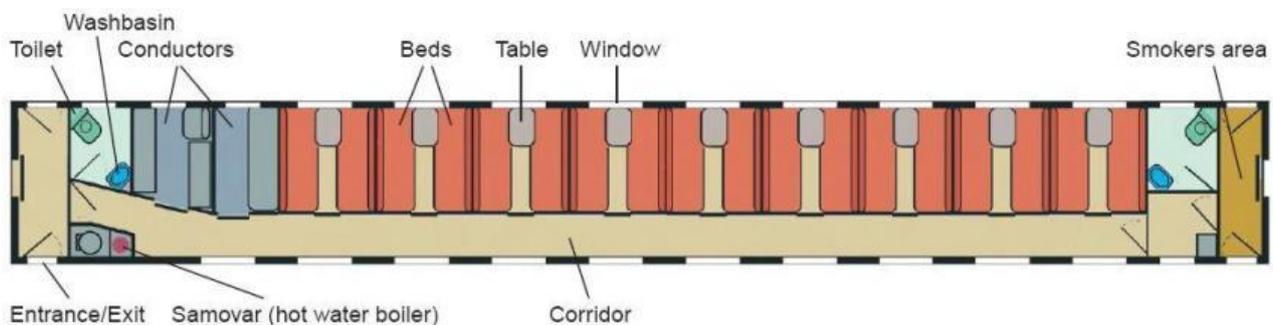
**If you travel westbound Ulaanbaatar – Moscow:** Shower facilities are available in Ulaanbaatar, Irkutsk, Yekaterinburg and Moscow in your hotel rooms where you stay overnight. In addition to that hotel day rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Ulan Ude, Krasnoyarsk and Novosibirsk (one day room per cabin).

Therefore on both tours you have guaranteed access to showers in your hotel room every day during the entire journey.

Standard Plus cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 2,00 m = 4,0 sqm

Beds 65 x 185 cm



Night position (example)



# Standard Economy Cabins

## The budget way of travelling

3 or 4 persons per cabin

This category is popular with those looking for the most economical way of travelling and is usually booked by families with children or friends travelling together. Standard Economy sleeping cars are equipped with 2 lower beds and 2 upper beds. Toilets and wash basins are situated at both ends of the cars for the common use. The cars are air conditioned (central control). The air condition operates only during the time the train is moving. Sockets for 220 V are available in the car, capable for razors and loading mobile phones, cameras and notebooks. The Standard Economy cars offer 9 cabins each and may be booked only by 3 or 4 passengers travelling together. In the hotels the 4 passengers are staying in 2 double rooms, 3 passengers are staying in 1 double and 1 single room.

Daily shower facilities are guaranteed.

**If you travel eastbound Moscow – Ulaanbaatar:** Shower facilities are available in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk and Ulaanbaatar in your hotel rooms where you stay overnight. In addition to that hotel day rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Krasnoyarsk and Ulan Ude (one day room per cabin).

**If you travel westbound Ulaanbaatar – Moscow:** Shower facilities are available in Ulaanbaatar, Irkutsk, Yekaterinburg and Moscow in your hotel rooms where you stay overnight. In addition to that hotel day rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Ulan Ude, Krasnoyarsk and Novosibirsk (one day room per cabin).

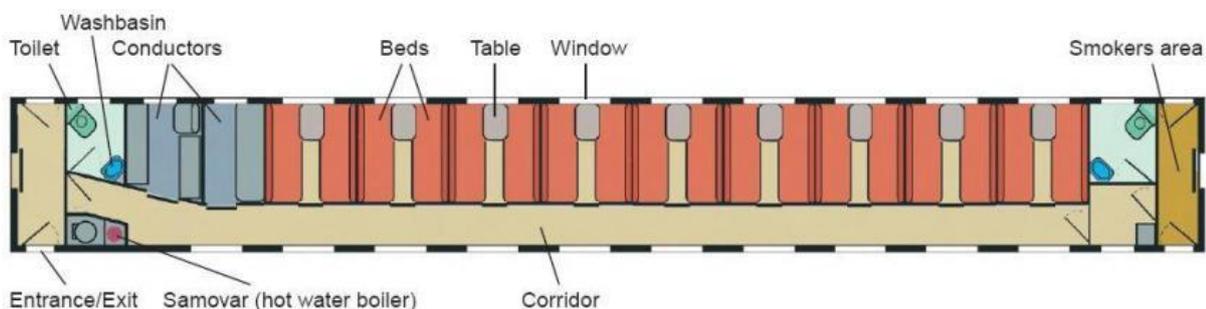
Therefore on both tours you have guaranteed access to showers in your hotel room every day during the entire journey.

Standard Economy cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 2,00 m = 4,0 sqm

Lower beds 65 x 185 cm

Upper beds 65 x 185 cm



Night position (example)



# Grand Trans-Siberian Express 2019 Eastbound Moscow-Ulaanbaatar 13D/12N

**Route:** Moscow – Ulaanbaatar by private train, Ulaanbaatar – Beijing by flight    **13 Days/12 Nights**    **Guaranteed languages on excursions:** English (other languages on request)

	Day	Tour # 1A	Tour # 2A	Tour # 3A High Season II	Tour # 4A High Season I	Tour # 5A High Season I	Tour # 6A High Season II	Country	City	Local Time (Changes reserved)	Sightseeing & Excursions	B	L	D	Accommodation
1	SAT	18 MAY	08 JUN	29 JUN	20 JUL	10 AUG	31 AUG	Russia	Moscow		Arrival			✓	<b>Moscow</b>
2	SUN	19 MAY	09 JUN	30 JUN	21 JUL	11 AUG	01 SEP	Russia	Moscow	1600 dep	City Sightseeing Tour incl. Kremlin Grounds	✓	✓	✓	Train
3	MON	20 MAY	10 JUN	01 JUL	22 JUL	12 AUG	02 SEP	Russia	Ekaterinburg	2000 arr	Full day on the train, evening at leisure	✓	✓	✓	<b>Ekaterinburg</b>
4	TUE	21 MAY	11 JUN	02 JUL	23 JUL	13 AUG	03 SEP	Russia	Ekaterinburg	1800 dep	City Sightseeing Tour	✓	✓	✓	Train
5	WED	22 MAY	12 JUN	03 JUL	24 JUL	14 AUG	04 SEP	Russia	Novosibirsk	1700 arr	Full day on the train, evening at leisure	✓	✓	✓	<b>Novosibirsk</b>
6	THU	23 MAY	13 JUN	04 JUL	25 JUL	15 AUG	05 SEP	Russia	Novosibirsk	1800 dep	City Sightseeing Tour & Ob River Cruise	✓	✓	✓	Train
7	FRI	24 MAY	14 JUN	05 JUL	26 JUL	16 AUG	06 SEP	Russia	Krasnoyarsk	0900-1400	City Sightseeing Tour	✓	✓	✓	Train
8	SAT	25 MAY	15 JUN	06 JUL	27 JUL	17 AUG	07 SEP	Russia	Irkutsk	0900 arr	City Sightseeing Tour & Private Concert	✓	✓	✓	<b>Irkutsk</b>
9	SUN	26 MAY	16 JUN	07 JUL	28 JUL	18 AUG	08 SEP	Russia	Lake Baikal	1530 dep	Excursion to Listvyanka village & Baikal	✓	✓	✓	Train
10	MON	27 MAY	17 JUN	08 JUL	29 JUL	19 AUG	09 SEP	Russia	Ulan Ude	0900-1500	City Sightseeing Tour	✓	✓	✓	Train
11	TUE	28 MAY	18 JUN	09 JUL	30 JUL	20 AUG	10 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	1000 arr	City Sightseeing Tour & Cultural Show	✓	✓	✓	<b>Ulaanbaatar</b>
12	WED	29 MAY	19 JUN	10 JUL	31 JUL	21 AUG	11 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar		Terelj National Park & Naadam Show	✓	✓	✓	<b>Ulaanbaatar</b>
13	THU	30 MAY	20 JUN	11 JUL	01 AUG	22 AUG	12 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar		Departure	✓			

Prices per person in EUR				
Category	Persons per cabin	Per person	Single Supplement Train + Hotel	Supplement High Season July, August 240
Standard Economy	4	4.170	n/a	Supplement High Season September 160
Standard Economy	3	5.070	n/a	
Standard Plus	2	6.180	2.320	
Deluxe Silver	2	10.070	5.470	
Deluxe Gold	2	12.270	5.940	

**Services not included in the tour price**

- Flights to Ulaanbaatar and from Moscow
- Visa Mongolia, Russia
- Gratuities (EUR 150 / USD 180 tipping budget recommended)

**Services included in the tour price**

**Train:** 6 night's accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express in the category booked

**Hotels:** 5 night's accommodation (2 x Ulaanbaatar \*\*\*\*, 1 x Irkutsk \*\*\*\*, 1 x Yekaterinburg \*\*\*\*, 1 x Moscow \*\*\*\*\*)

**Meals:** Full board (11 x breakfast, 10 x lunch, 11 x dinner)

**Local cuisine specialities:** e.g. Mongolian Hot Pot, Russian Vodka & Pierogi Tastings, Tea Ceremony

**Sightseeing:** All sightseeing tours in Ulaanbaatar, Ulan-Ude, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Krasnoyarsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Moscow

**Cultural events:** Private concerts and cultural events according tour itinerary

**Transfers:** Arrival & Departure transfers airport-hotel or v.v. on day 1 and day 12

**Shower facilities:** Daily shower is guaranteed in all categories.

Guests travelling in Deluxe Silver and Deluxe Gold have bathrooms with shower and toilet on board the private train. Guests travelling in categories Standard Economy and Standard Plus have day rooms in Ulan-Ude, Krasnoyarsk, and Novosibirsk.

**Lectures on board:** Introduction to Russian culture, history, language, today's life.

**Tour escorts:** English tour guides throughout the tour (other languages on request)

**Tour Director:** English speaking tour director throughout the tour

# Grand Trans-Siberian Express 2019 Westbound Ulaanbaatar-Moscow 12D/11N

**Route:** Ulaanbaatar - Moscow by private train      **12 Days/11 Nights**      **Guaranteed languages on excursions:** English (other languages on request)

Day	Day	Tour # 1B	Tour # 2B	Tour # 3B High Season II	Tour # 4B High Season I	Tour # 5B High Season I	Tour # 6B High Season II	Country	City	Local Time (Changes reserved)	Sightseeing & Excursions	B	L	D	Accommodation
1	SUN	26 MAY	16 JUN	07 JUL	28 JUL	18 AUG	08 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar		Arrival			✓	Ulaanbaatar
2	MON	27 MAY	17 JUN	08 JUL	29 JUL	19 AUG	09 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar		Tereelj National Park, Naadam Show	✓	✓	✓	Ulaanbaatar
3	TUE	28 MAY	18 JUN	09 JUL	30 JUL	20 AUG	10 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	1600 dep	City Sightseeing Tour & Ghandan Monastery	✓	✓	✓	Train
4	WED	29 MAY	19 JUN	10 JUL	31 JUL	21 AUG	11 SEP	Russia	Ulan-Ude	1600-2200	City Sightseeing Tour & Old Beliveres Village	✓	✓	✓	Train
5	THU	30 MAY	20 JUN	11 JUL	01 AUG	22 AUG	12 SEP	Russia	Lake Baikal	1400 arr	Excursion to Listvyanka village & along Baikal	✓	✓	✓	Irkutsk
6	FRI	31 MAY	21 JUN	12 JUL	02 AUG	23 AUG	13 SEP	Russia	Irkutsk	1800 dep	City Sightseeing Tour & Private Concert	✓	✓	✓	Train
7	SAT	01 JUN	22 JUN	13 JUL	03 AUG	24 AUG	14 SEP	Russia	Krasnoyarsk	0900-1800	City Sightseeing Tour & Yenisej River Cruise	✓	✓	✓	Train
8	SUN	02 JUN	23 JUN	14 JUL	04 AUG	25 AUG	15 SEP	Russia	Novosibirsk	0900-1600	City Sightseeing Tour & Open Air Railway Museum	✓	✓	✓	Train
9	MON	03 JUN	24 JUN	15 JUL	05 AUG	26 AUG	16 SEP	Russia	Ekaterinburg	1200 arr	City Sightseeing Tour & Excursion to Ganina Yama	✓	✓	✓	Ekaterinburg
10	TUE	04 JUN	25 JUN	16 JUL	06 AUG	27 AUG	17 SEP	Russia	Ekaterinburg	0900 dep	Full day on the train	✓	✓	✓	Train
11	WED	05 JUN	26 JUN	17 JUL	07 AUG	28 AUG	18 SEP	Russia	Moscow	1100 arr	City Sightseeing Tour & Kremlin Grounds	✓	✓	✓	Moscow
12	THU	06 JUN	27 JUN	18 JUL	08 AUG	29 AUG	19 SEP	Russia	Moscow		Departure	✓			

Category	Persons per cabin	Per person	Single Supplement Train + Hotel	Supplement High Season July, August
Standard Economy	4	4.270	n/a	240
Standard Economy	3	5.190	n/a	Supplement High Season September
Standard Plus	2	6.390	2.430	
Deluxe Silver	2	10.470	5.580	
Deluxe Gold	2	12.670	6.680	160

**Services not included in the tour price**

- Flights to Moscow and from Ulaanbaatar
- Visa Russia, Mongolia
- Gratuities (EUR 150 / USD 180 tipping budget recommended)

**Services included in the tour price**

**Train:** 6 night's accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express in the category booked

**Hotels:** 6 night's accommodation (1 x Moscow \*\*\*\*\*, 1 x Yekaterinburg \*\*\*\*, 1 x Novosibirsk \*\*\*\*, 1 x Irkutsk \*\*\*\*, 2 x Ulaanbaatar \*\*\*\*)

**Meals:** Full board (12 x breakfast, 11 x lunch, 12 x dinner)

**Local cuisine specialties:** e.g. Russian Vodka & Pierogi Tastings, Tea Ceremony, Mongolian Hot Pot

**Sightseeing:** All sightseeing tours in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Ulan-Ude, Ulaanbaatar

**Cultural events:** Private concerts and cultural events according tour itinerary

**Transfers:** Arrival & Departure transfers airport-hotel or v.v. on day 1 and day 13

**Shower facilities:** Daily shower is guaranteed in all categories. Guests travelling in Deluxe Silver and Deluxe Gold have bathrooms with shower and toilet on board the private train. Guests travelling in categories Standard Economy and Standard Plus have day rooms during the stopovers in Krasnoyarsk and Ulan-Ude.

**Lectures on board:** Introduction to Russian culture, history, language, today's life.

**Tour escorts:** English speaking tour guides throughout the tour (other languages on request)

**Tour Director:** English speaking tour director throughout the tour

# Grand Trans-Siberian Express

## Mongolia - Russia (Westbound)

**Ulaanbaatar – Ulan-Ude – Lake Baikal – Irkutsk – Krasnoyarsk – Novosibirsk – Yekaterinburg – Moscow**

### **Day 1 (Sunday) Ulaanbaatar**

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar. You will be met at Ulaanbaatar airport and transferred to your hotel.  
Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

### **Day 2 (Monday) Ulaanbaatar**

An unforgettable full day excursion will take you to the Terelj National Park which is famous for its nature. A stone formation called the “turtle” and the beautiful mountainous scenery will fascinate you. In the park area you will have the chance to meet a herder family inside their yurt. A Naadam show specially arranged for the participants of the Grand Trans-Siberian Express demonstrates 3 disciplines of the Mongolian National Naadam festival: Wrestling, Archery and Horseracing. In the evening you experience a traditional Mongolian Hot Pot dinner.  
Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

### **Day 3 (Tuesday) Ulaanbaatar**

During a sightseeing tour you will visit the famous Ghandan Monastery, the Bogd Khan Palace which used to be formerly the winter and sometimes also the summer palace of the Khan’s, as well as the Zaisan monument at a viewpoint high above the city. From there you will have an excellent view of the city which is surrounded by large areas of nomadic yurt settlements.  
In the afternoon you board your private train which will be your home for the trans-continental journey to Moscow.  
Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

### **Day 4 (Wednesday) Ulan Ude**

In the night you reach the Mongolian border station Suchbaatar and the Russian border station Naushki. The Mongolian and Russian immigration formalities will take place in the train. You may stay in your cabin and don’t have to leave the train.  
In the afternoon the Grand Trans-Siberian Express arrives at Ulan Ude, the capital of the so-called “Buryat Autonomous Republic” of the Russian Federation. Buryats are an ethnic group close to Mongolians with an amazing mix of cultures. Ulan Ude is a meeting place between East and West. Like Irkutsk, the city still has large areas with typical Siberian wooden houses.  
Your sightseeing excursion goes to one of the villages of Orthodox “Old Believers” still practising their live like people did it centuries ago. You will be hosted for a typical Russian homemade lunch.  
In Ulan Ude the Grand Trans-Siberian Express switches from the Trans Mongolian mainline to the traditional Trans-Siberian mainline on its way to Moscow.  
Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

### **Day 5 (Thursday) Lake Baikal**

Today one of the top highlights of the tour with the Grand Trans-Siberian Express will amaze you for the rest of the day. Lake Baikal holds the biggest fresh water reserves in the world. It stretches up to 26 miles from east to west and more than 370 miles from north to south. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake of the world, reaching 1.620 meters at its deepest part. The mountain ranges around Lake Baikal and the deep blue water of the lake, you will never forget.  
In the morning the private train is running at low speed along the scenic Circum Baikal Railway line between Port Baikal and Sludyanka, which for many years is used only by a few of local trains and tourist trains. A photo stop will be arranged at a small village where you can get off the train, put your feet into the clear and cold water of Lake Baikal and also visit the typical wooden houses of local people. A Baikal barbecue is also a part of the program.  
In the afternoon a boat takes you on a short cruise from Port Baikal to the small village of Listvyanka. A walk through the village shows you to St Nicholas church, a typical orthodox wooden build church beautiful renovated in the 1990’s. On a great Siberian lunch in a restaurant on the shore of the lake you can taste the famous Omul fish which is living only in Lake Baikal. In the evening a one hour bus drive takes you from the Lake Baikal to your hotel in Irkutsk city.  
Accommodation in Irkutsk.

**Day 6 (Friday) Irkutsk**

Irkutsk is famous for its trade with Mongolia and China and used to be called “Paris of Siberia” because of its colourful life style during the time of the Tsars. You visit the old town with its large quarters still consisting of wooden houses only, before invited to the cultural highlight of the tour, a private classical concert in a palace of historical background. In the evening you re-join the private train.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 7 (Saturday) Krasnoyarsk**

Krasnoyarsk, like Yekaterinburg and Ulan-Ude used to be a “closed city” during Soviet times – closed to foreigners and also to most Soviet citizens at that time. It is located along the Yenissei River which is the greatest river system flowing to the Arctic Ocean. A sightseeing tour shows you several view points and the main shopping street which is fascinating as the local mayor decided to decorate it with palm trees in summer time – in the middle of Siberia! During a boat cruise on the Yenissei River you will have a great view on the city and the huge railway bridge crossing the river.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 8 (Sunday) Novosibirsk**

In the morning a city sightseeing tour shows you some remarkable orthodox churches which have survived the Soviet period and see the famous Opera House which is the largest of Russia, situated in the centre of the city at Lenin Square. In the afternoon, an excursion takes you out of the city into the Taiga, the “real Siberian forest”. About 30 km out of the city you have the opportunity of visiting the largest open air railway museum of Russia, a collection of more than 60 showpieces of steam, diesel and electric locomotives as well as several historical passenger cars – a perfect insight into the development of the trains on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 9 (Monday) Yekaterinburg**

Today the train arrives in Yekaterinburg, capital of the Ural Mountains. The city was founded in 1723 by Czar Peter I as the center of metallurgical industry. By the 20th century it had become one of the largest and the most important financial, industrial and cultural centers of Russia. Yekaterinburg is located at the geographical border defined by scientists between Europe and Asia.

On your sightseeing tour you visit a place of remarkable importance for Russian history: the “Cathedral on The Blood” which was built at the place where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918. An excursion into the Ural forests takes you to Ganina Yama, which today is considered by Russians as a “holy place”. It is an assemblage of small wooden chapels which were erected in the 1990’s to honor the last Czar’s family of the Romanov dynasty who were then buried in Ganina Yama.

Accommodation in Yekaterinburg.

**Day 10 (Tuesday) Full day on the train**

Today you leave Yekaterinburg in the morning and enjoy a typical day on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Your private train passes through the Ural Mountains and an endless scenery of forests, lakes and small settlements. A day to relax, watch the landscape and listen to lectures about the country and its people.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 11 (Wednesday) Moscow**

Today the almost 8000 km long journey from Beijing to Moscow terminates. In the afternoon you visit the Red Square and the Kremlin grounds. The sightseeing tour shows you all the many highlights of Moscow: the Bolshoi Theatre, the GUM department store, the Red Square, Moscow River, the Sparrow Hills, Novodevitchy Monastery. You will forget old stories about Moscow being grey and dark. It has become a vibrant city, comparable to Paris or Rome and full of life.

Accommodation in Moscow.

**Day 12 (Thursday) Moscow**

Airport transfers are provided by our service team to connect with your flight departing Moscow.

# Grand Trans-Siberian Express

## Russia – Mongolia (Eastbound)

**Moscow – Yekaterinburg – Novosibirsk – Krasnoyarsk – Irkutsk – Lake Baikal – Ulan Ude – Ulaanbaatar**

### **Day 1                    Arrival Moscow**

Arrival in Moscow. You will be met at Moscow airport and transferred to your hotel.  
Accommodation in Moscow.

### **Day 2                    Moscow**

A full day sightseeing tour shows you the magnificent Red Square, the Kremlin grounds and other highlights of Moscow. You will forget old stories about Moscow being grey and dark. It has become a vibrant city, full of life, comparable to Paris or Rome. In the afternoon transfer to the railway station where your private train Grand Trans-Siberian Express is ready for you to board for the first leg of the almost 8000 km long journey to Beijing. Welcome dinner and accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

### **Day 3                    Full day on the train**

Today you enjoy a typical day on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Your private train passes through endless scenery of forests, lakes and small settlements, followed by the Ural Mountains. A day to relax, watch the landscape and listen to lectures about Russia and its people. In the evening you arrive in Yekaterinburg, the “Capital of the Ural Mountains”.  
Accommodation in Yekaterinburg.

### **Day 4                    Yekaterinburg**

Yekaterinburg – “Capital of the Ural Mountains”. The city was founded in 1723 by Czar Peter I as the center of metallurgical industry. By the 20th century it had become one of the largest and the most important financial, industrial and cultural centers of Russia. Yekaterinburg is located at the geographical border defined by scientists between Europe and Asia.

In the morning a sightseeing tour shows you the city center and you visit a place of remarkable importance for Russian history: the “Cathedral on The Blood” which was built at the place where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918.

In the afternoon an excursion into the Ural forests takes you to Ganina Yama, which today is considered by Russians as a “holy place”. It is an assemblage of small wooden chapels which were erected in the 1990’s to honor the last Czar’s family of the Romanov dynasty who were buried in Ganina Yama.

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### **Day 5                    Novosibirsk**

Again an almost full day of relaxation and lectures on the train, today you are passing through the plains of Western Siberia and reach Novosibirsk in the late afternoon. With 1,5 million inhabitants Russia’s third largest city and the biggest of Siberia, it is widely regarded as the centre of Siberia. It was founded in 1893 as the future site of the Trans-Siberian railway bridge crossing the Siberian River Ob.

Accommodation in Novosibirsk.

### **Day 6                    Novosibirsk**

In the morning a city sightseeing tour shows you some remarkable orthodox churches which have survived the Soviet period, and you see the famous Opera House which is the largest of Russia, situated in the centre of the city at Lenin Square. In the afternoon, an excursion takes you out of the city into the Taiga, the “real Siberian forest”. About 30 km out of the city you have the opportunity of visiting the largest open air railway museum of Russia, a collection of more than 60 showpieces of steam, diesel and electric locomotives as well as several historical passenger cars – a perfect insight into the development of the trains on the Trans-Siberian Railway. On a boat tour on the River Ob you cruise under the mighty railway bridge of the Trans-Siberian railway.

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### **Day 7                    Krasnoyarsk**

Krasnoyarsk, like Yekaterinburg and Ulan-Ude used to be a “closed city” during Soviet times – closed to foreigners and also to most Soviet citizens at that time. It is located along the Yenissei River which is the greatest river system flowing

to the Arctic Ocean. A sightseeing tour shows you several view points and the main shopping street which is fascinating as the local mayor decided to decorate it with palm trees in summer time – in the middle of Siberia!  
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#### **Day 8 Irkutsk**

Irkutsk is famous for its trade with Mongolia and China and used to be called “Paris of Siberia” because of its colourful life style during the time of the Tsars. You visit the old town with its large quarters still consisting of wooden houses only, before invited to the cultural highlight of the tour, a private classical concert in a palace of historical background.  
Accommodation in Irkutsk.

#### **Day 9 Lake Baikal**

Today one of the top highlights of the tour with the Grand Trans-Siberian Express will amaze you for the rest of the day. Lake Baikal holds the biggest fresh water reserves in the world. It stretches up to 26 miles from east to west and more than 370 miles from north to south. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake of the world, reaching 1.620 meters at its deepest part. The mountain ranges around Lake Baikal and the deep blue water of the lake, you will never forget.

In the morning a one hour bus drive takes you from the hotel to Lake Baikal. A walk through the village of Listvyanka shows you to St Nicholas church, a typical orthodox wooden build church beautifully renovated in the 1990's. On a great Siberian lunch you can taste the famous Omul fish which lives only in Lake Baikal. In the afternoon a boat takes you on a short cruise on Lake Baikal to the small village of Port Baikal where the private train is waiting for you.

Today the private train is running at low speed along the scenic Circum Baikal Railway line between Port Baikal and Sludyanka, which for many years has been used only by a few of local trains and tourist trains. A photo stop will be arranged at a small village where you can get off the train, put your feet into the clear and cold water of Lake Baikal and also visit the typical wooden houses of local people. A Baikal barbecue is also a part of the program.  
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#### **Day 10 Ulan-Ude**

Ulan-Ude is the capital of the so-called “Buryat Autonomous Republic” of the Russian Federation. Buryats are an ethnic group close to Mongolians with an amazing mix of cultures and religions. Ulan-Ude is a meeting place between East and West. Like Irkutsk, the city still has large areas with typical Siberian wooden houses. Your sightseeing excursion goes to one of the villages of Orthodox “Old Believers” still practising their live like people did it centuries ago. You will be hosted for a typical Russian homemade lunch. When leaving Ulan-Ude, the Grand Trans-Siberian Express switches from the Trans-Siberian mainline to the Trans Mongolian mainline on its way to Ulaanbaatar. In the evening the train reaches the Russian border station Naushki and the Mongolian border station Sukhbaatar. Russian and Mongolian immigration formalities will take place in the train. You may stay in your compartment and don't have to leave the train.  
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#### **Day 11 Ulaanbaatar**

In the morning the Grand Trans-Siberian Express arrives in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. During a sightseeing tour you will visit the famous Ghandan Monastery, the central Sukhbaatar Square, the Bogd Khan Museum which used to be formerly the winter and sometimes also the summer palace of the Khans', as well as the Zaisan monument at a viewpoint high above the city. From there you will have an excellent view of the city which is surrounded by large areas of nomadic yurt settlements. An amazing cultural music and dance show will introduce Mongolian folk music and culture to you. In the evening you experience a traditional Mongolian Hot Pot dinner.  
Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

#### **Day 12 Ulaanbaatar**

Today an unforgettable excursion will take you to the Terelj National Park which is famous for its nature. A stone formation called the “turtle” and the beautiful mountainous scenery will fascinate you. In the park area you will have the chance to meet a herder family inside their yurt. A Naadam show specially arranged for the participants of the Grand Trans-Siberian Express demonstrates 3 disciplines of the Mongolian National Naadam festival: Wrestling, Archery and Horseracing. Accommodation in a \*\*\*\* hotel in Ulaanbaatar.

#### **Day 13 Ulaanbaatar & Departure**

Airport transfers are provided by our service team to connect with your flight departing Ulaanbaatar.

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