

## Trans-Siberian itinerary

**Moscow - Ulaanbaatar - Irkutsk - Lake Baikal - Krasnoyarsk - Yekaterinburg - Kazan  
- Moscow - Saint Petersburg  
21 nights**

### **Day 1. Arrival in Moscow.** *Wednesday.*

Meeting at the airport with **English (or Spanish) - speaking guide**, a brief introduction to the program of excursions and information about useful things for money, breakfast time, city maps, phone codes, etc.  
Accommodation.  
(Dinner)



### **Day 2. Moscow.** *Thursday.*

Breakfast at the hotel. After **the sightseeing tour**, pass the main attractions points Moscow: Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral, the Moskva river, Novodevichy monastery. During the tour they make stops to take pictures.

After **lunch** go down to **the Moscow Metro** - undoubtedly the most beautiful in the world, a museum under the earth! They will pass through the main stations built in the time of the USSR.

Accommodation.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

### **Day 3. Moscow-Ulaanbaatar.** *Friday.*

This day awaits a fascinating excursion into the heart of Moscow - **the Kremlin** with cathedrals, during which he also will visit jewellery Russian Empire - **The Armoury**.

After **lunch** transfer to airport for flight to Ulaanbaatar

*(Aeroflot flights every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday 19:00 to 6:15; Mongolian Airlines flights every Wednesday and Saturday 20:00 to 7:10).* Dinner and night by plane.

(Breakfast + Lunch)



### **Day 4. Arrival to Ulaanbaatar.** *Saturday.*



(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (07.00), breakfast at the restaurant. Take a tour of the city of Gandan Monastery, where you will see a huge gold plating of Buda, a symbol of Mongolia's national pride and revival of culture, the central square, and the National Museum of Mongolia where you will see artefacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to present time. After lunch, check in at the hotel. Visit the Ulaanbaatar City Museum and the War Monument on the Zaisan Hill and the panorama of the city. Enjoy an evening concert of national folklore.

**Day 5. Fly to Gobi del Sur and Bayanzag, land of Dinosaurs. Sunday.**

After breakfast transfer to the airport for your flight to Dalanzadgad. Discover the Mongolian team will be waiting for you. Drive to Bayanzag, known as the Flaming Cliffs where the first dinosaur egg nest was discovered in 1922, a site famous for the remains of the dinosaurs who lived there 60 million years ago. What a chance to wander where the dinosaurs once wandered and also to experience saxaul trees and other classic desert vegetation! On the way, see interesting petroglyphs of Havtsgait. At night, shoot the blazing cliffs and see a documentary about this wonderful place. Accommodation in tourist camp.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)  
(Flight 560 km, 1,5 hours and dirt road 110 km, 2 hours)



**Day 6. Mongolia's largest sand dunes and camel ride. Monday.**

At dawn, drive to the sand dunes of Khongor. In the morning, climb the sand dunes of Khongor with



a panoramic view of nature. These are the largest sand dunes in Mongolia, reaching a height of 300 meters in some areas. After lunch, visit a family of camel herders to experience their lifestyle, culture and traditions. You will be riding a camel to explore the Uujim Valley for 2-3 hours. The two-tusked Bactrian camels are very comfortable to ride as they walk slowly and smoothly, and will be well supported by the humps, sitting comfortably between them. Our camel guide will take you safely through the sand dunes. Sand

dunes change color with every hour of the day, from yellow to silver to pink-colour (at dawn or dusk). At night, chance to stargaze in the Gobi. Accommodation in tourist camp.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)  
(Approximately 160 km dirt track, 3 hours)

**Day 7. Eagle Valley. Tuesday.**

Today's destination is Yolyn Am, or 'Eagle Valley'. Take a trip to Yol Am and the Dungene Valley - hike to the wonderfully picturesque place with ice in summer, and surrounded by steep rocky walls, forming incredible canyons. Enjoy small trails and photograph the enchanting scenery and wildlife. Visit the Gobi Museum. These areas are located in the Gobi Gurvan Saikhan National Park which encompasses the peaks of "Three Beauties" and the most eastern points of the Altai Mountains. Accommodation in tourist camp.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)  
(Approximately 200 km dirt road, 4 hours)



**Day 8. Fly to Ulaanbaatar and visit the city.** *Wednesday.*



Early in the morning you will be transferred back to Dalanzadgad for your flight back to Ulaanbaatar. You will be taken to souvenir and cashmere stores. Visit the museum of the Bogd Khan winter palace and after that great farewell dinner. Accommodation at the hotel.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 9. Departure from Ulaanbaatar.** *Thursday*

Breakfast, free time to shop. After lunch transfer to the train station. Departure every Thursday at 15.22.

<b>Train № 003И</b> <b>«Beijing - Moscow»</b>	<b>15:22   Thursday</b> <b>Ulaanbaatar</b> Local time	<b>23:55 min</b>	<b>15:17   Friday</b> <b>Irkutsk</b> Local time
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Night by train.  
(Breakfast + Lunch)

**Day 10. Arrival to Irkutsk.** *Friday*

Arrival in Irkutsk at 15:17 p.m. Meeting at the station with the **guide**. **Lunch** at the restaurant. Irkutsk is famous for its trade with Mongolia and China and used to be called "Paris of Siberia" thanks to its life full of colours during the times of the Czar. During **sightseeing tour**, you visit the old town with its vast neighbourhoods that so far only consist of wooden houses, before they are invited to enjoy the cultural highlight of the trip - a private classical concert in a mansion historic atmosphere.

Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.  
(Lunch + Dinner)



**Day 11. Lake Baikal.** *Saturday.*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, an hour bus takes you from your hotel to Lake **Baikal**. During a walk through the village of **Listvyanka** you can see the church of St. Nicholas, beautiful wooden orthodox church rebuilt in the 1990s during the opulent Siberian lunch you can taste the famous fish endemic to Lake Baikal omul. In the afternoon a boat will take you on a short cruise down the lake to the village of Port Baikal where the private train awaits you.

Today the private train will walk at low speed along the scenic railway **Circum Baikal** between Sludyanka and Port Baikal, which for many years has seen only a few local and tourist trains.

A stop will be organized to take photos in a small village where passengers can get off the train, place their feet in the clear and cold waters of Lake Baikal and also visit the wooden houses typical of the local inhabitants. A picnic on the shore of Lake Baikal is also part of the program.

Accommodation at the hotel in Irkutsk.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 12. Irkutsk-Krasnoyarsk. Sunday.**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the train station.

<b>Train №</b> <b>057H</b>	<b>10:29   Sunday</b>	<b>5:58   Monday</b>
	<b>Irkutsk</b>	<b>Krasnoyarsk</b>
	Moscow's team	Moscow's team
	<b>7:29 p.m.</b>	

Night by train.  
(Breakfast)

**Day 12. Krasnoyarsk. Monday.**



Arrive in Krasnoyarsk at 09:58 in the morning. Meeting with guide.

Krasnoyarsk used to be a "closed city" in Soviet times - closed for foreigners and also for most of the Soviet inhabitants at that time. It is located on the banks of the Yenisey River which is the most important river system that flows into the Arctic Ocean. The panoramic visit allows to know several viewpoints, as well as the main shopping street which is surprising since the local mayor decided to decorate it

with palm trees in the summer season. Lunch. Visit to Stolbi National Park.  
Accommodation at the hotel.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 13. Krasnoyarsk-Ekaterinburg. Tuesday.**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time. Lunch. Airport transfer. Flight YC30 (16.00).

Arrival in Ekaterinburg at 17.45. Meeting with guide.

Transfer to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 14. Yekaterinburg. Wednesday.**

Ekaterinburg - "capital of the Urals". The city was founded in 1723 by Tsar Pedro I as a metallurgical factory. At the beginning of the 20th century it was already one of the most important financial, industrial and cultural centre's in Russia. Ekaterinburg is a geographical boundary determined by scientists between Europe and Asia.

In the morning an excursion will show you the city center and visit a place of notable importance for Russian history: the "Cathedral on the Blood" which was built in the place where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Visit "Yeltsin center" - the unique period museum of Boris Yeltsin, the first president of the Russian Federation.



After lunch an excursion in the Urals takes you to Ganina Yama, which today is considered by the Russians as a sacred place. It is an accumulation of small wooden temples that were built in the 90s to honor the last family of the czar of the Romanov dynasty who were buried in Ganina Yama.  
Dinner and accommodation at the hotel.  
(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 15. Ekaterinburg-Kazan. Thursday.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

<b>Train № 015E</b> <b>«Ekaterinburg - Moscow»</b> Brand	<b>8:12   Thursday</b> <b>Yekaterinburg</b> Moscow's team	<b>13 ч 25 min</b>	<b>21:37   Thursday</b> <b>Kazan</b> Moscow's team
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Meeting with guide. Transfer to the hotel. Dinner and accommodation.  
(Breakfast + Dinner)

**Day 16. Kazan. Friday.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Kazan's visit begins with a visit to the Kazan Kremlin, which dates to the Muslim period of the Golden Horde and Kazan kanato. It was conquered by Ivan El Terrible in 1552. Recognized as a UNESCO site since 2000, the Qul Shariff Mosque, the Suyumbike Tower and the Orthodox Church of the Annunciation are located here.



Lunch.

In the afternoon visit of the city which includes the visit to the school of Tahfiz for the blind followed by the tour of one of the oldest Mosque in this capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, Marjani Mosque, built by Catherine the Great in 1766- 1770 which has a medieval Tartar and Baroque provincial style architecture.

Dinner and accommodation.

(Breakfast + lunch + dinner)

**Day 17. Kazan-Moscow. Saturday.**

Breakfast at the hotel.

Airport transfer. Flight SU1269 (10.35).

Arrival in Moscow at 12:10 p.m. Meeting with guide. Lunch. Transfer to hotel and free time for shopping. Dinner and accommodation.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)



**Day 18. Moscow. Sunday.**

In the morning visit to the area **VDNKh** - "Exhibition of Achievements of the National Economy" - a neighbourhood very well-known where the museum **Spaceships** examples of Soviet rockets visit.

After **lunch** a relaxing **stroll along the Moscow River** - viewing panoramas known as the capital of Russia.

Accommodation.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 19. Moscow-St. Petersburg. Monday.**

*Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for those who do not go to St. Petersburg.*

And for others: After breakfast, we expect the trip on the train to St. Petersburg **SAPSAN**. Lunch in St. Petersburg. **Sightseeing tour** with stops on the famous Palace Square, Nevsky Prospect travelled by, visiting the core of the city - **fortress of Peter and Paul**.

After the **dinner, night tour** - is when all the historical center illumination lights and open bridges over the Neva river - to pass to navigation.

Accommodation.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 20. St. Petersburg. Tuesday.**

Today we visit the world 's third largest museum, The **Hermitage!** Its collections have more than 3 million works of art, the visit of the museum will give us the opportunity to see the jewels of the collections that Russian emperors bought in Europe.

After **lunch** we have free time.

Accommodation.



(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)

**Day 21. St. Petersburg. Wednesday.**

Today we went to the outskirts of St. Petersburg to **Peterhof** meet one of the imperial residences of the era of the Romanovs.

This residence is located on the shores of the Gulf of Finland and has more than 300 fountains. Many compare it to Versailles. We will visit the park and the Grand Palace of the Emperor Peter.

After **lunch** we will meet another famous residence - **Catherine Palace**, whose interior is the mysterious amber room.

They will hear the story of their loss and recovery. The park of the palace also presents a lot of interest for its landscape and beautiful lake.

Accommodation.

(Breakfast + Lunch + Dinner)



**Day 22. St. Petersburg. Thursdays.**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport.

(Breakfast)

Hotels:

- Hilton Moscow Leningradskaya Hotel 5 \* or similar
- St. Petersburg Hotel Corinthia 5 \* or similar
- Ulaanbaator Best Western Tushin 5 \* or similar
- Gobi Desert in ger cAMP
- Courtyard Marriott Irkutsk in Irkutsk 4 \* or similar
- Krasnoyarsk Oktyabrskaya Hotel 4 \* Similar
- Yekaterinburg Hotel Hyatt Regency 5 \* or similar
- Kazan Hilton Double Tree Kazan 4 \* or similar

The price includes:

- 3 nights' accommodation breakfast in Moscow
- 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast in Ulaanbaator
- 3 nights' accommodation with breakfast in ger camp in Gobi Desert
- 2 nights with breakfast in Irkutsk and Lake Baikal
- 1 night accommodation with breakfast in Krasnoyarsk
- 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast in Yekaterinburg
- 2 nights' accommodation with breakfast in Kazan
- 3 nights' accommodation with breakfast in St. Petersburg
- Flights and trains
- All lunch and dinner there in itinerary
- Admission tickets according to the itinerary
- GUIDELINES speaking English or Spain
- All transfers in A / C or minibus according to the itinerary
- FOC at SGL
- Accompany with representative of the company nor to GrandRus Tours

Price does not include:

- Trunks
- Storage of luggage or any other baggage service
- Tip
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary.

- **This offer is tentative.**
- **We have no reservations made for your group**
- **The schedule and order of the tours may change; however, the number of visits will remain the same**
- **The cost of transfers may vary depending on the time of your flight**
- **Drivers do not act like guides**
- **All tours are private, however if the client does not appear m s to 1-hour tour is considered cancelled by the client no returns, exchanges or n of the tour cost**