

# Grand Trans-Siberian Express 2021

Eastbound Moscow – Ulaanbaatar 13D/12N

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

Prices per person in EUR				
Category	Persons per cabin	Per person	Single Supplement Train + Hotel	Supplement High Season Tour 4A
Standard Economy	4	4.580	n/a	180
Standard Economy	3	5.580	n/a	
Standard Plus	2	6.790	3.270	
Deluxe Silver	2	10.970	6.520	
Deluxe Gold	2	13.170	7.720	

Services not included in the tour price	
- Flights to Moscow and from Ulaanbaatar - Visa Mongolia, Russia - Gratuities (EUR 150 / USD 180 tipping budget recommended)	
Payment conditions	Cancellation conditions
<b>Deposit</b> Category Standard Economy & Standard Plus = EUR 750 per person at the time of booking <b>Deposit</b> Category Silver & Deluxe Gold = EUR 1.500 per person at the time of booking <b>Balance</b> 60 days before departure	Up to 91 days before the tour = Deposit 90-61 days before the tour 25 % 60-31 days before the tour 50 % 30-15 days before the tour 75 % 14-01 days before the tour 90 % No Show 100%

Services included in the tour price
<b>Train:</b> 6 night's accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express in the category booked <b>Hotels:</b> 6 night's accommodation (1 x Moscow *****, 1 x Yekaterinburg ****, 1 x Novosibirsk ****, 1 x Irkutsk ****, 2 x Ulaanbaatar ****) <b>Meals:</b> Full board (12 x breakfast, 11 x lunch, 12 x dinner) <b>Local cuisine specialties:</b> e.g., Russian Vodka & Pierogi Tastings, Tea Ceremony, Mongolian Hot Pot <b>Sightseeing:</b> All sightseeing tours in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Ulan-Ude, Ulaanbaatar <b>Cultural events:</b> Private concerts and cultural events according tour itinerary <b>Transfers:</b> Arrival & Departure transfers airport-hotel or v.v. on day 1 and day 13 <b>Shower facilities:</b> Daily shower is guaranteed in all categories. Guests traveling in Deluxe Silver and Deluxe Gold have bathrooms with shower and toilet onboard the private train. Guests traveling in categories Standard Economy and Standard Plus have day rooms during the stopovers in Krasnoyarsk and Ulan-Ude. <b>Lectures on board:</b> Introduction to Russian culture, history, language, today's life. <b>Tour escorts:</b> English speaking tour guides throughout the tour (other languages on request) <b>Tour Director:</b> English speaking tour director throughout the tour

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Westbound Ulaanbaatar – Moscow 13D/12N

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1	SUN	23 MAY	13 JUN	25 JUL	15 AUG	05 SEP	Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar		Arrival			✓	Ulaanbaatar
2	MON	24 MAY	14 JUN		16 AUG		Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar		Terelj National Park, Naadam Show	✓	✓	✓	Ulaanbaatar
3	TUE	25 MAY	15 JUN		17 AUG		Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	1600 dep	City Sightseeing Tour & Ghandan Monastery	✓	✓	✓	Train
4	WED	26 MAY	16 JUN		18 AUG		Russia	Ulan-Ude	1600-2200	City Sightseeing Tour & Old Believers Village	✓	✓	✓	Train
5	THU	27 MAY	17 JUN		19 AUG		Russia	Lake Baikal	1400 arr	Excursion to Listvyanka village & along Baikal	✓	✓	✓	Irkutsk
6	FRI	28 MAY	18 JUN		20 AUG		Russia	Irkutsk	1800 dep	City Sightseeing Tour & Private Concert	✓	✓	✓	Train
7	SAT	29 MAY	19 JUN		21 AUG		Russia	Krasnoyarsk	0900-1800	City Sightseeing Tour & Yenissej River Cruise	✓	✓	✓	Train
8	SUN	30 MAY	20 JUN		22 AUG		Russia	Novosibirsk	0900-1600	City Sightseeing Tour & Open-Air Railway Museum	✓	✓	✓	Train
9	MON	31 MAY	21 JUN		23 AUG		Russia	Ekaterinburg	1200 arr	City Sightseeing Tour & Excursion to Ganina Yama	✓	✓	✓	Ekaterinburg
10	TUE	01 JUN	22 JUN	24 AUG	Russia	Ekaterinburg	0900 dep	Full day on the train	✓	✓	✓	Train		
11	WED	02 JUN	23 JUN	25 AUG	Russia	Moscow	1100 arr	Kremlin Grounds	✓	✓	✓	Moscow		
12	THU	03 JUN	24 JUN	26 AUG	Russia	Moscow		City Sightseeing Tour	✓	✓	✓	Moscow		
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## Mongolia - Russia (Westbound) 13D/12N

B = Breakfast  
L = Lunch  
D = Dinner

**Day 1 (Sunday) Ulaanbaatar D**  
Arrival in Ulaanbaatar. You will be met at Ulaanbaatar airport and transferred to your hotel.  
Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

**Day 2 (Monday) Ulaanbaatar B, L, D**  
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 B, L, D**  
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 onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 4 (Wednesday) Ulan Ude B, L, D**  
In the night you reach the Mongolian border station Sukhbaatar 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. 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 onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 5 (Thursday) Lake Baikal B, L, D**  
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 – with some luck - 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 fresh fish from 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 B, L, D**  
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 Mansion of historical background. In the evening you re-join the private train.  
Accommodation onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 7 (Saturday) Krasnoyarsk B, L, D**

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.

Accommodation onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 8 (Sunday) Novosibirsk B, L, D**

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. Worth to see is also the local food market which is famous all over Siberia for its wide range of products. In the afternoon, an excursion takes you out of the city into the Taiga. 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 onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 9 (Monday) Yekaterinburg B, L, D**

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 assemble 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 B, L, D**

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 onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 11 (Wednesday) Moscow B, L, D**

Today the almost 6300 km long journey from Ulaanbaatar to Moscow terminates. In the afternoon you visit the Red Square and the Kremlin grounds.

Accommodation in in Moscow.

**Day 12 (Thursday) Moscow B, L, D**

A full-day sightseeing tour shows you the all the many highlights of Moscow: the Bolshoi Theatre, the GUM department store, the Red Square, Moscow River, the Sparrow Hills, Novodevitchy Monastery (outside visit). 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 13 (Friday) Moscow B**

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

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**Day 1 (Saturday) Moscow D**  
Arrival in Moscow. You will be met at the Moscow airport and transferred to your hotel.  
Accommodation in Moscow.

**Day 2 (Sunday) Moscow B, L, D**  
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 (Monday) Full day on the train B, L, D**  
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 (Tuesday) Yekaterinburg B, L, D**  
Yekaterinburg – "Capital of the Ural Mountains". The city was founded in 1723 by Czar Peter I as the center of the 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 site where the Bolsheviks executed Czar Nicholas II and his family in 1918.  
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Accommodation onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 5 (Wednesday) Novosibirsk B, L, D**  
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 center 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 (Thursday) Novosibirsk B, L, D**  
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 in Russia, situated in the center of the city at Lenin Square. In the afternoon, an excursion takes you out of the town into the Taiga. 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. A boat tour on the River Ob shows you one of the mightiest rivers which are crossed by the Trans-Siberian Railway.  
Accommodation onboard the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

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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 typical Siberian lunch, you can taste fresh fish from 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.

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Orthodox "Old Believers" still practising their live like people did it centuries ago.

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.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

**Day 11 (Tuesday) Ulaanbaatar B, L, D**

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 Sukhabaatar 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 (Wednesday) Ulaanbaatar B, L, D**

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Accommodation in a \*\*\*\* hotel in Ulaanbaatar.

**Day 13 (Thursday) Ulaanbaatar B**

End of the tour. Transfer to the airport and departure.



**Welcome on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express!**

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