

GRAND TRANS SIBERIAN EXPRESS



The world longest train Journey

Ulaan-Baatar - Moscow

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

12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

*Please note that tour program changes are possible.



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Day 1 (Sunday) [Ulaanbaatar](#)

Arrival in Ulaan-Baator. Transfer to the hotel 4*.

Check-in and free time.

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 a 4* hotel in Ulaanbaatar.

Day 3 (Tuesday) [Ulaanbaator](#)

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 (dep at 4pm) you board your private train which will be your home for the trans-continental journey to Moscow.

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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.

At 16:00 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.

Departure at 22:00.

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Day 5 (Thursday) [Lake Baikal](#)

Arrival at 14:00

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.

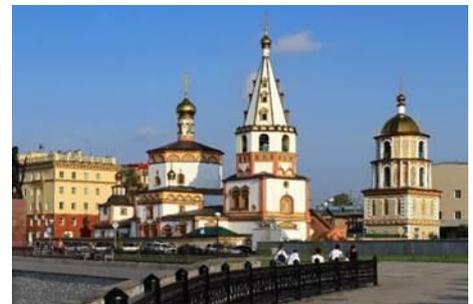
Accommodation in a 4* hotel in Irkutsk.

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 colorful 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 (dep. at 6 pm) you re-join the private train.

Departure at 18:00.

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Day 7 (Saturday) [Krasnoyarsk](#)

The train arrives in Krasnoyarsk at 09:00.

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.

Departure at 18:00.

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Day 8 (Sunday) [Novosibirsk](#)

Train arrives in Novosibirsk at 09:00.

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 center 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.

Departure at 16:00.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

Day 9 (Monday) [Yekaterinburg](#)

Today the train arrives in Yekaterinburg at 12:00, capital of the Ural Mountains.. 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 a 4* hotel in Yekaterinburg.



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Day 10 (Tuesday) [On Board](#)

Today you leave Yekaterinburg at 09:00 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](#)

Arrival in Moscow at 11:00.

Today the almost 5000 km long journey from Ulaan-Baatar to Moscow terminates. In the afternoon you visit the Red Square and the Kremlin grounds. The 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. 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 a 5* hotel in Moscow.



Day 12 (Thursday) [Moscow](#)

Airport transfers are provided to connect with your flight departing Moscow.



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

Deluxe Gold Cabin



Deluxe Gold sleeping cars offer the most spacious and comfortable type of accommodation on our private train. Deluxe 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.

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

Deluxe Silver Cabin



Deluxe Silver sleeping cars offer slightly smaller cabins than on Deluxe Gold cars. Deluxe Silver cabins have a private toilet, wash basin and “wet-room” style shower 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.

Deluxe Silver sleeping cars have only 6 cabins each and may be booked for double or single use.



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Standard Plus 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.

Standard Economy

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.



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