



Irkutsk

# Premium Trans-Siberian

## Tailor-made rail journey - 16 days/15 nights

Our Premium rail journeys are designed to provide you with a comprehensive program which includes stops at the most popular cities and sightseeing at all the major 'must see' sights - all with your own English speaking local guides. Also included are transfers throughout, centrally located hotels, and 2-berth rail compartments. This itinerary is a suggested one only, so if you would like something different we can tailor-make one to suit your needs. For examples of additional stopover options see page 44.

### Inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels
- 6 nights in 2-berth rail compartment
- Economy class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout (guide assistance in Vladivostok & Irkutsk)
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Vladivostok - City tour
- Irkutsk - City tour, Lake Baikal & Wooden Architecture Museum with lunch
- Moscow - City tour with St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin & Armoury Museum
- City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace & gardens or Catherine's Palace at Pushkin

### Your hotels

- ★★★ ■ Vladivostok - Primorye (*deluxe*)
- Irkutsk - Angara (*comfort*)
- Moscow - Budapest (*junior suite*)
- St. Petersburg - Golden Triangle (*superior*)
- ★★★★ ■ Vladivostok - Lotte
- Irkutsk - Courtyard Marriott
- Moscow - Peter 1
- St. Petersburg - Petro Palace

transferred to the railway station to catch your high-speed Sapsan train to St. Petersburg. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

### Day 14 St. Petersburg

This morning, your city tour introduces you to the major landmarks of this stunning northern city, including visits to Peter and Paul Fortress and the Church on Spilt Blood. This afternoon, your guide will take you on a private tour of the world famous Hermitage Museum. Its collections, of which only a small part is on permanent display, comprise over three million items. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

### Day 15 St. Petersburg

Today, visit Peterhof (Petrodvorets), one of the tsars' summer palaces commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles, or Catherine's Palace at Pushkin, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

### Day 16 St. Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast with your departure transfer. **B**

## Westbound itinerary

### Day 1 Vladivostok

Arrive Vladivostok where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Overnight Vladivostok.

### Day 2 Vladivostok

Morning city tour includes all the historic and cultural landmarks and view-points of this city, with the largest harbour in the Far East. Overnight Vladivostok. **B**

### Days 3-5 Vladivostok to Irkutsk

Evening transfer with guide assistance to the station for your departure to Irkutsk. The remainder of the day and next 3 nights you will be on board the train. Most long-distance Russian trains have a dining car with inexpensive meals, or you can purchase food before departure or from vendors at stations where the train makes limited stops. **B**

### Day 6 Irkutsk

Late afternoon arrival Irkutsk. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Irkutsk.

### Day 7 Irkutsk

Full day tour to Listvyanka and Lake Baikal including a visit to Lake Baikal Museum with its aquarium and seals and the Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture at Taltsy. You'll visit the local fish market in Listvyanka, enjoy a delicious lunch, take a cable car ride for panoramic views of the lake and visit St. Nicholas church, as well as the sacred place of the Buryat people. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

### Days 8-10 Irkutsk to Moscow

Morning city tour of Irkutsk, with your local guide. Irkutsk was founded in 1661 and is famous for its wooden houses dating from the 19th century, when it was a gold-mining town and home to the exiled Decembrists. You will see the Polish Roman Catholic Cathedral, Karl Marx Street and the monument to Alexander III. This afternoon you will be transferred with guide assistance to the railway station for your onward trip to Moscow. You'll travel through a number of large centres including Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg

and Kazan. Take the time to meet your fellow passengers and see the changing landscape unfold. 3 nights on board. **B**

### Day 11 Moscow

Afternoon arrival Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Overnight Moscow.

### Day 12 Moscow

Today's sightseeing includes a city tour of Moscow's major landmarks, including entrance to the iconic St. Basil's Cathedral - commissioned by Ivan the Terrible in 1522 to celebrate the capture of the Tatar city of Kazan. You then have a tour of the most spectacular stations of the Moscow Metro system. Overnight Moscow. **B**

### Day 13 Moscow to St. Petersburg

After breakfast, visit the Kremlin grounds, where you will enter a cathedral and visit the State Armoury Museum, with its unique collection of crown jewels, costumes, carriages, Fabergé eggs and more. This afternoon, you will be

## Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD, based on low season. Applicable 2019.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
★★★★	from 6566	POA
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## Important Information

■ Please refer to page 36.