



Mongolian horsemen

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Trans-Siberian/Mongolian Explorer

Tailor-made rail journey 28 days/27 nights

Can't choose between the Trans-Siberian or Trans-Mongolian? This combination offers you the best of both itineraries.

Inclusions

- 17 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels
- 2 nights in ger camp at Terelj with full board
- 8 nights in 2-berth rail compartment or 4-berth for twin use
- Economy class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout (guide assistance where specified)
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Vladivostok - City tour
- Ulan Ude - City tour
- Ulaanbaatar - City tour
- Terelj National Park - 3 day/2 night tour including Genghis Khan Statue
- Irkutsk - City tour, Lake Baikal, Listvyanka & Taltsy Open-air Museum
- Yekaterinburg - City tour including Church on the Blood and Monastery on Romanovs' secret grave site, Europe/Asia divide
- Kazan - City tour
- Moscow - City tour with visit to St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin, cathedral & Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - 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*)
- Ulan Ude - Sagan Morin
- Ulaanbaatar - Bayangol
- Irkutsk - Angara (*comfort*)
- Yekaterinburg - Chekhov
- Kazan - Ibis
- Moscow - Budapest (*junior suite*)
- St. Petersburg - Golden Triangle (*superior*)

- ★★★★
- Vladivostok - Lotte
- Ulan Ude - Sagan Morin
- Ulaanbaatar - Ramada
- Irkutsk - Courtyard Marriott
- Yekaterinburg - Park Inn Radisson
- Kazan - Shalyapin
- Moscow - Peter I
- St. Petersburg - Petro Palace

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted

Day 6 Ulan Ude

Afternoon arrival Ulan Ude. You will be met by your local guide and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Ulan Ude.

Day 7 Ulan Ude

Today, a city tour of Ulan Ude, known for its wooden merchants' houses, fashionable squares and the world's largest statue of Lenin's head. Overnight Ulan Ude. **B**

Day 8 Ulan Ude to Ulaanbaatar

Morning at leisure. This afternoon, you will be transferred to the station, with guide assistance to board your train to Ulaanbaatar. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 9 Ulaanbaatar

Early morning arrival Ulaanbaatar. You will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel. After breakfast, begin your city tour covering the major landmarks, including the National History Museum and Gandan Monastery. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **B**

Day 1 Vladivostok

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

Day 2 Vladivostok

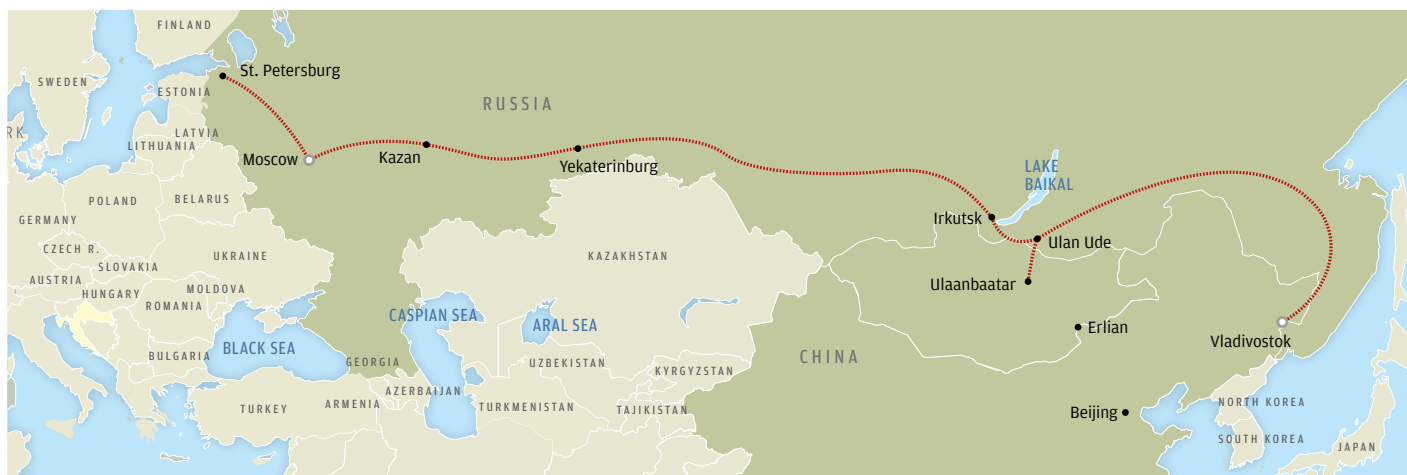
This morning, your city tour by car includes the major historic and cultural landmarks and view-points. Overnight Vladivostok. **B**

Days 3-5 Vladivostok to Ulan Ude

Day at leisure. Evening transfer with guide assistance to the railway station to board your train to Ulan Ude. 3 nights on board. **B**

Day 10 Terelj National Park

After breakfast, meet your guide and driver and travel 70 km to the Terelj





Kazan, Qolsharif Mosque

National Park, where you will spend two nights in a traditional ger. After lunch at the camp, you spend the afternoon walking in the surrounding hills. Dinner and overnight at the ger camp. **BLD**

Day 11 Terelj National Park

After breakfast, an excursion in the National Park to explore the surrounding hills with their fascinating rock formations and a visit to a local meditation centre. After lunch, visit a nomadic family to experience their lifestyle. You will have the opportunity to ride a horse or camel (not included). Overnight ger camp. **BLD**

Day 12 Terelj National Park to Ulaanbaatar & Irkutsk

This morning, you leave the ger camp and visit the spectacular Genghis Khan Statue complex, before returning to Ulaanbaatar, where you board your mid-afternoon train for Irkutsk. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 13 Irkutsk

Border crossing procedures will take place in the early hours of the morning, with a late afternoon arrival Irkutsk, where you will be met by your driver and guide and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 14 Irkutsk & Lake Baikal

Full day tour to Listvyanka and Lake Baikal. You will visit the Lake Baikal Museum and the Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture at Taltsy. Enjoy lunch at the local fish market and take a cable car ride for panoramic views of the lake. You will

also visit St. Nicholas Church and the sacred place of the Buryat people. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

Days 15-16 Irkutsk to Yekaterinburg

Morning city tour of Irkutsk with your local guide. Founded in 1661, Irkutsk is famous for its wooden houses dating from the 19th century when it was a gold-mining town and home to the exiled Decembrists. 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 Yekaterinburg. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 17 Yekaterinburg

Afternoon arrival Yekaterinburg. You will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Yekaterinburg.

Day 18 Yekaterinburg

Today's city tour includes the Church on the Blood, built to commemorate the site of the Romanovs' execution and the Monastery on the Romanovs' secret gravesite. You will also travel out of town to the monument where Europe and Asia meet. Overnight Yekaterinburg. **B**

Day 19 Yekaterinburg to Kazan

This morning, you will be transferred to the railway station with guide assistance, to board your train to Kazan, arriving in the evening. You will be met by your guide and driver and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Kazan. **B**

Day 20 Kazan to Moscow

This morning, you have a city tour of Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan, with over 50 percent of its population descended from Central Asian tribes. Afternoon free and an evening departure for Moscow. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 21 Arrival Moscow

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

Day 22 Moscow

Today's sightseeing includes a city tour with entrance to St. Basil's Cathedral, then a tour of some of the most spectacular stations of the Moscow Metro. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 23 Moscow

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. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 24 Moscow to St. Petersburg

This afternoon, you will be 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 25 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. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 26 St. Petersburg

This morning, you visit the magnificent Hermitage Museum, housing one of the largest collections of Western European Art in the world. Once your guided tour has finished, you may stay on to further explore the museum at your own pace. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 27 St. Petersburg

Today you may choose from two out-of-town excursions – Peterhof Palace and gardens on the Gulf of Finland, or the Baroque Catherine's Palace in the town of Pushkin, with its famous Amber Room. Over 100 kilograms of gold were used to gild the stucco façade. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 28 St. Petersburg

Tour services end today with your transfer to the airport or railway station. **B**

Tour prices & departures

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

Departures		Twn	Sgl
★ ★ ★	from	10490	POA
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Important Information

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Ulaanbaatar, Winter Palace



Lake Baikal