



Gobi Desert, Folk show

# Grand Trans-Siberian Express

## First class tour by private train

This tour may be booked eastbound or westbound, travelling through Russia, Mongolia and China. It offers a combination of hotel and rail accommodation. You spend 6 overnights on your private train in a choice of 4 different categories and 8 overnights in 4 and 5-star hotels, with daily sightseeing and a guaranteed daily shower for travellers of all categories. There is a restaurant on board and a lounge with a resident pianist in the evenings. This itinerary features a flight from Ulaanbaatar to Beijing to avoid the necessity of obtaining a Chinese visa (conditions apply); or you may join a local Mongolian train for the 30-hr journey, if you prefer. Only categories Standard Economy and Standard Plus are available on this rail sector.

### On board accommodation

#### Standard Economy

Standard Economy compartments are 4m<sup>2</sup> with centrally-controlled air conditioning and two lower and two upper beds (0.65 by 1.85 metres). Toilets and wash basins are located at both ends of each Standard Economy carriage. Each carriage has 9 compartments. Standard Economy compartments may only be booked for quadruple use. Hotel accommodation is in two twin rooms.

#### Standard Plus

Standard Plus compartments are 4m<sup>2</sup> with centrally-controlled air conditioning and have two lower and two upper beds (0.65 by 1.85 metres). The lower beds are used for sleeping. Upper beds can be used for storage or folded away. Toilets and wash basins are located at both ends of the carriage. Each carriage has 9 compartments. Standard Plus compartments may be reserved for twin or single use.

#### Deluxe Silver

Deluxe Silver compartments are larger than Standard Economy and Standard Plus compartments at 5.4m<sup>2</sup> with individually controlled air conditioning (when train is moving), private toilet, wash basin and 'wet-style' shower. The upper bed is 0.8 by 1.85 metres and the lower bed 1.10 by 1.85 metres. There is an armchair and small wardrobe. Each carriage has 6 compartments.

#### Deluxe Gold

Deluxe Gold offers the most comfortable accommodation on the train at 7m<sup>2</sup>. The compartments feature individually controlled air conditioning (when train is moving), a private toilet, wash basin and spacious shower compartment. The upper bed is 0.8 by 1.85 metres and the lower bed 1.20 by 1.85 metres. There is a table at the window, small armchair and wardrobe. Each carriage has 5 compartments.



Standard Economy



Standard Plus



Deluxe Silver



Deluxe Gold





Lake Baikal

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## First class tour by private train - 15 days/14 nights

### Inclusions

- 6 nights on board Grand Trans-Siberian Express private train
- 1 night Moscow, 1 night Yekaterinburg, 1 night Novosibirsk, 1 night Irkutsk, 2 nights Ulaanbaatar, 2 nights Beijing in 4 and 5-star hotels
- All meals, with complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water
- Arrival/departure transfers on days 1 and 15
- Tour Manager
- Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in **English**
- Economy class flight Ulaanbaatar-Beijing
- Doctor on board

### Eastbound itinerary

#### Day 1 Moscow

Arrive Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Moscow. **D**

#### Day 2 Moscow

City tour and Kremlin grounds. Late afternoon transfer to your private train for dinner and the beginning of your epic journey. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 3 On board & Yekaterinburg

Today is spent on board, travelling through endless scenery of forests, lakes and small settlements, followed by the Ural Mountains. Evening arrival

Yekaterinburg, the 'Capital of the Urals', where you transfer to your hotel for overnight. **BLD**

#### Day 4 Yekaterinburg

Morning city tour including the Church on the Blood which was erected on the site where Tsar Nicholas II and his family were executed. Afternoon excursion into the forest to Ganina Yama - an assembly of small chapels to honour the family members who were buried there. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 5 Novosibirsk

Full day on board. Late afternoon arrival and transfer to your hotel in Novosibirsk, Siberia's largest city, for overnight. **BLD**

#### Day 6 Novosibirsk

Morning city tour, including a visit to the famous Opera House. Afternoon drive to the Taiga - the real Siberian forest - for a visit to Russia's largest open-air railway museum. After a cruise on the River Ob, re-join your train for overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 7 Krasnoyarsk

During Soviet times Krasnoyarsk, like Yekaterinburg and Ulan Ude, was a 'closed city' to both foreigners and locals. Your city tour covers the major landmarks. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 8 Irkutsk

Morning arrival Irkutsk for a sightseeing tour of the city with its beautiful wooden houses. You'll attend a private classical concert in the Volkonsky House Museum. Overnight Irkutsk hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 9 Lake Baikal

After breakfast, travel by bus to Lake Baikal for a walk through the village of Listvyanka, followed by a Siberian lunch which includes the famous Omul fish, only found in Lake Baikal. After lunch, take a short boat trip to Port Baikal where your private train awaits you. Your train travels

at low speed along the Circumbaikal Railway line between Port Baikal and Sludyanka. A photo stop at a local village and a Baikal barbeque follow. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 10 Ulan Ude

Ulan Ude is the capital of the Buryat Republic and a fascinating mix of east and west. Your sightseeing includes a visit to a village of Orthodox Old Believers. This evening, you reach the Russian border station Naushki and the Mongolian border station Sukhbaatar. Russian and Mongolian immigration formalities will take place on the train. You may stay in your compartment. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 11 Ulaanbaatar

Morning arrival Ulaanbaatar. Your city tour includes a visit to the Gandan Monastery and Bogd Khan Museum. A fascinating cultural show of Mongolian music and dance follows. Overnight Ulaanbaatar hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 12 Ulaanbaatar

Today you travel to the Terelj National Park with its beautiful mountainous scenery. A private Naadam show demonstrates wrestling, archery and horseracing - the three disciplines of the National Naadam festival. Overnight Ulaanbaatar hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 13 Ulaanbaatar & Beijing

Morning visit to the Historical Museum with afternoon visit to a cashmere factory. Evening 2-hour flight to Beijing, Overnight Beijing hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 14 Beijing

Morning trip to the Great Wall of China, with an afternoon visit to the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square. Overnight Beijing Hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 15 Beijing

Your rail tour ends today after breakfast with a transfer to the airport. **B**

### Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable May-Sep 2019.

Departures	Standard Economy		Standard Plus		Deluxe Silver		Deluxe Gold	
	Quad	Sgl	Tw'n	Sgl	Tw'n	Sgl	Tw'n	Sgl
<b>Eastbound: Moscow-Beijing</b>								
18 May, 8 Jun	7915	n/a	11508	16034	18424	28288	22153	33881
29 Jun, 31 Aug	8186	n/a	11780	16305	18695	28559	22424	34153
20 Jul, 10 Aug	8322	n/a	11915	16441	18831	28695	22559	34288
<b>Westbound: Beijing-Moscow (14 days/13 nights)</b>								
24 May, 14 Jun	7746	n/a	11169	15508	18085	27763	21814	32288
5 Jul, 6 Sep	8017	n/a	11441	15780	18356	28034	22085	32559
26 Jul, 16 Aug	8153	n/a	11576	15915	18492	28169	22220	32695