



Ulaanbaatar, Naadam Festival

Premium Trans-Mongolian

Tailor-made rail journey - 18 days/17 nights

Our premium program offers accommodation in central hotels, 2-berth rail compartments and comprehensive sightseeing at all your stopover points with your own English speaking local guide. This popular itinerary is tailor-made by us so is totally flexible. If you would like extra stopover points, longer stays, alternative accommodation or more sightseeing, just ask us and we'll create an itinerary just for you - we have been doing this for 33 years. For examples of additional stopover options see page 40.

Inclusions

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels
- 2 nights in Mongolian ger with full board
- 5 nights in 2-berth rail compartment
- Arrival/departure transfers throughout by private car with guide assistance
- Business class high speed Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Beijing - Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace tour
- Ulaanbaatar - City tour
- Terej National Park 3 day/2 night tour including Genghis Khan statue
- Irkutsk - City tour, Lake Baikal & Wooden Architecture Museum with lunch
- Moscow - City tour with St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin & 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

- **Terej National Park** - ger camp
★★★★★
- **Beijing** - Howard Johnson Paragon
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Bayangol
- **Irkutsk** - Angara (*business*)
- **Moscow** - Budapest (*junior suite*)
- **St. Petersburg** - Golden Triangle (*superior*)
★★★★★
- **Beijing** - Howard Johnson Paragon
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Ramada
- **Irkutsk** - Courtyard Marriot
- **Moscow** - Peter I
- **St. Petersburg** - Petro Palace

Westbound itinerary

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing and be transferred by car and guide to your hotel. Overnight Beijing.

Day 2 Beijing

Full day tour of the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and Summer Palace. Overnight Beijing. **B**

Day 3 Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

You will be transferred, with guide assistance, to the station for your morning departure to Ulaanbaatar. Border formalities for entry to Mongolia will be finalised on the train in the early hours of the following morning. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 4 Ulaanbaatar

Arrive early afternoon, meet our local representative and enjoy a city tour before being transferred by car to your hotel. Overnight Ulaanbaatar.

Day 5 Terej National Park

After breakfast, meet your guide and driver and travel 70 km to the Terej National Park, where you will spend two nights in a ger. After lunch at the camp, you spend the afternoon walking in the surrounding hills. Dinner and overnight at ger camp. **BLD**

Day 6 Terej National Park

This morning, you explore the surrounding hills with fascinating rock formations and visit a local meditation centre. After lunch, visit a nomadic family. You will have the opportunity to ride a horse or camel (additional cost). Overnight ger camp. **BLD**

Day 7 Terej to Ulaanbaatar & Irkutsk

After breakfast, return via the Genghis Khan statue to Ulaanbaatar for free time to shop and explore before transferring to the station for your mid-afternoon departure to Irkutsk. You complete border formalities in the early hours of the morning and cross into Russia. **B**

Day 8 Ulaanbaatar & Irkutsk

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

Day 9 Irkutsk to Moscow

Full day tour to Listvyanka, Lake Baikal and the Museum of Lake Baikal. Enjoy lunch at the fish market at Listvyanka, visit the Museum of Wooden Architecture and visit St. Nicholas church. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

Days 10-12 Irkutsk to Moscow

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 home to the exiled Decembrists. This afternoon you will be transferred with guide assistance, to the railway station for your onward trip to Moscow. Travel through some large centres including Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and Kazan. Meet your fellow passengers and see the changing landscape. The train also

has a dining car with traditional dishes at reasonable prices. 3 nights on board. **B**

Day 13 Moscow

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

Day 14 Moscow to St. Petersburg

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

Day 15 St. Petersburg

After breakfast, visit the Kremlin grounds, a cathedral and the State Armoury Museum, with its collection of crown jewels, costumes, carriages and Fabergé eggs. 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 hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 16 St. Petersburg

Your morning 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 famous Hermitage Museum. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 17 St. Petersburg

After breakfast, travel to the Gulf of Finland to visit Peterhof Palace and Gardens, commissioned by Peter the Great as a summer palace to rival Versailles. In summer months its attractions are cascading fountains and golden statues. In winter, visit Catherine's Palace at Pushkin, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 18 St. Petersburg

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

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD, based on low season. Applicable 2020.

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★★★★★	from	7627	POA
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