



# Experience Grand Trans-Siberian

Leaving from Moscow to Beijing

Along the way

Moscow  
Ekaterinburg  
Novosibirsk  
Krasnoyarsk  
Irkutsk  
Lake Baikal  
Ulan-Uday  
Ulaanbaatar  
Beijing

Experience the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway and the Trans-Mongolian Railway on board a private charter train. Grand Trans-Siberian offers a choice of 4 accommodation categories from Economy to Deluxe as well as a restaurant, a bar and a conference area for lectures. Our rail cruises offer you the possibility to experience remote areas of the world like Siberia, Lake Baikal and Mongolia and at the same time enjoy the comfort which is possible only on board a private charter train.

## Highlights of the tour

- Moscow:** City tour including the Kremlin grounds
- Ekaterinburg:** City tour including Cathedral-on-the-blood
- Novosibirsk:** City tour includes a visit to the largest Opera House in Russia
- Krasnoyarsk:** City tour and Yenissej River Cruise
- Irkutsk:** City tour and Private Classical Concert in the wooden house of former Duke Volkonsky
- Lake Baikal:** Excursion to Listvyanka Village and boat ride on Lake Baikal
- Ulan Uday:** City tour (a former "closed city" during Soviet times)
- Ulaanbaatar:** City tour, cultural show, excursion to Terelj National Park and "Mini Naadam" show
- Beijing:** Excursions include; Imperial Palace, Temple of Heaven, Great Wall, Ming Tombs, Peking Duck Dinner

## Highlights of the train

- A choice of 4 different categories of sleeping accommodation from Economy to Deluxe
- Possibility of guaranteed double and single accommodation throughout the tour
- All sleeping cars are newly built or reconstructed after 2006, equipped with modern vacuum toilets
- Modern Deluxe Silver and Deluxe Gold sleeping cars with private lavatory, toilet and shower en suite
- Beautifully decorated restaurant cars
- A cosy bar with live piano music in the evening
- Conference area for lectures and on board entertainment
- Daily shower guaranteed for travellers in all categories

## In the know.....

The word "Kremlin" isn't Russian – it's from a medieval Tartar word meaning "fortress".

The Urals, forming a 1,500 km border between Europe and Asia.

Siberia lies entirely in Asia, and its native peoples are Asiatic it was the Russians who came as settlers. There are over 30 native Asiatic languages still spoken in Siberia to this day.

Lake Baikal is the world's largest, and has more statistics than any other lake.

Genghis Khan's name is correctly spelt "Chinghiskhan", although his name at birth was Temujin.

Chinese cuisine varies enormously from region to region, and it's really truer to say that there are many different cuisines in China.



## Life on board



The most popular car of the train is open to all passengers until late. Come, sit down, enjoy the scenery passing at the window and relax while having a drink and listening to the piano entertainment after dinner.



There are restaurant cars on the train which serve breakfast, lunch and dinner as part of the full board service to all guests of the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.



In the conference area lectures will be held about history, geography, economy and daily life of the regions visited. Films about Russia, Mongolia and China, discussions with your local tour guides will be on offer in the conference area.

## Visa Requirements

Most visitors to Russia, Mongolia and China require visas. These must be obtained prior to departure. Please check your nationalities visa requirements in advance of your planned travel dates.

Visa processing times for these countries can be up to;

Russia	10 Working Days
Mongolia	06 Working Days
China	07 Working Days

However fast track processing is possible. Due to the support documents required by the Embassy of Russia (which we obtain), you will need to book your trip before starting to obtain visas.

For full information regarding visas, please refer to our web site.

## Hints and Tips

Photocopy your passport including the visas issued pages, airline tickets and insurance policies.

Your passport must be valid for at least six months past the end of your travel dates.

Complementary tea and coffee is provided in your cabin.

Clean towels and bed linen are provided every 3rd day.

## Climate and time – Average minimum/maximum Temperatures

	May	June	July	August
Moscow	8-18°C	13-22°C	14-23°C	13-21°C
Ekaterinburg	6-16°C	11-23°C	13-24°C	10-20°C
Novosibirsk	9-21°C	12-22°C	11-21°C	9-20°C
Krasnoyarsk	9-21°C	12-22°C	11-21°C	9-20°C
Irkutsk/Lake Baikal	9-22°C	11-23°C	12-24°C	9-21°C
Ulan-Uday	8-22°C	12-26°C	11-25°C	8-22°C
Ulaanbaatar	3-17°C	9-21°C	11-25°C	10-23°C
Beijing	13-26°C	18-30°C	22-31°C	20-30°C

## Travellers Checklist

Casual clothing is usually worn on the train, including at mealtimes. Sturdy, comfortable shoes for the excursions. During boat rides, a light jacket or sweater is advisable. (also for restaurants with strong air-conditioning). And those brave enough to take a dip in Lake Baikal shouldn't forget to bring along their swimsuits. Also, remember to bring something to cover your head to protect against the sun and to wear in Orthodox churches.

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Itinerary – 16 days

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## DAY 01

“S Priezdom! Welcome to Moscow!” Your tour guide will welcome you at the airport and accompany you to the hotel. There will be time to relax before this evening’s dinner. Accommodation in a **4★ hotel**.

Dinner

## DAY 02

A full day sightseeing tour which includes the magnificent Red Square, and the grounds of the world famous Kremlin. This evening transfer to the Railway station. Your private train the “Grand Trans-Siberian Express” is waiting for you to board. The first leg of the almost 8000 miles long journey to Beijing is about to commence. Welcome dinner and accommodation on-board the **Grand Trans-Siberian Express**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 03

Today you enjoy a typical day on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Your private train passes through endless scenery of forests, lakes and small settlements, followed by the Ural Mountains. A day to relax, watch the landscape and listen to lectures about Russia and its people. Evening arrival in Ekaterinburg, the “Capital of the Ural Mountains”. Accommodation in a **4★ hotel**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 04

Ekaterinburg was founded in 1723 by Czar Peter I as the centre of metallurgical industry. By the 20th century it had become one of the largest and the most important financial, industrial and cultural centres of Russia. Ekaterinburg is located at the geographical border defined by scientists between Europe and Asia. This morning a sightseeing tour shows you the city centre and you visit The “Cathedral on The Blood” which was built where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918. This afternoon an excursion into the Ural forests takes you to Ganina Yama, which today is considered by Russians as a “holy place”. It is an ensemble of small wooden chapels which were erected in the 1990’s to honour the last Czar’s family of the Romanov dynasty who were then buried in Ganina Yama. Accommodation on board the **Grand Trans-Siberian Express**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 05

Almost a full day of relaxation and lectures on the train, today you are passing through the plains of Western Siberia and reach Novosibirsk late afternoon. With 1,5 million inhabitants Russia’s third largest city and the biggest of Siberia, it is widely regarded as the centre of Siberia. It was founded in 1893 as the future site of the Trans-Siberian railway bridge crossing the Siberian River Ob.

Accommodation in a **4★ hotel**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 06

This morning a city sightseeing tour shows you some remarkable orthodox churches which have survived the Soviet period. You will have an interior visit of the famous Opera House which is the largest of Russia, situated in the centre of the city at Lenin Square. This 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.

Accommodation on board the **Grand Trans-Siberian Express**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 07

Krasnoyarsk, like Ekaterinburg and Ulan-Uday were “closed cities” 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.

Accommodation on board the **Grand Trans-Siberian Express**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 08

Irkutsk is famous for its trade with Mongolia and China and used to be called “Paris of Siberia” because of its colourful life style during the time of the Tsars. You visit the old town with its large quarters still consisting of only wooden houses. This afternoon a cultural highlight of the tour; a private classical concert in a palace of historical background. This evening you re-join the private train. Accommodation in a **4★ hotel**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 09

Today one of the top highlights of the tour Lake Baikal. The lake holds the largest 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 world’s deepest lake, reaching 1.620 meters at its deepest part. The mountain ranges around Lake Baikal and the deep blue water of the lake, create remarkable memories that last a lifetime. This 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. This afternoon a boat takes you on a short cruise from Port Baikal to the small village of Listvyanka. A guided walk through the village shows you to St Nicholas church, a typical orthodox wooden build church beautiful renovated in the 1990’s. A great Siberian lunch in a restaurant on the shore of the lake where you can taste the famous Omul fish which can be found only in Lake Baikal. This evening a one hour bus drive takes you from the Lake Baikal to Irkutsk city. Accommodation on board the **Grand Trans-Siberian Express**.

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Ulan Uday is the capital of the “Buryat Autonomous Republic” of the Russian Federation. Buryats are an ethnic group close to Mongolians with an amazing mix of cultures. Ulan Uday 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 “Ivolginsky Datsan”, the largest Buddhist Monastery in Russia. When leaving Ulan Uday, the Grand Trans-Siberian Express switches from the Trans-Siberian mainline to the Trans Mongolian mainline on its way to Ulaanbaatar. The train reaches the Russian border station Naushki and the Mongolian border station Sucheabaatar. Russian and Mongolian immigration formalities will take place in the train. You may stay in your compartment and don't have to leave the train. Accommodation on board the [Grand Trans-Siberian Express](#).  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### DAY 11

This morning the Grand Trans-Siberian Express arrives in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. During a sightseeing tour you will visit the famous Ghandan Monastery, the central Sukhabaatar Square, the Bogd Khan Museum 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. An amazing cultural music and dance show will introduce Mongolian folk music and culture to you. Accommodation in a [4★ hotel](#).  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### DAY 12

Today an unforgettable 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. 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. Accommodation in a [4★ hotel](#).  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

**Option 1** is designed for those looking for more comfort and sightseeing opportunities. You stay another day in Ulaanbaatar and take a 2 hour flight to Beijing, giving you additional sightseeing time in both cities. Also, the flight option allows passport holders of more than 40 countries to visit Beijing visa free up to 72 hours (up to 3 nights).

### DAY 13 # option 1

Another day for discovering the Mongolian capital city Ulaanbaatar! Today you visit the Historical Museum which explains the long history of the Mongolians from Genghis Khan's times until today. This afternoon you have time at leisure and if you wish, you can visit a cashmere factory and see how the famous cashmere clothes are designed and produced. This evening a 2 hour flight takes you from Ulaanbaatar to Beijing, the Chinese capital. Accommodation in a [4★ hotel](#).  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### DAY 14 # option 1

This morning you visit the Temple of Heaven and this afternoon the Imperial Palace (“Forbidden City”) and the huge Tian An Men Square. Accommodation in a [4★ hotel](#).  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### DAY 15 # option 1

Today you visit the Great Wall of China, which often is called “8th wonder of the world”. The Great Wall stretches from East to West. This afternoon you will visit the Ming Tombs and the Olympic Park where there will be a photo stop at the Olympic stadium, known as “Bird's Nest”. A welcome dinner will be held in one of the famous Beijing duck restaurants. Accommodation in a [4★ hotel](#).  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

### DAY 16 # option 1

Airport transfers are provided by our service team to connect with your flight departing Beijing.  
**Breakfast**

**Option 2** Designed for those who wish to travel by train throughout from Moscow to Beijing. Between Ulaanbaatar and Beijing you travel on chartered cars of a regular Chinese build train. Only categories Standard Economy and Standard Plus are available on this section. This train crosses the Gobi Desert during day time and is air conditioned. If you take this option it requires obtaining an entry visa to China in advance from your country of residence.

### DAY 13 # option 2

This morning depart Ulaanbaatar for a 30 hour journey on chartered standard cars attached to a regular train from Ulaanbaatar to Beijing. This afternoon the train reaches the plains of Gobi Desert which is not a sand desert but a stone desert in this area of Mongolia. Temperatures can reach 35-40°C here in Summer time. This evening the train arrives at the Mongolian-Chinese border, where there bogies of the train are changed from Russian 1520 mm to Chinese 1435 mm bogies. Accommodation on board [Grand Trans-Siberian Express](#)  
**Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**

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Lunch time arrival in Beijing. This afternoon you visit the Imperial Palace (“Forbidden City”) and the huge Tian An Men Square. Accommodation in a [4★ hotel](#).  
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**Breakfast**

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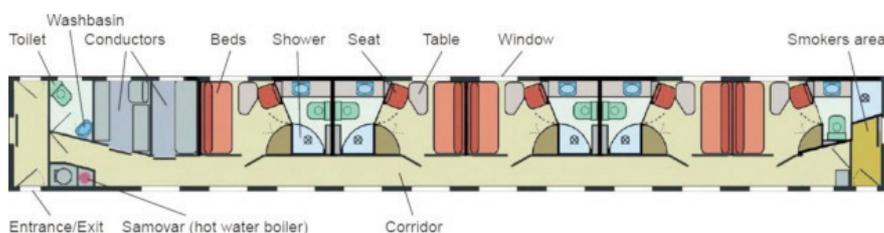
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## Deluxe Gold

**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.

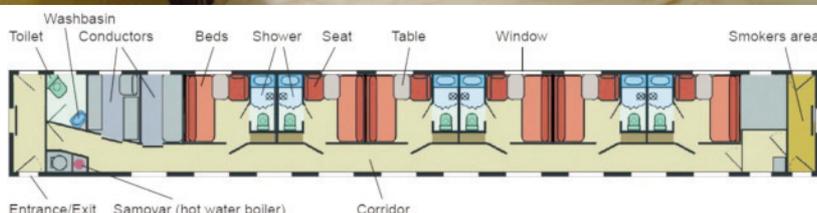


### Deluxe Gold cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 3,50 m = 7,0 sqm

Lower bed 120 x 185 cm

Upper bed 80 x 185 cm



## Deluxe Silver

**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.

### Deluxe Silver cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 2,70 m = 5,4 sqm

Lower bed 110 x 185 cm

Upper bed 80 x 185 cm

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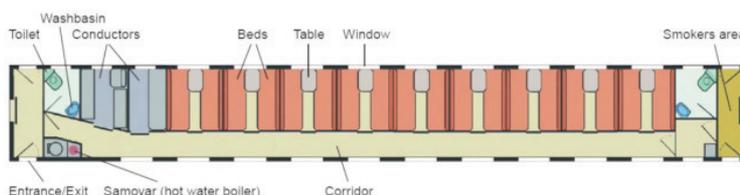
## Standard Plus

**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 Plus cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 2,00 m = 4,0 sqm

Beds 65 x 185 cm



**Daily shower facilities are guaranteed for guests staying in standard plus and standard economy cabins.**

When travelling eastbound (Moscow – Beijing) Shower facilities are available in Moscow, Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Irkutsk, Ulaanbaatar and Beijing in your hotel rooms where you stay overnight. In addition to that hotel day rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Krasnoyarsk and Ulan-Uday (one day room per cabin). Therefore on this journey you have guaranteed access to showers in your hotel room every day during the entire journey.

## Standard Economy

**Standard Economy** cabins, the budget way of travelling

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 4 passengers travelling together. In the hotels the 4 passengers will be allocated 2 double rooms.

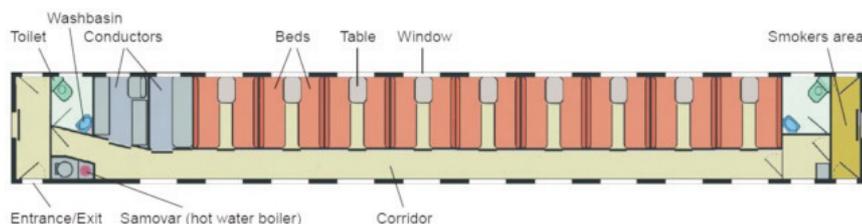


### Standard Economy cabin dimensions:

Cabin 2,00 x 2,00 m = 4,0 sqm

Lower beds 65 x 185 cm

Upper beds 65 x 185 cm



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