

# Trans-Siberian Experience



2010

*The Russia Experience*





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# The world's longest lunch



Russia has actively negotiated and financed the rebuilding of the railway between North and South Korea. The plan is to reopen the Vladivostok-Pyongyang section (currently suspended) and offer a direct freight route from Seoul to Moscow. This may later be expanded to carry passenger traffic too.

Around 30 per cent of Russian exports travel on the line.

Rudolf Nureyev was born on the Trans-Siberian near Irkutsk in Siberia, while his mother Farida was travelling to Vladivostok, where his father Hamat, a Red Army political commissar was stationed.

The Trans-Siberian is longer than the Great Wall of China and US Route 66

The original Trans-Siberian railway was built from Moscow to Vladivostok on the orders of Tsar Alexander III.

At 9,216 km (Moscow-Vladivostok) it is the longest direct rail route in the world, and entirely within Russia. The Moscow-Beijing route is shorter, at 9001 km.

The route to Vladivostok was built between 1891 and 1916. The "first rivet" was ceremonially hammered home by the future Nicholas II, the last Tsar. Under communist rule he would later be placed under House Arrest as a prisoner on board the Trans-Siberian.

The train carries about 20,000 containers per year to Europe.







# Starting Your Trans-Sib Trip in St. Petersburg...



Russia's "alternative capital" is a bizarre fairyland concoction of *rococo* palaces, opulent cathedrals, stately boulevards, and Dutch-style canals, surreally moored on Russia's Baltic Coast as though somehow out of time and place.

With the entire cultural legacy of Imperial Russia on your doorstep, the difficulty will be what to include on a "don't-miss" list.

Will it be the Winter Palace – not only the city residence of the Tsars but home to the Hermitage Collection? Or the unrivalled displays in the Russian Museum? How could you skip the Peter & Paul Fortress - the city's original bastion - or the unrivalled views from St Isaac's Cathedral.

Then there's The Cathedral On The Spilt Blood – commemorating the spot where Alexander II was assassinated? You will have remembered to visit the Yusupov Palace, whose owners were richer than the Tsars...and who decided one evening to bump-off Rasputin? Meanwhile you will have picked up your tickets for the ballet or a concert in a former 18th century palace?



Russian Vodka

All of our trips have the option of starting in St Petersburg or ending there, depending on which city you commence your Trans Siberian journey in. Each trip is listed on our web site [www.trans-siberian.co.uk](http://www.trans-siberian.co.uk), where you can find prices and start dates.

## The trip:

- 1 "S Priezdom! Welcome to St. Petersburg!" Our driver will be there to meet you from whichever flight, train or boat you arrive. You'll then be transferred to your hotel.
- 2 After breakfast one of our local expert staff will meet you at the hotel to take you on a three hour walking tour round the highlights – you'll use public transport around the centre to avoid the traffic jams and get the hang of the system for when you come to use it independently. Your walk ends in the city centre around lunchtime. If you haven't pre-booked any of our range of city excursions the rest of the day is your own to explore further.
- 3 You'll need to check out of your room by 12 noon today but the hotel offers a Left Luggage service. Your day is free until your evening departure to Moscow. Reception can book you a taxi to the station. Some of our top suggestions  
The Hermitage Collection - Winter Palace.  
"The canals and waterways of the "Northern Venice". The Russian Museum of Fine Art.  
The Peter & Paul Fortress-and the Tombs of the Tsars inside the Fortress Cathedral.  
The Church on the Spilt Blood, nearby the Souvenir Bazaar.
- 4 Arrival in Moscow early morning.

For trips that start or end in St. Petersburg please see our website [www.trans-siberian.co.uk/trans-siberian.html](http://www.trans-siberian.co.uk/trans-siberian.html)



The Hermitage



Triumphal Column in Palace Square



# Epic Trans-Sib

If there are two don't-miss things to do between Moscow and Beijing, they are almost certainly Siberia's Lake Baikal, and a visit to Mongolia. Although some people might prefer a "little taster" of more destinations, this trip is for people who want to direct their attention and energy at these two star attractions.

Apart from those two endlessly fascinating cities, this is a trip spanning thousands of kilometres and numerous time zones. You will visit Irkutsk - gateway city to Lake Baikal, the largest in the world - imagine a national park that stretched from London to Edinburgh?

And no less enormous are the distances in Mongolia's Gobi Desert, whose lifestyle and ecosystem you'll share with native herders. At the far end of this expanse is the Imperial sumptuousness of Beijing and thousands of years of Chinese cultural heritage.

This is a trip that's 100% main-course, with no starters or desserts to divert your attention or appetite! It isn't called "the epic" for nothing!



Mini Trek



Traditional Mongolian Ger

Trip price:			
Epic Trans-Sib 18 days full on	1 person	2 people	3+ people
Epic Trans-Sib 19 days full on	£2,499	£1,799pp	£1,710pp
	£2,584	£1,855pp	£1,763pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	1 person	2 people	3-9 people
	£560	£560pp	£560pp

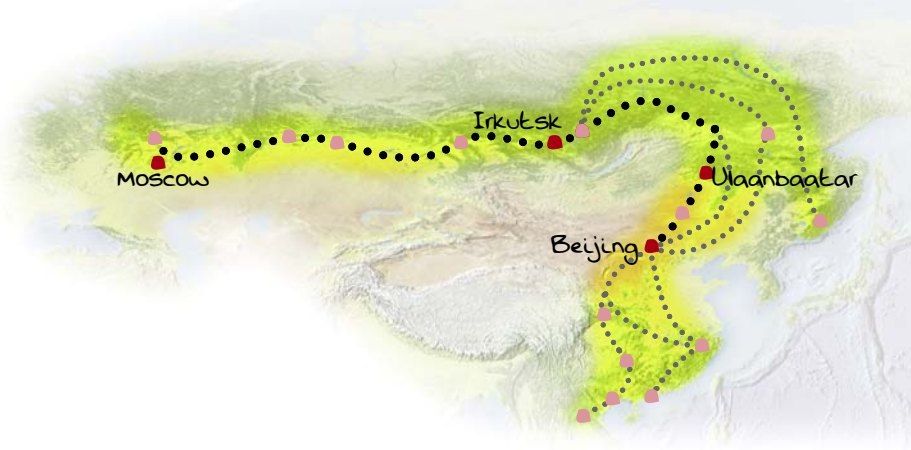
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The trip:

- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
- 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, evening transfer to station
- 4 Through the Urals aboard the Trans-Sib
- 5 On board into Siberia, crossing the River Ob at Novosibirsk
- 6 On board - across central Siberia and crossing the Yenisei
- 7-9 Arrive Irkutsk, CHOOSE EITHER: Siberian Village with excursion options OR Adventure Trek (camping)
- 10 Return to Irkutsk, free time to explore, then eve depart by train
- 11 On board, around Lake Baikal then southwards to Mongolia
- 12 Ulaanbaatar city walk, depart to Bayan Gobi, nomad stay
- 13 Onwards to Karakorum site, overnight stay with nomads
- 14 Sightseeing in Bayan Gobi, arrive to Elstei Ger Lodge
- 15 Free day at Elstei for walking, optional riding, or just relaxing
- 16 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free time to explore, and overnight
- 17 Depart to Beijing by train, midnight border crossing
- 18 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

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Lake Baikal





# Mammoth Trans-Sib



There is a land of wonders between the two great former Imperial capitals of Moscow and Beijing. Taking the Trans-Sib puts them within your grasp.

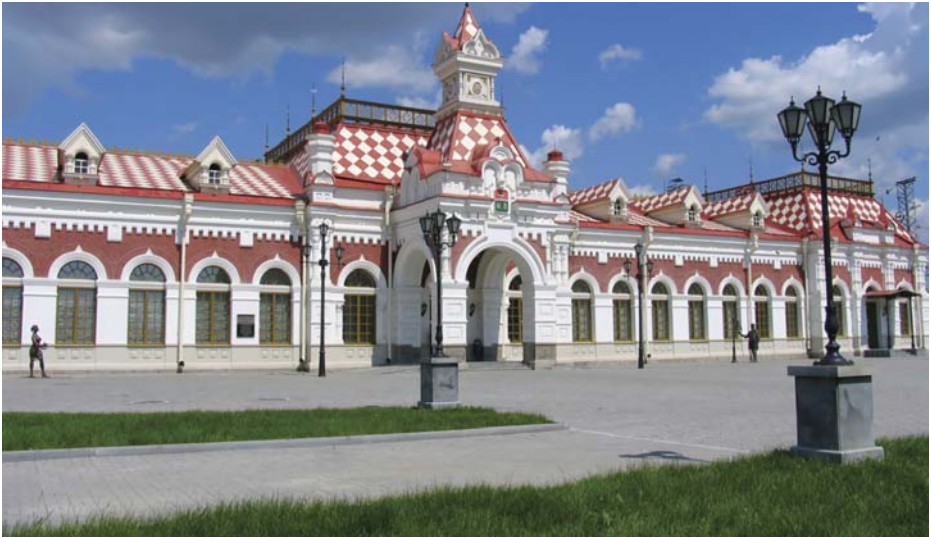
How about savouring a whole Asiatic culture located in Siberia with its own language and ancient Buddhist temples? Or the **Mongolian Gobi Desert**, a sandy plain where you might even get a few vultures tailing your jeep as you head towards your stay sharing the life of nomadic herders?

“It’s a whole Asiatic culture located in Siberia, with its own language, Buddhist temples”

Framing this stunning confection are the throbbing cities of **Moscow** and **Beijing**. Where else can you see the dizzy extravagances of Soviet excess in the morning, the best collection of French Impressionists outside Paris in the afternoon, and dine on spicy bean cutlets, flatbreads and Georgian shashliks in the evening?



Moscow Metro



Ekaterinburg station

## The trip:

- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
- 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, afternoon transfer to station
- 4 By train through Ural Mts, eve arrive Ekaterinburg & accom
- 5 Walking tour of Ekaterinburg & free time to explore
- 6 Your choice of Ekaterinburg/Urals activities (see trip dossiers)
- 7 Onwards by Trans-Siberian via Novosibirsk, cross River Ob
- 8 Onwards by Trans-Sib via Krasnoyarsk, cross River Yenisei
- 9/10 Arrive Irkutsk, CHOOSE EITHER: Siberian Village with excursion options OR Adventure Trek (camping)
- 11 Car return to Irkutsk, free time to explore, dep to station
- 12 Arrival Ulan-Uday, fam stay, Buddhist Monastery & Buryat Village
- 13 Visit Ivolginsky Buddhist Datsan and Tarbagatay, home to “The Old Believers”
- 14 Depart by train towards Mongolian Border (midnight crossing)
- 15 Ulaanbaatar city walk, depart and overnight with nomads
- 16 Trip into Bayan-Gobi, picnic en-route, stay with nomads
- 17 Onwards to Karakorum site, ger-tent stay with local nomads
- 18 Scenic desert drive back, arrive at Elstei Ger Lodge
- 19 Free day at Elstei-relax, walk, activities, optional horse-riding
- 20 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free time to explore, overnight
- 21 Depart by train to Beijing, across the Southern Gobi desert
- 22 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

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## Trip price:

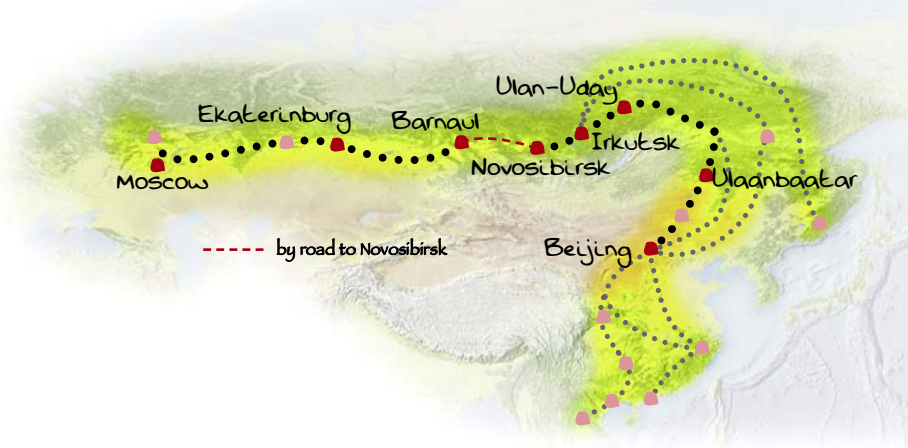
Mammoth Trans-Sib 22 days full on	1 person £3,570	2 people £2,500pp	3+ people £2,375pp
Mammoth Trans-Sib 23 days full on	£3,655	£2,550pp	£2,423pp
Hotel upgrade Ulan-Uday (per night)	£130	£65pp	£65pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	£625	£625pp	£625pp

## Dates:

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# Ultimate Trans-Sib



Yes, we know our trip names are sometimes a bit over-the-top, but when you're dealing with **the largest country** on earth (Russia), **the longest railway** (the Trans-Sib), the **biggest lake** (Baikal), the **biggest desert** (the Gobi)... well, when else would superlatives be more apt?

**If you think of the Trans-Sib as a necklace of "jewels", stretching from Europe to Asia, then this is the Crown Jewels!**

And this is the trip which has it all! We purposely sat down to try to work every single side trip and exotic activity into one stupendous itinerary – and this is it! If you think of the Trans-Sib as a necklace of "jewels", stretching from Europe to Asia, then this is the Crown Jewels!

You came on the trip for the train – but what remains afterwards is interactive content with remote communities located far away from the railroad, whose lives still remain little changed by the "progress" it brought.



On board



Siberian Village resident

Trip price:		
Ultimate Trans-Sib 26 days full on	2 people £4,445pp	3-9 people £4,222pp
Hotel upgrade Ulan-Uday (per night)	2 people £65pp	3+ people £65pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	£799pp	£799pp

## The trip:

- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
- 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, afternoon departure to the station
- 4 By train through Ural Mountains, evening arrive Ekaterinburg & accommodation
- 5 Your choice of Ekaterinburg/Urals activities
- 6 Onwards by train through Southern Siberia
- 7 By road from Barnaul into the High Altai Mts (picnic en-route)
- 8 Visit ancient cave painting site, optional horse riding
- 9 Cast off on Altai river rafting trip, overnight camping
- 10 Second half of rafting, return to Altai Village B&B, sauna
- 11 By road to Novosibirsk, picnic lunch, evening free in Novosibirsk
- 12 Sightseeing in Novosibirsk, free time and evening train depart
- 13 On board Trans-Sib eastwards, cross the Yenisei River Bridge
- 14&15 Arrive Irkutsk, CHOOSE EITHER:  
Siberian Village with excursion options  
OR Adventure Trek (camping)
- 16 Free time in Irkutsk for exploring, evening train departure
- 17 Arrive Ulan-Uday, Buddhist monastery & Buryat Village trip
- 18 Visit Ivolginsky Buddhist Datsan and Tarbagatay, home to "The Old Believers"
- 19 Early depart by train, en-route for Mongolian border
- 20 Ulaanbaatar city walk, departure to Bayan-Gobi, nomad stay
- 21 To Karakorum site, stay in gers with local nomads
- 22 Scenic desert route back to UB, stay at Elstei Ger Lodge
- 23 Free day at Elstei for walking, activities, optional horseriding
- 24 Return to Ulaanbaatar, central hotel, free time for exploring
- 25 Depart by train to Beijing, across the Southern Gobi desert
- 26 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

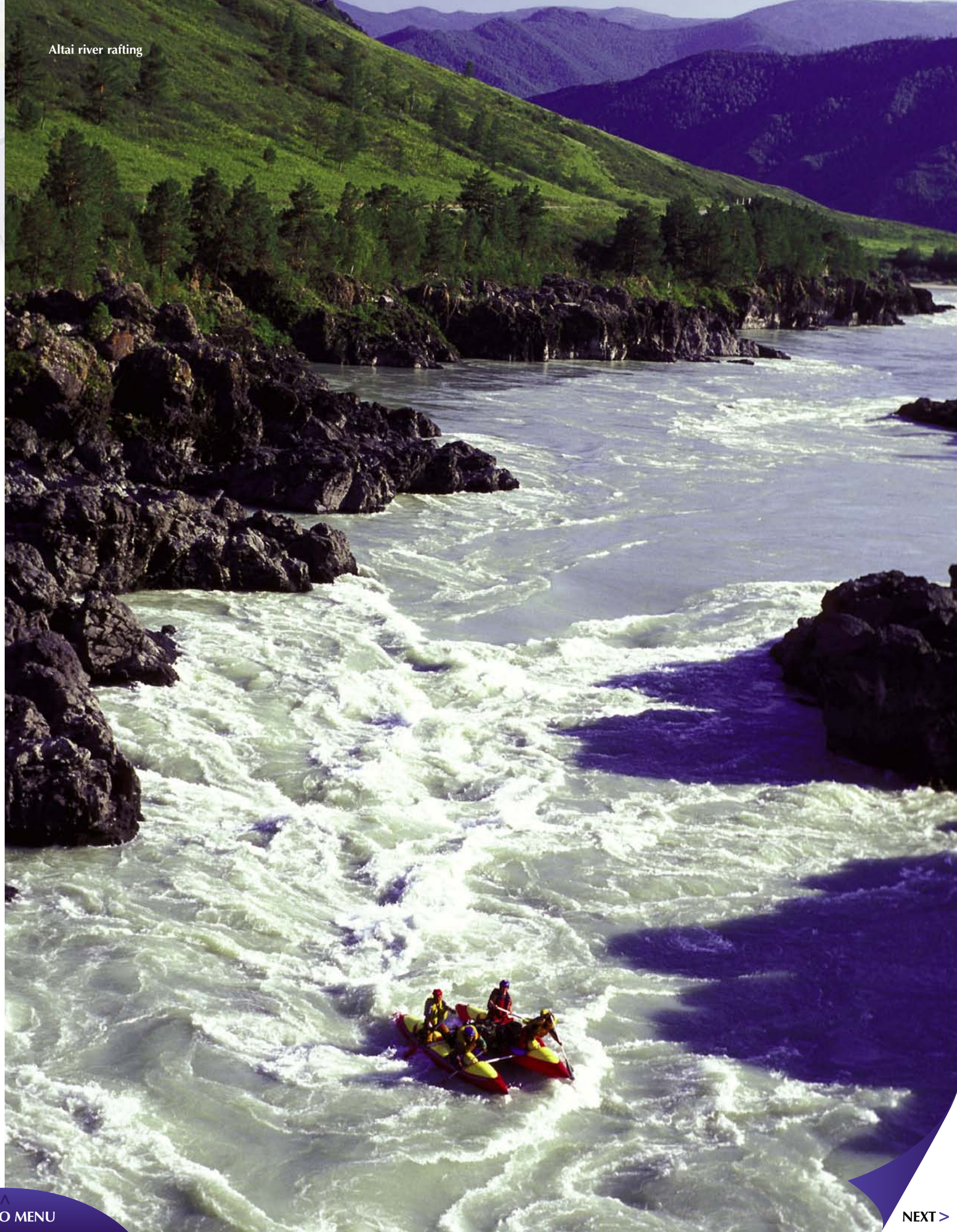
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Altai river rafting







# The Grand Trans Siberian

This is not our usual working train but a privately owned train, totally private to your group. A very different way to experience this iconic journey. Experience the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway and the Trans Mongolian Railway onboard a private charter train. Forget about any hassle of packing and unpacking every day. Your cabin is your “home on wheels” during the entire rail cruise journey.



- ### The trip:
- 1 Arrive in Moscow and transfer to a 4-star hotel. Evening sightseeing and supper.
  - 2 Sightseeing in Moscow includes Red Square and the Kremlin before an evening departure on the Grand-Trans-Siberian Express.
  - 3 Arrive Kazan, in Tartastan. Enjoy a city tour and a cruise along the Volga River.
  - 4 Arrive Ekaterinburg, City sightseeing tour.
  - 5 Arrive Novosibirsk the largest city in Siberia. City sightseeing tour.
  - 6 A visit to the former "closed town" of Krasnoyarsk also includes a cruise on the Yenisei River.
  - 7 Arrive Irkutsk, Visit the old town with its wooden houses and the market, before enjoying a private classical concert. This evening rejoin your train.
  - 8 A journey through beautiful mountain scenery and along the south shore of Lake Baikal. Afternoon ferry ride from Port Baikal to visit the Siberian village of Listvyanka.
  - 9 Arrive Ulan-Uday. A tour of the city includes the Buddhist monastery of Ivolginsky, Datsan centre of Buddhism in Russia.
  - 10 Arrive Ulaanbaatar for a city tour including the Buddhist monastery of Ghandan, the summer palace of Bogd Khan and Zaisan viewpoint.
  - 11 An excursion to the nature reserve of Terelj. Attend the Naadam show which includes archery and wrestling. Travel through the night towards the Mongolian/Chinese border.
  - 12 Arrive Erlian where the Russian broad gauge travel ends. Transfer from the Grand Trans-Siberian Express to the Chinese private train. (First class accommodation for all passengers). An excursion by rickshaw to a Mongolian Market.
  - 13 Arrival in Beijing and disembark. Visit the Forbidden City and Temple of Heaven.
  - 14 Visit the Great Wall and Ming Tombs. Peking Duck supper.
  - 15 Transfer to Beijing International airport for your flight home.

- ### Services included
- 9 nights accommodation in onboard the Grand Trans Siberian Express Moscow – Erlian (Chinese border) v.v. in the category booked (First Class or Deluxe)
  - 1 night accommodation onboard the Chinese connecting train in First Class sleepers Erlian - (Chinese border) – Beijing v.v. (no Deluxe sleeping cars available on the Chinese train)
  - 1 night accommodation at 4\* Hotel, Moscow (e.g. Holiday Inn)
  - 1 night accommodation at 3\* Hotel, Ulaanbaatar (e.g. Hotel Mongolia)
  - 2 nights accommodation at 3\* Hotel, Beijing (e.g. Hotel Jinglun)
  - Full board throughout the tour, starting with dinner on the first day and terminating with breakfast on the last day
  - Transfers airport – hotel v.v. in Moscow and Peking on day 1 and day 15
  - Sightseeing and excursions in Moscow, Kazan, Ekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Ulan Uday, Ulaanbaatar, Peking
  - Lectures onboard (English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese; other languages on request)
  - Cultural events mentioned in the programme
  - Private classic concert in Irkutsk
  - English, German, French, Spanish, Italian speaking local tour guides (other languages on request)
  - English Speaking Tour Director throughout the tour



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Trip price:		
	1 person	2 people
15 days First Class sole occupancy	€13,880	N/A
15 days First Class twin occupancy	€8,990pp	€8,990pp
15 days Deluxe Class sole occupancy	€6,080	N/A
15 days Deluxe Class twin occupancy	€4,390pp	€4,390pp

Dates	
15 DAYS ITINERARY 2010: JULY 23 • AUGUST 14	
These trips are uniquely priced in Euros, therefore the rate of exchange on the day you pay your balance will determine the £ price paid.	



# Outer and Inner Mongolia

Everyone's heard of "Outer Mongolia". But "Inner Mongolia"? The names come from Imperial China. When they conquered Mongolia they realised ruling it would be impossible. So the grassland part nearest to Beijing (the "Inner" part) they ruled like the rest of China, but they gave up once the Gobi was in the way, and the "Outer" part was ruled by martial law. "Outer Mongolia" is now the independent country of Mongolia - one of the world's least-visited.

**Inner Mongolia's cultural heritage is little-visited – this trip is for the inquisitive and adventurous**

The outstanding feature of this trip, however (well, except for Lake Baikal, which we haven't left out!) is Huhehot, the Inner Mongolian capital – simultaneously a part of China, yet retaining much of its Mongol heritage, including a spectacular "thousand-Buddha" pagoda.

This trip is for the inquisitive and adventurous!



Russian Train



Outside the Gandan monastery

Trip price:			
	1 person	2 people	3+ people
Outer & Inner Mongolia 21 days full on	£2,730	£1,915pp	£1,820pp
Outer & Inner Mongolia 22 days full on	£2,815	£1,970pp	£1,872pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	1 person £500	2 people £500pp	3+ people £500pp

Dates:	
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- The trip:
- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
  - 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
  - 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, evening transfer to station
  - 4 On board through Kazan and Ekaterinburg
  - 5 On board across River Ob at Novosibirsk
  - 6 On board across Eastern Siberia and across the river Yenisei
  - 7 Arrive Irkutsk, by road to Lake Baikal & Listvyanka Village stay
  - 8 YOUR CHOICE: excursion options
  - 9 Back to Irkutsk, overnight in hotel
  - 10 Early morning transfer to the station where you will board the Ulaanbaatar bound train
  - 11 Morning arrival to Ulaanbaatar, walking tour to include the Gandan Monastery then to the Bayan Gobi
  - 12 On to Karakorum, overnight with Gobi nomads
  - 13 Day with Nomad family and overnight
  - 14 Sightseeing in the Gobi, arrival to Elstei Ger Lodge
  - 15 Additional free day at Elstei
  - 16 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free time to explore, overnight stay
  - 17 Free time, evening transfer to station for train to Huhehot
  - 18 Evening arrival to Huhehot, transfer to hotel
  - 19 Guided full day of Huhehot – capital of Inner Mongolia
  - 20 Free time to explore, evening departure by train
  - 21 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing
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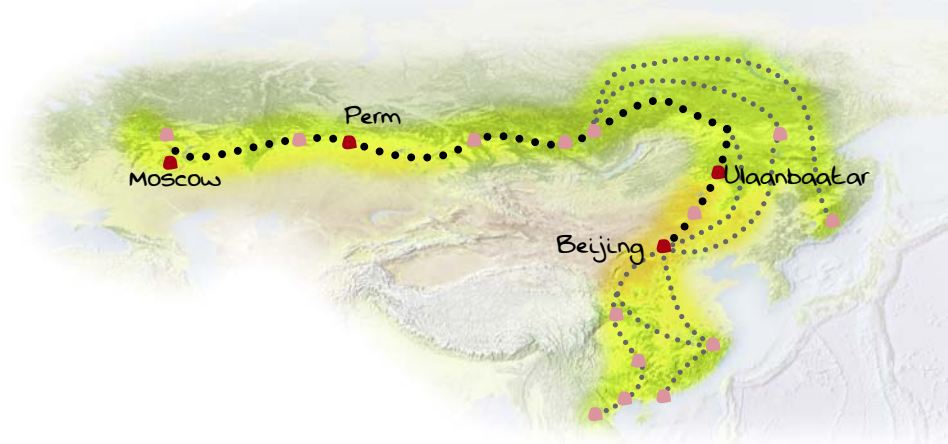
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# Gobi and Gulag



Here's a Trans-Sib itinerary that surprised even us with its success! At its heart is one of our classic Mongolia programs – and places where the majority of the population continue to live as herders, living in gers (the wood-framed camel-felt tent) and tending their animals.

As a counterbalance to Mongolia's poise and tranquillity, this trip includes a two-day mini-expedition to the last remaining Soviet gulag, not far from Perm. Gulags were always built in remote areas (obviously) and we leverage double value by heading into the uninhabited Urals and returning by raft.

*"If you're looking for the real life of Mongolia, you need to reset your mental coordinates"*

This isn't frenzied white-water, but a leisurely float down the Usva, through amazing scenery inaccessible by road – with camping along the way, as you're miles from any inhabited locations in the middle of the Ural Mountains!



Elstei Ger Lodge

- The trip:
- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
  - 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
  - 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, evening transfer to station
  - 4 By train eastwards, mid-evening arrival in Perm & accom
  - 5 Kungur Ice Caves, commence rafting trip
  - 6 Full-day leisurely raft on the Usva River, camp overnight
  - 7 Gulag Museum visit, return to Perm by road
  - 8 Free day in Perm, evening transfer to station, depart eastbound
  - 9 On board Trans-Sib eastwards via Novosibirsk
  - 10 On board Trans-Sib eastwards via Krasnoyarsk
  - 11 On board Trans-Sib via Irkutsk & Lake Baikal, border crossing
  - 12 Arrival Ulaanbaatar, city tour, transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge
  - 13 Free day at Elstei Ger Lodge to ride, walk or relax
  - 14 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free day to explore & overnight
  - 15 Departure to China, by train across the Southern Gobi
  - 16 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

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Guard at Ulaanbaatar station

Trip price:			
Gobi & Gulag 16 days full on	1 person £2,227	2 people £1,745pp	3+ people £1,658pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	1 person £430	2 people £430pp	3+ people £430pp

Dates:

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# Big Trans-Sib

Long ago when our managing director still had hair, this was our biggest itinerary. Although we now have trips more than double its duration, the winning formula keeps its popularity running strong. It starts in **Moscow** and ends in **Beijing** – so you get the full experience of the second-largest city in Europe and the pulsating excitement of Asia's new Olympic city.

There's no Siberian city more emblematic than **Irkutsk** and it's also the gateway to Lake Baikal. By way of complete contrast, the other side-trip on this winning itinerary is Mongolia, where there's a great balance between the landscape and life of the Mongolian steppe at the Elstei Ger Lodge, and a chance to explore the unique capital on the steppes – Ulaanbaatar, where Buddhism meets broadband in a charming mixture that's uniquely Mongolian.



St Basil's Cathedral interior



Gobi desert

## Trip price:

	1 person	2 people	3+ people
Big Trans-Sib 15 days full on	£2,100	£1,565pp	£1,488pp
Big Trans-Sib 16 days full on	£2,185	£1,620pp	£1,539pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	£495	£495pp	£495pp
Big Trans-Sib 15 days no frills	£1,295	£1,130pp	£1,045pp
Big Trans-Sib 16 days no frills	£1,325	£1,130pp	£1,075pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing	£495	£495pp	£495pp

## The trip:

- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
- 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, evening transfer to station
- 4 On board the Trans-Sib, through the Ural Mountains
- 5 On board-into Siberia, crossing the River Ob at Novosibirsk
- 6 On board-across Eastern Siberia and across the river Yenisei
- 7 Arrive Irkutsk, transfer by road to Listvyanka Village
- 8 YOUR CHOICE: excursion options
- 9 Return to Irkutsk, day to explore, overnight hotel stay
- 10 Depart by train to Mongolia-midnight border crossing
- 11 Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, walking tour, transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge
- 12 Free day at Elstei Ger Lodge walk, optional riding, just relax?
- 13 Return to Ulaanbaatar, overnight stay
- 14 Depart to Beijing by train across the Southern Gobi
- 15 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

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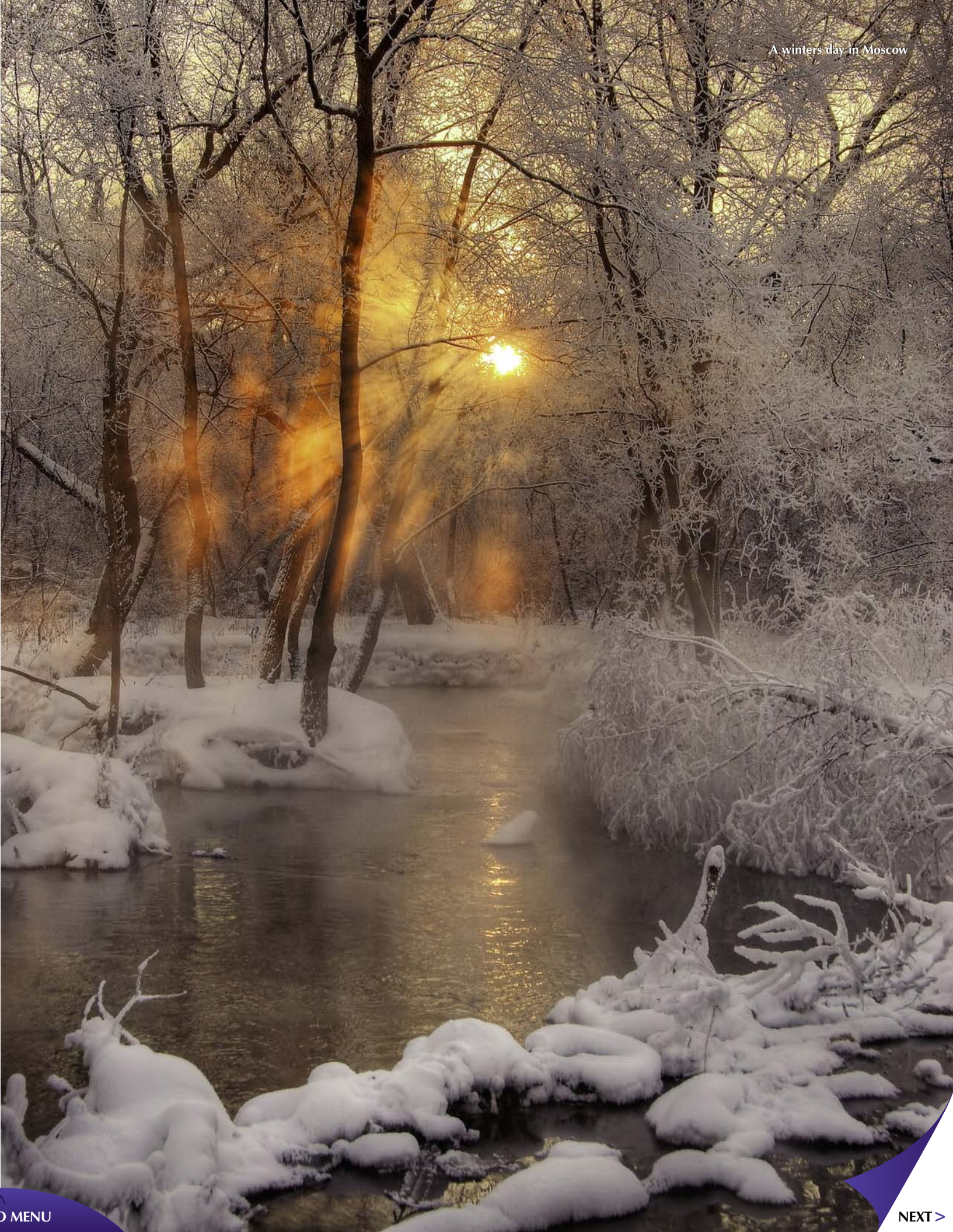
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## Dates:

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15 NIGHTS / 16 DAYS ITINERARY\* 2010:  
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\* Extra night for Siberian Village in Listvyanka Village.



A winters day in Moscow





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# The Naadam Train



Naadam is the most gigantic festival on the Mongolian calendar - sports-fixture, social event, and festive feast rolled into one. It falls just once per year, and crowds flock from all over the country - so we've roped-off places in hotels and trains in readiness. It's a festival untainted by big-business blandness, but our local team will work to get you through the mayhem to all of the events! (The events happen simultaneously in different places - we aim to get you to the highlights of each, plus some time to soak-up the atmosphere). Mongolian wrestling, traditional steppe archery (clout-shooting), and horse-racing are the star events, along with the Grand Parade. Mongolia closes-down for the three days of Naadam, so we've planned our festive programme around that, including sightseeing timed to catch things when they're open. You can expect to meet other clients on this once-only Trans-Sib itinerary.



Naadam Festival Wrestlers



Naadam Festival

## The trip:

- 1 Arrival in Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
- 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, evening transfer to the station
- 4 On board the Trans-Sib, through the Ural Mountains
- 5 On board into Siberia, crossing the River Ob and Novosibirsk
- 6 On board across Eastern Siberia and across the rive Yenisei
- 7 Arrive Irkutsk, transfer by road to Listvyanka Village
- 8 YOUR CHOICE: excursion options
- 9 Free time Listvyanka Village
- 10 Free time to explore Irkutsk city, evening departure to Ulaanbaatar
- 11 On board, around Lake Baikal then south towards Mongolia
- 12 Arrive Ulaanbaatar early morning. Opening ceremony of Naadam
- 13 Naadam festival this morning, transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge afternoon
- 14 Free day at Elstei Ger lodge, optional riding or just relax?
- 15 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free time to explore, overnight stay
- 16 Departure by train to Beijing, across Southern Gobi Desert
- 17 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

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## Trip price:

Naadam Train 17 days full on  
2-berth upgrade Moscow - Beijing

1 person	2 people
£2,413	£1,878pp
£495	£495pp

## Dates:

16 NIGHTS / 17 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:  
JUNE 30



# Super Trans-Sib

As a contrast to some of our trips showcasing culture, history and traditions, this one is more adventure-driven and packed with outdoor activity! It even operates year round, including husky dog sledding in the Winter and hiking at Lake Baikal in Summer (or snowmobiles in Winter). And there's always a little shot of vodka on hand to warm you up!

**“The Lake usually freezes several metres deep in winter, and even truck-drivers use it as a short-cut”**

This itinerary is neatly balanced, spreading the three en-route side trips quite evenly throughout the journey, so that you don't have long unbroken sections on board the train... well, they might be long in British terms but they're just the twinkling of an eye here!

Once the glamour of big cities like Moscow, Ekaterinburg and Beijing is factored in, it's a great blend of action and urban sophistication in one neatly planned itinerary.



Stretch your legs on the platform



Lake Baikal

## Trip price:

Super Trans-Sib 18 days full on	1 person £2,975	2 people £2,100pp	3+ people £1,995pp
Super Trans-Sib 19 days full on	£3,060	£2,155pp	£2,048pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£550	£550pp	£550pp
Super Trans-Sib 18 days no frills	1 person £1,420	2 people £1,225pp	3+ people £1,164pp
Super Trans-Sib 19 days no frills	£1,450	£1,255pp	£1,193pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£550	£550pp	£550pp

## Dates:

17 NIGHTS / 18 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:  
JANUARY 12, 26 • FEBRUARY 02, 16 • MARCH 02, 16 • APRIL 06, 20 • MAY 04, 18 JUNE 08, 22 • JULY 06, 20 AUGUST 10, 24 • SEPTEMBER 14, 28 • OCTOBER 12, 26 • NOVEMBER 02, 16, 30 • DECEMBER 14, 28

18 NIGHTS / 19 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:  
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- The trip:
- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
  - 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
  - 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, afternoon departure to the station
  - 4 By train through Ural Mountains, eve arrive Ekaterinburg & accom
  - 5 Walking tour of Ekaterinburg & free time to explore
  - 6 Your choice of Ekaterinburg/Urals activities
  - 7 On board Trans-Sib eastwards, via Novosibirsk
  - 8 On board Trans-Sib eastwards, via Krasnoyarsk
  - 9 Arrive Irkutsk, transfer by road to Listvyanka Village
  - 10 YOUR CHOICE: excursion options
  - 11 Free time Listvyanka Village
  - 12 Free time to explore Irkutsk city evening departure to Ulaanbaatar
  - 13 On board, around Lake Baikal then south towards Mongolia
  - 14 Arrive Ulaanbaatar then a walking tour and later transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge
  - 15 Free day at Elstei Ger Lodge, optional riding or just relax?
  - 16 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free time to explore, overnight stay
  - 17 Depart by train to Beijing, across Southern Gobi desert
  - 18 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing
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Winter comes to the Gobi





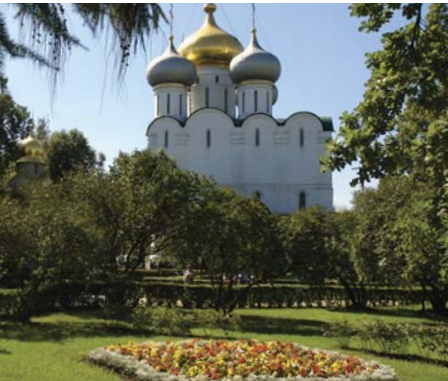
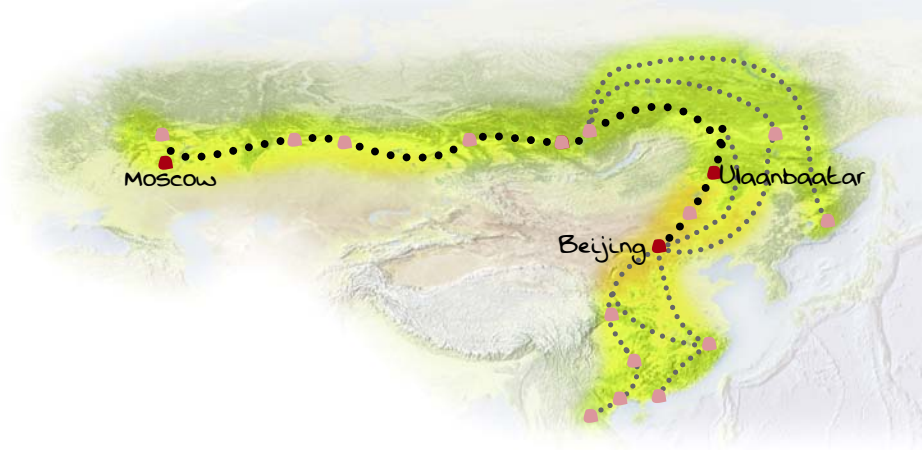
# Three Capitals

The Trans-Mongolian rail route takes in the Trans-Siberian (the Trans-Sib, remember, is the part between the Ural Mountains and Ulan-Uday only... one of the great misunderstood elements of this rail route!) and then dives southwards to catch Ulaanbaatar along the way to Beijing.

It was the rail route which “built” Ulaanbaatar as we know it today – before the railway, the Mongolian capital wasn’t even fixed in one place, but followed the Royal Court and its retinue in ger tents around a calendar route of Mongolia’s Buddhist monasteries. The most important of the monasteries, Gandantegchinlen (or just “Gandan” in everyday speech) was where the Royal Court spent the long, snow-bound winters, and a ger encampment became settled around the Gandan – the settlement of Urga (not really a “city” in the modern sense – the sunscorched pasture of Mongolia couldn’t support cities that remained in one place for long). In fact when Mongolian hero Sukhebaatar wanted to enlist Lenin’s help in overthrowing the Chinese, he had to ride to Moscow by horse in person (his heroic ride took just seven days and nights) to do so. The USSR built a railway to its new Asian ally (the second country in the world to join the “great experiment in socialism”) – a rail route which still links up the **three capitals** of Moscow, Ulaanbaatar and Beijing.

“Ulaanbaatar makes a charming contrast to the huge megapolises that frame the ends of the route”

This route is ideal for those who have limited time but still want to take the rail route and see something of Mongolia along the way. Ulaanbaatar makes a charming contrast to the huge megapolises that frame the ends of the route – being around one-tenth the size of Beijing or Moscow.



Inside the Kremlin

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- The trip:
- 1 Arrival in Moscow, transfer to accommodation
  - 2 Local expert assisted walking tour in Moscow, free time
  - 3 Free day to explore Moscow, evening train departure
  - 4 On board the Trans-Sib via the Ural Mountains
  - 5 On board the Trans-Sib via Central Siberia
  - 6 On board the Trans-Sib, crossing the Yenisei River
  - 7 Past and around Lake Baikal and on to Mongolia
  - 8 Arrival in Ulaanbaatar, walking tour, transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge
  - 9 Free day at Elstei; walk, relax, optional riding, stay in gers
  - 10 Return to Ulaanbaatar. Free time
  - 11 Depart to Beijing by train across the Southern Gobi
  - 12 Passing through paddy fields and gorges, arrive to Beijing

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Lunch on board

Trip price:			
Three Capitals 12 days full on	1 person	2 people	3+ people
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£1,225	£995pp	£946pp
	£450	£450pp	£450pp
Three Capitals 12 days no frills	1 person	2 people	3+ people
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£995	£850pp	£808pp
	£450	£450pp	£450pp

Dates:	
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# Dr Zhivago

Is there anyone whose mental picture of Russian trains isn't shaped by Strelnikov's train roaring past in the snow, flags flying? If there's one film famous in the "West" about Russia, it's Doctor Zhivago. Yet few realise the Nobel prize-winning work was based on a soviet-era banned novel by poet Boris Pasternak.

The majority of the action of the book takes place on and along the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

“Is there anyone who's mental picture of Russian trains isn't shaped by Strelnikov's train roaring past in the snow, flags flying?”

With this trip we've taken the standard Trans-Siberian routing and switched the centre of interest round to Perm (a major halt in the Urals). This city is the novel's setting. Pasternak himself lived in the city for a while and most of the book's locations are real places we'll show you on the city tour.

Our trip then heads for Mongolia and finally to Beijing.



St. Basil's Cathedral



Excursion to the Gulag

Trip price:			
	1 person	2 people	3+ people
Dr Zhivago 13 days full on	£1,720	£1,365pp	£1,301pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	1 person £430	2 people £430pp	3+ people £430pp

Dates:	
12 NIGHTS / 13 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:	
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APRIL 04, 11, 18, 25 • MAY 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 • JUNE 06, 13, 20, 27 •	
JULY 04, 11, 18, 25 • AUGUST 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 • SEPTEMBER 05, 12, 19, 26 •	
OCTOBER 03, 10, 17, 24 • NOVEMBER 07, 14, 21, 28 • DECEMBER 05, 12, 19, 26	

The trip:

- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Moscow sightseeing with local expert
- 3 Morning free, afternoon transfer to Yaroslavl station for Perm bound train
- 4 By train across the Urals, early evening arrival, transfer to hotel
- 5 Special walking tour of Yuri Zhivago's Yuratin (Perm)
- 6 Full day excursion to the Gulag museum, housed in the only surviving soviet era Gulag you can visit in Russia
- 7 Free day in Perm to explore the rest of this pleasant Urals city-evening transfer to the station.
- 8-12 On board the Trans-Siberian... travelling Eastwards via the Chinese Manchurian frontier with Russia
- 13 Early morning arrival to Beijing Central station

If you would like to travel from Perm **via Mongolia** to China, we can re-plan your routing... it needs different departure dates from Moscow for the connections to work, and the trip is longer due to the Mongolia stopover. (Yuri's daughter is born in Mongolia in the book Lara was pregnant when kidnapped by Komarovsky) A full itinerary version including Mongolia is on our website.

It's also possible to take **only the Moscow & Perm sections and then return to Moscow by train** (without going to Mongolia or China).

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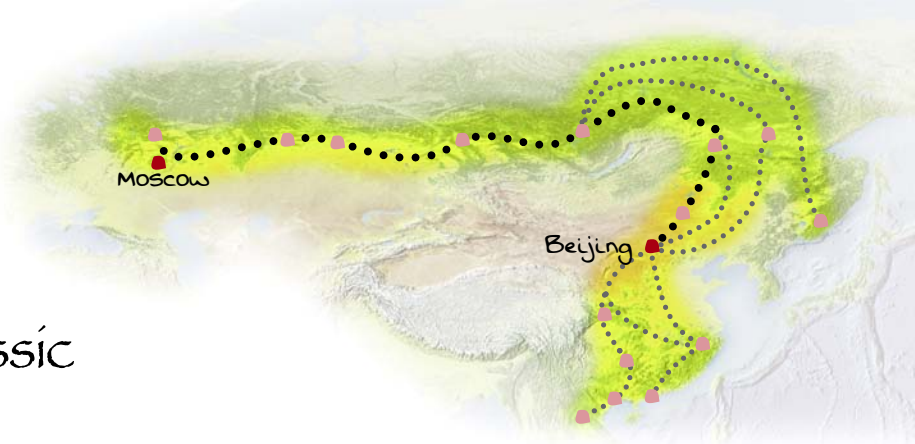
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Trans-Siberian





# Trans-Manchurian Classic

This is the one for the real train fans – straight through from Moscow to Beijing non-stop, via Manchuria... the longest international train journey in the world (although Moscow-Vladivostok, which isn't international, is still longer!). This is more of a “land cruise on rails”, and although none of the stops are longer than twenty minutes, you still sense the way that Europe slowly ebbs into Asia, rather than an abrupt change that happens at a border.

The Trans-Manchurian is the original rail routing to China, built once again by Russian merchants who saw the commercial prospects for a reliable and fast way of moving Asian goods to Europe for the retail industry (which, strangely, is exactly the way the Russian Government now views the future of the Trans-Siberian as air-freight becomes more expensive and discredited on environmental grounds). The route also played an important role in the final days of the Chinese Empire, as China fractured into two – the communists in Beijing, with the Empire and a Japanese-financed rival Government in Manchuria.



Young Chinese Lady!

**The trip:**

- 1 Arrival to Moscow, transfer to accommodation
- 2 Local expert assisted walking tour in Moscow
- 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow
- 4-9 On board the Trans-Siberian
- 10 Thundering across China, morning arrival to Beijing

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Red Square at night



Onwards, ever onwards

Trip price:			
Trans-Manchurian Classic 10 days full on 2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	1 person	2 people	3+ people
	£995	£795pp	£755pp
Trans-Manchurian Classic 10 days no frills 2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	1 person	2 people	3+ people
	£870	£740pp	£708pp
	£375	£375pp	£375pp

**Dates:**

9 NIGHTS / 10 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:  
JANUARY 06, 13, 20, 27 • FEBRUARY 03, 10, 17, 24 • MARCH 03, 10, 17, 24, 31 •  
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JULY 07, 14, 21, 28 • AUGUST 04, 11, 18, 25 • SEPTEMBER 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 •  
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# Snow Train

You think of Siberia, and you think of snow (although the summers are scorching hot) – so why not go in winter? On top of which there are some special attractions at this time of year.

The Trans-Sib routes operates throughout the winter and to schedule! Equip yourself with some warm outer wear and thermal insoles and you're ready to enjoy the Russian Winter – a season the locals look forward to all year!

This trip features traditional Russian husky-dog sledding in the Ural Mountains, while the annual Harbin Ice Festival is a world famous event starting on January 1 and continuing until Chinese New Year.

Ice sculptors from around the world build incredible huge structures and the best time to visit is in the evening when everything is magically lit with multi-coloured lanterns and projectors.

If you end up putting on weight, you may just have to buy new clothes – and you'll be in the right place as Harbin has the very best of China's world famous garment industry.



Snow Train



Waiting to board

Trip price:			
	1 person	2 people	3+ people
14 days full on	£2,095	£1,535pp	£1,458pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£480	£480pp	£480pp
14 days no frills	£1,285	£1,050pp	£998pp
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£480	£480pp	£480pp

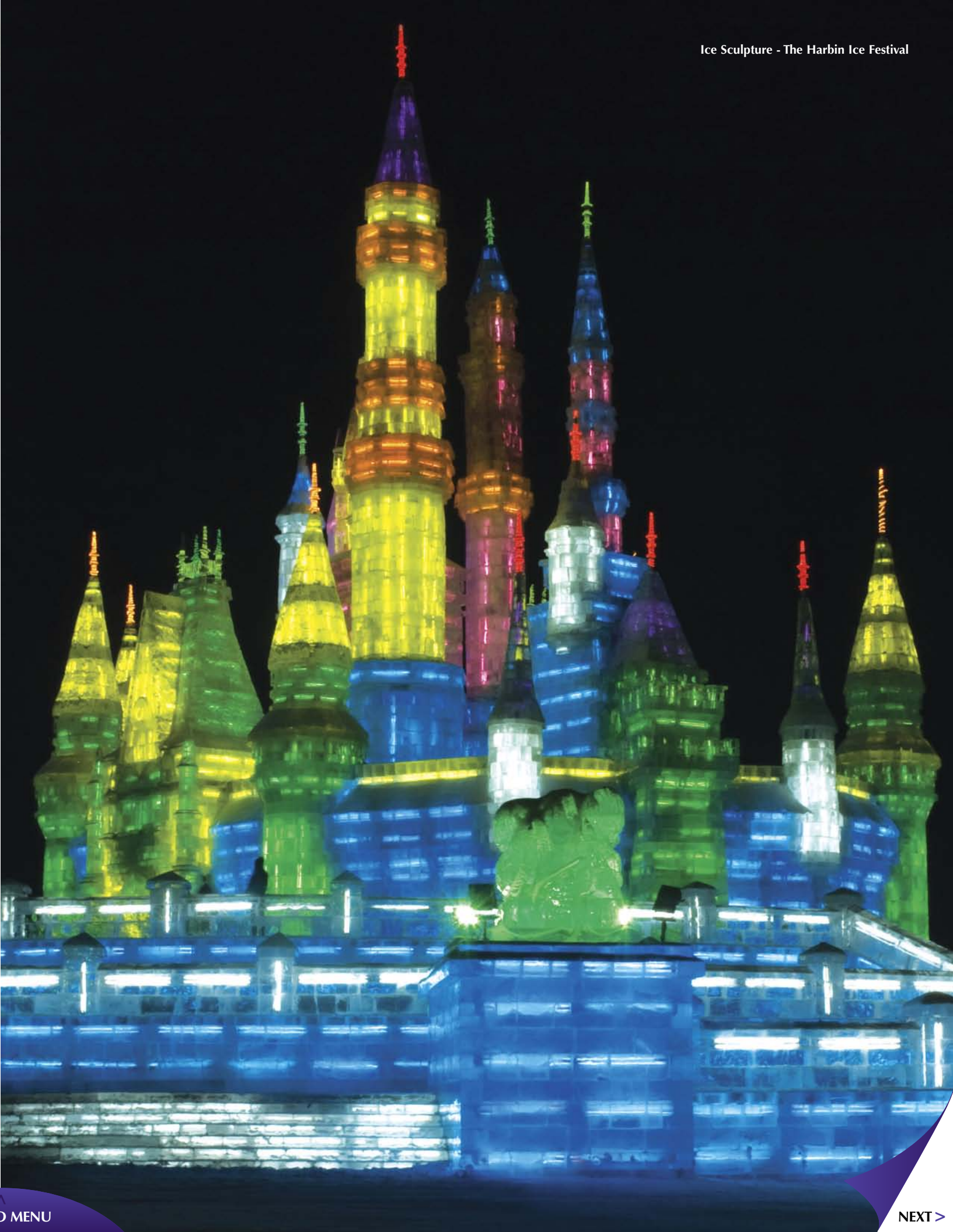
- The trip:
- 1 Arrive Moscow, transfer to accommodation
  - 2 Moscow winter sightseeing with local expert
  - 3 Day for sightseeing in Moscow, afternoon transfer to the station
  - 4 On board the Trans-Sib via the Ural Mountains and arrive Ekaterinburg
  - 5 Three hour walking tour of Ekaterinburg
  - 6 WINTER MIXTURE: choose ice-fishing, snow walk or husky dog sledding!
  - 7 On board the Trans-Sib via Central Siberia
  - 8 On board the Trans-Sib, crossing the Yenisei River
  - 9 On board the Trans-Sib, circumnavigating Lake Baikal
  - 10 On board the Trans-Sib, eastwards across Buryatia
  - 11 Arrival in China to Harbin, overnight hotel, a short walk from the railway station
  - 12 Opportunity to visit the Harbin Ice & Lanterns Festival
  - 13 Free day to explore Harbin, overnight train to Beijing
  - 14 Arrival in Beijing and end of itinerary
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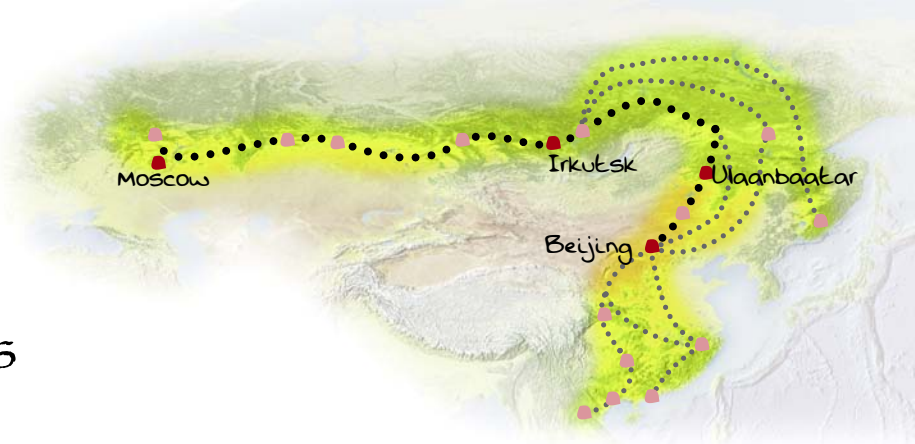


Siberian husky dog sledding

Trip price:				Dates:	
	1 person	2 people	3+ people	13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS - 2010 START DATES: JANUARY 04, 11, 18, 25 • DECEMBER 27	
14 days full on	£2,095	£1,535pp	£1,458pp	13 NIGHTS / 14 DAYS - 2011 START DATES: JANUARY 03, 10, 17	
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£480	£480pp	£480pp		
14 days no frills	£1,285	£1,050pp	£998pp		
2-berth upgrade Moscow-Beijing	£480	£480pp	£480pp		







# Westbound Departures (Big Trans-Siberian)

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There's no Siberian city more emblematic than Irkutsk and it's also the gateway to Lake Baikal. By way of complete contrast, the other side-trip on this winning itinerary is Mongolia, where there's a great balance between the landscape and life of the Mongolian steppe at the Elstei Ger Lodge, and a chance to explore the unique capital on the steppes – Ulaanbaatar, where Buddhism meets broadband in a charming mixture that's uniquely Mongolian.



Beijing



On board

- The trip:
- 1 Arrival to Beijing (independently), free time in Beijing
  - 2 Own travel to Beijing Central Station, early departure to Ulaanbaatar
  - 3 Across Gobi steppes, arrival Ulaanbaatar, transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge.
  - 4 Free day at Elstei walk, optional horse riding, or just relax
  - 5 Return to Ulaanbaatar, free time to explore the city
  - 6 Morning walking tour of the capital, evening departure to Russia
  - 7 On board the Trans-Siberian en-route for Irkutsk
  - 8 Arrive Irkutsk, transfer by road to Listvyanka Village
  - 9 YOUR CHOICE: excursion options
  - 10 Return to Irkutsk, free time then transfer to the station
  - 11 On board Trans-Siberian bound for Moscow
  - 12 Across Eastern Siberia, crossing the River Yenisei at Krasnoyarsk
  - 13 Trundling onwards arriving in Moscow early evening
  - 14 Local expert assisted walking tour of Moscow, free time to explore
  - 15 End of itinerary-why not continue now to St Petersburg?
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## Trip price:

15 days full on	1 person £1,995	2 people £1,450pp	3+ people £1,378pp
16 days full on	£2,084	£1,505pp	£1,430pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	£40pp
2-berth upgrade Beijing-Moscow	£495	£495pp	£495pp
15 days no frills	1 person £1,255	2 people £1,100pp	3+ people £1,045pp
16 days no frills	£1,285	£1,130pp	£1,074pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp	£30pp
2-berth upgrade Beijing-Moscow	£495	£495pp	£495pp

## Dates:

14 NIGHTS / 15 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:  
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15 NIGHTS / 16 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:  
JANUARY 11 • FEBRUARY 01, 15 • MARCH 01, 15, 22 • APRIL 05, 19 • MAY 03, 17 • JUNE 11, 25 JULY 09, 30 • AUGUST 13 • SEPTEMBER 03, 17 • OCTOBER 01, 15, 22 • NOVEMBER 05, 19 • DECEMBER 03, 17



# Westbound Departures

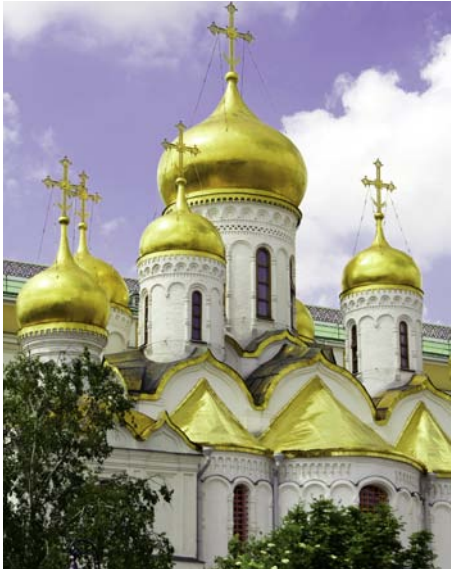
(Mammoth Trans-Siberian)

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How about savouring a whole Asiatic culture located in Siberia with its own language and ancient Buddhist temples? Or the Mongolian Gobi Desert, a sandy plain where you might even get a few vultures tailing your jeep as you head towards your stay sharing the life of nomadic herders?



Your train



The Annunciation Cathedral inside the Kremlin

Trip price:			
	1 person	2 people	3+ people
Mammoth Trans-Sib 21 days full on	£3,300	£2,298pp	£2,182pp
Mammoth Trans-Sib 22 days full on	£3,405	£2,353pp	£2,236pp
Hotel upgrade Ulan-Uday (per night)	£130	£65pp	£65pp
2-berth upgrade Beijing-Moscow	£625	£625pp	£625pp

Dates:	
20 NIGHTS / 21 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:	MAY 10 • JUNE 04, 18 • JULY 02, 16, 23 • AUGUST 06, 27 • SEPTEMBER 10
21 NIGHTS / 22 DAYS ITINERARY 2010:	MAY 03 • JUNE 11, 25 • JULY 09, 30 • AUGUST 13 • SEPTEMBER 03

- The trip:
- 1 Arrival to Beijing hotel (independently), free time
  - 2 Own travel to Beijing Central Station, early departure to Ulaanbaatar
  - 3 Across the Gobi steppes, arrival to Ulaanbaatar then a walking tour and later transfer to Elstei Ger Lodge
  - 4 Free day at Elstei walk, optional horse riding, or just relax
  - 5 Transfer to Bayangobi region, over night with Nomads
  - 6 Day trip through Ovorkhangai Province towards Harhorin, over night with Nomads
  - 7 Return to Ulaanbaatar, balance of day free to explore
  - 8 Time for last minute shopping and transfer to Ulan-Uday bound train
  - 9 Late evening arrival to Ulan Uday, over night with host family
  - 10 Morning trip to Atsagatsky Buddhist Lamasery and lunch with Buryat family, overnight
  - 11 Guided trip to the Ivolginski Datsan. Visiting of the Old Believer village and evening transfer to Irkutsk bound train.
  - 12&13 EITHER: Siberian Village stay or Adventure Trek (camping)
  - 14 Transfer to Irkutsk
  - 15 Onboard towards Ekaterinburg
  - 16 Arrival to Ekaterinburg, walking tour
  - 17 Free day trip options to include trekking or mountain biking
  - 18 Morning transfer to Moscow bound train
  - 19 Early morning arrival to the capital, hotel stay
  - 20 Walking tour of the city
  - 21 End of itinerary - why not continue to St Petersburg?
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St. Petersburg  
Moscow

# City Day Trip Options

## Moscow

### The Kremlin & Treasury Of The Tsars

Not the nuclear bunker some visitors expect, but the medieval walled citadel of ancient Moscow! Built to withstand attack by Mongolian hordes, its massive bastions enclose former palaces and cathedrals from which Russia was ruled in the Middle Ages. Only visiting Heads of State are usually allowed to visit the Facetted Palace, but you'll see the cathedrals in which the Tsars were crowned, married, and buried, and the Palace of the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church. The trip highlight is the Treasury of the Tsars - royal regalia, crowns, orbs, sceptres, the royal carriages, and priceless gifts from other monarchs - now displayed in the former Armoury Chambers. (The Kremlin remains the centre of the Russian State today - some buildings remain closed to the public for this reason. The Kremlin is closed to all visitors on Thursdays, Public Holidays, and during State Visits by Heads of State.)

**1 person price £115pp • 2 people or more £80pp**  
**Duration 4 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Vodka Museum

It is quite symbolic that the museum is now situated in Moscow, which is the historical centre this famous drink originates from, 15th century being the starting point of its history. The museum appeared within the precincts of the Kremlin in Izmailovo, which is a unique historical and architectural complex, for tourists and locals.

**1 person price £80pp • 2 people or more £50pp**  
**Duration 3 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Basic Russian

Kak dela? Pick up some handy conversational Russian for your trip in an intensive lesson over a cup of Russky chai. From please and thank you to asking the way (and understanding the answer..) one lesson might not make you a bol'tushka (chatterbox) but you'll be well on the way to becoming kilovaya chuvikha (cool chick!)

**1 person price £130pp • 2 people or more £65pp**  
**Duration of the lesson 3 hours.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Novodeivichy Convent

The "New Maiden" Convent is a formidable structure - not dissimilar in style to the Kremlin, and dating from a similar period - that has played a frequent role in Russia's turbulent history. Tsar Peter the Great, for example, banished his ex-wife here as a nun, after discovering she was plotting his murder - your guide will tell you how he increased her torment in a barbaric way. In later centuries disgraced nobility - such as those accused of the 1825 "Decembrists Plot" - were buried here, including many of the most celebrated officers of the Napoleonic Campaign of 1812. (The adjacent cemetery is not included in the excursion).

**1 person price £80pp • 2 people or more £45pp**  
**Duration 3 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Stalin's Bunker

The secret underground control-room from which Stalin planned to run the USSR in the event of nuclear war. Please note this is not open to the general public and is strictly a private tour, and the price they charge reflects the exclusive nature of this VIP trip.

**1 person price £180pp • 2 people or more £120pp**  
**Duration 3.5 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

## St Petersburg

### Siege of Leningrad Museum

For 900 days in WW2 the city of Leningrad (present day St Petersburg) was cut off from the rest of Russia by German tank divisions and the artillery battalions. Conditions in the besieged city were appalling - hundreds of thousands died from famine and contagion. This tiny museum is located in the gatehouse of the War Cemetery where the civilian dead from the siege were buried. Although it may be grim, its "essential" to understand the splendour of the modern city.

**1 person price £75pp • 2 people or more £45pp**  
**Duration 3 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Tea in a Russian Home

Russians are at their happiest when sitting and drinking tea, eating cake and having a natter. There's even a verb in Russian, chaigonyat, to describe drinking a lot of tea like this! Enter the private world of Russian home life for a short while.

**1 person price £70pp • 2 people or more £45pp**  
**Duration 3 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Museum Of The Political Police

Russia's secret police are legendary, but they weren't merely a soviet-era invention... they date back to the oprichniks (the deadly secret agents of the Russian Tsars from the C17th onwards) and beyond. Even famous Russian authors like Dostoyevsky (who wrote "Crime and Punishment" here in St Petersburg) fell foul of the terrifying "midnight doorknock". This museum offers an unglossed history.

**1 person price £70pp • 2 people or more £45pp**  
**Duration 3 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Yusupov Palace & Rasputin Chambers

The Yusupov family were the wealthiest family in Russia-wealthier even than the Tsars themselves, and their influence ran everywhere. So when young Felix Yusupov and his university friends decided Rasputin's influence had become too great, they decided to "deal with him" privately, by inviting him to a poisoned supper at their magnificent palace...

**1 person price £75pp • 2 people or more £45pp**  
**Duration 2.5 hours also includes travelling time.**  
**No transportation costs included.**

### Russian Cookery Lesson with a family

Learn how to cook traditional Russian dishes under the watchful eye of a master of the genre! You'll have to eat the results of your efforts later, so make sure you pay attention! All the ingredients, tuition and a shot of something to wash it down with are included.

**1 person price £95pp • 2 people or more £55pp**  
**Duration of the lesson 3 hours.**  
**No transportation costs included.**





# Simply Beijing

Exactly what the name says – a short stay in Beijing, ideal at the end of a Trans-Sib trip (or before beginning one) to give you a base to head for once you’ve arrived? You can add extra nights if you like – Beijing’s rich cultural history (and throbbing nightlife) probably deserves some detailed exploration!

The trip:  
**This trip is available to start any day of the year**

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel.
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Morning check out of Hotel. A chance to spend some time in Beijing at the end of your Trans-Siberian Itinerary before returning home or continuing on through China.

\* Please note for passengers arriving into Beijing International Airport a surcharge will apply.  
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Relaxing in Beijing!



Great Wall

## Trip price:

	1 person	2 people		1 person	2 people
Full on	£175	£90pp	No frills	£110	£60pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp	Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp
Transfer to airport on departure	£50	£25pp	Transfer to airport on departure	£50	£25pp

## Day trip options

### FROM BEIJING

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English speaking guide.  
**Coach pick up from your hotel at 8am. Expect to return 5pm. £50 per person**

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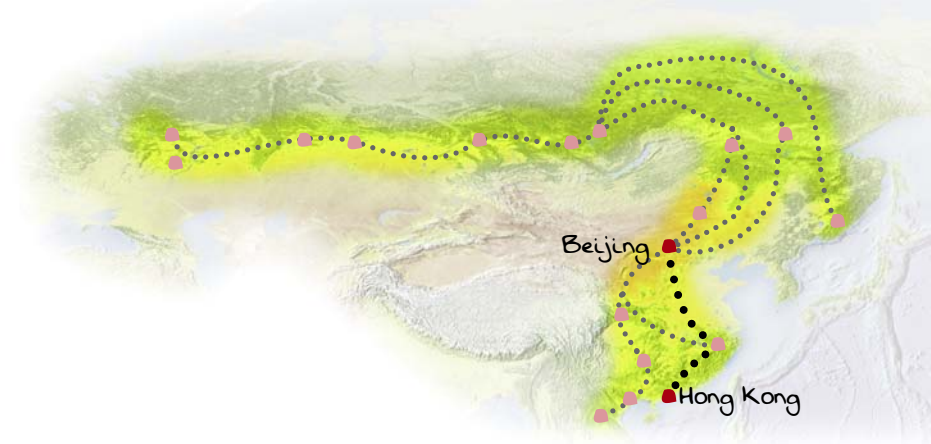
English speaking guide.  
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# Beijing to Hong Kong



This handy China module fits perfectly onto the end of Trans-Sib trips, giving you a luscious dose of Imperial China's potent cultural legacy before whisking you along modern China's most prestigious rail project to the shopping mecca and dining hedonism of Hong Kong.

### The trip:

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Check out of Hotel. Own taxi to station for lunch time departure to Hong Kong. Overnight on board.
- 4 Early afternoon arrival into Hong Kong.

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Hawkers' market

## Day trip options FROM BEIJING

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English speaking guide.

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English speaking guide.

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Sightseeing in Tiananmen Square

### Trip price:

	1 person	2 people		1 person	2 people
Full on	£350	£265pp	No frills	£285	£230pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven	£55	£55pp	Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven	£55	£55pp
& Summer Palace day trip			& Summer Palace day trip		
Deluxe class upgrade Beijing-Hong Kong	£60	£60pp	Deluxe class upgrade Beijing-Hong Kong	£60	£60pp



# Great Chinese Route

China is almost a continent in itself – the diversity and range of traditions within just one country are hard to get your head around! This trip includes all the must-see things in China in one itinerary... the throbbing pace of Beijing, the majesty of China's medieval capital Xi'an, the bustling Cantonese sights and sounds of Guangzhou, and the shopping paradise of Hong Kong.

All the must-see things in China in one itinerary

## The trip:

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel.
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Morning check out of Hotel. Own transfer for early evening departure to Xi'an.
- 4 Morning arrival. Check into your Hotel. Free time to explore this historic city.
- 5 Full day excursion to Terracotta Army (transport, lunch, tickets and guide included).
- 6 Early morning check out of Hotel. Own transfer to station for departure to Guangzhou.
- 7 Morning arrival. Own transfer. Check into your Hotel.
- 8 Morning check out of the Hotel. Own transfer. For afternoon departure from Nanhhaigang Harbour to Hong Kong.

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## Trip price:

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Full on	£695	£520pp	No frills	£560	£395pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp	Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp
2-berth "buy out" Beijing-Xi'an-Guangzhou	£210	£210pp	2-berth "buy out" Beijing-Xi'an-Guangzhou	£210	£210pp
Extra night Xi'an	£50	£25pp	Extra night Xi'an	£50	£25pp

Canton Fair Supplement: £60 pp/pn - Canton Fair: 14 April - 30 April, 14 Oct - 06 Nov.

## Day trip options

### FROM BEIJING

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English speaking guide.

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Expect to return 5pm. £50 per person

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English speaking guide.

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Five Goat Statue, Guangzhou



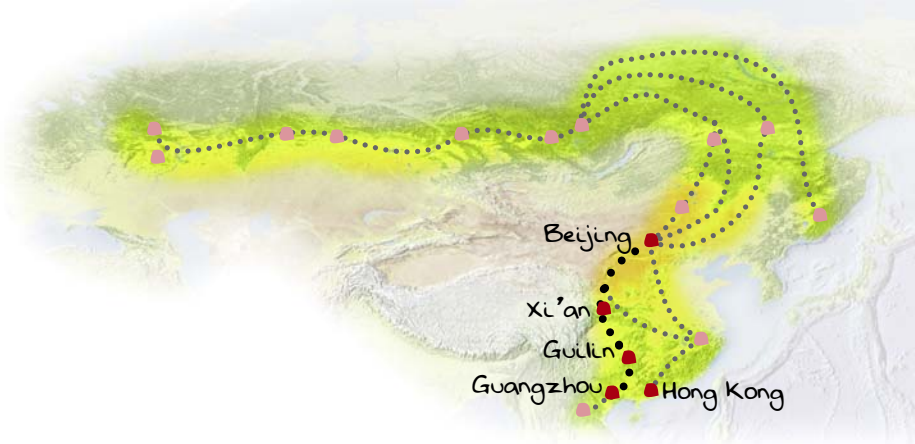
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# Scenic Chinese Route



The “scenic” is basically the “Great Chinese” with the inclusion of Guilin... a place most famous for the outstandingly beautiful landscapes which surround it, and the option to take a cruise down the River Li (frankly this is really unmissable!). The whole thing adds up to an astounding experience of China – by rail and river.

**The cruise down the River Li is really unmissable**

### The trip:

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel.
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Morning check out of Hotel. Early evening departure to Xi'an - own transfer to station.
- 4 Morning arrival. Check into your Hotel. Free time to explore this historic city.
- 5 Full day excursion to Terracotta Army (transport, lunch, tickets and guide included).
- 6 Morning check out of Hotel. Evening departure to Guilin - own transfer to station.
- 7 Late evening arrival. Own transfer. Check into your Hotel. Overnight.
- 8 Free time to explore, and maybe take a boat trip up the River Li?
- 9 Morning check out of Hotel. Evening departure to Guangzhou - own transfer to station.
- 10 Early morning arrival. Own transfer. Check into your Hotel.
- 11 Morning check out of the Hotel. Afternoon departure by Hydrofoil to Hong Kong.

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Terracotta Army

## Day trip options FROM BEIJING

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English speaking guide.  
**Coach pick up from your hotel at 8am. Expect to return 5pm. £55 per person**

**Guilin day trip**  
The Li River is the connecting water way between Guilin and Yangshuo and is one of the main tourist attractions of the area. The River forms a green belt with the mountains on either side. You will cruise the 83 km stretch between the towns on a tourist pleasure boat. Water buffalo patrol the fields, school kids and fishermen float by on bamboo rafts. With its breathtaking scenery and taste of a life far removed from the concrete metropolis. A very relaxing day.

**Coach pick up from your hotel at 08.20am. Expect to return 5pm. £85 per person**

### Trip price:

	1 person	2 people		1 person	2 people
Full on	£885	£665pp	No frills	£745	£575pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp	Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp
2-berth “buy out”	£275	£275pp	2-berth “buy out”	£275	£275pp
Beijing-Xi'an-Guilin-Guangzhou			Beijing-Xi'an-Guilin-Guangzhou		
Extra night Xi'an (per night)	£50	£25pp	Extra night Xi'an (per night)	£50	£25pp
Guilin day trip River Li	£85	£85pp	Guilin day trip River Li	£85	£85pp
Transfer to airport on departure	£50	£25pp	Transfer to airport on departure	£50	£25pp

Canton Fair Supplement: £60 pp/pn -  
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# Terracotta Trail

Break the Beijing-Shanghai journey by going instead via Xi'an, the ancient capital of China – it's hard to disguise our sneaking favouritism to this multi-faceted city... yes, yes, the Terracotta Army, we know, and you shouldn't miss it... but did you know about the massive medieval city walls... the astounding pagodas... the ancient mosque... and the bazaar area with its street-food stalls, buskers, and the hilariously fake "antiques" on sale? And that's just the start...

## The trip:

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel.
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Morning check out of Hotel. Early evening departure to Xi'an - own transfer to station.
- 4 Morning arrival. Check into your Hotel. Free time to explore this historic city.
- 5 Full day excursion to Terracotta Army (transport, lunch, tickets and guide included).
- 6 Morning check out of hotel. Own transfer for evening departure to Shanghai.
- 7 Morning arrival to Shanghai. Hotel rates can be found below.

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## Day trip options

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English speaking guide.

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**£50 per person**

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English speaking guide.

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**£55 per person**



Beijing

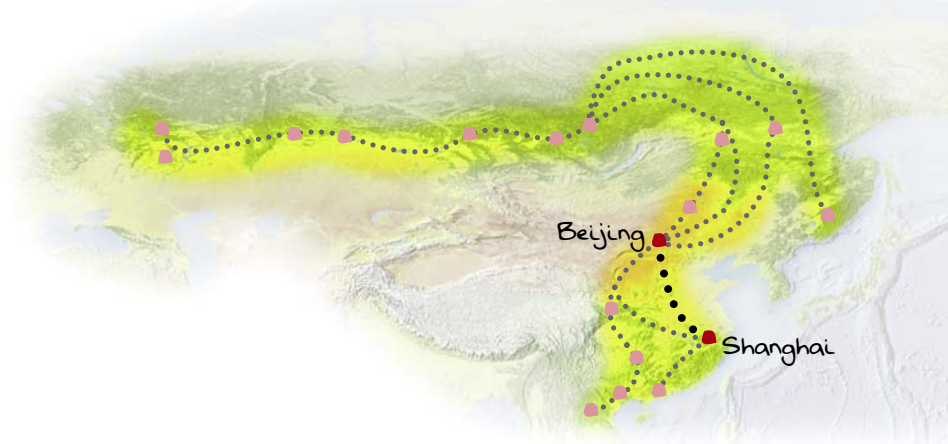
## Trip price:

	1 person	2 people		1 person	2 people
Full on	£540	£400pp	No frills	£415	£315pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
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2-berth "buy out" Beijing-Xi'an-Shanghai	£175	£175pp	2-berth "buy out" Beijing-Xi'an-Shanghai	£175	£175pp
Extra night Xi'an (per night)	£50	£25pp	Extra night Xi'an (per night)	£50	£25pp
	Single	Twin		Single	Twin
Huadong Hotel 4*Shanghai	£80	£40pp	Hotel Zhao An Hotel 3* Shanghai	£70	£70pp
Hotel Zhao An Hotel 3* Shanghai	£70	£35pp			





# Beijing to Shanghai



Ride the rails between China’s two greatest cities, to see a city whose glamour and scandal fascinated the world in the 1920s and 1930s... Noel Coward wrote “Private Lives” whilst staying at the Colonial Hotel in Shanghai, but hopefully you won’t just stay in your hotel room like he did. Although Shanghai might even be the place you begin your own best-seller?

### The trip:

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel.
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Check out of Hotel. Free time. Own taxi to station for evening departure to Shanghai. Overnight on board
- 4 Early morning arrival into Shanghai. Hotel rates can be found below.

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Beijing



The Great Wall

## Day trip options

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English speaking guide.

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English speaking guide.

**Coach pick up from your hotel at 8am. Expect to return 5pm. £55 per person**

### Trip price:

	1 person	2 people		1 person	2 people
Full on	£285	£199pp	No frills	£215	£170pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp	Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp
2-berth “buy out” Beijing-Shanghai	£95	£95pp	2-berth “buy out” Beijing-Shanghai	£95	£95pp
	Single	Twin		Single	Twin
Hotel Zhao An Hotel 3* Shanghai	£70	£35pp	Hotel Zhao An Hotel 3* Shanghai	£70	£35pp
Huadong Hotel 4* Shanghai	£80	£40pp			



# Beijing to Hanoi

This one is for true individualists-the rail route from Beijing to Hanoi takes in some of the most spectacular scenery in South- East Asia. This is an ideal way to push on into Asia for passengers on Round the World tickets or exploring more of Asia.

The trip:

- 1 Arrive Beijing. Transfer\* from Beijing Central Station to your Hotel.
- 2 Free day in Beijing. For day trip options see opposite.
- 3 Check out of Hotel. Free time. Own taxi to station for afternoon departure to Hanoi. Overnight on board.
- 4 On board.
- 5 Arrive into Hanoi early morning. After your stay in Beijing you will take a two night soft class sleeper train down to Hanoi, in Northern Vietnam

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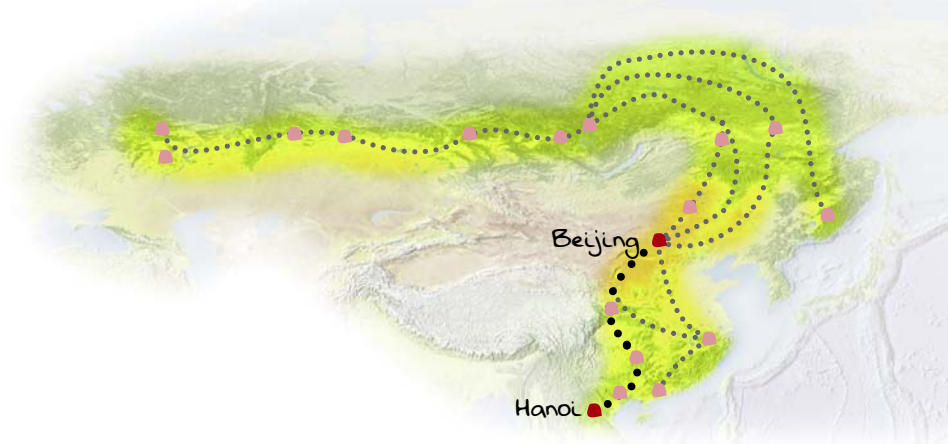
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Beijing station

## Trip price:

	1 person	2 people		1 person	2 people
Full on	£525	£445pp	No frills	£475	£415pp
Extra night Beijing (per night)	£75	£40pp	Extra night Beijing (per night)	£55	£30pp
Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp	Supplement for arrival airport transfer	£25	£10pp
Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp	Great Wall, Ming Tombs day trip	£50	£50pp
Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp	Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven & Summer Palace day trip	£55	£55pp
2-berth "buy out" Beijing-Hanoi	£365	£365pp	2-berth "buy out" Beijing-Hanoi	£365	£365pp



## Day trip options

### FROM BEIJING

#### Great Wall

Includes: Ming Tombs

The well-preserved sections of the Great Wall in Beijing are China's most famous tourist site. These sections are mainly the remains from the Ming Dynasty, an era of tremendous construction. This area of the Wall is to the North of Beijing around 70 kms from the city centre. Here you will see a small section to include several passes and lookout towers. Lunch. This afternoon you will visit the Ming tombs. The general name given to the Mausoleums of 13 emperors of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1664). The Mausoleums have been perfectly preserved and the site has a high cultural and historic value.

English speaking guide.

**Coach pick up from your hotel at 8am.**  
**Expect to return 5pm.**  
**£50 per person**

#### The Forbidden City

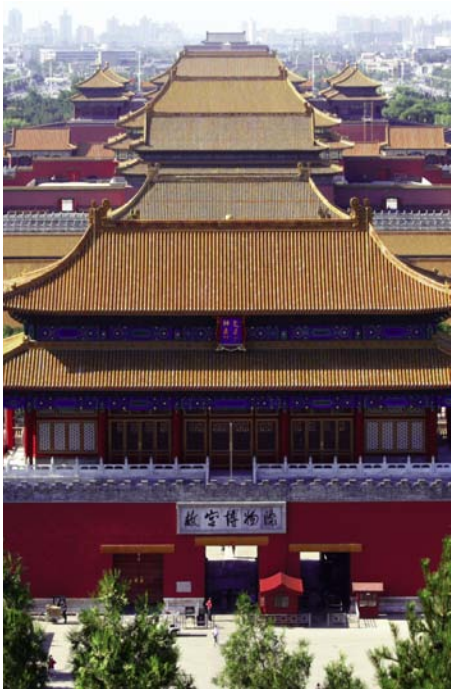
Also includes: Temple of Heaven and Summer Palace.

A full day look into the lives of the Emperors. The Forbidden City lies at the heart of Beijing - it was the Imperial enclave of the city, entrance was "forbidden" to common citizens. Within this enormous city-within-a-city are museums, temples, and even, ehem, Starbucks.

After lunch (included) the tour continues to the Temple of Heaven, a Daoist temple where the Emperors prayed for good fortune for their people. Finally we visit the Summer Palace, laid out in oriental gardens around a huge lake. The Gardens represent the high point of their kind, and are recognised by UNESCO.

English speaking guide.

**Coach pick up from your hotel at 8am.**  
**Expect to return 5pm.**  
**£55 per person**



The Forbidden City



Halong Bay, Hanoi



# Frequently Asked Questions

## HOW SAFE IS IT TO BOOK WITH US?

We are a fully bonded tour operator, registered in the UK, where EU law requires us to protect your travel funds. We are full members of the Travel Trust Association (TTA) [www.traveltrust.co.uk](http://www.traveltrust.co.uk) - your travel funds are held frozen in a Trust Account until your trip is complete, and only then released to us by the TTA's approved Trustee. The Russia Experience Ltd is a member of AITO ([www.aito.co.uk](http://www.aito.co.uk)) - the Association of Independent Tour Operators, a government-regulated professional body of more than 150 tour operators. Between them AITO members take over 1,400,000 satisfied people on holidays throughout the world every year. We are mandated to uphold the high professional standards and stringent financial safeguards which is implicit in membership of the TTA and AITO.

## AREN'T VISAS A NIGHTMARE THAT TAKES WEEKS?

Passengers who travel with us will need a visa for Russia. Depending on the trip and your nationality also one for Mongolia and China. We recommend a visa agency called CIBT ([www.uk.cibt.com/therussiaexperience](http://www.uk.cibt.com/therussiaexperience)) who will arrange all this for you. You liaise with them directly for visas and also pay them directly. We are now booking clients from all points of the globe and are happy to advise you how best to go about obtaining the visas where ever you are based but we do not obtain the visas. **Passports must be valid for 6 months after end date of travel.**

## DO I NEED INSURANCE? DO I NEED VACCINATIONS?

We do require you to have Travel insurance to take any of our trips. For rates please contact your agent or personal insurance company. Which policy you purchase is your own choice. The Russian Consulate also requires you to have Travel Insurance to obtain a visa. No vaccinations are mandatory but you would be well advised to get informed advice on this (not every GP may be as well informed on the latest health developments in these locations). Particular concerns are Cholera, Typhoid, Hepatitis B, Tetanus and Diphtheria. Tick-borne encephalitis is a small risk on some Siberian trekking routes there is a vaccine available. But the risk is VERY small and our leaders observe safety procedures. We also suggest you take a First Aid kit, to include a Sterile Surgical kit.



## WHY IS IT EXPENSIVE TO MAKE EN-ROUTE STOPS?

A Trans-sib secret that no guidebooks seemed to have grasped goes like this... non-stop international tickets are still priced accordingly to old bilateral agreements dating back to the Soviet era which cannot be broken, even now! But if you introduce stops into the your trip these sectors are priced commercially by Russian Railways...so you only get the benefit of state subsidised fares for part of your journey.

## CAN I STAY EXTRA NIGHTS?

In Moscow and St Petersburg, yes! But the train schedules on some of the less than frequent routes make altering the stays almost impossible. Adding or removing odd days will almost never work. We always include two nights in Moscow prior to your Trans- Siberian journey and two in St Petersburg is the standard if you buy a St Petersburg add on-but "there is stacks to see, and I wish I had stayed longer!" is always the feedback we get!

## HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY WILL I NEED?

This depends on what lifestyle you plan pursuing on your trip! The information pack we provide will give you an idea of current costs. Eating and drinking are very similar to most European cities, although Ulaanbaatar and Beijing have upscale versions if you have cash to flash! When itineraries take you far from the shops or cafes we often include meals. Russian souvenirs tend to be fun and low priced so you will be able to stash your pack full of Russian goodies!



## FAMILY STAYS:

Russia Experience prides itself in searching out hidden gems in remote locations. When considering hotel standards for Russia, as laid down by the Russian Ministry for Tourism, remember they might be a little ambitious when allotting stars!! We would recommend you maybe don't have Western Standards or especially North American as your yard stick. However we are very lucky to be able to offer you nomad stays, the Elstei Ger Lodge and camping on some trips and if you see a trip you like but feel you would like a little more luxury when your not on the train, please ask us to upgrade the hotels and we will customise your quote using superior properties.

## SPECIAL DIETS:

Meat features strongly in the national cuisine of most of our destinations. As a team the Russia Experience employs several vegetarians and we have never starved! But for when you are off the train you must advise us prior to departure if you have any special dietary requirements. If you have anything more complicated than a lacto-vegetarian diet consider that in some of the remote places you are to travel this could be a considerable problem-and stock up accordingly.

## TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN;

There are no serious downsides, and the infrastructure of travel and accommodation works well if you're taking children along. However, Communist-era thinking very much treated children as small adults, with little or no provisions or amenities. So priming your children is essential if they are not going to get bored. Take supplies of books and fresh comics secreted in your suitcase English reading material in unavailable for both children and adults alike.

The journey is however the most fantastic introduction to a world they will have never known and they will meet many local children along the way, who will be very curious about their lives so take photos of home! Child prices are on application.



## HOW MUCH PRIVACY DO YOU GET ON BOARD THE TRAIN?

All our standard trips are based on 2nd Class rail in a 4- berth compartment. You will be sharing with your companions if you booked together but we have no control over who purchases the unused seats in your cabin so be prepared to make new freinds! It's possible to buy yourself more privacy if you would like to with an upgrade to 2 berth (same standard) these are not confirmed until 45 days prior to departure so to get round this rule we guarantee to buy out a 4 berth for 2 berth occupancy if the 2 berths are full. Either way you will know in advance you will not have to share. Or if you are three people booking together and want to buy the unused seat thats also possible ask us at the time of booking for a price for this seat and we will get a quote for you.

## ARE THERE SHOWERS ON BOARD?

Most of the main long distance (24 hrs+) on Russian Railways (but not on Mongolian or Chinese) now have a pay-to-use shower. You have to go to the "Special Services" wagon. One use is R50-90pp (prices are set by the varying train operators). No towel or soap is included in the price, we hope you have your own!

## WILL I MEET OTHER TRAVELLERS?

Very likely-especially in the Summer months. There is only one train a week for instance between Mongolia and Beijing (incredible, but true) so a bit of bunching is inevitable for the last section.

## DOWNSIDES:

There are no serious downsides or dangers in visiting our destinations, and there is no need for woman travellers to worry in fact the men get the worry as Russia has an old take on a new annoyance sexual harassment by aggressive ladies of the night. A firm nyet should get rid of them! Dressing-down is recommended for both sexes anyhow the lure of conspicuous wealth is the biggest draw for unwelcome attention. Also remember that it is law to have your documents on you at all times in Russia-spot-checks are routine. The cops know this and if you don't have them on you, will march you down to the Station to waste half a day of your trip and cost you a lot of roubles.

## WANT TO CUSTOMISE YOUR TRIP?

All the trips in the brochure have a pre-arranged schedule however if you would like to customise your journey with longer stays, or special requests for instance, please check with us and we will see what's possible. Note that no alterations will be possible once your trip has commenced. Why not email one of our experts?

Email: [expert@trans-siberian.co.uk](mailto:expert@trans-siberian.co.uk)



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IN ALL CASES, WE ISSUE ONE SET OF DOCUMENTS TO THE LEAD PASSENGER. (PASSENGER 1)

Home address:	Work Tel:	Home Tel:
Post code	Mobile Tel:	e-mail address:

## TRANS SIBERIAN TRIPS

Trip Name	Start date	2 berth upgrade (if 2 berth not available we will purchase 4 berth for 2 person occupancy)
		YES/NO

Starting your trip in: ☐ St. Petersburg ☐ Moscow ☐ Vladivostok ☐ Beijing

If you would like additional nights in St.Petersburg/Moscow/Vladivostok or Beijing, please enter how many:

☐ St. Petersburg   ☐ Moscow   ☐ Vladivostok   ☐ Beijing

## TRIPS IN CHINA

Trip Name	Start date	No of additional nights Beijing/Harbin/Shanghai/Xi'an	Day trip option	Airport transfer

INSURANCE (can advise us of this at a later date)

It is compulsory to advise us of your insurance coverage	Policy Number	Company	Emergency helpline number

## PAYMENT

I authorise the Russia Experience Ltd to charge my Visa/MasterCard/Switch/Maestro: <input type="checkbox"/> £250.00 per person deposit. I understand the balance is payable 60 days prior to departure. <input type="checkbox"/> If departure date is within 60 days, full payment is required.															SECURITY CODE									
CARD NUMBER															Card holder signature _____									
EXPIRY DATE															ISSUE NUMBER					<input type="checkbox"/> Please automatically take full payment from my card 60 days prior to departure <input type="checkbox"/> Payment by cheque: Please make cheques payable to <b>The Russia Experience Ltd Trust Account.</b>				

## DECLARATION

I have read the Russia Experience brochure and would now like to book my trip, by signing the booking form or paying the deposit, I declare I have read the booking conditions and accept them on behalf of all members of my party listed above. I have also read and understood the following: That local conditions in my destination may differ from those in my country of resident in terms of infrastructure, attitude to foreign visitors, stability of local economy and restrictions on foreign exchange. I understand my visit is governed by regulations imposed by the elected Government, and that these regulations-concerning availability of entry visas, registration of aliens, local taxes etc-are subject to revision without prior notice. Obtaining Visas for all destinations visited are the sole responsibility of the visitor.

Please tick the following box to accept the declaration (required) ☐



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# Russia Experience Booking Conditions

1.

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2.

All bookings are accepted on a request basis only. Acceptance of a booking form does not imply availability of a trip.

3.

No booking will be accepted without a completed booking form and either a deposit or - according to the payment schedule applicable - full payment. Deposits are non refundable except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions. When we are in a position to do so, we will confirm your booking by issuing a confirmation invoice. At this point a binding contract between us will come into existence. You must check your confirmation invoice and all other documents we send you as soon as you receive them and let us know immediately if any information appears to be incorrect as it may not be possible to make changes later.

4.

The trip balance must be received by us no later than 60 days before your trip. Payments made by credit card will be charged at an additional 2%. Late or no payment may/will cause cancellation of all or part of your trip, with the cancellation charges shown in clause 9 below being payable depending on the date we reasonably treat your booking as cancelled by you.

5.

No travel documents will be issued until full payment has been made.

6.

We accept payment by cash, travellers' cheques and bankers' drafts and credit cards. We accept personal cheques subject to clearance, for which 10 days must be allowed.

7.

The responsibility for obtaining and carrying correct visas, passports and other travel documents remains with the passenger. We regret we cannot accept any liability if you are refused entry onto any transport or into any country due to failure on your part to carry correct documentation. If you or any member of your party is not a British citizen or holds a non British passport, you must check passport and visa requirements with the embassy or consulate of the country(ies) to or through which you are intending to travel.

8.

If we have to cancel or make a significant change to your trip before departure, you will be offered the choice - where there is time to do so and any significant change is not acceptable to you - of a full refund of all funds paid over to us, or a suitable alternative trip of substantially equal or better quality where available. We will in addition, if appropriate and subject to the following exceptions, pay you reasonable compensation depending on the circumstances. Compensation will not be payable and no liability beyond offering the above mentioned choices can be accepted where (1) we are forced to make a change or cancel as a result of unusual and unforeseeable circumstances beyond our control, the consequences of which we could not have avoided even with all due care or (2) we have to cancel because the minimum number of bookings necessary for us to operate your trip has not been reached - in this case we will notify you by the deadline specified [in the details of the trip in question]. No compensation will be payable and the above options will not be available if we cancel as a result of your failure to comply with any requirement of these booking conditions entitling us to cancel (such as paying on time) or where any change is minor. See clause 13.

9.

If you wish to cancel your trip, we require written notice from you and will apply cancellation charges in accordance with the table below.

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR TRIP:

NUMBER OF DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE WHEN WE RECEIVE YOUR CANCELLATION. SHOWN AS A PERCENTAGE OF YOUR TOTAL TRIP PRICE\*.

Over 60 days before commencement	Deposit only
59-40 days before commencement	50%
39-14 days before commencement	90%
14 days or no show	100%

\* The trip price does not include visas, visa processing fees, travel insurance or guidebooks, which shall be 100% forfeit in all cases.

10.

We consider adequate travel insurance to be essential. You must ensure you take out a policy which includes appropriate cover for medical expenses and for your repatriation to the UK in the event of medical need and for loss or damage of belongings. Please read your policy details carefully and take them with you on trip. It is your responsibility to ensure that the insurance cover you purchase is suitable and adequate for your particular needs.

11.

We have made it clear in all sales materials that it is common and accepted practice for transport methods employed on our trips to run with delays, or to run below operational standards that would be regarded as normal in Western Europe. We cannot accept any claim of any nature which relates to any failure of transport operators to conform either to timetables supplied by us or to their own timetables or arises from deviations from operational standards by transport operators whose services form part of our itineraries (whether original or amended).

12.

We cannot be responsible for the safety of passengers or their belongings. All belongings are at all times at your risk and you must ensure you look after them appropriately.

13.

If circumstances force us to amend your itinerary or any contracted services, we shall notify you in writing as soon as possible. If the change arises during your trip, our representatives will make every effort to contact you personally. We reserve the right to substitute alternative transport or accommodation in the interests of the safety or comfort of our passengers and/or the successful completion of the itinerary.

14.

If you require us to change your booked itinerary, we will do everything reasonably possible to facilitate this, subject to your agreement to meet the costs which may be incurred. An estimate of these costs, in writing, will be provided before proceeding.

15.

Except where otherwise expressly stated in these booking conditions, we regret we cannot accept liability or pay any compensation where the performance or prompt performance of our obligations under our contract with you is prevented or affected by or you otherwise suffer any personal injury, damage or loss of any description as a result of "force majeure". In these booking conditions, "force majeure" means any event which we or the supplier of the service(s) in question could not - even with all due care - foresee or avoid. Such events may include war or threat of war, riot, civil strife, terrorist activity or actual threatened terrorist activity, industrial dispute, natural or nuclear disaster, adverse weather conditions, fire and all similar events outside our control.

16.

In the event of your suffering any personal injury, damage or loss as a result of force majeure, we shall provide all reasonable help. Our assistance does not replace the assistance to be expected from travel insurance up to the limits of cover of the policy recommended by us, nor shall it replace the assistance of the consular responsible for you whilst abroad.

17.

We promise to make sure that the arrangements we have agreed to make, perform or provide as applicable as part of our contract with you are made, performed or provided with reasonable skill and care. This means that, subject to these booking conditions, we will accept responsibility if, for example, you suffer death or personal injury or your contracted arrangements are not provided as promised or prove deficient as a result of the failure of ourselves, our employees, agents or suppliers to use reasonable skill and care in making, performing or providing, as applicable, your contracted arrangements. Please note it is your responsibility to show that reasonable skill and care has not been used if you wish to make a claim against us. In addition, we will only be responsible for what our employees, agents and suppliers do or do not do if they were at the time acting within the course of their employment (for employees) or carrying out work we had asked them to do (for agents and suppliers). We will not be responsible for any injury, illness, death, loss (for example loss of enjoyment), damage, expense, cost or other sum or claim of any description whatsoever which results from (1) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of the person(s) affected or any member(s) of their party or (2) the act(s) and/or omission(s) of a third party not connected with the provision of your trip and which were unforeseeable or unavoidable or (3) 'force majeure' as defined in clause 9 above

18.

We limit the maximum amount we may have to pay you for any claims you may make against us. Where we are found liable for loss of and/or damage to any luggage or personal possessions (including money), the maximum amount we will have to pay you is £250 per person affected unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under this clause or clause 19 below. For all other claims which do not involve death or personal injury, if we are found liable to you on any basis the maximum amount we will have to pay you is twice the price (excluding insurance premiums and amendment charges) paid by or on behalf of the person(s) affected in total unless a lower limitation applies to your claim under clause 19 below. This maximum amount will only be payable where everything has gone wrong and you have not received any benefit at all from your holiday.

19.

Where any claim or part of a claim (including those involving death or personal injury) concerns or is based on any travel arrangements (including the process of getting on and/or off the transport concerned) provided by any rail, sea or road carrier or any stay in a hotel, the maximum amount of compensation we will have to pay you will be limited. The most we will have to pay you for that claim or that part of a claim if we are found liable to you on any basis is the most the carrier or hotel keeper concerned would have to pay under the international convention or regulation which applies to the travel arrangements or hotel stay in question (for example, COTIF, The Convention Concerning International Carriage by Rail and the Athens Convention for international travel by sea). Please note: Where a carrier or hotel would not be obliged to make any payment to you under the applicable International Convention or Regulation in respect of a claim or part of a claim, we similarly are not obliged to make a payment to you for that claim or part of the claim. When making any payment, we are entitled to deduct any money which you have received or are entitled to receive from the transport operator or hotelier for the complaint or claim in question. Copies of the applicable International Conventions and Regulations are available from us on request.

20.

Claims for compensation will be accepted in writing only, and must be received by us (with all relevant details) within 30 days of the end of the final included service. You must notify our local representatives and the supplier of the service(s) concerned as soon as you become aware of any problem. We are unable to consider any claim where the assistance or advice of our local representatives has been unsought, rejected or ignored.

21.

Passengers who fail to join the trip by the means or at the time and date they previously advised us by at least 14 days' notice shall forfeit all subsequent services up to such time as they can be reasonably rejoined. Any re-scheduling so caused shall be at the passenger's own expense. Departure without notification from the itinerary may result in forfeiture of subsequent services. "No-show" passengers shall forfeit all subsequent services if they fail to notify us of intention to rejoin their itinerary within 72 hours of their original arrival date. Expenses arising from your departure from the itinerary cannot be recovered from us.

22.

Tariffs shown in our leaflets were accurate based on prices and exchange rates at the time of printing. We reserve the right to make changes to and correct errors in advertised prices at any time before your holiday is confirmed. We will advise you of any error of which we are aware and of the then applicable price at the time of booking.  
Once the price of your chosen holiday has been confirmed at the time of booking, we will only increase or decrease it in the following circumstances. A surcharge or refund (as applicable) will be payable, subject to the conditions set out in this clause, if our costs increase or decrease due to changes in transportation costs or in dues, taxes or fees payable for services such as embarkation or disembarkation fees at ports or in the exchange rates which have been used to calculate the cost of your holiday. Even in the above cases, only if the amount of the increase in our costs exceeds 2% of the total cost of your trip (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), will we levy a surcharge. If any surcharge is greater than 10% of the cost of your trip (excluding insurance premiums and any amendment charges), you will be entitled to cancel your booking and receive a full refund of all monies you have paid to us (except for any amendment charges) or alternatively purchase another holiday from us as referred to in clause 8.  
You have 14 days from the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice to tell us if you want to cancel or purchase another trip as set out in clause 8. If you do not tell us that you wish to choose either of these options within this period of time, we are entitled to assume that you do not wish to do so and will pay the surcharge. Any surcharge must be paid with the balance of the cost of the trip or within 14 days of the issue date printed on the surcharge invoice, whichever is the later. Please note that travel arrangements are not always purchased in local currency and some apparent changes have no impact on the price of your travel due to contractual and other protection in place. A refund will only be payable if the decrease in our costs exceeds 2% as set out above. Where a refund is due, we will pay you the full amount of the decrease in our costs. We promise not to levy a surcharge within 30 days of departure.

23.

With the exception of diving none of our activities require special training or above-average levels of fitness or mobility. If you are in any doubt about whether you should undertake them, you should consult your medical adviser. We are unable to refund any money in respect of services from which you withdraw after arrival. With reasonable notice, alternative versions of most of our activities can be organised for those of you who have special needs, and a section on our booking form invites information to enable us to plan for your needs in this case.

24.

If you have any special request, you must advise us at the time of booking. Although we will endeavour to pass any reasonable requests on to the relevant supplier, we regret we cannot guarantee any request will be met. Failure to meet any special request will not be a breach of contract on our part. Confirmation that a special request has been noted or passed on to the supplier or the inclusion of the special request on your confirmation invoice or any other documentation is not confirmation that the request will be met. Unless and until specifically confirmed, all special requests are subject to availability.  
If any passenger has any medical condition or disability which may affect your trip, please tell us before you confirm your booking. In any event, you must give us full details in writing at the time of booking and whenever any change in the condition or disability occurs. If we reasonably feel unable to properly accommodate the particular needs of the person concerned, we must reserve the right to decline their reservation or, if full details are not given at the time of booking, cancel when we become aware of these details.

25.

At all times passengers are bound by local law and jurisdiction in their chosen destinations. Passengers who depart from the selected itinerary, either geographically or chronologically, are advised that they may be breaking local immigration regulations, which at best will result in delay and inconvenience, and at worst may result in arrest and imprisonment, in neither of which cases are we able to assist in any material way. Passengers are advised that local duties and levies are frequently introduced, amended or increased without warning, and whilst we do our best to inform passengers of what local costs are likely to incur, we cannot guarantee that further costs will not be imposed or increased subsequent to our recent information. Such costs remain the passenger's responsibility.

26.

We do not organise air travel to or from our destinations. Passengers are advised to ensure that agencies with which they organise such services are properly bonded and certified to conduct such business. On request we can provide details with a recommended agent for many localities.

27.

The Russia Experience will not accept responsibility for any additional or alternative travel arrangements (including the use of local guides and the purchase of services and excursions) that are made independently by its clients and that are separate, or in addition, to the booked and ticketed itinerary.

28.

We both agree that English Law (and no other) will apply to our contract and to any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us (except as set out below). We both also agree that any dispute, claim or other matter of any description (and whether or not involving any personal injury) which arises between us must be dealt with by the AITO Arbitration Scheme (if available for the claim in question - details available on request) or by the Courts of England and Wales only unless, in the case of Court proceedings, you live in Scotland or Northern Ireland. In this case, proceedings must either be brought in the Courts of your home country or those of England and Wales. If proceedings are brought in Scotland or Northern Ireland, you may choose to have your contract and any dispute, claim or other matter of any description which arises between us governed by the law of Scotland/Northern Ireland as applicable (but if you do not so choose, English law will apply).

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