



Experience Beijing-Hong Kong

Along the way
Beijing
Hong Kong

Two Chinas, one rail system



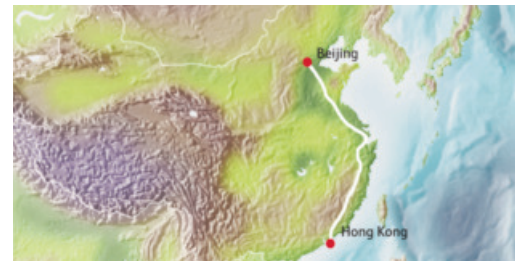
What's included

FULL ON

- Train**
- > Soft Class 4-berth sleeper Beijing-Hong Kong (pre-assigned berths)
 - > option to upgrade to 2-berth
- Beijing**
- > 2 nights 4★ hotel

NO FRILLS

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Visa Requirements

Visitors to China require visas. These must be obtained prior to departure. Visa processing times for China visas can be up to **7 Working Days**

Fast track processing is possible.

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

Hints and Tips

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

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

Travellers Checklist

Day pack, back pack, money belt, first aid kit, sun hat, lightweight jacket, warm jacket (Sep-Apr departures).

Climate and time – Minimum/maximum Temperatures °C

	Jan/Feb	Mar/Apr	May/Jun	Jul/Aug	Sep/Oct	Nov/Dec
Beijing	-20/-10	-6/+14	+15/+22	+24/+30	+8/+22	-10/+6
Hong Kong	+13/+18	+16/+9	+23/+29	+26/+31	+ 23+27	-15/+23

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full on itinerary – 4 days

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DAY 01

On arrival in Beijing you're free to make your own way to the hotel. The Howard Johnson Paragon 4★ Hotel Beijing is ideally located on East Chang An Street, opposite Beijing Railway station in the heart of the golden area of the capital city, surrounded by major business centres, tourist attractions and only minutes away from the Wangfujing Street. During your stay in Beijing you'll certainly want to visit both the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, these are within walking distance of the Paragon Hotel, and adjacent to each other, so this couldn't be more convenient! The hotel is situated 40 minutes from the international airport. The 10-story hotel boasts 308 modern furnished guest rooms and suites. Each room features modern facility including central air conditioning, satellite TV, minibar, IDD telephone, in-room safe and hair-dryer.

DAY 02

If you haven't pre-booked one of our city excursions today is your own to explore. During your stay in Beijing you'll certainly want to visit both the Forbidden City and Tiananmen Square, these are within walking distance of the Paragon Hotel, and adjacent to each other, so this couldn't be more convenient!

Breakfast

DAY 03

You'll need to check out of your room by 12 noon today but the hotel offers a Left Luggage service for a small fee. Your time is free until your train departs. Hotel Reception can pre-order you a taxi – it's wise to allow one hour to get through Beijing's traffic and a second hour to complete security (metal-detectors are now in force and there can be queues to use them) and find your train and platform. Own transfer to Beijing West Station where you will board the Hong Kong bound train.

Breakfast

DAY 04

Lunch time arrival at Kowloon Station, Hong Kong.

No meals

No ordinary trip

At The Russia Experience we like to ditch the clichés, discard the puff and concentrate on what we do best – bringing to life the world's longest train route: the places visited, the encounters made and the realisation of a journey that is both engaging and rewarding.

We continually look at ways of enhancing the Trans Siberian experience, incorporating seasonal considerations (such as the Harbin Ice Festival), providing the historical context (pay a visit to the only remaining Soviet Gulag) or inviting you to savour the diverse cultural influences of indigenous people (sit down with a shaman, or enjoy the Siberian art of throat singing!).

We have no group departures, our advertised dates always operate (barring anything completely out of our control) and, above all, we will tell you it like it is – allowing you to make the right choice from a portfolio of journeys rich in variety and full of memorable experiences. Sorry! We couldn't resist at least one cliché!

These dossiers are designed to provide you with a guide to our trips, the places visited, accommodation used and to give you a flavour of your daily itinerary. You will be travelling in parts of the world where the unanticipated and the unusual are all part of the experience and, as a result, the unexpected can happen and we may on occasions need to vary your plans. These dossiers do not form part of any contract.