

# THE BIG TRANS-SIB TS.04

This is our most popular trip to date – a winning combination of both Siberia and Mongolia packaged into an itinerary that you can fit into a two week holiday. In Siberia stay at Lake Baikal with an overnight in historic Irkutsk. In Mongolia spend time in both Ulaanbaatar and the Steppe staying in a traditional felt Ger. This trip operates year round – including the Ger stays!

Our Ger winter program operates mid October to the beginning of May and during this time the facilities are limited. Due to colder climates there is no use of the showers but you get to freshen up in Ulaanbaatar before you arrive and the toilets although outside are still operational. Our restaurant with a different location is still making delicious Mongolian winter treats and horse riding is an available option for you to book locally.

## ITINERARY

**DAY 1**                      **3\* HOTEL MOSCOW**  
Arrival to Moscow. Car transfer to accommodation. Balance of day free in Moscow.

**DAY 2**                      **3\* HOTEL MOSCOW**  
Half day Buddy assistance to get your sightseeing off to a flying start.

**DAY 3**                      **ON BOARD**  
Morning free in Moscow. Evening car transfer for station, train to Irkutsk.

**DAYS 4 – 6**                      **ON BOARD**

**DAY 7**                      **FAMILY STAY LISTVYANKA**  
Morning arrival to Irkutsk. Car to family stay in Listvyanka village. Lunch. Guided walking along the shores of Lake Baikal, including a visit to Baikal Lake Museum and Orthodox Church. Sauna, Supper and overnight.

**DAY 8**                      **FAMILY STAY LISTVYANKA**  
Breakfast. Free time today to explore the village and surrounding area. You can arrange activities locally with our staff. Your family will provide a picnic lunch in the summer if you wish. In winter lunch is with the family. Sauna, Supper and Overnight.

**DAY 9**                      **FAMILY STAY IRKUTSK**  
Breakfast, Car to Irkutsk. Day free and overnight with family. **HOTEL OPTION available at extra cost see below and on page 30 (highly recommended).**

WANT THE 16 DAY TRIP THEN ADD AN EXTRA NIGHT IN LAKE BAIKAL MAKING THE TRAIN DEPARTURE DAY 11

**DAY 10**                      **ON BOARD**  
Dept on train to Mongolia early morning

**DAY 11**                      **GER CAMP**  
Morning arrival (subject to border delays) in Outer Mongolia! Shower and freshen up. Afternoon free to explore, or team up with our local Buddies for a walking tour of the city. Transport out to the Ger Camp. Supper and overnight on the steppe

**DAY 12**                      **GER CAMP**  
Breakfast, day free to go walking, horse riding (arrange locally), lunch, free time. Supper and overnight in your Ger gazing at the stars!

**DAY 13**                      **3\* HOTEL UB**  
Breakfast, transfer back to Ulaanbaatar. Own lunch, at one of the many cheap cafes. Free time to explore, supper and overnight at hotel.

**DAY 14**                      **ON BOARD**  
14 Car transfer to station. Morning departure on train to Beijing. Across southern Mongolia to border. Midnight border crossing.

**DAY 15**                      **END OF ITINERARY**  
Arrival into China, via the Great Wall (mid-day approx.) Arrival in Beijing scheduled for mid-afternoon.

\*\*\*ALL TRIPS AVAILABLE IN REVERSE PLEASE SEE WEB SITE OR CONTACT US\*\*\*

## TOUR PRICE

For the above Standard Itinerary inclusive of travel services, based on 2nd – Class/4-berth rail travel, Buddy/Guide for 4 hours in Moscow, Transfers on arrival and departure except Beijing, 3\* hotel accommodation or family stays, and all meals where stated:

	1 person	2 people	3-9 people
Standard Trip TS.04	£1235	£1135 each	£1035 each
Extra night in Moscow XN.MOW (per night)	£55	£45 each	£45 each
Hotel stay Irkutsk	£40	£30 each	£30 each

The cost to upgrade (ie 2 berth compartment or book out a 4 berth compartment) is £399 per person. Availability is limited and cannot be confirmed until 30 days prior to your departure.

**Budget Trip** -1\* hotel in Moscow.(room only), no Buddy, no car on departure in Moscow. Family stay in Irkutsk only (no Lake Baikal stay) and a 1\*hotel in UB (no Ger trip)

	1 person	2 people	3-9 people
Tour code TS.04B	£1085	£985 each	£885 each
Extra night in Moscow budget (per night)	£35	£30 each	£30 each

Save money if you're travelling with friends – groups of 3-9 people all travelling on the same trip get a lower price. To qualify, you simply have to arrive / leave on the same flights, and submit your passports simultaneously for visa processing.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- 15/16 day itinerary
- 2 nights in 3\* Hotel in Moscow
- Lake Baikal
- Family stays in Lake Baikal
- Ger stay on steppe
- Beijing



## DATA

### DURATION

15/16 days

### VISAS REQUIRED

Rus+Mon+Chi

### 2004/2005 START DATES

TS.04 (15day)	2004	2005
Jan	9,23	7,21
Feb	13,27	11,25
Mar	5,19	11,25
Apr	9,23	15,29
May	7,21	13,27
Jun	11,25	3,17
Jul	9,23	
Aug	13,27	
Sep	3*,17	
Oct	15,29	
Nov	5,19	
Dec	3,17,31	

\*£30 supplement applies on above date for our own Mini Naadam festival see p33 for more details about this special feature.

**TS.04+1 (16day)	2004	2005
Jan	15,29	13,27
Feb	5,19	3,17
Mar	11,25	3,17,31
Apr	15,29	7,21
May	13,27	5,19
Jun	3,17	9,23
Jul	15,29	
Aug	5,19	
Sep	9,23	
Oct	7,21	
Nov	11,25	
Dec	9,23	

\*\*Supplement per person for the extra night is £45 for one and £30 for two or more. Budget supplement cost is £20pp.

2005 dates (pay in full by 1 Dec 2004 and secure the price stated in this 2004 brochure – prices shall be amended for the 2005 dates in Dec 2004).

### OPTIONS

Check out the following pages:

- ADD-ON St Petersburg p28
- Enjoy one of our many Beetroot Backpacker Trips p13
- ADD-ON China Travel p36-41