

TRANS-SIBERIAN BURYATIA ADVENTURE

TS.09 A/B

If we only had time for one en-route stop, we'd choose Buryatia. If you asked us why, we'd say that it has lots of the great aspects of a T-Sib trip in one location...

(1) the 'undeveloped' side of Lake Baikal, with lakeside villages that no tourists visit and no touristy services (2) super mid-ability outdoor activities – rock climbing, kayaking etc in amazing landscapes (3) the Asian heritage of Siberia – the Buryats are first cousins of the Mongolians, and

have unique musical heritage, Buddhist temples, food from the steppes etc (4) and you escape the hordes too! Here are two contrasting itineraries – one active, the other based on local culture. We strongly recommend Itin A for winter trips – it's great!



“Buryatia – where ancient traces of Genghis’s foes, age-old traditions, shamanism, Buddhism and natural Siberian wilderness come together.”



ITINERARY A

BURATIA CULTURAL ADVENTURE (EXCELLENT WINTER CHOICE)

DAY 1 **☺ 3* HOTEL MOSCOW**
Arrival Moscow. Transfer to accommodation
3* Hotel.

DAY 2 **☺ 3* HOTEL MOSCOW**
Breakfast. Buddy guide (1/2 day). Free time.
Overnight 3* Hotel

DAY 3 **☺ ON BOARD**
Breakfast. Car transfer to station for mid
evening train to Ulan Ude.

DAYS 4 – 6 **☺ ON BOARD**
DAY 7 **☺ FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE**
Arrive Ulan Ude. Car to family stay. Trip to
Ivlginski Datsan. City tour. Supper and
overnight local family.

DAY 8 **☺ FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE**
Breakfast. Transfer to Russian Village. Walk in
village. Lunch. Cart/Sledge to Posolski
Monastery. Return to village. Sauna, supper
and overnight local family.

DAY 9 **☺ FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE**
Breakfast. Trip to source of the Selenga river
to watch local fishing. Lakeside lunch. Return
to Ulan Ude. Supper & overnight stay with
local family.

DAY 10 **☺ FAMILY STAY BURYAT**
Breakfast. Transfer to Buryat village. Accom
with local family. Trip to Atsagatski Datsan.
Lunch. Walking in village. Sauna, supper and
overnight.

DAY 11 **☺ ON BOARD**
Breakfast. Transfer to Ulan Ude. Visit centre of
Eastern Medicine. Late afternoon train to
Beijing.

DAY 12 – 13 **☺ ON BOARD**

DAY 14 **☺ END OF ITINERARY**
Early morning arrive Beijing.

ITINERARY B

BURYATIA ACTIVE ADVENTURE (JUNE-AUG ONLY)

• You must be a reasonable strong swimmer
to participate in this program.

• The Taikhan Fortress involves some rock-
scrambling. All gear is provided.

• A fully-qualified kayaking instructor
accompanies the trip.

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Arrival Moscow. Transfer to accommodation
3* Hotel.

DAY 2 **☺ 3* HOTEL MOSCOW**
Breakfast. Buddy guide (1/2).Free time.
Overnight 3* Hotel

DAY 3 **☺ ON BOARD**
Breakfast. Free time. Car transfer to station
for mid evening train to Ulan Ude.

DAYS 4 – 6 **☺ ON BOARD**

DAY 7 **☺ FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE**
Arrive Ulan Ude. Car to family stay. Trip to
Ivlginski Datsan. City tour. Supper and
overnight family stay

DAY 8 **☺ CAMP**
Breakfast. Trip to the Taikhan stronghold.
Lunch. Preparation for rafting. Start rafting.
Dinner cooked on fire. Overnight tent
(sleeping bag required).

DAY 9 **☺ FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE**
Breakfast. Rafting to Omulevka town. Lunch
with family. Return to Ulan Ude. Supper and
overnight with family.

DAY 10 **☺ FAMILY STAY BURYAT**
Breakfast. Transfer to Buryat village. Accom.
with local family. Trip to Atsagatski Datsan.
Lunch. Walking in village. Sauna, supper and
overnight local family.

DAY 11 **☺ ON BOARD**
Breakfast. Transfer to Ulan Ude. Visit Centre
of Eastern Medicine. Late afternoon train.

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HIGHLIGHTS

- 2 exciting 14 day itineraries
- Ulan-Ude Datsuns
- Fishing
- Rafting
- Kayaking
- Buryat Village



DATA

DURATION

14 days

VISAS REQUIRED

Rus+Mon+Chi

2004/2005 START DATES

TS.09A (14days)	2004	2005
Jan	3,17	1,15
Feb	7,21	5,19
Mar	13,27	5,19
Apr	3,17	9,23
May	1,15	7,21
Jun	5,19	11,25
Jul	3,17	
Aug	7,21	
Sep	11,25	
Oct	9,23	
Nov	13,27	
Dec	11,25	
TS.09B (14days)	2004	2005
Jun	5,19	11,25
Jun	3,17	
Aug	7,21	

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
- ADD-ON China Travel p36-41
- ADD-ON Tibet p43-45

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.09A	£1249	£1149 each	£1049 each
Tour code TS.09B	£1449	£1249 each	£1049 each

1st class upgrade: (ie 2 berth compartment or book out a 4 berth compartment) is £349 per person. Availability is limited and cannot be confirmed until 30 days prior to your departure.

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