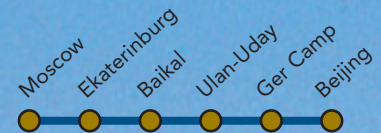


THE MAMMOTH TRANS-SIB ^{TS.12}

The breadth and scope of the world's greatest journey is summed up in this extraordinary itinerary. Siberia is multi-faceted – you'll see its natural wilderness, its native Asiatic peoples, its village life, and its legacy as a place of exile. Surpass the ordinary in Mongolia, and trek by jeep to ancient campground of Karakorum – where the Mongolian kuriltai crowned the warrior-prince Temujin as "Conqueror of the World"... "Chinggis Khan".



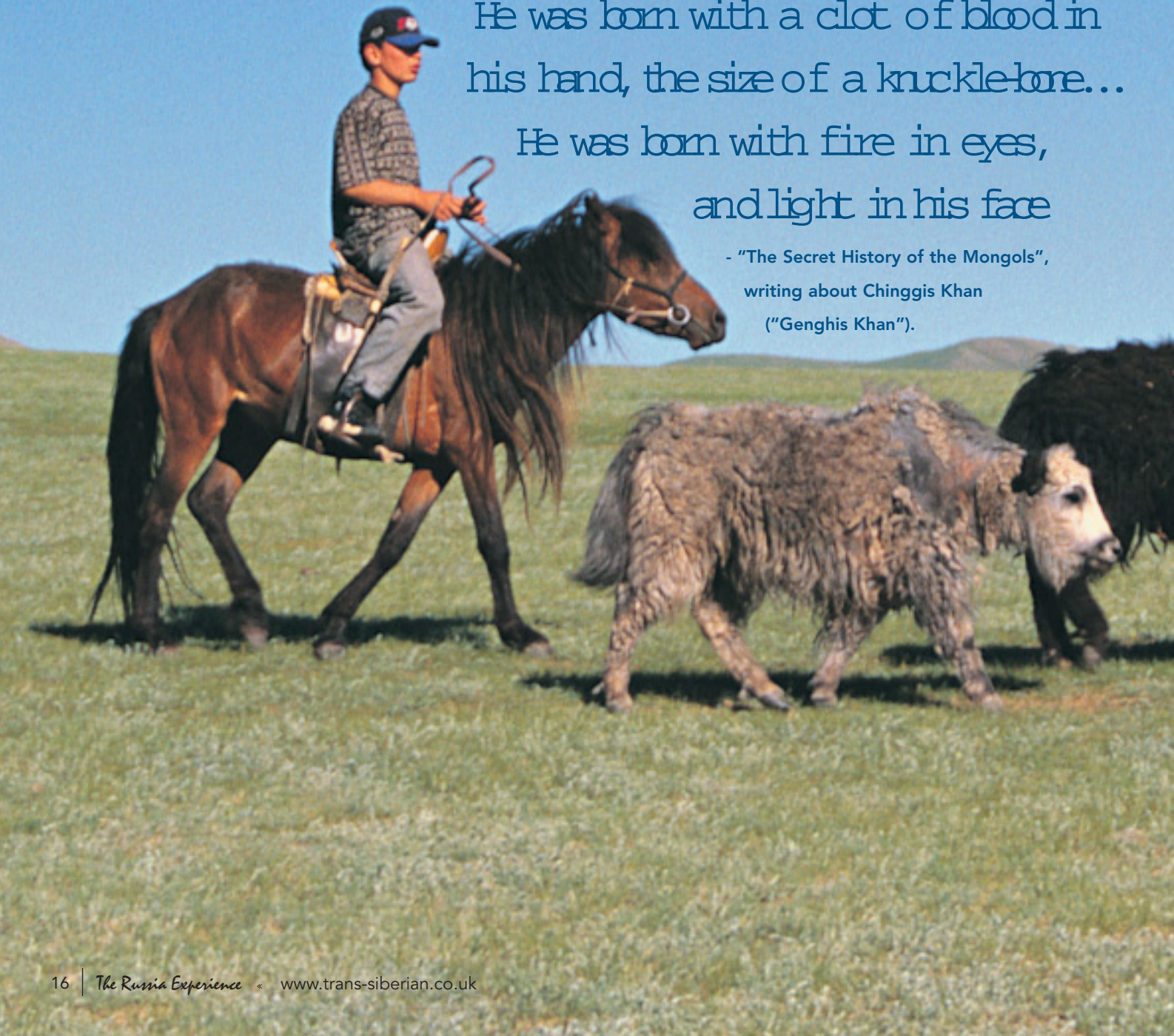
***ALL TRIPS AVAILABLE IN REVERSE
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He was born with a clot of blood in
his hand, the size of a knuckle-bone...

He was born with fire in eyes,
and light in his face

- "The Secret History of the Mongols",
writing about Chinggis Khan
("Genghis Khan").



HIGHLIGHTS

- 22/23 day itinerary
- Adventure program in Ekaterinburg
- U-U – Atsagatski & Ivolginski Datsan
- Lake Baikal
- Jeep trip in Gobi
- Ger Camp with Herdsmen
- Beijing

ITINERARY

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

DAY 2 C 3* HOTEL MOSCOW
Buddy assistance half day to get your sightseeing off to a flying start. Overnight.

DAY 3 C ON BOARD
Morning free in Moscow. Lunchtime car transfer to station, for train departure to Ekaterinburg.

DAY 4 C FAMILY STAY EKATERINBURG
Across the Ural Mountains...arriving mid evening to Ekaterinburg, car to Family Stay, Supper and overnight. **HOTEL OPTION available at extra cost see below and on page 29 (highly recommended).**

DAY 5 C FAMILY STAY EKATERINBURG
Buddy for the morning to explore the city, own lunch, free afternoon. Supper and overnight.

DAY 6 C CLUBBING/ON BOARD
DAY TRIP. INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE DETAILS OF CHOICES ON PAGE 29.

Return to Ekaterinburg. Visit the city's most exclusive nightclub and dine and dance the night away until we take you to the station for the early 04:00 train to Irkutsk

DAYS 7 – 8 C ON BOARD
On board.



DAY 9 C FAMILY STAY LISTVYANKA
9 Morning arrival to Irkutsk. Car to family stay in Listvyanka village. Lunch.

Guided walking along the shores of Baikal, including a visit to the Baikal Lake Museum and Orthodox church. Sauna, supper and overnight.

DAY 10 C 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. Sauna, supper and overnight.

WANT THE 23 DAY TRIP THEN ADD AN EXTRA NIGHT IN LAKE BAIKAL MAKING THE TRAIN DEPARTURE DAY 12

DAY 11 C ON BOARD
11 Breakfast. Car to Irkutsk. Our staff can arrange for luggage storage. Free time to explore the city. Return to Irkutsk office for your car transfer to the station early evening. Train to Ulan Uday.

DAY 12 C FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE
12 Arrive Ulan Uday early morning. Car to family stay in Ulan Ude. Guided trip Atsagatski Datsan. Lunch with Buryat family and a tour of the village. Return to Ulan Ude. Supper. Overnight.

DAY 13 C FAMILY STAY ULAN UDE
Breakfast. Guided trip to the Ivolginski Datsan. Lunch. City walking tour. Visit the Centre of Eastern Medicine. Supper and Overnight in Ulan Ude.

DAY 14 C ON BOARD
Early breakfast and onto the train. All day and night on board...

DAY 15 C 3*HOTEL UB
Morning arrival (subject to border delays) in Outer Mongolia! Car to hotel. Optional guided walk. Transfer to Ger Supper and overnight in Gers with herdsmen.

DAY 16 C HERDSMEN
Breakfast. Jeep trip into Bayan Gobi (meals included). Supper and overnight in Gers with herdsmen.

DAY 17 C HERDSMEN
Breakfast. Jeep trip to Karakorum (8 hrs off-road driving), lunch en-route. Supper and overnight in Gers with Herdsmen again.

DAY 18 C GER CAMP
Breakfast. Jeep trip sightseeing in Gobi, returning to UB (6 hrs off -road driving and then onto Ger Camp. Supper and overnight in Gers.

DAY 19 C GER CAMP
19 Breakfast. Day free to go walking, horse-riding (arrange locally),lunch, supper and overnight in your Ger gazing at the stars!

DAY 20 C 3* HOTEL UB
Breakfast. Return to UB. Free time. Supper and overnight at 3*hotel.

DAY 21 C ON BOARD
Car transfer to station for morning departure on train to Beijing. Across southern Mongolia to the border. Midnight border crossing.

DAY 22 C END OF ITINERARY
Arrival into China, via the Great Wall (mid-day approx.) Arrival to Beijing scheduled for mid-afternoon.



DATA

DURATION

22/23 days

VISAS REQUIRED

Rus+Mon+Chi

2004/2005 START DATES

TS.12 (22day)	2004	2005
May	7,21	13,27
Jun	11,25	9,23
July	9,23	
Aug	13,27*	
Sep	3,17	
**TS.12+1 (23day)	2004	2005
May	3,27	5,19
Jun	3,17	3,17
July	15,29	
Aug	5,19	
Sep	9	

Trip available in reverse – please see web site or contact us for details.

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

**Supplement per person for the extra night is £45 for one and £30 for two or more.

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

TOUR PRICE

For the above itinerary inclusive of travel services, 2nd class/4-berth rail travel, Buddy/Guide services in Moscow, Transfer on arrivals and departures except in Beijing, 3* Hotel accommodation and family stays with all meals provided where stated:

	1 person	2 people	3-9 people
Standard Trips: TS.12S	£1999	£1824 each	£1624 each
Extra nights in Moscow	£55	£45 each	£45 each

Upgrade – 1st class: 2 berth compartment or book out a 4 berth compartment the cost is per person – £449. Availability is limited and cannot be confirmed until 30 days prior to your departure.

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.