

# THE THREE CAPITALS TS.02

This itinerary follows the Trans-Mongolian route. Two nights in Moscow and onto Beijing but with a stop in Mongolia that includes a day in Ulaanbaatar and two nights on the steppe staying in a traditional Ger. During the summer you can arrange with local herdsmen to ride their horses across the steppe. Ulaanbaatar's sights include the Gandan Monastery, residence of the former Bogd-Khan (spiritual leader) and the Natural History museum – home to the dinosaur remains found in the Gobi desert.

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 to accommodation. Balance of day free Moscow. Overnight at a 3\* hotel..

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

**DAY 3** ☾ **ON BOARD**  
3 Morning free in Moscow. Evening car transfer to station for the train to Ulaanbaatar.

**DAYS 4 – 6** ☾ **ON BOARD**  
4 on board the Trans-Mongolian Express

**DAY 7** ☾ **ON BOARD**  
On board the Trans-Mongolian Express, via Irkutsk and along the shores of Lake Baikal..

**DAY 8** ☾ **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 9** ☾ **GER CAMP**  
Breakfast, day free to go walking, horse-riding(arrange locally), lunch. Free time, supper and overnight in a Ger gazing at the stars!

**DAY 10** ☾ **3\* HOTEL UB**  
Breakfast, transfer back to UB (own lunch). Free time to explore, dinner and overnight at hotel.

**DAY 11** ☾ **ON BOARD**  
Car transfer to station. Morning train to Beijing. Across southern Mongolia to the border. Midnight border crossing.

**DAY 12** ☾ **END OF ITINERARY**  
Arrival into China, via the Great Wall (mid-afternoon). 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 Trip itinerary inclusive of the travel services, based on 2nd-class /4-berth rail travel, 3\* hotel accommodation and family stays where noted, meals where stated. Transfers on arrival and departure except Beijing.

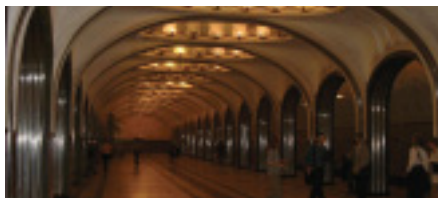
	1 person	2 people	3-9 people
Standard Trip TS.02	£999	£899 each	£799 each
Extra night Moscow XN.MOW (per night)	£55	£45 each	£45 each

**First class upgrade:** (ie 2 berth compartment or book out a 4 berth compartment is £349 per person. Availability is limited.

**Budget Trip:** 1\*hotel Moscow, (room only) no Buddy, no car on departure in Moscow and 1\*hotel in UB (no Ger Trip).

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Tour Code TS.02B	£899	£799 each	£699 each
Extra night Moscow Budget (per night)	£35	£30 each	£30 each

Save money if you're travelling with friends-groups 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 passports simultaneously for visa processing.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- 12 day itinerary
- 2 nights in Moscow
- Ger stay on Mongolian steppe
- Beijing



## DATA

### DURATION

12 days

### VISAS REQUIRED

Russ+Mon+Chi

### 2004/2005 START DATES

TS.02 (12day)	2004	2005
Jan	5,12,19,26	3,10,17,24,31
Feb	2,9,16,23	7,14,21,28
Mar	1,8,15,22,29	7,14,21,28
Apr	5,12,19,26	4,11,18,25
May	3,10,17,24,31	2,9,16,23,30
Jun	7,14,21,28	6,13,20,27
Jul	5,12,19,26	
Aug	2,9,16,23,30	
Sep	6*,13,20,27	
Oct	4,11,18,25	
Nov	1,8,15,22,29	
Dec	6,13,20,27	

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

**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

Want to visit St. Petes, spend more time in Moscow or rider the Beetroot bus? Or, spend more time in China/Beijing?

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