THE ULTIMATE TRANS-SIB TS.14

Our Mammoth trip, but with a great side trip rafting in the Altai mountains. Rafting is down the Katun River which flows through the spectacular alpine scenery of the Katun Valley. There are some rapids but this is a trip which first-time rafters can do – you are accompanied by highly qualified instructors.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 — 3* HOTEL MOSCOW
Arrive Moscow. Car to accommodation. Overnight at 3* Hotel.

DAY 2 — 3* HOTEL MOSCOW
Bkfst. Half Day Buddy assistance to get your sightseeing of to a flying start. Overnight.

DAY 3 — ON BOARD
Bkfst. Free Time. Transfer to station for train to Ekaterinburg.

DAY 4 — FAMILY STAY EKATERINBURG
Evening arrival in Ekaterinburg. Car to Family Stay, supper and overnight.

DAY 5 — FAMILY STAY EKATERINBURG
Half day Buddy assistance, own lunch, free afternoon, supper, overnight family stay

DAY 6 — 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 or dance the night away until we take you to the station for the early morning train to Barnaul

DAY 7 — ON BOARD
Train to Barnaul. All day and night.

DAY 8 — CHEMEL VILLAGE
Arrive Barnaul. Bus to Altai (7 hours) Lunch in Chemel Village. Trip to Monastery. Return to village. Supper, sauna, overnight Family run Guest House

DAY 9 — CHEMEL VILLAGE
Car trip to rock paintings, ancient burial mounds & caves. Option to horse ride (arrange locally). All meals provided. Overnight Family run Guest House.

DAY 10 — O/NIGHT CAMP
Car Transfer to start rafting. Rafting to Kamyshlinsky waterfall. All meals provided. Overnight Camp

DAY 11 — O/NIGHT CAMP
Rafting to Lake Aya. Russian sauna. All meals provided. Camp overnight

DAY 12 — ON BOARD
Bkfst. Free time. **Car transfer to Novosibirsk (8 hours). Short guided tour of Novoskbirsk. Transfer to station

DAY 13 — ON BOARD
Train at 01:15 to Irkutsk. All day and night

DAY 14 — FAMILY STAY BAIKAL VILLAGE
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 family stay

DAY 15 — FAMILY STAY BAIKAL VILLAGE
Bkfst. 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 if you wish. Sauna, supper and overnight family stay.

DAY 16 — ON BOARD
Bkfst. 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.

DAY 17 — U-U FAMILY STAY
Arrive Ulan Uday early morning. Car to family stay in Ulan Ude. Guided trip to Atsagatski Datsan. Lunch with Buryat family and a tour of the village. Return to Ulan Ude. Supper

DAY 18 — U-U FAMILY STAY
Bkfst. Guided trip to the Ivolginski Datsan. Lunch City walking tour. Visit the Centre of Eastern Medicine. Supper

DAY 19 — ON BOARD
Early bkfst and onto the train. All day and night

DAY 20 — GERS WITH HERDSMEN
Morning arrival in Outer Mongolia. Shower and freshen up. Guided walk. JEEP TRIP into Bayan Gobi, supper and overnight in Gers with herdsmen.

DAY 21 — GERS WITH HERDSMEN
Bkfst. Jeep trip to Karakorum (8 hours off-road driving), lunch en-route. Supper and overnight in Gers with herdsmen

DAY 22 — GER CAMP
Bkfst. Jeep trip sightseeing in Gobi, returning to UB (6 hours off-road driving) and then onto Ger Camp. Supper and overnight in Ger.

DAY 23 — GER CAMP
Bkfst. Day free to go walking, horse-riding (arrange locally) lunch, supper and overnight in your Ger Camp

DAY 24 — UB 3* HOTEL
Bkfst. Return to UB. Free time, own lunch, free time. Supper and overnight in 3* Hotel.

DAY 25 — ON BOARD
Car transfer to station. Morning departure on train to Beijing. Across southern Mongolia to border. Midnight border crossing.

DAY 26 — END OF ITINERARY
Arrival into China, via the Great Wall (mid-day approx) Arrival to Beijing scheduled for mid afternoon.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 26 day itinerary
- 2 nights in 3* hotel in Moscow
- Day trip in Ekaterinburg of your choice
- Altai – Chemel Village and rafting trip
- Novosibirsk overnight
- Lake Baikal
- Family stays in Lake Baikal
- Ulan Ude – Atsagatski Datsan / Ivolginski Datsan
- Ger stay on steppe with Herdsmen
- Jeep trip to Karakorum
- Beijing

DATA

DURATION
26 days

VISAS REQUIRED
Rus+Mon+Chi

2004/2005 START DATES

TS14S	2004	2005
June	14,28	6,20
July	12	
Aug	2,16	

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 Standard Itinerary inclusive of travel services, based on 2nd – Class/4-berth rail travel, Buddy/Guide for 4 hours in Moscow/Ekaterinburg, Transfers on arrival and departure except Beijing, 3* hotel accommodation or Family stays/Camping/ Guest House/Ger Camps, and all meals where stated:

	1 person	2 people	3-9 people
Standard Trip TS.14S	£3,000	2,290 each	£2,190 each
Extra night in Moscow XN.MOW (per night)	£55	£45 each	£45 each

1st class upgrade (ie 2 berth compartment or book out a 4 berth compartment) is £449 per person. 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.