



Beijing, Forbidden City

Great Value Trans-Mongolian

Tailor-made rail journey - 15 days/14 nights

Inclusions

- 8 nights accommodation in homestay and 3-star hotels with breakfast
- 6 nights in 4-berth rail compartment
- Arrival/departure transfers throughout by car

Your accommodation

Homestay & ★★ ★

- Beijing - Beijing Dong Fang
- Ulaanbaatar - Homestay
- Irkutsk - Homestay
- Moscow - Izmailovo Gamma-Delta

Westbound itinerary

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing and be transferred to your accommodation. Overnight Beijing.

Day 2 Beijing

Free day to explore Beijing or take one of our optional tours with your own English speaking local guide. Overnight Beijing. **B**

Day 3 Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

Early morning transfer by car to the station for your train departure to Ulaanbaatar. Settle in and enjoy some spectacular scenery on your way towards Mongolia. This train normally has a dining car where inexpensive meals can be purchased, or bring some easily prepared food with you.

Constant hot water is available in each carriage. You reach the Chinese border mid evening. Border formalities for exiting China and entering Mongolia as well as the change of bogies normally takes about 5 hours. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 4 Ulaanbaatar

Arrive early afternoon in Ulaanbaatar and be transferred by car to your accommodation. The remainder of the day is free. For an optional city tour see the relevant page in this brochure. Overnight Ulaanbaatar.

Day 5 Ulaanbaatar

A free day to explore Ulaanbaatar or take one of our optional tours to the countryside. The Terelj National Park tour visiting a nomadic family and lunching at a ger camp is very popular. If you would like to stay overnight in a ger, ask for details of the small additional cost. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **B**

Day 6 Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk

Free time until your early evening transfer by car to the station to catch your train to Irkutsk. Once on board, settle in and meet your fellow travellers. This train does not normally have a dining car so be prepared to carry food with you. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 7 On board

Enjoy the picturesque scenery of northern Mongolia before reaching the Mongolian/Russian border late morning. Border

formalities for both countries will take from 4 to 6 hours during which time the toilets will be locked and you will be unable to leave the train. Mid evening arrival in Ulan Ude before travelling on towards Irkutsk. Overnight on board.

Day 8 Irkutsk

Early morning arrival. You will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Check-in may not be possible until the afternoon but you may deposit your luggage. Free day to explore Irkutsk or take an optional city tour or one of our trips to Lake Baikal. All tours are with your own English speaking local guide and private car. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 9 Irkutsk

Another free day or book any of our optional tours. Overnight Irkutsk. **B**

Day 10 Irkutsk to Moscow

Early morning transfer to the station by car for the last leg of your journey. For the remainder of the day and next 3 nights you will be on the train. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 11 On board

Enjoy the views of Siberia. Later today you will make a short stop at Novosibirsk, a sophisticated city and at 1.6 million Siberia's largest. Overnight on board.

Day 12 On board

Today you cross the Ural Mountains and the Asia/Europe divide, and pass through

the large cities of Yekaterinburg, site of the Romanovs' murder, and Kazan, capital of the Tatarstan Republic.

Day 13 Moscow

Early morning arrival and transfer by car to your Moscow hotel. Room access will not be until the afternoon but you may deposit your luggage. The remainder of the day is free or take one of our optional tours with your own English speaking guide. We recommend the City Tour with Moscow Metro and the Kremlin, Cathedral and Armoury tour. Overnight Moscow.

Day 14 Moscow

Another day to explore Moscow. **B**

Day 15 Moscow

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to airport or station. **B**

St. Petersburg Extension

Why not add a 3 night visit to St. Petersburg staying at a central superior tourist class hotel.

Inclusions

- 3 nights accommodation with breakfast at Dostoevsky Hotel
- Economy class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- 2 full days to explore St. Petersburg or take one or more of our optional tours with your own **English speaking** guide
- Arrival/departure transfers throughout by car

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2017.

Hotel/Season	Twn	Sgl
HOMESTAY & ★★ ★	2527	3240
2-berth upgrade supplement	1011	POA
St. Petersburg Extension	638	1074

Important Information

- Please refer to page 56.

