



Lake Baikal

# Tsar's Gold Trans-Mongolian Rail Journey

## First class tour by private train

This exciting rail tour by private train offers a unique combination of train and hotel accommodation, enabling you to regain your 'land legs' and sleep in a full-sized bed at overnight stops along the way. The mix of guests on board consists of various nationalities, and the on board announcements will reflect this. Your sightseeing excursions will be conducted in English, within an English speaking group. After dinner you may relax in one of the restaurants offering bar service.



Cat. I: Standard



Cat. II: Classic



Cat. II: Superior



Cat. III: Nostalgic Comfort



Cat. IV: Bolshoi



Cat. V: Bolshoi Platinum

### On board accommodation

#### Cat. I: Standard

Standard Category compartments accommodate 4 guests (mixed sexes) with two lower and two upper berths, each 0.68 by 1.87 metres. There is a small table under the window. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage which has 9 compartments.

#### Cat. II: Classic

Classic Category compartments accommodate 2 guests with two lower berths, each 0.68 by 1.87 metres, and a table under the window. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage which has 9 compartments. Every 2nd or 4th carriage has a shower room.

#### Cat. II: Superior

Superior are newly refurbished compartments accommodating 2 guests with two lower berths, each 0.68 by 1.85 metres, and a table under the window. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage which has 9 compartments. Every 2nd carriage has a shower room.

#### Cat. III: Nostalgic Comfort

Nostalgic Comfort are newly built, nostalgically furnished compartments with 2 berths, upper and lower, each 0.8 by 1.85 metres, and a larger table and armchair. Every two compartments share a small shower room with basin. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage.

#### Cat. IV: Bolshoi

Bolshoi compartments are 5.57m<sup>2</sup> with an upper (0.8 by 1.74 metres) and lower (1.1 by 1.84 metres) berth. There is also a cosy seating bench, table and wardrobe. The ensuite bathroom has a wash basin, WC and shower. Each carriage has 6 compartments.

#### Cat. V: Bolshoi Platinum

Bolshoi Platinum compartments are 7.15m<sup>2</sup> with an upper (0.82 by 1.74 metres) and lower (1.2 by 1.84 metres) berth. There is also a seating bench, table and spacious wardrobe. The ensuite bathroom has wash basin, WC, full shower and hairdryer. Each carriage has 5 compartments.





Mongolian horsemen

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## First class tour by private train - 15 days/14 nights

### Inclusions

- 8 nights on board Tsar's Gold private train, 1 night on board Chinese private train
- 2 nights Beijing, 1 night Ulaanbaatar, 1 night Irkutsk, 1 night Moscow at 4-star hotels. (Bolshoi and Bolshoi Platinum guests stay at 5-star hotels in Beijing and Moscow)
- All meals, with complimentary tea, coffee & mineral water
- Tour Manager
- Doctor on board from Chinese/Mongolian border to Moscow
- Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in **English**

### Westbound itinerary

#### Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing. Complimentary transfer (08:00-13:00 hrs) to your hotel, followed by a tour of Beijing, including the Temple of Heaven and Tiananmen Square. Overnight Beijing hotel. **D**

#### Day 2 Beijing

Today, visit the awe-inspiring Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way. Tonight enjoy a famous Chinese delicacy, Peking Duck. Overnight Beijing hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 3 Beijing

Today you explore the mysterious Forbidden City. This evening, board your chartered Chinese train for the 16-hour overnight journey to the border city of Erlian. This train does not include Nostalgic Comfort or Bolshoi category carriages. **BLD**

#### Day 4 On board

Midday arrival at the Chinese-Mongolian border with time to explore the colourful market at Erlian. Transfer to your Tsar's Gold private train. After border formalities, you depart through the vast expanse of the Gobi Desert and green steppes of Mongolia. **BLD**

#### Day 5 Ulaanbaatar

Morning arrival Ulaanbaatar. Take overnight essentials to check in to your hotel. Your city tour includes the Chojin Lama Temple. You have an option tonight to overnight in a traditional ger in the 'Mongolian Alps' (which can be prebooked at extra cost). Overnight Ulaanbaatar hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 6 Ulaanbaatar

Morning visit to the Gandan Monastery, followed by an excursion into the 'Mongolian Alps'. After a picnic lunch, enjoy a display

of Mongolian horsemanship and wrestling before re-joining your train. **BLD**

#### Day 7 Ulan Ude

Bid farewell to the Mongolian steppes as you travel through the valley of Mongolia's largest river, the Selenga. Continue to Ulan Ude where your train reaches the main route of the Trans-Siberian. Explore Ulan Ude on your city tour. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 8 Lake Baikal

This morning, your train travels alongside Lake Baikal on the old route of the Trans-Siberian Railway with time for two photo-stops. A short boat trip from Port Baikal takes you onto the lake. Weather permitting, dinner is a Baikal-style picnic on the lake shore before you reboard your train. **BLD**

#### Day 9 Irkutsk

Morning arrival Irkutsk. Check in to your centrally located hotel. Your city tour covers the major sights and history of Irkutsk. Overnight Irkutsk hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 10 On board

This morning, reboard your train and soak up the scenery. Talks on board will inform you about the region, and you may participate in a vodka tasting with Russian canapés and red caviar. **BLD**

#### Day 11 Novosibirsk

Midday arrival into Novosibirsk, Siberia's largest city. Your city tour includes views of the mighty Ob River. After dinner, your train continues its ride west. **BLD**

#### Day 12 Yekaterinburg

Afternoon arrival Yekaterinburg. Your city tour includes the Church on the Blood that commemorates the spot where Tsar Nicholas II and his family were executed. Also visit the obelisk marking the border between Europe and Asia. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 13 Kazan

Morning arrival in Kazan, capital of the Tatarstan Republic on the river Volga. During your city tour you visit the Kremlin and Kul Sharif Mosque. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 14 Moscow

Midday arrival Moscow for a Kremlin and cathedral tour. After dinner, take a Moscow by Night tour including Red Square and two spectacular metro stations. Overnight Moscow hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 15 Moscow

Today's tour includes the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Novodevichy Convent and Red Square. Your Tsar's Gold Rail Journey concludes with a complimentary airport transfer (12:00-18:00 hrs). **B**

### Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in **USD**. Applicable 2018.

Departures	Standard		Classic		Superior		Nostalgic Comfort		Bolshoi		Bolshoi Platinum	
	Quad	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl
<b>WESTBOUND BEIJING-MOSCOW</b>												
13 May	4790	n/a	7390	10390	7780	11140	10100	15310	13300	19960	15700	23440
10 Jun, 6 Jul, 29 Jul, 24 Aug, 16 Sep	4990	n/a	7590	10590	7980	11340	10300	15510	13500	20160	15900	23640
<b>EASTBOUND MOSCOW-BEIJING (16 days/15 nights)</b>												
5 May	4980	n/a	7580	10700	7970	11450	10290	15620	13500	20280	15900	23760
2 Jun, 28 Jun, 21 Jul, 16 Aug, 8 Sep	5180	n/a	7780	10900	8170	11650	10490	15820	13700	20480	16100	23960

■ Ask about our 13 day Winter Magic Journey from Moscow to Ulaanbaatar departing 28 Dec 2018 and 22 Feb 2019.