



Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque and dragon statue

Premium Trans-Siberian

Tailor-made rail journey - 16 days/15 nights

Our Premium rail journeys are designed to provide you with a comprehensive program which includes stops at the most popular cities and sightseeing at all the major 'must see' sights - all with your own English speaking local guides. Also included are transfers throughout, centrally located hotels, and 2-berth rail compartments. This itinerary is a suggested one only, so if you would like something different we can tailor-make one to suit your needs. For examples of additional stopover options see pages 68, 69 & 70.

Inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels
- 6 nights in 2-berth rail compartment
- Economy class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Vladivostok - City tour
- Irkutsk - City tour & Lake Baikal tour with lunch
- Moscow - City tour & Metro, Kremlin & Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum and choice of Peterhof or Pushkin

Your hotels

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- **Vladivostok** - Primorye
- **Irkutsk** - Angara (*Superior room*)
- **Moscow** - Budapest
- **St. Petersburg** - Golden Triangle

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- **Vladivostok** - Hyundai
- **Irkutsk** - Courtyard Marriott
- **Moscow** - Peter 1
- **St. Petersburg** - Petro Palace

Westbound itinerary

Day 1 Vladivostok

Arrive Vladivostok where you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Overnight Vladivostok.

Day 2 Vladivostok

A morning city tour to include all the many historic, cultural and architectural landmarks and view-points of this city, with the largest harbour in the Far East. Overnight Vladivostok. **B**

Days 3-5 Vladivostok to Irkutsk

Mid morning transfer with guide assistance to the station for your departure to Irkutsk. For the remainder of the day and for the next 3 nights you will be on board the train. Most long-distance Russian trains have a dining car with inexpensive

meals, or you can purchase food before departure or from vendors at the stations where the train makes limited stops. **B**

Day 6 Irkutsk

Early morning arrival, when you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Check-in may not be possible until the afternoon, but you may deposit your luggage. Then enjoy a city tour with your local guide. Irkutsk was founded in 1661 and is famous for its wooden houses dating from the 19th century when it was a gold mining town and home of the exiled Decembrists. Your tour will also include the Polish Roman Catholic Cathedral, Kirov Square, Karl Marx St. and Alexander III monument. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 7 Irkutsk

Full day tour to Listvyanka and Lake Baikal including a visit to Lake Baikal Museum with its aquarium and seals and the Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture at Taltsy. You'll visit the local fish market in Listvyanka, enjoy a delicious lunch, take a cable car ride for panoramic views of the lake and visit St. Nicholas church, as well as the sacred place of the Buryat people. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

Days 8-10 Irkutsk to Moscow

Morning transfer by car with guide assistance to the station for your onward journey to Moscow. You'll travel through a number of large centres including Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and Kazan. Take the time to meet your fellow passengers and see the changing landscape unfold. You can purchase food from stalls during your short stops (don't get left behind) and the train also has a dining car serving traditional dishes at reasonable prices. This is also a great place to meet the locals. 3 nights on board. **B**

Day 11 Moscow

Early morning arrival into Moscow. Transfer to your central central hotel to deposit your luggage before commencing your city tour, followed by a guided tour of the most spectacular stations of the Moscow metro. Afternoon free. Overnight Moscow.

Day 12 Moscow

This morning, you have a walking tour of the Kremlin grounds and one of the cathedrals before visiting the State Armoury Museum with its unique collection of crown jewels, costumes, carriages, Fabergé eggs and more. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 13 Moscow to St. Petersburg

Free time before your car transfer to catch the high speed Sapsan train to St. Petersburg. On arrival transfer by car to your central central hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 14 St. Petersburg

This morning your city tour introduces you to the major landmarks of this beautiful city, including Peter and Paul Fortress, the burial place of the Romanovs. This afternoon, your guide will take you on a private tour of the world famous Hermitage Museum. Its collections, of which only a small part is on permanent display, comprise over three million items. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 15 St. Petersburg

Today visit one of the tsars' summer palaces - Peterhof (Petrodvoretz) commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles, or Catherine's Palace at Pushkin, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 16 St. Petersburg

Your services end after breakfast with your departure transfer. **B**

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2018.

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Important Information

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