



Ulaanbaatar, Naadam Festival

Premium Trans-Mongolian

Tailor-made rail journey - 17 days/16 nights

Our premium program offers accommodation in central hotels, 2-berth rail compartments and comprehensive sightseeing at all your stopover points with your own English speaking local guide. This popular itinerary is tailor-made by us so is totally flexible. If you would like extra stopover points, longer stays, alternative accommodation or more sightseeing, just ask us and we'll create an itinerary just for you - we have been doing this for 30 years. For examples of additional stopover options see pages 68-71 .

Inclusions

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 or 4-star hotels
- 1 night in Mongolian ger with lunch, dinner and breakfast
- 5 nights in 2-berth rail compartment
- Arrival/departure transfers throughout by car
- Economy class high speed Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Beijing - Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Summer Palace tour
- Ulaanbaatar - City tour
- Terej National Park - 2 day tour including overnight stay in a ger and visit to the Genghis Khan statue
- Irkutsk - City tour & full day tour to Lake Baikal with lunch
- Moscow - City tour & Metro, Kremlin and Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Peter and Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum and choice of Peterhof or Pushkin

Your hotels

- **Terej National Park** - Ger camp

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- **Beijing** - Nostalgia
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Bayangol
- **Irkutsk** - Angara (*superior room*)
- **Moscow** - Budapest
- **St. Petersburg** - Golden Triangle

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- **Beijing** - Howard Johnson Paragon
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Ramada
- **Irkutsk** - Courtyard Marriot
- **Moscow** - Peter I
- **St. Petersburg** - Petro Palace

Westbound itinerary

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing and be transferred by car to your hotel. Overnight Beijing.

Day 2 Beijing

Full day tour of the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square and Summer Palace. Overnight Beijing. **B**

Day 3 Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

You will be transferred to the station for your morning departure to Ulaanbaatar. Border formalities for entry into Mongolia

will be finalised on the train in the early hours of the following morning. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 4 Ulaanbaatar

Arrive early afternoon, meet our local representative, and enjoy an orientation city tour before being transferred by car to your hotel. Overnight Ulaanbaatar.

Day 5 Terej National Park

This morning visit Gandan Monastery and then travel by car with guide to Terej to

see Turtle Rock, visit a nomadic Mongolian family and enjoy lunch in a traditional ger camp. Free time to relax and enjoy the surroundings and perhaps ride a horse or camel (extra cost). Tonight you dine at the camp. Overnight ger camp. **BLD**

Day 6 Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk

After breakfast, return via the Genghis Khan statue to Ulaanbaatar for free time to shop and explore before transferring to the station for your mid-afternoon departure to Irkutsk. There is normally no dining car on this train this evening. You complete border formalities in the early hours of the morning and cross into Russia. **B**

Day 7 Irkutsk

Arrive early afternoon in Irkutsk, meet your local guide and enjoy a city tour to include the Polish Roman Catholic Cathedral, Kirov Square, Karl Marx St. and Alexander III monument. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 8 Irkutsk

Full day tour to Listvyanka, Lake Baikal and the Museum of Lake Baikal. Visit the fish market at Listvyanka, enjoy a delicious lunch and later visit St. Nicholas church. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

Days 9-11 Irkutsk to Moscow

Early morning transfer by car to the station with guide assistance 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 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 12 Moscow

Early morning arrival into Moscow and car transfer to your central hotel. After breakfast enjoy a city tour followed by a guided tour of the most spectacular stations of the Moscow metro system. Afternoon free. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 13 Moscow

This morning tour 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 14 Moscow to St. Petersburg

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

Day 15 St. Petersburg

This morning your city tour introduces you to the major landmarks of this beautiful city including Peter and Paul Fortress, burial place of the Romanovs. This afternoon your guide will take you on a private tour of the world famous Hermitage Museum. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 16 St. Petersburg

Today visit one of the tsars' summer palaces - Peterhof (Petrodvorets) 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 17 St. Petersburg

Tour 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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