



Trans-Siberian/Mongolian Rail Journey including Naadam Festival

Small group tour - 24 days/23 nights

Travel on the world's longest and most famous rail journey from Beijing to Moscow and then on to St. Petersburg, and also experience the spectacular Naadam Festival in Mongolia.

Inclusions

- Locally escorted in **English only**
- 16 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels
- 5 nights in 2-berth rail compartment
- 1 night in Mongolian ger with breakfast
- 1 night in Siberian guesthouse with breakfast
- Meals - 6 lunches, 8 dinners
- Circumbaikal rail excursion
- Economy class Sapsan train Moscow-St Petersburg
- Arrival/departure transfers throughout by private car
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Ulaanbaatar - City tour
- Terelj National Park - 2-day tour including all meals,

- overnight in stay a ger and visit to the Genghis Khan statue
- Irkutsk - City tour, Lake Baikal, Listvyanka and Taltsy Open-Air Museum
- Yekaterinburg - City tour including Church on the Blood, Romanovs' grave site, Europe/Asia Divide
- Kazan - City tour
- Moscow - City tour and Metro, Kremlin and Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Peter and Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace and Gardens, Fabergé Museum, dinner at Stroganov Palace

Your hotels

- Beijing - Howard Johnson
- Ulaanbaatar - Ramada
- Irkutsk - Courtyard Marriott
- Listvyanka - Demidov's Homestead
- Yekaterinburg - Doubletree by Hilton
- Kazan - Center Hotel Kazan Kremlin
- Moscow - Peter I
- St. Petersburg - Petro Palace

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Day 1 Fri. 6 Jul: Beijing

Arrive Beijing and be met and transferred by private car to your central 4-star hotel. Overnight Beijing. **B**

Day 2 Sat. 7 Jul: Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

Mid-morning meet your fellow travellers and transfer with guide assistance to your 2-berth compartment on Train K23 at 11:22 from Beijing to Ulaanbaatar. Overnight on train. **B**

Day 3 Sun. 8 Jul: Ulaanbaatar

Arrive Ulaanbaatar mid-afternoon at 14:20, be met by your guide, enjoy a city orientation tour then transfer to your central 4-star hotel. Tonight, enjoy a traditional banquet with music and entertainment. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **D**

Day 4 Mon. 9 Jul: Terelj

Meet your guide and driver and firstly visit the Gandan Monastery. Then travel 70 km to the Terelj National Park to overnight in a traditional ger. The park has fascinating

rock formations and amazing scenery with abundant wildlife. Enjoy lunch at the ger camp and later visit a local family living in a traditional ger, see Turtle Rock, and have time to ride a horse or camel (extra cost). Then free time to explore the surrounding countryside. Dinner and overnight at the ger camp. **BLD**

Day 5 Tue. 10 Jul: Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast travel back to Ulaanbaatar via the spectacular Genghis Khan Statue and Monument complex. In Ulaanbaatar time for lunch before a city tour including Chinggis Square and the National History Museum. Overnight at your central 4-star hotel in Ulaanbaatar. **BL**

Day 6 Wed. 11 Jul: Ulaanbaatar

With your guide and driver travel first to Chinggis Square for the exciting commencement of the Naadam Festival, then travel to the stadium to be seated for the colourful march past, opening ceremony, and the wrestling matches. After lunch see the

archery. Tonight you dine at a traditional restaurant. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **BLD**

Day 7 Thu. 12 Jul: Ulaanbaatar

In the morning travel outside the city to see a final of the exciting horse race. Travel back to Ulaanbaatar later for free time. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **BLD**

Day 8 Fri. 13 Jul: Ulaanbaatar to Russia

Free time this morning for shopping for souvenirs from the comprehensive range at the State Department Store. Purchase some food for your journey and transfer to the station for your departure on train #5 at 15:22. Overnight on train. **B**

Day 9 Sat. 14 Jul: Irkutsk

You complete the border crossing procedures in the early hours of the morning and arrive in Irkutsk at 14:37. Meet your guide and take a city orientation tour with several photo stops. Check into your central 4-star hotel. Overnight Irkutsk. **B**

Day 10 Sun. 15 Jul: Lake Baikal

Today take the 2 days/1 night Circumbaikal tour (plus Taltsy) with your own guide. After transferring by coach to the station, you'll travel by train from Irkutsk to Sludyanka on the shores of Lake Baikal. Your train then takes you on the scenic route around the shores of the lake with a number of photo stops. A hot lunch is enjoyed at one of the stations. You then cross the lake by ferry to Listvyanka where you overnight in a guesthouse chalet. Tonight is a highlight when your guide will take you to a nearby village where you dine with the locals. Overnight Listvyanka. **BLD**

Day 11 Mon. 16 Jul: Listvyanka to Irkutsk

This morning your guide will take you on a tour of Listvyanka and you'll visit the Museum of Lake Baikal, the fish markets, and a wooden Russian Orthodox church. After lunch in a local restaurant you'll visit the Museum of Wooden Architecture at Taltsy before arriving back in Irkutsk where you will overnight. **BL**



Mongolia

Day 12 Tue. 17 Jul: Irkutsk

Morning free then board Train #1 at 16:15. Overnight on train. **B**

Day 13 Wed. 18 Jul: On board

Today you spend the day on the train meeting your fellow companions. The train has a dining car or you can buy food at one of the stops, but don't get left behind! Overnight on train.

Day 14 Thu. 19 Jul: Yekaterinburg

Arrive Yekaterinburg at 13:39 and transfer to your 4-star hotel. Enjoy a city tour including the Church on the Blood, built on the site where the last tsar of Russia and his family were killed. Dinner and overnight Yekaterinburg. **D**

Day 15 Fri. 20 Jul: Yekaterinburg

Today visit the Monastery on Romanovs' grave site as well as the Europe/Asia Divide. Overnight Yekaterinburg. **B**

Day 16 Sat. 21 Jul: Yekaterinburg to Kazan

This morning board Train #15/59 at 10:12 and arrive Kazan at 21:37. Transfer to your 4-star hotel. Overnight Kazan. **B**

Day 17 Sun. 22 Jul: Kazan to Moscow

This morning a city tour and afternoon free before dinner and boarding Train #15/59 at 21:57. Overnight on train. **BD**

Day 18 Mon. 23 Jul: Moscow

Arrival in Moscow 09:23 and transfer to your 4-star hotel. This afternoon enjoy a

city tour with your Moscow guide. Dinner tonight in your hotel. Overnight Moscow. **BD**

Day 19 Tue. 24 Jul: Moscow

This morning a tour of the Kremlin and Armoury Museum followed by a Metro tour. Afternoon and evening free for optional sightseeing or ballet (ask for details). Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 20 Wed. 25 Jul: Moscow to St. Petersburg

The morning is free until your high-speed train to St Petersburg. Late lunch can be taken on the train. On arrival in St. Petersburg transfer to your 4-star hotel. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 21 Thu. 26 Jul: St. Petersburg

This morning, enjoy a city tour with Peter and Paul Fortress, and in the afternoon a visit to the world famous Hermitage Museum, the largest in the world, founded in 1764. The evening is free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 22 Fri. 27 Jul: St. Petersburg

This morning, travel by hydrofoil across the Bay of Finland to visit Peterhof Palace and Park. Return mid-afternoon by coach. Evening free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 23 Sat. 28 Jul: St. Petersburg

This morning visit the amazing Fabergé Museum house nine Fabergé eggs. The

remainder of the day is free to explore independently. Tonight the farewell dinner is at the famous Stroganov Palace. Overnight St. Petersburg. **BD**

Day 24 Sun. 29 Jul: St. Petersburg

The tour ends today with your transfer to the airport or railway station. **B**

Tour price & departure

Prices shown per person in AUD.

Departure	TwN	Sgl
6 July 2018	12356	18578

■ **Tour is guaranteed with minimum 2 guests. Maximum capacity - 15 guests.**



Mongolia, horsemen

