



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 32 years. For examples of additional stopover options see pages 44 & 45.

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 (with guide assistance where specified)
- 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
- Terelj National Park - 2 day tour including overnight stay in a ger and visit to the Genghis Khan statue
- Irkutsk - City tour, Lake Baikal & Wooden Architecture Museum with lunch
- Moscow - City tour with St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin & Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace & gardens or Catherine's Palace at Pushkin

Your hotels

- **Terelj National Park** - Ger camp
★ ★ ★ ★
- **Beijing** - Howard Johnson Paragon
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Bayangol
- **Irkutsk** - Angara (*comfort room*)
- **Moscow** - Budapest (*junior suite*)
- **St. Petersburg** - Golden Triangle (*superior room*)
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
- **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 and guide 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, with guide assistance, to the station for your morning departure to Ulaanbaatar. Border formalities for entry to 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 a city tour before being transferred by car to your hotel. Overnight Ulaanbaatar.

Day 5 Terelj National Park

This morning, travel by car with guide to Terelj 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 - 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. You complete border formalities in the early hours of the morning and cross into Russia. **BL**

Day 7 Irkutsk

Afternoon arrival Irkutsk. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 8 Irkutsk

Full day tour to Listvyanka, Lake Baikal and the Museum of Lake Baikal. Enjoy lunch at the fish market at Listvyanka, visit the Museum of Wooden Architecture and visit St. Nicholas church. Overnight Irkutsk. **BL**

Days 9-11 Irkutsk to Moscow

Morning city tour of Irkutsk, with your local guide. Founded in 1661, Irkutsk is famous for its wooden houses dating from the 19th century, when it was home to the exiled Decembrists. See the Polish Roman Catholic Cathedral, Karl Marx Street and monument to Alexander III. This afternoon you will be transferred with guide assistance, to the railway station for your onward trip to Moscow. Travel through some large centres including Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and Kazan. Meet your fellow passengers and see the changing landscape. You can purchase food from stalls during short stops. The train also has a dining car with traditional dishes at reasonable prices. 3 nights on board. **B**

Day 12 Moscow

Afternoon arrival Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Overnight Moscow.

Day 13 Moscow

Today's sightseeing includes a city tour with entrance to St. Basil's Cathedral, then a tour of some spectacular stations of the Moscow Metro. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 14 Moscow to St. Petersburg

After breakfast, visit the Kremlin grounds where you enter a cathedral and visit the State Armoury Museum, with its unique collection of crown jewels, costumes, carriages, Fabergé eggs and more. This afternoon, you will be transferred to the railway station to catch your high-speed Sapsan train to St. Petersburg. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 15 St. Petersburg

Your morning city tour introduces you to the major landmarks of this stunning northern city, including visits to Peter and Paul Fortress and the Church on Spilt Blood. 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 (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 17 St. Petersburg

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

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD, based on low season. Applicable 2019.

Hotel/Season	Twn	Sgl
★ ★ ★ ★	from 6693	POA
★ ★ ★ ★ ★	from 6968	POA

Important Information

- Please refer to page 36.