



The Ultimate Trans-Mongolian

Tailor-made rail journey - 23 days/22 nights

Travel on the world's longest and most famous rail journey from Beijing to Moscow and then on to St. Petersburg. Unforgettable.

Inclusions

- 16 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels.
- 5 nights in 2-berth rail compartment or 4-berth for twin use
- 1 night in Mongolian ger
- Meals - 5 lunches, 1 dinner
- 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
- Khustain Nuruu National Park
- Terelj National Park - 2-day tour including all meals, overnight stay in a ger and visit to 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 with visit to St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin, cathedral & 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

- **Beijing** - Howard Johnson
- **Ulaanbaatar** - Ramada
- **Irkutsk** - Courtyard Marriott
- **Listvyanka** - Mayak
- **Yekaterinburg** - Park Inn Radisson
- **Kazan** - Shalyapin
- **Moscow** - Peter I
- **St. Petersburg** - Petro Palace

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing. You will be met by your guide and transferred by private car to your central 4-star hotel. Overnight Beijing.

Day 2 Beijing to Ulaanbaatar

Early morning transfer with guide assistance to the railway station to board your train to Ulaanbaatar. Overnight on train. **B**

Day 3 Ulaanbaatar

Mid-afternoon arrival Ulaanbaatar. You will be met by your guide and taken on a city tour covering the major landmarks, including the Gandan Monastery, Chinggis Square and the National History Museum. You will then be transferred to your centrally located hotel. Overnight Ulaanbaatar.

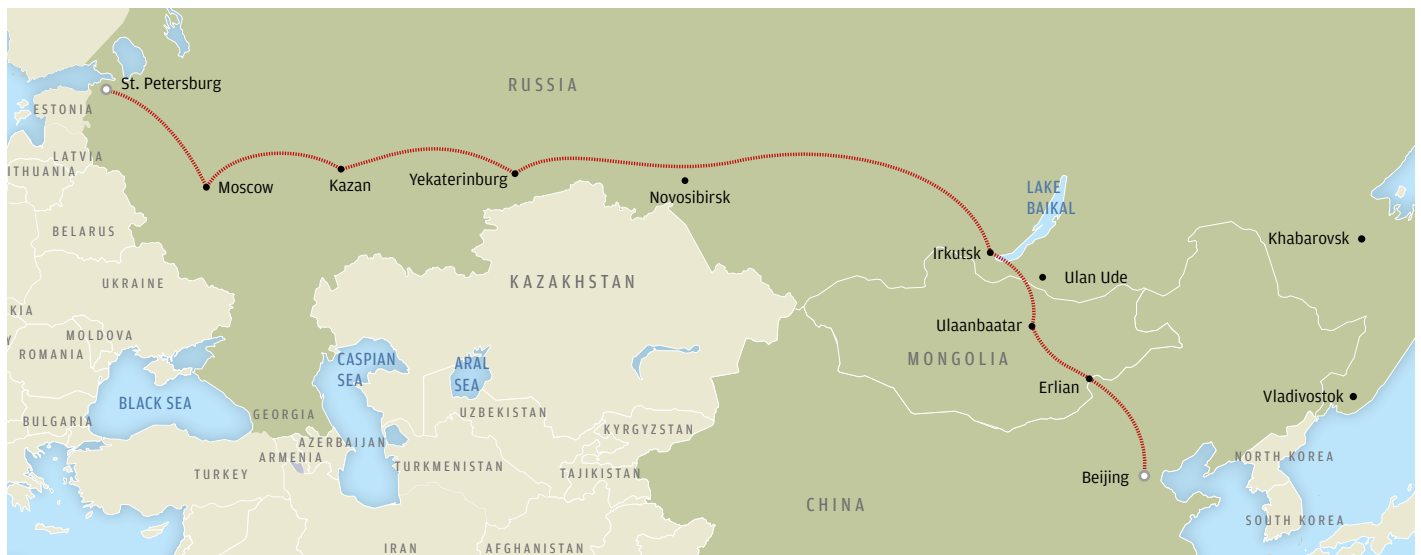
Day 4 Terelj National Park

Meet your guide and driver and 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 you'll 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 Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast travel back to Ulaanbaatar via the spectacular Genghis Khan Statue and Monument complex. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **BL**





Lake Baikal, Shaman's Rock

Day 6 Khustain Nuruu National Park

Today you have a full day tour to where the Mongolian government reintroduced the Przewalski's horse, the only remaining true wild horse in the world. You'll take a walk in the park, see the wild horses grazing, and enjoy lunch at a ger camp. Overnight Ulaanbaatar. **BL**

Day 7 Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk

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. Overnight on train. **B**

Day 8 Irkutsk

You complete the border crossing procedures in early hours of the morning and arrive in Irkutsk mid-afternoon. You will be met and transferred to your centrally located 4-star hotel. Overnight Irkutsk.

Day 9 Lake Baikal

Today, you take the 2 days/1 night Circumbaikal tour with your own guide. After your car transfer to the station you'll travel by train from Irkutsk to Sludvyanka 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 hotel. Overnight Listvyanka. **BL**

Day 10 Lake Baikal to Irkutsk

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

Day 11 Irkutsk to Yekaterinbug

Morning city tour of Irkutsk, and one of the largest cities in Siberia, with your local guide. This afternoon, your guide will accompany you to the rail station to board your train for Yekaterinburg. Overnight on train. **B**

Day 12 On board

Today you spend the day on the train. 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 13 Yekaterinburg

Arrive Yekaterinburg early afternoon and transfer with guide assistance to your hotel. Enjoy a city tour including the Church on the Blood. Overnight Yekaterinburg.

Day 14 Yekaterinburg

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

Day 15 Yekaterinburg to Kazan

After breakfast, your guide will accompany you to the rail station for your journey to Kazan. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your 4-star hotel. Overnight Kazan. **B**

Day 16 Kazan to Moscow

This morning, you have a city tour of Kazan - the capital of Tatarstan, with over 50 percent of its population descended from Central Asian tribes. This evening, your guide will accompany you to the rail station for your journey to Moscow. Overnight on board. **B**

Day 17 Moscow

Morning arrival Moscow, where you will be transferred to your centrally located hotel. This afternoon you will have a city tour, including entrance to the iconic St. Basil's Cathedral and a tour of the famous Moscow Metro. Overnight Moscow.

Day 18 Moscow

This morning, enjoy a tour of the Kremlin and Armoury Museum, part of the Grand Kremlin Palace's complex. Afternoon and evening free for optional sightseeing or ballet (ask for details). Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 19 Moscow to St. Petersburg

The morning is free until your high-speed train to St. Petersburg. On arrival in St. Petersburg transfer to your 4-star hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 20 St. Petersburg

After breakfast, meet your guide for your city tour, which includes visits to the Church on Spilt Blood and Peter and Paul Fortress. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 21 St. Petersburg

This morning, you visit the magnificent Hermitage Museum, housing one of the largest collections of Western European Art in the world. Once your guided tour has finished, you may stay on to further explore the museum at your own pace. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 22 St. Petersburg

Today you may choose from two out-of-town excursions - Peterhof Palace and gardens on the Gulf of Finland, commissioned by Peter the Great as a direct response to the Palace of Versailles or the Baroque Catherine's Palace in the town of Pushkin with its famous Amber Chamber. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 23 St. Petersburg

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

Tour price & departures

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

Departures	Twn	Sgl
2019	from	9326 POA



Beijing, Forbidden City



Mongolia, ger camp