



Lake Baikal

# Tsar's Gold Trans-Mongolian Rail Journey

## First class tour by private train

This exciting rail tour by private train offers a unique combination of train and hotel accommodation, enabling you to regain your 'land legs' and sleep in a full-sized bed at overnight stops along the way. The mix of guests on board consists of various nationalities, and the on board announcements will reflect this. Your sightseeing excursions will be conducted in English, within an English speaking group. After dinner you may relax in one of the restaurants offering bar service.

### On board accommodation

#### Cat. I: Standard

Standard Category compartments accommodate 4 guests (mixed sexes) with two lower and two upper berths, each 0.68 by 1.87 metres. There is a small table under the window. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage which has 9 compartments.

#### Cat. III: Nostalgic Comfort

Nostalgic Comfort compartments are nostalgically furnished compartments with 2 berths, upper and lower, each 0.8 by 1.85 metres, and a table and armchair. Every two compartments share a small shower room with basin. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage.

#### Cat. II: Classic

Classic Category compartments accommodate 2 guests with two lower berths, each 0.68 by 1.87 metres, and a table under the window. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage which has 9 compartments. Every 2nd or 4th carriage has a shower room.

#### Cat. IV: Bolshoi

Bolshoi compartments are 5.57m<sup>2</sup> with an upper (0.8 by 1.74 metres) and lower (1.1 by 1.84 metres) berth and a small sofa, table and wardrobe. The ensuite bathroom has a wash basin, WC and 'wet room' style shower. Each carriage has 6 compartments.

#### Cat. II: Superior

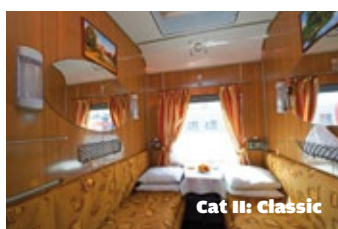
Superior compartments, with their distinctive interior design, accommodate 2 guests in two lower berths, each 0.68 by 1.85 metres, with a table under the window. A toilet with wash basin is at each end of the carriage which has 9 compartments. Every 2nd carriage has a shower room.

#### Cat. V: Bolshoi Platinum

Bolshoi Platinum compartments are 7.15m<sup>2</sup> with an upper (0.82 by 1.74 metres) and lower (1.2 by 1.84 metres) berth. There is also a small sofa, table and spacious wardrobe. The ensuite bathroom has wash basin, WC and full shower. Each carriage has 5 compartments.



Cat. I: Standard



Cat II: Classic



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Cat. IV: Bolshoi



Cat. V: Bolshoi Platinum





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## First class tour by private train - 15 days/14 nights

### Inclusions

- 8 nights on board Tsar's Gold private train, 1 night on board Chinese private train
- 2 nights Beijing, 1 night Ulaanbaatar, 1 night Irkutsk, 1 night Moscow at 4-star hotels. (Bolshoi and Bolshoi Platinum guests stay at 5-star hotels in Beijing and Moscow)
- All meals, with complimentary tea, coffee & mineral water
- Arrival/departure coach transfers on days 1 and 15
- Tour Manager
- Doctor on board from Chinese/Mongolian border to Moscow
- Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in **English**

### Westbound itinerary

#### Day 1 Beijing

Arrive Beijing where you will be transferred by coach to your hotel, followed by a tour of Beijing, including the Temple of Heaven and Tiananmen Square. Overnight Beijing. **D**

#### Day 2 Beijing

Today, visit the awe-inspiring Great Wall of China, the Ming Tombs and the Sacred Way. Tonight enjoy a famous Chinese delicacy, Peking Duck. Overnight Beijing hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 3 Beijing

Today you explore the mysterious Forbidden City. This evening, board your chartered Chinese train for the 16-hour overnight journey to Erlian. This train does not include Nostalgic Comfort/Bolshoi carriages. **BLD**

#### Day 4 On board

Noon arrival at the Mongolian border and board the Tsar's Gold. Take a brief tour of

Erlian market, before heading off through the Gobi Desert and Mongolian steppes. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 5 Ulaanbaatar

Morning arrival Ulaanbaatar for a city tour including the Choijin Lama Temple. Overnight Ulaanbaatar hotel or a traditional ger in the Alps (bookable in advance at additional cost). **BLD**

#### Day 6 Ulaanbaatar

Morning visit to the Gandan Monastery, followed by an excursion into the 'Mongolian Alps'. After a picnic lunch, enjoy a display of Mongolian horsemanship and wrestling before re-joining your train. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 7 Ulan Ude

Arrive in Ulan Ude. You may take the guided tour or explore independently. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 8 Lake Baikal

Arrive Port Baikal. Travel along the CircumBaikal Railway. Enjoy a short boat ride and weather permitting, a picnic dinner on the lake's shore. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 9 Irkutsk

Morning arrival Irkutsk. Check in to your centrally located hotel. Your city tour covers the major sights and history of Irkutsk. Overnight Irkutsk hotel. **BLD**

#### Day 10 On board

This morning, reboard your train and soak up the scenery. Talks on board will inform you about the region. **BLD**

#### Day 11 Novosibirsk

Midday arrival Novosibirsk, Siberia's largest city. The Trans-Siberian Railway fueled much of its growth in the 19th-century. Your city tour includes views of the mighty Ob River. overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 12 Yekaterinburg

Your city tour includes the church built to commemorate the site where Tsar Nicholas II and his family were executed. This evening, your train leaves Asia and heads into Europe. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 13 Kazan

Morning arrival in Kazan, capital of the Tatarstan Republic on the river Volga. During your city tour you visit the Kremlin and Kul Sharif Mosque. Overnight on board. **BLD**

#### Day 14 Moscow

Midday arrival for a Kremlin and cathedral tour. After dinner, a Moscow by Night tour including Red Square and the spectacular Moscow Metro. Overnight Moscow. **BLD**

#### Day 15 Moscow

Today's tour includes the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Novodevichy Convent and Red Square. Your Tsar's Gold Rail Journey ends with a transfer to the airport. **B**



### Departures 2019

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2019	<b>Westbound: Beijing-Moscow</b> 12 May, 9 Jun, 5 Jul, 28 Jul, 23 Aug, 15 Sep
2019	<b>Eastbound: Moscow-Beijing (16 days/15 nights)</b> 4 May, 1 Jun, 27 Jun, 20 Jul, 15 Aug, 7 Sep

■ Prices from AUD 11,594 per person in Classic Twin in May 2019.

### Departures 2020

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2020	<b>Westbound: Beijing-Moscow</b> 17 May, 10 Jul, 14 Jun, 2 Aug, 28 Aug, 20 Sep
2020	<b>Eastbound: Moscow-Beijing (16 days/15 nights)</b> 9 May, 2 Jul, 6 Jun, 25 Jul, 20 Aug, 12 Sep