

# Arctic Circle by Private Train

FROM MOSCOW TO THE ARCTIC CIRCLE

ABOARD THE LUXURY *GOLDEN EAGLE*

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## RAIL JOURNEY BY PRIVATE TRAIN

### 16 Days

2 nights hotels, 13 nights aboard the *Golden Eagle* private train

### Rail Journey Land Tour

Per Person:

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| Heritage Class*, twin share | \$11,295 |
| Heritage Class*, single     | \$15,795 |
| Silver Class, twin share    | \$15,395 |
| Silver Class, single        | \$21,695 |
| Gold Class, twin share      | \$19,095 |
| Gold Class, single          | \$26,795 |

\*A description is available at [www.mircorp.com](http://www.mircorp.com).

Comprehensive tour inclusions listed on page 103

### 2012 Land Tour Dates

#### Moscow to the Arctic Circle

June 11-26

**Stay a little longer...** Extend your stay in Russia with a visit to St. Petersburg or the Golden Ring. Contact us for details.

Into the Arctic

Join other adventurous travelers on a remarkable rail journey through the Russian “White Nights,” from Moscow to the Arctic Circle and back again. This unusual trip runs on tracks that are bathed in the Arctic’s 24-hour summer daylight.

**Days 1-2: Moscow** Board the luxury *Golden Eagle* private train in Moscow. Settle in for the two-week journey through the Far North, where the summer sun barely dips below the horizon.

**Days 3-4: Kungur, Ekaterinburg, Kalino** The first stop is Kungur, best known for its immense ice caves. In Ekaterinburg, visit the site where Nicholas II and his family were imprisoned and executed by the Bolsheviks. In Kalino, explore the Perm-36 Gulag, a chilling reminder of a dark period in Soviet history.

**Day 5: Velikiy Ustyug** Visit one of Russia’s oldest towns, Velikiy Ustyug, known as the official home of Grandfather Frost, Russia’s version of Santa Claus.

**Days 6-8: Vorkuta, Labytnangi, Salekhard, Kotlas** Arrive in Vorkuta, a tundra town about 30 miles north of the Arctic Circle, and Salekhard, lying astride it. Next is the river port of Kotlas, site of several of Stalin’s labor camps.

**Days 9-10: Archangelsk, Kem, Solovetsky Island** Spend a day in Archangelsk on the White Sea. Board a boat from Kem to mysterious Solovetsky Island, the first camp of what Alexander Solzhenitsyn referred to as *The Gulag Archipelago*.

**Days 11-12: Nikel, Murmansk** Explore Nikel, a favorite with travelers, strangely enough, because of its bleakness, its ecosystem devastated by its nickel smelting plant. Stop in Murmansk, where the warm waters of the Gulf Stream keep the Arctic port ice-free for most of the year.

**Days 13-14: St. Petersburg, Novgorod, Pskov** Tour Catherine’s baroque palace, then take a whirlwind tour of St. Petersburg. Tour Novgorod, one of Russia’s earliest cities, and Pskov’s defensive kremlin, called the *Krom*.

**Days 15-16: Moscow** Finish off the adventure with an afternoon and evening in magnificent Moscow.



Ekaterinburg finery

