

RAIL JOURNEY BY PRIVATE TRAIN

13 Days

4 nights hotels, 8 nights aboard the
Golden Eagle private train

Rail Journey Land Tour

Per Person:

Silver Class, twin share	\$13,195
Silver Class, single	\$19,295
Gold Class, twin share	\$16,595
Gold Class, single	\$23,395
Imperial Suite, twin share	\$26,795
Imperial Suite, single	\$37,495

Comprehensive tour inclusions listed on page 103

2012 Land Tour Dates

Southbound: From Moscow to Yalta

April 20-May 2

Stay a little longer... Begin your journey in St. Petersburg or extend your stay in either Western Russia, Ukraine or both. Contact us for details.



The fairy tale Swallow's Nest



Sailors of the Black Sea Fleet

This regal journey by private train carries you through the capitals of Russia, Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, visiting gilded churches and powerful fortresses, tasting local wines and feeling the weight of history. Then roll onto the sunny Crimean Peninsula, where the warm Mediterranean climate created “the playground of the czars” on the shores of the Black Sea.

Days 1-2: Moscow Take in Moscow’s classic sites, including Red Square, St. Basil’s Cathedral and the Kremlin. Or, choose another touring option, such as the world-class Tretyakov Gallery. Board the *Golden Eagle* private train and head to Minsk.

Days 3-5: Minsk, Kiev, Lviv Stop in Belarus’ political and cultural capital, Minsk, caught in a post-Soviet time warp; then journey on to Kiev, Ukraine’s golden capital with its fascinating 11th century Caves Monastery, where the bones of monks can still be seen lining the cave walls. Visit Lviv, whose UNESCO-listed Old Town Square was the center of social and economic life for hundreds of years.

Days 6-9: Chisinau, Odessa, Balaclava, Sevastopol, Bakhchysaray Pass briefly through Moldova, stopping for a wine tasting in its capital, Chisinau. Arriving at Ukraine’s Black Sea coast, visit the thriving port of Odessa, admiring the Opera House and the Potemkin Steps.

Next is Balaclava, where the events of *The Charge of the Light Brigade* took place, and Sevastopol, headquarters of Russia’s Black Sea fleet. On the outskirts of Sevastopol, wander the ancient Greek site of Chersonesus, and then discover the Crimean khan’s palace at Bakhchysaray.

Days 10-13: Feodosia, Sudak, Yalta En route to palm-lined Yalta, stop in the resort town of Feodosia to admire the work of a 19th century seascape artist, and in Sudak to tour its 14th century Genoese fortress. In Yalta, get a feel for the city’s history with visits to Chekhov’s house, the Botanical Gardens, Alupka Palace, the Massandra Winery and the Livadia Palace, where the Yalta Conference of 1945 established Europe’s post-war borders.

A two-night pre-tour in St. Petersburg can easily be added to this itinerary.

