

FLEXIBLE ESSENTIAL PRIVATE TRIPS

CLASSIC INDEPENDENT JOURNEYS

Essential Siberia & Mongolia

STEPPE NEIGHBORS

From the wind-combed steppe of Mongolia to the shores of Siberia's UNESCO-listed Lake Baikal, survey the nomadic heritage, Buddhist monasteries and overwhelming natural beauty of these neighboring lands.

Days 1-3: UlaanBaatar, Gorkhi-Terelj National Park In UlaanBaatar, capital of Mongolia, visit the National History Museum, the Bogd Khaan Winter Palace, the Gandan Buddhist Monastery and the city's main square. Spend a night in a ger in Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, an alpine landscape of open grassland and small pines dotted with grazing livestock.

Days 4-5: Ulan Ude Returning to UlaanBaatar, hop a flight to Ulan Ude in south Siberia. Take a walking tour of the city's original merchant center, noting the world's largest Lenin head adorning the main square. Drive outside of town to explore the Ivolginsk Datsan Buddhist monastery, the center of Buddhism in Russia.

Days 6-9: Irkutsk, Listvyanka, Lake Baikal Take the day train to Irkutsk and drive to Listvyanka, a village on the shores of UNESCO-listed Lake Baikal. Visit the

Baikal Museum before enjoying a boat ride on the clear waters of the oldest and deepest lake in the world. On the drive back to Irkutsk, tour a collection of authentic houses and community buildings from the 17th to the early 20th century.

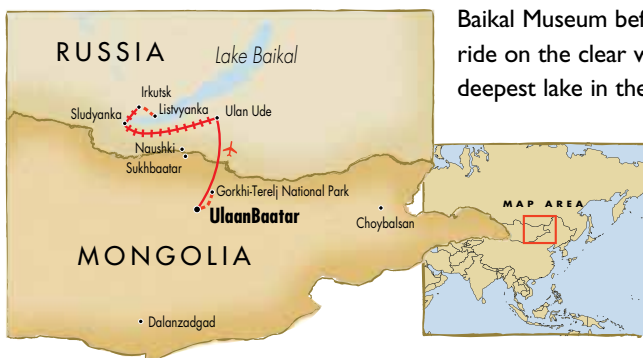


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A youthful Old Believer makes her home outside Ulan Ude

PRIVATE JOURNEY



9 Days

Private Journey - 2 traveler minimum
From \$2,995 per person (includes internal air)
Single supplement from \$425

Request the descriptive itinerary for detailed inclusions

Your Choice of Dates

Start on a Wednesday or Saturday

Essential trip prices vary by season and are subject to hotel availability for your travel dates. Hotel upgrades, additional nights and solo traveler prices are available on request. Contact us for a descriptive itinerary and booking details.

Where mountain and steppe meet at Gorkhi-Terelj National Park

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