

Trans-Siberian Mongolian Route with Naadam Festival

BETWEEN MOSCOW AND ULAANBAATAR, FEATURING MONGOLIA'S NAADAM FESTIVAL



To get to Mongolia, turn south at Lake Baikal

From the Moscow Kremlin to the Siberian taiga and the Mongolian steppe, this private train journey celebrates three different cultures: that of the modern Muscovite, hailing a taxi in front of an 800-year-old palace; the Baikal Siberian, proud heir of Cossacks, indigenous Buryats and czarist political exiles; and the Mongolian nomad, drawn to the capital, UlaanBaatar, for the celebrated Naadam Festival. Visit four UNESCO World Heritage Sites and join the crowd singing the praises of the country's best in wrestling, archery and horse racing. This Mongolian rail journey also operates in reverse, from UlaanBaatar to Moscow.

Days 1-2: Moscow Spend a night in Russia's capital, Moscow, at a five star hotel with a reception and welcome dinner. Explore the 800-year-old Kremlin and spacious Red Square with St. Basil's Cathedral, the brilliantly decorated onion-domed Orthodox church. Board the luxury *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express* private train for departure to the east.

Days 3-4: Kazan, Ekaterinburg The first stop is in Kazan, the beautiful capital of the Republic of Tatarstan on the Volga River. The train crosses from Europe into Asia prior to arrival in Ekaterinburg. This is the place where, in 1918, Bolsheviks executed the last czar, Nicholas II, along with his wife and children.

Days 5-6: Novosibirsk, Aboard Train Stop in Novosibirsk to visit the enormous Opera House, Lenin Square and the Ob River, which flows 3,500 miles from its source to the Arctic. Enjoy the relaxed pace onboard the train heading east and passing through Krasnoyarsk.

Day 7: Irkutsk Morning arrival in Irkutsk, the "capital" of Siberia. A tour includes examples of the classic wooden architecture for which Siberian towns are known and a visit to the Decembrist House Museum.

Day 8: Lake Baikal A spectacular part of the journey today is spent winding your way through tunnels and cliffs along the edge of UNESCO-listed Lake Baikal, the world's deepest freshwater lake. Stop en route for a barbeque at the lake's edge, and continue to the lakeside village of Listvyanka.



Mounted warriors at the Naadam parade

ABOARD THE LUXURY *GOLDEN EAGLE*
TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS
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TRANS-SIBERIAN PRIVATE RAIL JOURNEY

13 Days

4 nights hotels, 8 nights aboard the
Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express

Rail Journey Land Tour

Per Person:

Silver Class, twin share	\$13,795
Silver Class, single	\$19,995
Gold Class, twin share	\$17,195
Gold Class, single	\$24,395
Imperial Suite, twin share	\$26,795
Imperial Suite, single	\$37,995

Comprehensive tour inclusions listed on page 103

2012 Land Tour Dates

Eastbound: From Moscow to UlaanBaatar
 July 1-13

Westbound: From UlaanBaatar to Moscow
 July 10-22

Stay a little longer... An extension to the Gobi is available. Contact us for details.



Ceremonial ger on the steppe

Day 9: Ulan Ude Arriving in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic, visit a village of Old Believers, a sect of Orthodox Christians who fled the czar's repressions many years ago.

Days 10-13: UlaanBaatar Arriving in the capital of Mongolia, UlaanBaatar, check in to the hotel for a three-night stay. Attend the celebrated **Naadam Festival**, including the opening ceremony, archery and wrestling competitions. Visit the 13th Century National Park, with its giant equestrian statue of Genghis Khan. Explore the excellent National History Museum and celebrate the journey with a farewell dinner.



Women compete in the archery contest

