

Trans-Siberian Classic Route

BETWEEN MOSCOW AND VLADIVOSTOK BY PRIVATE TRAIN



Trans-Siberian heartland

The Classic Route operates from Moscow to Vladivostok and in reverse. Spanning almost 6,000 miles of track connecting these two cities, the Classic Route takes in the southern tip of Lake Baikal and the charming Siberian cities of Irkutsk and Ulan Ude, and travels along the Chinese border. Watch the cities and industrial centers give way to little villages and miles of wilderness.

Days 1-2: Moscow Enjoy a one-night stay at a five star hotel in Moscow. Tour the classic sights of this 850-year-old capital city, including expansive Red Square and the venerable Kremlin, or opt for a tour of the Tretyakov Gallery instead. In the evening depart aboard the luxury *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express* private train.

Days 3-4: Kazan, Ekaterinburg Make a stop in Kazan, the beautiful capital of Tatarstan on the Volga, where a kremlin wall surrounds the old town, and both minarets and Orthodox churches are found. Cross from Europe into Asia at Ekaterinburg. Visit the site where the last czar, Nicholas II, and his family were held under house arrest for months before the Bolsheviks executed them in July of 1918.

Day 5: Novosibirsk Stop in Novosibirsk, a Siberian town that grew into a city due to its position on the Trans-Siberian line. Visit the massive Opera House, Lenin Square and the Ob River, flowing 3,500 miles from its source to the Arctic.

Days 6-7: Aboard Train, Irkutsk Arrive in Irkutsk, the “capital” of Siberia. The tour includes the major sights of this cultured little city, including examples of the classic wooden architecture for which the area is known.

Day 8: Lake Baikal A spectacular part of the journey today is spent winding through tunnels and around cliffs along the shoreline of Lake Baikal, the world’s deepest and oldest freshwater lake. Stop en route for a barbeque at the lake’s edge and continue to the village of Listvyanka. Visit the Limnological Museum explaining the fascinating ecosystem of the lake.

Day 9: Ulan Ude Today, stop in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic and the Buddhist region of Russia. Visit a village of Old Believers for a concert featuring local singers and musicians.



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Ready with the old songs



Ekaterinburg's Church on the Blood honors Czar Nicholas II and his family

Day 10: UlaanBaatar Dipping down onto the steppe of Mongolia, the train makes a stop in UlaanBaatar, the country's capital. Tour the National Museum, experience Mongolian cuisine and enjoy a cultural performance in a nomadic ger.

Days 11-13: Aboard Train Siberia at its most remote and mysterious unfolds before you as the train follows the Shilka and Amur Rivers and passes through Khabarovsk.

Days 14-15: Vladivostok Arriving in Vladivostok, enjoy a city tour that includes the principal attractions of this once off-limits Russian city. Transfer to a four star hotel for a one-night stay and enjoy a farewell dinner.

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

15 Days

2 nights hotels, 12 nights aboard the
Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express

Rail Journey Land Tour

Per Person:

Silver Class, twin share	\$14,395
Silver Class, single	\$20,795
Gold Class, twin share	\$17,795
Gold Class, single	\$24,995
Imperial Suite, twin share	\$27,995
Imperial Suite, single	\$38,995

Comprehensive tour inclusions listed on page 103

2012 Land Tour Dates

Eastbound: From Moscow to Vladivostok

May 9-23 • July 30-August 13 • August 25-September 8

Westbound: From Vladivostok to Moscow

May 21-June 4 • August 11-25 • September 6-20

Stay a little longer... Extend your stay in either Western or Eastern Russia or both. Contact us for details.

Another option... The 9-day *Baikal Express* takes you from Moscow to UNESCO-listed Lake Baikal. Itinerary available on select dates. Call for details.



Baikal BBQ

