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EASTBOUND

MOSCOW - ULAANBAATAR

(GRAND TRANS SIBERIAN EXPRESS)

MINIMUM : 2 ADULTS

TRAVEL PERIOD : YEAR 2018

• 19 MAY - 31 MAY • 21 JUL - 2 AUG
• 11 AUG - 23 AUG • 1 SEP - 13 SEP

MOSCOW > YEKATERINBURG > NOVOSIBIRSK > KRASNOYARSK > IRKUTSK > LAKE BAIKAL > ULAN UDE > ULAANBAATAR

DAY 1 - MOSCOW (D)

Meet and greet at Moscow International Airport. Transfer to hotel and check-in. Overnight in Moscow.

DAY 2 - MOSCOW (B/L/D)

Moscow City Tour: Red Square, Moscow River, Sparrow Hills, Novodevichy Monastery. Moscow has become a vibrant city, comparable to Paris or Rome and full of life. Transfer to train. Overnight onboard.

DAY 3 - YEKATERINBURG (B/L/D)

Enjoy a typical day on the train. A day to relax, watch the landscape and listen to lectures about the country and its people. Arrive and overnight in Yekaterinburg.

DAY 4 - YEKATERINBURG (B/L/D)

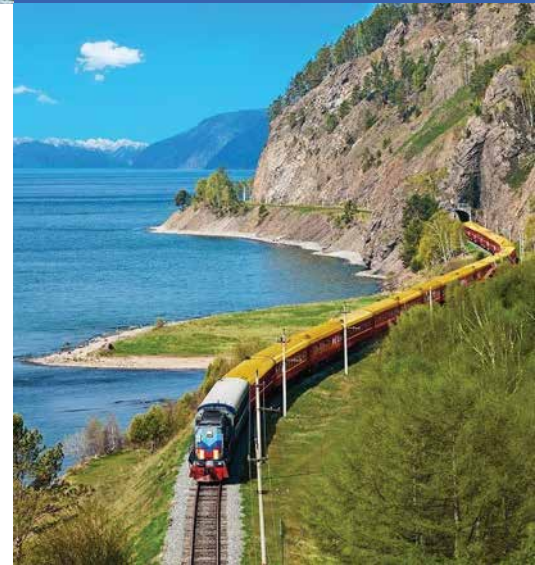
Yekaterinburg, capital of the Ural Mountains was founded in 1723 by Czar Peter I as the center of metallurgical industry. It had become one of the largest financial, industrial and cultural centers of Russia. Yekaterinburg City Tour: the "Cathedral on The Blood" which was built at the place where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Proceed to Ganina Yama, small wooden chapels which were erected in the 1990's to honor the last Czar's family of the Romanov dynasty who were then buried there. Overnight onboard.

DAY 5 - NOVOSIBIRSK (B/L/D)

Full day of relaxation and lectures on the train, train passing through the plains of Western Siberia and reach Novosibirsk in the late afternoon, Russia's third largest city and the biggest of Siberia. It was founded in 1893 as the future site of the Trans-Siberian railway bridge crossing the Siberian River Ob. Overnight in Novosibirsk.

DAY 6 - NOVOSIBIRSK (B/L/D)

Novosibirsk City Tour: Visit remarkable orthodox churches and the famous and largest Opera House in the centre of the city at Lenin Square. In the afternoon, an excursion takes you out of the city into the Taiga, the "real Siberian forest". On the way, visit the largest open air railway museum of Russia, a collection of more than 60 showpieces of steam, diesel and electric locomotives as well as several historical passenger cars – a perfect insight into the development of the trains on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Overnight onboard.



INCLUSION

- Accommodation on train & hotel
- Meals as per itinerary
- Russian & Mongolian cuisines
- Airport-hotel transfer & vice versa
- Sightseeing tour as per itinerary
- Cultural events as per itinerary
- English speaking tour guide

EXCLUSION

- Air ticket
- Russia & Mongolia Visa
- Personal travel insurance
- Other services not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Tipping for local guide

DAY 7 - KRASNOYARSK (B/L/D)

Krasnoyarsk located along the Yenissei River, was a “closed city” during Soviet times. A sightseeing tour shows you several view points and the main shopping street. Fascinated with palm trees in summer time, in the middle of Siberia! Take a boat cruise on the Yenissei River, enjoy great view on the city and the huge railway bridge crossing the river. Overnight onboard.

DAY 8 - IRKUTSK (B/L/D)

Irkutsk is famous for its trade with Mongolia and China and used to be called “Paris of Siberia” because of its colourful life style during the time of the Tsars. Visit the old town with its large quarters still consisting of wooden houses only, before heading for a private classical concert in a palace of historical background. In the evening, back to the train. Overnight in Irkutsk.

DAY 9 - IRKUTSK > LAKE BAIKAL (B/L/D)

An hour bus ride to Lake Baikal which holds the biggest fresh water reserves and the deepest lake in the world. Walk through the village of Listvyanka, and enjoy Siberian lunch in a restaurant, taste the famous Omul fish only from Lake Baikal. Take short cruise on Lake Baikal to the small village of Port Baikal where the train is waiting for you. Train is running at low speed along the scenic Circum Baikal Railway line between Port Baikal and Sludyanka. Get off the train and visit the typical wooden houses and enjoy Baikal barbecue. Overnight onboard.

DAY 10 - ULAN UDE (B/L/D)

Ulan Ude, the capital of “Buryat Autonomous Republic”. Buryats are an ethnic group close to Mongolians with an amazing mix of cultures. Visit one of the villages of Orthodox “Old Believers” still practising their live like people did it centuries ago. You will be hosted for a typical Russian homemade lunch. In the evening, reach the Mongolian border station Suchbaatar and the Russian border station Naushki at night. Immigration formalities will take place in the train. You may stay in your cabin and need not leave the train. Overnight onboard train.

DAY 11 - ULAANBAATAR (B/L/D)

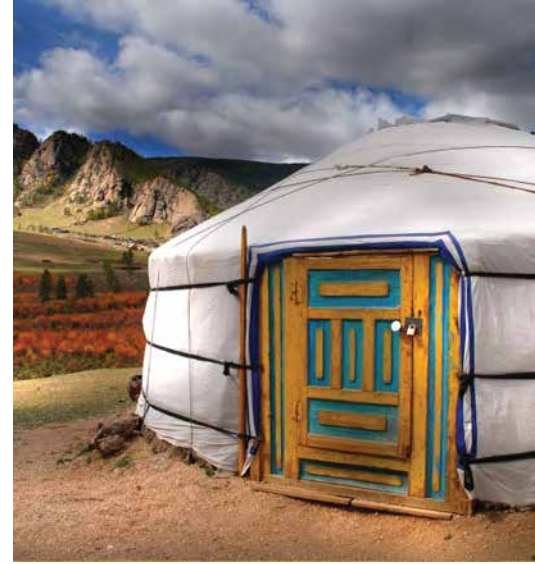
Ulaanbaatur City Tour: Ghandan Monastery, Sukhabaatar Square, Bogd Khan Palace - formerly used to be winter and summer palace of the Khan's and the Zaisan monument with an excellent view of the city surrounded by large areas of nomadic yurt settlements. An amazing cultural music and dance show will introduce Mongolian folk music and culture to you. In the evening, experience a traditional Mongolian Hot Pot dinner. Overnight in Ulaanbaatar.

DAY 12 - ULAANBAATAR (B/L/D)

Full day excursion to the Terelj National Park which is famous for its nature with a stone formation called the “turtle” and the beautiful mountainous scenery will fascinate you. You will meet a herder family with their yurt. A Naadam show specially arranged to demonstrate 3 disciplines of the Mongolian National Naadam festival: Wrestling, Archery and Horseracing. Overnight in Ulaanbaatar.

DAY 13 - ULAANBAATAR > AIRPORT (B)

Check-out and transfer to airport.

**REMARKS**

- Deposit required upon confirmation
- Price basis is twin-sharing
- Confirmation subject to availability
- Itinerary subject to change depending on circumstances