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"We regard each and every trip we organise as a trip of a lifetime."

BAIKAL-AMUR MAINLINE EASTBOUND

EASTBOUND • MOSCOW TO VLADIVOSTOK



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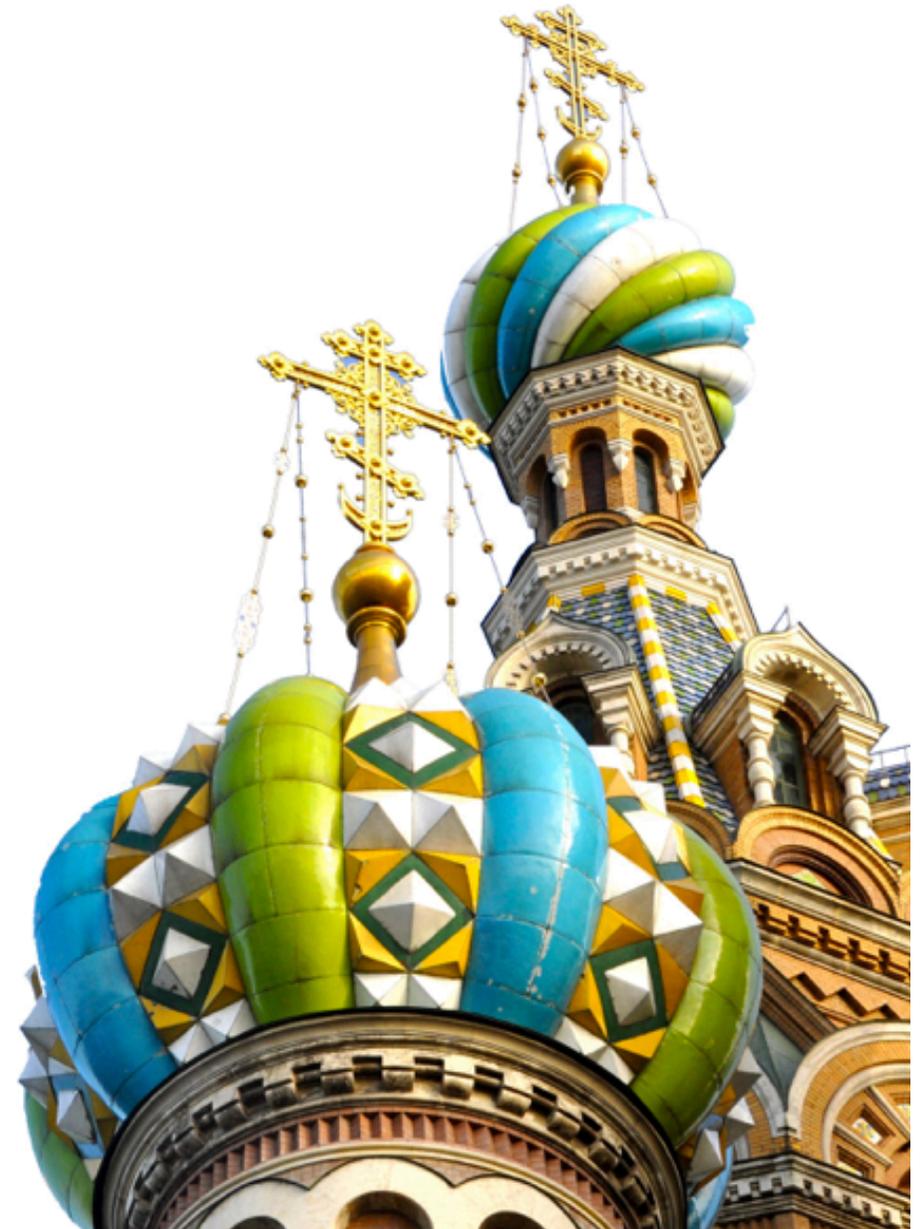
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ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Established as one of the UK's leading, independent and family owned Trans-Siberian and China tour specialist our focus is on well thought through private and tailor made rail adventures. Our emphasis is very much on creating the right trip for you and we work closely with you in order to achieve this. We regard the Trans-Siberian as a trip of a lifetime and use our experience and knowledge to make it that for you.

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A tour along the Baikal Amur Magistral, or BAM for short, is one of the world's great rail adventures combining the more well known Trans-Siberian with this extraordinary BAM railway that runs around 400 miles north of the Trans-Siberian from just east of Krasnoyarsk to the Pacific Ocean. The BAM is one of the great unsung rail journeys of the world so get on board now before the secret is out!



STARTING MOSCOW : BAIKAL-AMUR MAINLINE EASTBOUND

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find full details of this itinerary in this dossier. If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

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21 Nights / 22 Days | This Trip Visits:

● MOSCOW

Russia's vast and iconic capital & the start of this railway adventure.

● EKATERINBURG

Historic city where Europe meets Asia & the Romanovs met their end.

● KRASNOYARSK

Busy city on the banks of the mighty Yenisey River in the heart of Siberia.

● BRATSK

Epic Soviet planning & an equally epic dam - Russian resilience.

● SEVEROBAIKALSK

The wilder and - in our opinion - more beautiful end of Lake Baikal.

● TYNDA

BAM central and the best experience of actual life on the edge in Siberia.

● KOMSOMOLSK ON AMUR

A city on the mighty Amur with ambition and a gateway to Russia's Far East.

● KHABAROVSK

Vibrant & prosperous city on the mighty Amur River bordering China.

● VLADIVOSTOK

Russia's Eastern Port city is a heavily influenced by nearby China & Japan.



WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY - SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MUCH MORE



"Just returned from Trans-Siberian tour Moscow-Vladivostok with 7 city stops. Phenomenal! This company exceeded our possible expectations and went above and beyond."

Aleona Kalinovskaya & Family



"I would absolutely recommend the Trans-Siberian Travel Company. You were so helpful in planning my trip through China, Mongolia and Russia This was a trip of a lifetime for me, and one I will not forget."

Muriel Adamson



"Unbelievably wonderful vacation! Everything organized perfectly and I had the experience of a lifetime. The tours and guides were amazing and this trip will be everything you are hoping for and more!"

Christine Houck



"Excellent service and communication with quick responses. The process of booking was really easy. Their knowledge and understanding of the Trans-Siberian and experiences along the way was clear and appreciated."

Amy Wegerhoff



"The booking process was very easy. Chris was patient, and a fountain of information during the planning stages, as we customised the journey. All in all, an unforgettable journey, which exceeded all of our expectations!"

Mark & Jeannette Adams



"Highly recommended, especially with the visa process and buying of all the different train tickets. The Trans-Siberian Travel Company made our trip easy and very memorable."

E Adam Smith

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1  **MOSCOW**

- Arrival in Russia's Capital with a transfer to your hotel and free time.

Overnight - National Hotel ★★★★★

2  **MOSCOW**

- City tour including the Kremlin & Armoury, Metro & Red Square.

Overnight - National Hotel ★★★★★

3  **ON THE TRAIN**

- Free time in the city before an afternoon departure Eastbound!

Overnight - Train Moscow to Ekaterinburg

4  **EKATERINBURG**

- Day on the train before an arrival in Ekaterinburg.

Overnight - Onegin Hotel ★★★★★

5  **EKATERINBURG**

- City tour, Romanov's secret graves, Europe Asia border & departure.

Overnight - Train Ekaterinburg to Krasnoyarsk

6  **ON THE TRAIN**

- Your first day in Siberia & the vastness of Central Russia.

Overnight - Train Ekaterinburg to Krasnoyarsk

7  **KRASNOYARSK**

- Your first day in Siberia & the vastness of Central Russia.

Overnight - Dom Hotel Neo ★★★



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BRATSK

- Continue by train to join the BAM at Tayshet and on to Bratsk.

Overnight - Taiga Hotel ★★★
 - 9**



BRATSK

- City tour of the highlights of Bratsk & Angarsk Village Museum.

Overnight - Taiga Hotel ★★★
 - 10**



SEVEROBAIKALSK

- Full day on the Baikal Amur Mainline to Lake Baikal at Severobaikalsk.

Overnight - Dom U Baikal Guesthouse
 - 11**



SEVEROBAIKALSK

- Visit Cape Ludar & a private museum in the village of Baikalsk.

Overnight - Dom U Baikal Guesthouse
 - 12**



SEVEROBAIKALSK

- Day trip to the Thermal Springs at either Gaudjekit or Zelinda.

Overnight - Dom U Baikal Guesthouse
 - 13**



ON THE TRAIN

- Morning visit to Nijneangarsk before the train on to Tynda.

Overnight - Train Severobaikalsk to Tynda
 - 14**



TYNDA

- A day of remote scenery before reaching the rail junction of Tynda.

Overnight - Hotel Safari ★★★



15 ON THE TRAIN

- Free time before a city tour and departure on to Komsomolsk on Amur.

Overnight - Train Tynda to Komsomolsk on Amur

16 ON THE TRAIN

- A full day on the train as you pass through the vast Russian Far East.

Overnight - Train Tynda to Komsomolsk on Amur

17 KOMSOMOLSK

- Early arrival with a city tour & museum visit.

Overnight - Voskhod Hotel ★★★

18 KOMSOMOLSK

- Free time before an afternoon visit to the Nanaian Village of Upper Ekon.

Overnight - Voskhod Hotel ★★★

19 KHABARAVOSK

- A day spent travelling on a link line between the BAM and Trans-Siberian.

Overnight - City Hotel ★★★★★

20 ON THE TRAIN

- Full day tour of the city of Khabarovsk & night train on to Vladivostok.

Overnight - Train Khabarovsk to Vladivostok

21 VLADIVOSTOK

- Arrival & free morning before an half day tour of the city's highlights.

Overnight - Lotte Hotel ★★★★★



22  **END**

- Free time until a transfer to your onward transport out of Russia.

N/A



YOUR DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

The following pages detail your itinerary day by day. All our trips are tried and tested and, between us, we have visited all destinations and accommodation and travelled on all these trains. We like to offer our clients the greatest flexibility possible with their trip so if there is anything you would like to change please do not hesitate to contact us.



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Any Date

MOSCOW

- Arrival in Russia's capital a private transfer to your hotel & free time.

Welcome to Moscow, Russia's capital and its largest city with more than 12 million people. It is the political and economic centre of this vast country and has many of Russia's most famous sights, not least Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral.

With over 800 years of history there is also a wealth of architecture, museums and monuments to a colourful past. Transfer by private car with an English speaking driver to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring this stunning city.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.



YOUR EXCLUSIVE TRIP GUIDEBOOK

Tap into our knowledge with a copy of our exclusive guidebook personalised to your trip. These books are packed full of tips about the trains, what to take, currency, train timetables, destination guides and much more. The perfect way to prepare for your Trans-Siberian experience with us!

OVERNIGHT

NATIONAL HOTEL



An historic luxury landmark, opulent rooms, stunning Kremlin views, exquisite dining, blending classic Russian elegance with modern amenities.



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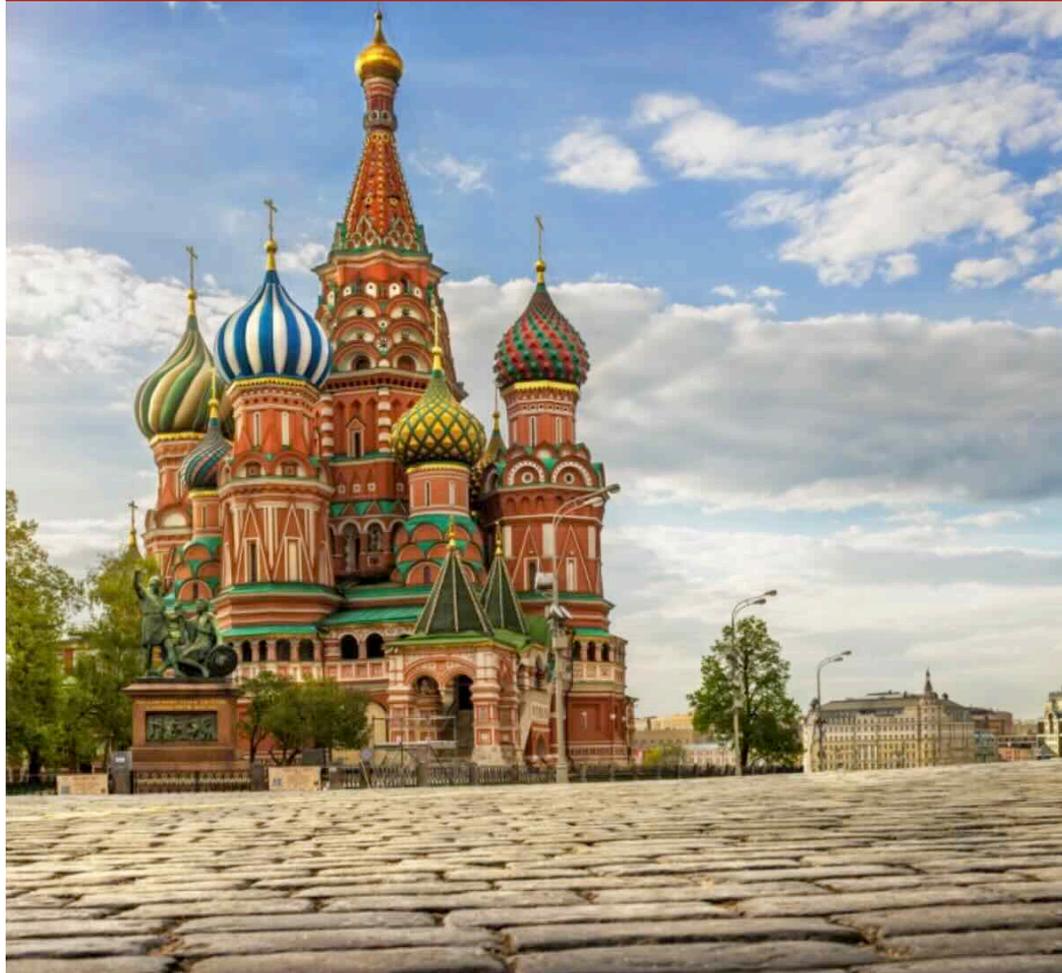
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Rainfall mm

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Min temp °C	-9	-11	-6	1	6	11	13	11	6	2	-5	-8
Rainfall mm	45	45	32	31	58	73	79	75	62	77	45	40

ST BASIL'S CATHEDRAL



KREMLIN



BOLSHOI THEATRE



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 2

MOSCOW

- City tour including the Kremlin & Armoury, Metro & Red Square.

Today you have a full day tour of Moscow which begins with a visit to Red Square, where you'll see iconic sites like St. Basil's Cathedral and the Lenin Mausoleum. Next, head to the Kremlin for a guided tour of its historic cathedrals, palaces, and the Armoury Museum, showcasing royal treasures, Fabergé eggs, and ceremonial weaponry.

In the afternoon, dive into the architectural beauty of the Moscow Metro, known for its opulent, museum-like stations such as Komsomolskaya and Mayakovskaya. Conclude the day by strolling through Alexander Garden for a visit to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, offering a fitting end to a day filled with Moscow's historic and cultural grandeur.

Return to your hotel to relax with the evening free.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

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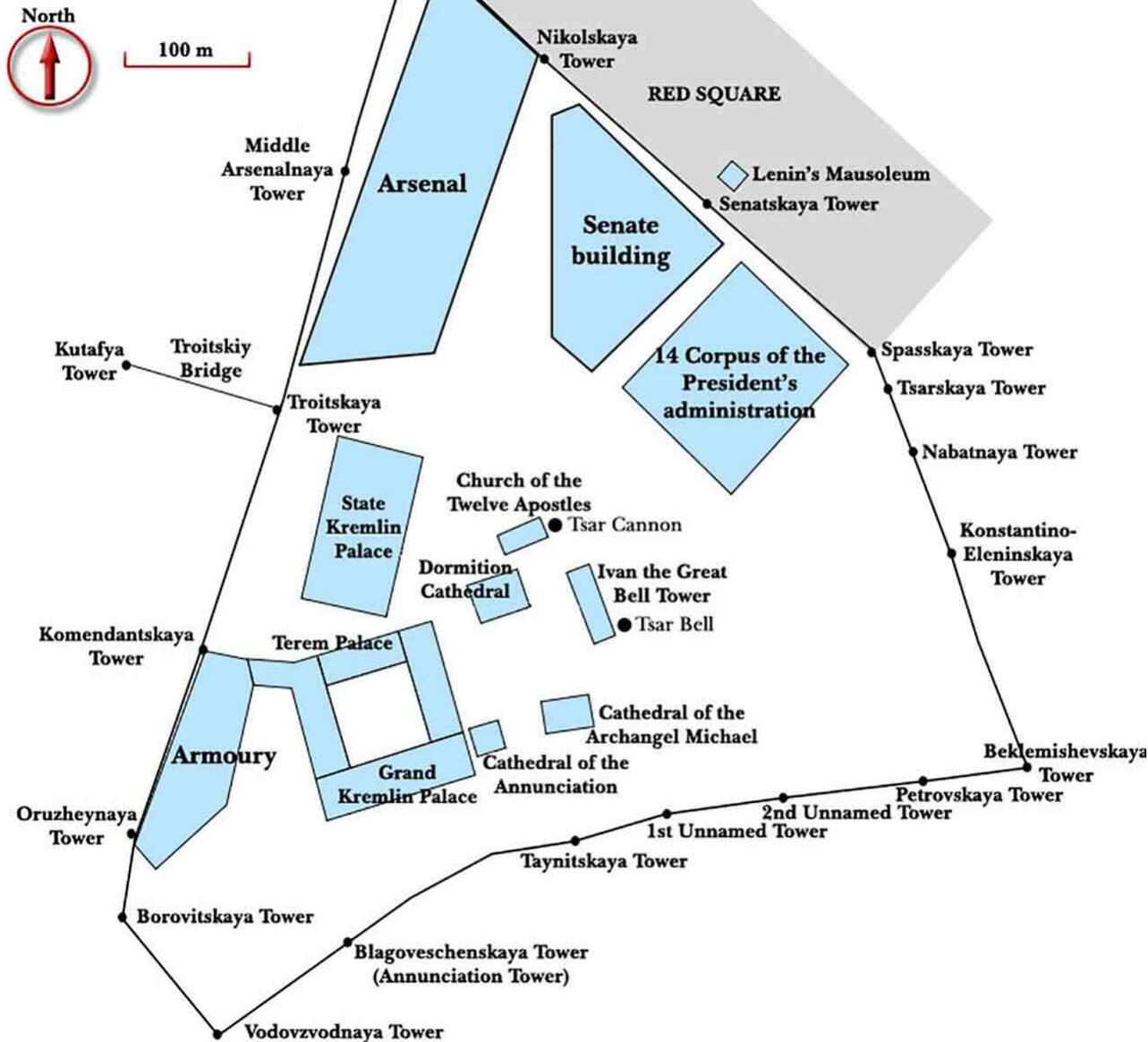


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MOSCOW'S KREMLIN

The Moscow KREMLIN



MOSCOW'S KREMLIN - DID YOU KNOW ?

- The Kremlin is the oldest part of Moscow, with origins dating back to 1156, when it was a wooden fortress built by Prince Yuri Dolgorukiy. It has been rebuilt and expanded multiple times throughout its history.
- Covering an area of 27.5 hectares (68 acres), the Moscow Kremlin is the largest medieval fortress still in use today. Its walls stretch for 2.25 kilometres (1.4 miles), and it includes several palaces, cathedrals, and government buildings.
- The Kremlin walls are over 6 meters (20 feet) thick in places and contain 20 towers, each with its unique history. The Spasskaya Tower, added in 1491, is the most famous, featuring a clock and often seen as the main entrance to the Kremlin.
- Although not inside the Kremlin walls, Lenin's Mausoleum on Red Square is closely associated with the Kremlin. It houses the embalmed body of Vladimir Lenin, the leader of the 1917 Russian Revolution.
- There are numerous secret tunnels and rooms beneath the Kremlin. Some of these were built for military defence, while others were intended as escape routes for the tsars and Soviet leaders.
- The Kremlin has served as the political and spiritual heart of Russia for centuries. It was the residence of the tsars, the seat of Soviet power, and today, it houses the official residence of the President of Russia.

YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 3

MOSCOW

- Free time in the city before an afternoon departure Eastbound!

Free time to explore Moscow before your departure on the Trans-Mongolian train. The city has much to offer whatever the weather from the famous museums such as Pushkin Fine Arts and Tretyakov Art Gallery to more outdoor areas including the Park of the Fallen Idols and Novodevitchy Convent.

Of course, if the weather is not so good Moscow is one of the few cities where a day spent on the metro is a tourist attraction with many beautiful stations to visit and all for the price of a single ticket! For relaxing we recommend the bars, galleries and cafes of the Red October district or the fabulous Gorky Park.

Transfer to the station for a early afternoon departure from Moscow's Kazanskaya station. Settle into your compartment as the suburbs of Moscow are replaced by forest and countryside.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT



TRAIN #056M

MOSCOW - EKATERINBURG

Departs 13:15 Arrives 15:14 day 2
1,668 km / 1,036 ml | 1d 0h 9m | Local times & subject to change

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 4

EKATERINBURG

- Day on the train before an arrival in Ekaterinburg.

With luck the gentle rhythm of the train led to a good night's sleep! A full day on the train through a region of farms, small towns and villages interspersed with birch forests.

Towards the end of the day you cross the Europe-Asia continental border arriving in Ekaterinburg a short time afterwards.

Ekaterinburg is a more representative experience of a Russian city than, say, Moscow and has a rich and fascinating history including the last days of the Romanovs. It is surrounded by beautiful, rolling countryside dotted with traditional Siberian villages.

Transfer to your hotel to overnight and rest up before tomorrow's tour.

 **Meals Included:** None today.

OVERNIGHT

ONEGIN HOTEL



Good standard 4 star hotel well located and decorated in the Imperial Russian style inside. comfortable rooms and good restaurant and bar.



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Averages

Max temp °C

Min temp °C

Rainfall mm

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Max temp °C	-9	-7	1	9	17	22	24	20	14	7	-3	-8
Min temp °C	-18	-17	-10	-2	4	10	12	10	4	-1	-10	-16
Rainfall mm	15	14	12	17	30	46	79	53	30	28	22	20

ROMANOV'S GRAVE SITE



EUROPE ASIA BORDER



EKATERINBURG CITY





The Romanov dynasty ruled Russia for over 300 years, from 1613 to 1917, beginning with Mikhail Romanov and ending with Nicholas II. The family came to power during a time of unrest known as the Time of Troubles, and Mikhail Romanov was elected Tsar in 1613, restoring stability to the country.

Over the centuries, the Romanovs expanded Russia into a vast empire. Under rulers like Peter the Great and Catherine the Great, the empire modernised, engaged with Europe, and grew in power. Peter introduced Western reforms and established St. Petersburg, while Catherine expanded Russia's territory and promoted culture.

The last Romanov tsar, Nicholas II, ascended the throne in 1894. His reign saw significant challenges, including the Russo-Japanese War (1904-1905), Bloody Sunday (1905), and the Russian Revolution of 1905. Despite efforts at reform, discontent grew. The Bolshevik Revolution in 1917 led to Nicholas abdicating the throne.

In 1918, the Bolsheviks executed Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, and their five children, ending the Romanov dynasty. The family's downfall was due to political unrest, social inequality, and failure to adapt to the changing political climate, marking the end of imperial Russia.

THE ROMANOVS IN EKATERINBURG - A TIMELINE

- April 30, 1918: The Romanov family—Tsar Nicholas II, Tsarina Alexandra, and their five children—arrived in Ekaterinburg after being transferred from Tobolsk by the Bolsheviks.
- They were imprisoned in the Ipatiev House, also known as the “House of Special Purpose.” The house was heavily guarded, and the family's movements were restricted.
- The Romanovs were confined to two rooms. Their personal freedoms and comforts gradually diminished; they were forbidden from interacting with guards and could only go outside for limited walks.
- Heightened Security: In June 1918, the Bolsheviks increased the security around Ipatiev House. Windows were boarded up, and outside communications were cut off, signalling the impending end.
- Bolshevik leaders feared a possible rescue attempt by the advancing White Army, which prompted them to consider the execution of the Romanov family to prevent their liberation.
- July 16, 1918: The Bolsheviks received orders from Moscow to execute the Romanov family, concerned over White Army movements in the region.
- The bodies were initially buried in a shallow grave in the Koptyaki Forest, near Ekaterinburg. The burial site remained a secret for decades.
- In 1991, the Romanov family's remains were discovered, identified through DNA testing, and reburied in St. Petersburg in 1998.



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 5

EKATERINBURG

- City tour, Romanov's secret graves, Europe Asia border & departure.

This morning your guide will take you on a 3 hour walking tour of the city's highlights. Stop at the central square and see statues of Ekaterinburg's founders and leaders and learn local stories, legends (and a few jokes!) related to them. Continue to the 1905 Revolution square before the most compelling story will be told at the beautiful Church of Spilled Blood located at the Romanovs' Death Site and Chapel of St Elizabeth. See views from the Hill of Ascension and visit the powerful Afghanistan memorial at the Square of the Red Army.

After lunch (own arrangement) drive 15 km north-west to a monastery dedicated to the Romanov's family located on the spot where the Bolsheviks tried to hide the corpses of the Tsar and his family in a secret grave. Continue on to the continental border of Europe and Asia 20 km west of the city. On the way we make a short stop at the Memorial of Victims of the GULAGs. The Main Obelisk "Between Europe & Asia" allows you to straddle the continental divide and you also get a Certificate with a glass of sparkling wine!

Return to the city with some free time before an evening transfer to the station for your onward train. From this point on you have entered Siberia!

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT



TRAIN #082M

EKATERINBURG - KRASNOYARSK

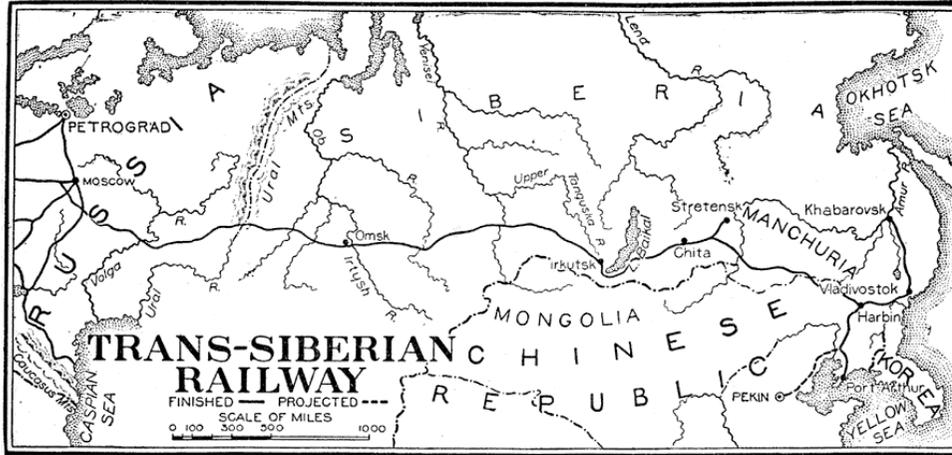
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2,287 km / 1,421 ml | 1d 7h 47m | Local times & subject to change

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THE BUILDING OF THE TRANS-SIBERIAN



CONSTRUCTION OF THE TRANS-SIBERIAN - DID YOU KNOW ?

- The Trans-Siberian Railway is the longest railway line in the world, stretching over 9,289 kilometres (5,772 miles) from Moscow to Vladivostok. It crosses eight time zones.
- Construction of the railway began in 1891 under the rule of Tsar Alexander III. His son, Nicholas II, who would later become Russia's last tsar, was tasked with overseeing the project.
- The railway was constructed in phases, with work starting in both the west (near Moscow) and the east (near Vladivostok). Different sections were completed at various times, and the entire line was finished in 1916.
- The construction faced numerous geographical challenges, including crossing mountains, forests, and swamps. For example, engineers had to build bridges across major rivers like the Ob and Amur, and deal with the extreme cold of Siberian winters.
- Before the railway line around Lake Baikal was completed, trains had to be loaded onto ferries to cross the lake. A special icebreaker ferry, the Baikal, was built to operate in winter when the lake froze.
- The Amur Bridge near Khabarovsk, completed in 1916, was the final piece of the Trans-Siberian puzzle, linking the entire route without interruption. It spans 2.6 kilometres (1.6 miles) and was one of the most challenging engineering feats of the project.
- The construction of the Trans-Siberian Railway was extremely expensive and was partly funded by international loans, especially from France. The railway was seen as a crucial strategic asset to expand Russian influence in the Far East.
- The Trans-Siberian Railway has been continually modernised. The electrification of the railway started in 1929 and was completed in 2002, allowing for faster and more efficient trains to operate on the line.

YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 6

ON THE TRAIN

- Your first day in Siberia & the vastness of Central Russia.

The scenery today is flat, often swampy or forested and with few large settlements. The major city is Omsk but there are also a few other large stops. This is a day for relaxing, socialising and getting into a good book!

Did you Know? Siberia covers about 77% of Russia's land area, making it larger than the entire country of Canada. Despite its size, it is sparsely populated. Siberia experiences some of the most extreme temperatures on Earth. The village of Oymyakon holds the record for the coldest inhabited place, with temperatures as low as -67.7°C (-89.9°F).

 **Meals Included:** None Today.

OVERNIGHT



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Min temp °C	-17	-16	-10	-4	4	9	13	10	3	-1	-11	-17
Rainfall mm	13	15	15	40	71	66	78	117	48	61	30	26

STOLBY RESERVE



CITY VIEW



KRASNOYARSK DAM



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 7

KRASNOYARSK

- Arrival and city tour before a free afternoon.

Morning arrival in Krasnoyarsk where you will be met at the station to start an half day city tour. This prosperous city located on the Yenisey River is highly regarded for it's cultural life as well as the beautiful scenery of the Stolby Nature Reserve a short distance from the city.

As a hotel room is unlikely to be ready this early we start with a city tour which begins with the monument to Andrey Dubensky, the founder of the city, which also offers superb views and Karaulnaya Hill where Paraskeva Pjatrnitza Chapel built in 1855 is located. Move on to the Annunciation temple, Intercession Cathedral and Catholic church as well as Mira Avenue, the Drama Theatre, Opera and Ballet House and Yenisey quay.

Continue to the Stolby National Park and make a short walk of about 2-3 km round trip to the centre of the reserve where there are beautiful views and unusual rock formations. Time to enjoy the scenery and nature before returning to the city and a free evening.

After the tour continue to your hotel to check-in with free time for the rest of the day.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.

OVERNIGHT

DOM HOTEL NEO



A bright and contemporary edition to the hotels in Krasnoyarsk with modern rooms, friendly service and a great cafe attached to the hotel.



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 8

BRATSK

- Continue by train to join the BAM at Tayshet and on to Bratsk.

After breakfast a transfer to the station for your train on to Bratsk (usually train 092 08:12-23:02). At Tayshet you branch off on to the Baikal Amur Magistral (BAM) to begin this exciting part of the journey to a Russia less travelled. The land opens up with few villages and endless Taiga forest.

Late evening you arrive in Bratsk with a transfer direct to your hotel.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.



OVERNIGHT

TAIGA HOTEL



As central as any location can be in Bratsk this soviet hotel is very much part of the BAM experience and we had a good stay here.



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TRANS-SIBERIAN DINING OPTIONS



TYPICAL RUSSIAN DINING CAR DISHES

- **Solyanka Солянка:** A hearty and sour soup with a mix of meat, pickles, and spices.
- **Shchi Щи:** A cabbage-based soup, often served with sour cream.
- **Pirozhki Пирожки:** Small baked or fried buns filled with meat, potatoes, cabbage, or sweet fillings like jam.
- **Borscht Борщ:** A traditional beet soup served hot, often with sour cream and sometimes accompanied by bread or a meat cutlet.
- **Pelmeni Пельмени:** Russian dumplings filled with meat, usually served with sour cream or butter.
- **Kasha Каша:** A type of porridge made from grains like buckwheat or oats, often served for breakfast.
- **Blini Блины:** Thin Russian pancakes, often served with fillings like jam, sour cream, or caviar.
- **Kotleti Котлеты:** Meat patties made from minced beef or chicken, typically served with mashed potatoes or rice.
- **Russian Tea & Sweets Русский чай и сладости:** Hot tea served in podstakannik (a metal tea glass holder), typically accompanied by cookies, chocolates, or small cakes.

Introduction: Dining on the Trans-Siberian Railway is a blend of onboard meals, platform food, and self-prepared options.

Dining Car: The dining car offers traditional Russian dishes like borscht, pelmeni, and kotleti, along with simpler fare like salads and sandwiches. Travellers can enjoy hearty, filling meals in a cozy setting while sipping tea, often served in the classic podstakannik (metal holders).

Stations: At station stops, passengers can buy food from local vendors. These vendors sell regional delicacies such as pirozhki (stuffed buns), smoked fish, and fresh fruit, providing a chance to taste the flavours of Russia's vast regions as you pass through.

Supermarkets: Many passengers prefer to bring their own provisions from supermarkets before boarding. Items like instant noodles, bread, cheese, and sausage are popular, with boiling water available on the train to make quick meals. This option is especially convenient for longer stretches between stops.

The combination of onboard dining, platform food, and self-prepared snacks ensures a varied and flexible eating experience, catering to both adventurous and budget-conscious travellers.



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 9

BRATSK

- City tour of the highlights of Bratsk & Angarsk Village Museum.

This morning meet your guide for a 3 hour city tour first visiting the beautiful memorial to the Great Patriotic War (the Second World War) which is a fascinating piece of sculpture.

Continue on to a museum charting the development of the city which, of course, was in tandem with the railway line's construction and a major Soviet project.

Visit the observation point for the vast Dam and if your lucky you may even see a train crossing it as the railway line passes over the dam.

This afternoon head little out of the city to visit Angarsk Village Museum. Here you will see some wonderful examples of early Siberian wooden architecture form both the native tribes and the Russians who first settled in this area. There is a nice walk through the first and a traditional cafe in one of the wooden buildings. Seeing how the log architecture developed over time is well presented here.

Return the city with free time this evening.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

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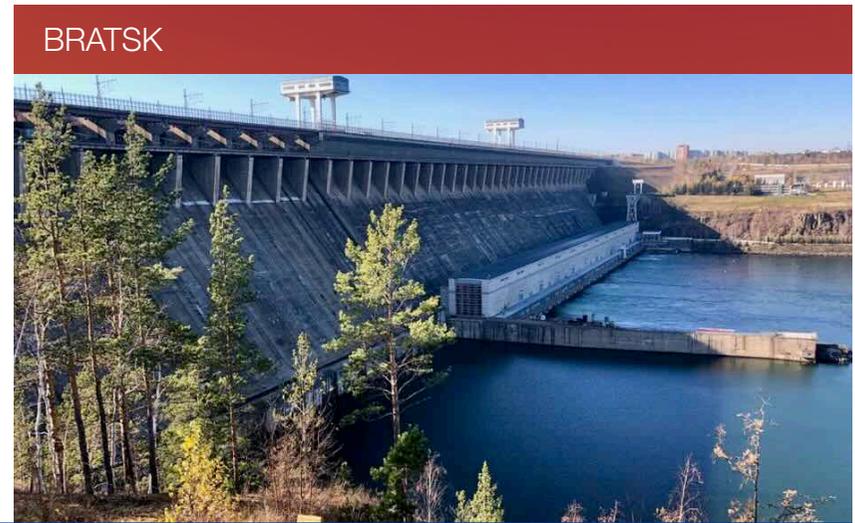
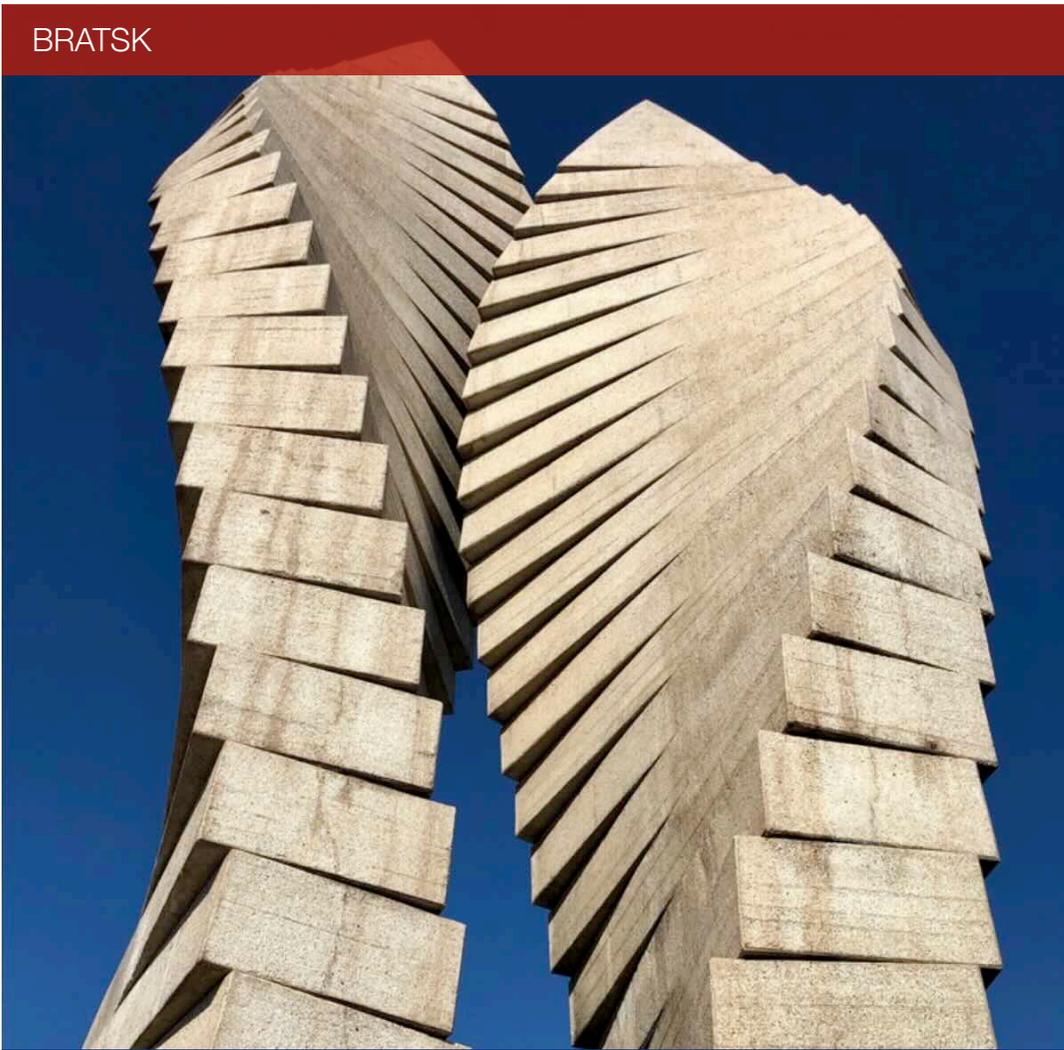
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Rainfall mm	25	12	30	51	45	66	22	34	27	39	58	20



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 10

SEVEROBAIKALSK

- Full day on the Baikal Amur Mainline to Lake Baikal at Severobaikalsk.

Early transfer to the station for train 112H to Severobaikalsk (08:03 to 21:16). The scenery gets wilder and more beautiful as you get closer to Lake Baikal.

Arrival in Severobaikalsk, the most important settlement at the northern end of Lake Baikal with a transfer to your guesthouse.

The city was built as part of the BAM project and although the architecture is very bland Soviet style this part of the Lake, a short distance away from the city and your hotel, is both wilder and more beautiful than the much more visited Southern end of Baikal.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

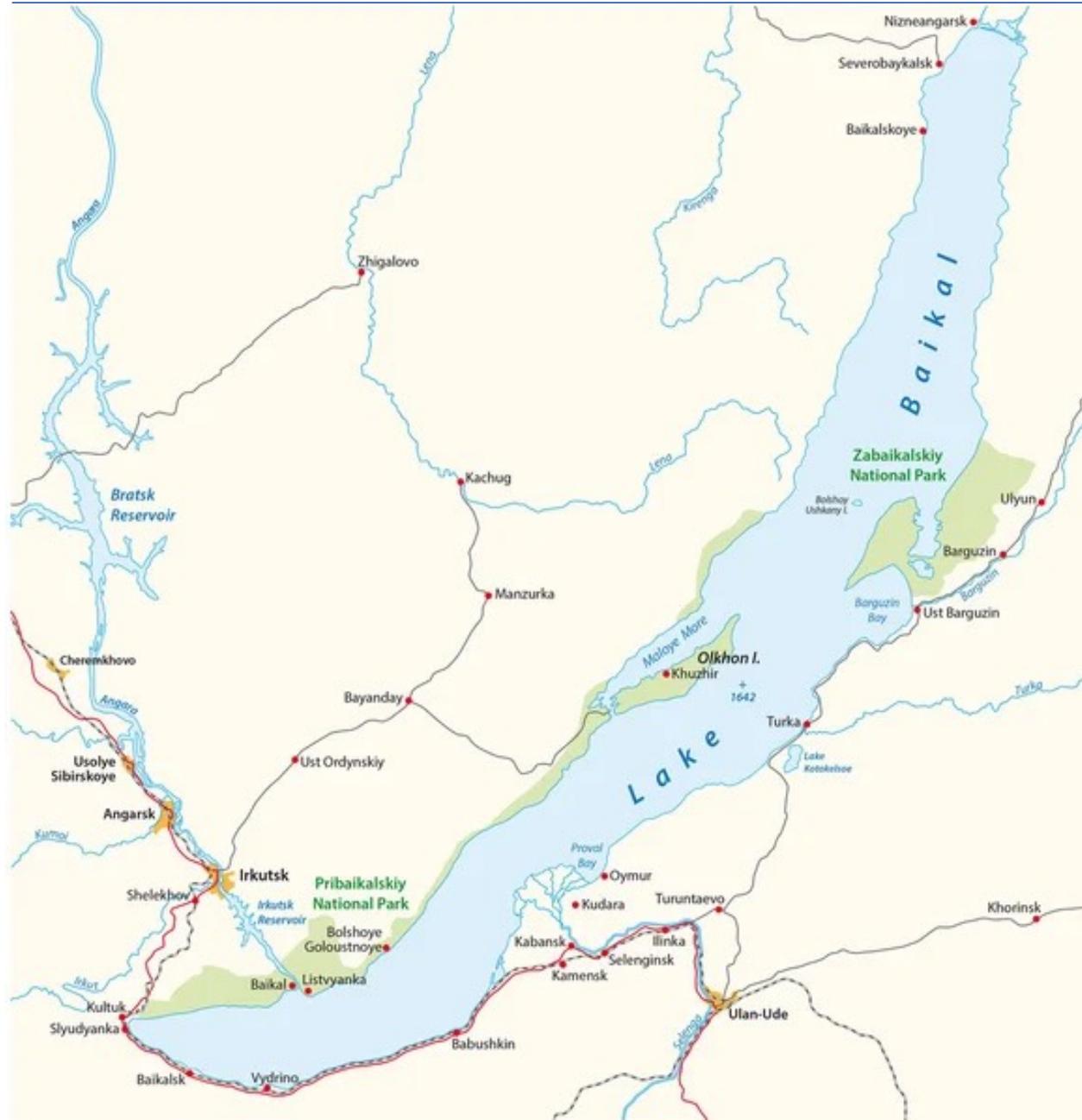
DOM U BAIKALA GUESTHOUSE

Located on the lakeside of the railway line this guesthouse is as good as it gets in Severobaikalsk and is convenient for both the city and lake.



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LAKE BAIKAL - DID YOU KNOW ?

- Lake Baikal is the world's oldest freshwater lake, estimated to be around 25-30 million years old. Its age makes it a unique natural laboratory for studying evolution and geological processes.
- With a depth of 1,642 meters (5,387 feet), Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world, holding about 20% of the world's unfrozen freshwater supply.
- The lake hosts over 3,700 species of plants and animals, two-thirds of which are endemic, meaning they can't be found anywhere else. The most famous is the Baikal seal (nerpa), the only freshwater seal species in the world.
- The water in Lake Baikal is incredibly clear, especially during winter. In some areas, you can see up to 40 meters (131 feet) down into the lake.
- Lake Baikal is a rift lake, formed due to tectonic plate movements. It's still expanding, at a rate of about 2 cm (0.8 inches) per year, meaning it could eventually become an ocean over millions of years.
- During the winter, the lake freezes over, and its ice can reach up to 1.5 meters thick. The ice is so transparent that people can see fish and plant life beneath it.
- For centuries, Lake Baikal has been considered sacred by indigenous people, especially the Buryat population.



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 11

SEVEROBAIKALSK

- Visit Cape Ludar & a private museum in the village of Baikalsk.

Today we drive out of town to Baikalsk village and nearby Cape Ludar. In this area the nature of Baikal is very similar to the Little Sea area of Olkhon Island with beautiful views. At Cape Ludar there has been found much evidence of ancient man. You can see a cave with petroglyphs and go up to the weather station, walking along the famous Great Baikal Trail.

On the way you'll visit Buryat ritual place, Shaman and Buddhist place of ceremonies, it's a place of power, here you can ask the spirit of the place to fulfil your innermost desire. You will also see the Buddhist Stupa. There is a magnificent view from the Stupa of forest clad Onokochanskaya Bay. In the ancient fishing village of Baikalsk you'll visit the private museum which has a unique collection of fishing utensils and other items.

Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

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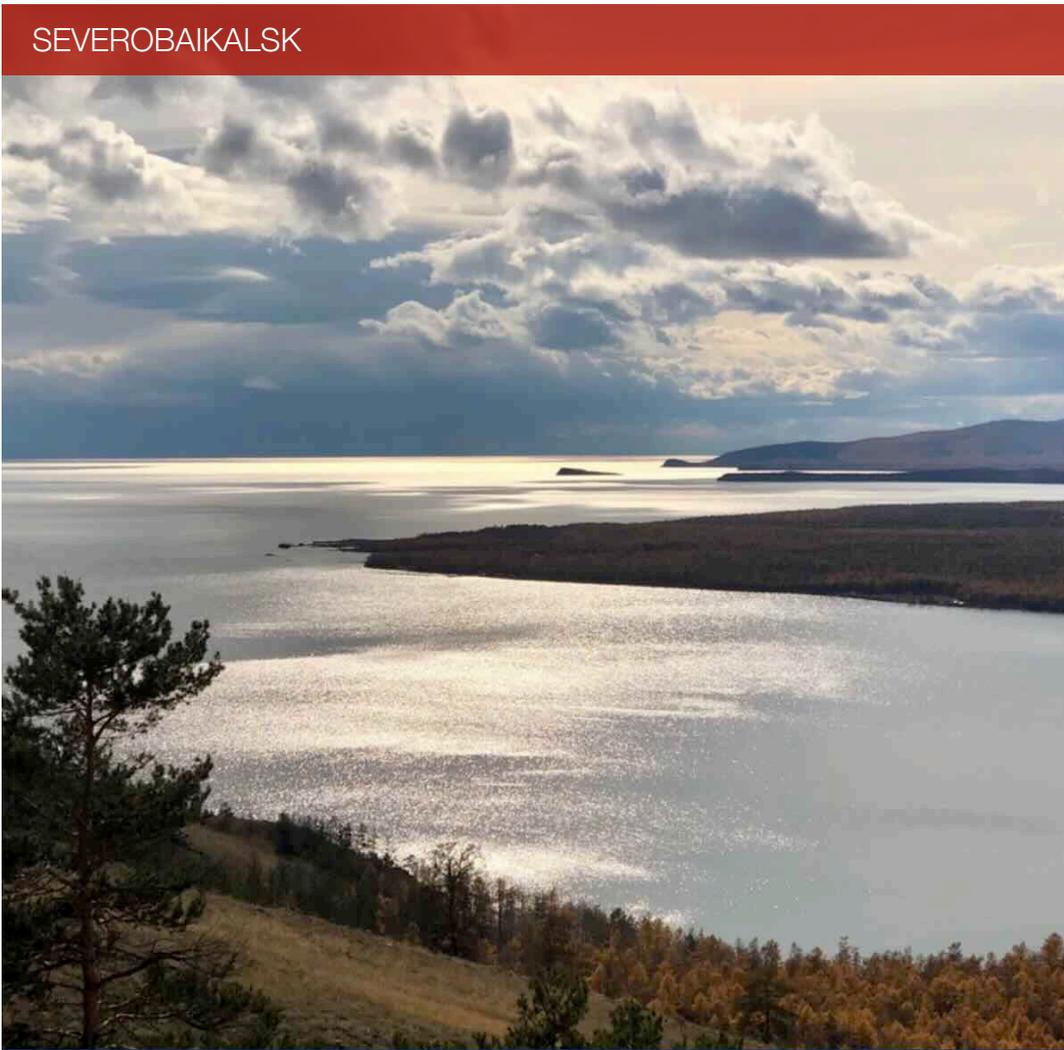


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Max temp °C	-18	-12	-4	4	13	21	25	22	13	2	-7	-14
Min temp °C	-30	-28	-21	-9	0	6	10	8	1	-8	-18	-25
Rainfall mm	16	12	10	17	28	37	65	63	42	23	22	19



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 12

SEVEROBAIKALSK

- Day trip to the Thermal Springs at either Gaudjekit or Zelinda.

Today we drive to the thermal Springs visiting either the Zelinda or Gaudjekit areas depending on the day. According to ancient Slavonic legends, in sea of Khaari (the ancient name for Baikal) was a source of life which was carefully guarded and protected but which came to the surface in different places. It is believed that all warm springs are part of this source, giving strength to those who bathe in them.

The springs are located in the valley of the Upper Angara River and are equipped with 2 swimming pools, changing rooms, cafes and a picnic area.

Return to the hotel with dinner and free time.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

OVERNIGHT

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 13

ON THE TRAIN

- Morning visit to Nijneangarsk before the train on to Tynda.

After breakfast we head out to visit Nijneangarsk village and its regional museum. The village is located 23 km North East of Severobaikalsk near the mouth of the Kichiera River.

After the tour head to the train station for your train on to Tynda.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT



TRAIN #376Ы

SEVEROBAIKALSK - TYNDA

Departs 14:00 Arrives 16:59 day 2
1,285 km / 796 ml | 1d 1h 15 m | Local times & subject to change

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 14

TYNDA

- A day of remote scenery before reaching the rail junction of Tynda.

There is some beautifully remote scenery of mountains, rivers and forest today with the occasional stop at stations that seemingly are placed in the middle of nowhere.

Late afternoon you draw into Tynda which exists solely for the BAM and didn't exist at all before 1974. Very planned and having a slightly wild west feel to it the city is surrounded by Taiga forest with bears seen to come up to the city limits.

Tynda is an important train hub and the station is perhaps the most impressive building in the city. From here, as well as going East or West you can also head south on the "Little BAM or north towards (and eventually to once the line opens to passengers) Yakutsk.

Aside from the impressive BAM museum there are few other sights but perhaps because of this, a stop in Tynda focuses more on the life of the people there and so makes it an unwitting highlight of the BAM.

Transfer to your hotel with free time to explore the city centre.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

HOTEL SAFARI



With the feel of a motel this is as good as it gets in Tynda and is perfectly adequate with reasonable rooms and a useful attached cafe and restaurant.



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Averages

Max temp °C

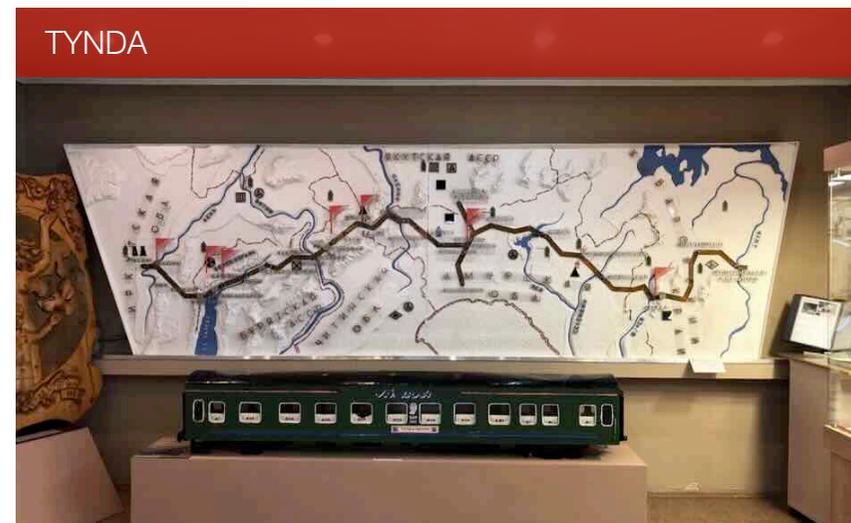
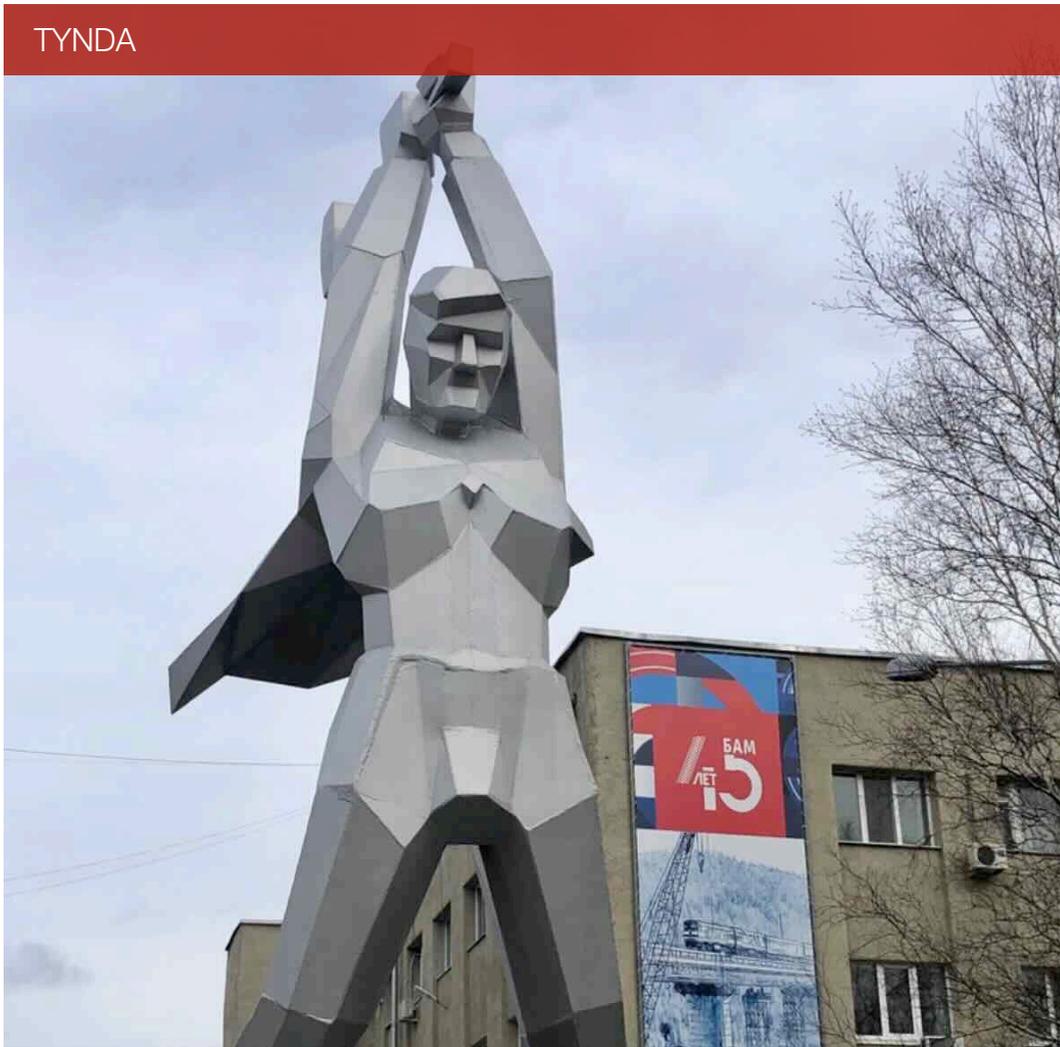
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-22	-15	-5	5	15	23	25	22	14	2	-13	-22

Min temp °C

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
-35	-32	-23	-9	0	7	11	7	0	-13	-27	-34

Rainfall mm

J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
12	13	19	33	64	117	115	133	70	28	22	21



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 15

ON THE TRAIN

- Free time before a city tour and departure on to Komsomolsk on Amur.

Some free time this morning to relax, get laundry done or go for a walk. Your guide will meet you early afternoon to take you on a tour of the city.

There's not a huge lot to see but somehow Tynda is a highlight of the BAM for us as we found we empathised with life in a remote city, as remote as it is possible to be really, without any of the distractions of sights to see.

Stock up on some food at the supermarket before a transfer to the station for the longer leg on to Komsomolsk on Amur.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT



TRAIN #364

TYNDA - KOMSOMOLSK ON AMUR

Departs 16:51 Arrives 07:09 day 3
1,471 km / 912 ml | 37 hr 18 m | Local times & subject to change

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 16

ON THE TRAIN

- A full day on the train as you pass through the vast Russian Far East.

A day to relax and take in the scenery whilst reading a good book and tucking in to some cabin rations! Alongside the track is the BAM road, a rough track indeed and remote stations service the occasional mining and military sites.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.

OVERNIGHT



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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 17

KOMSOMOLSK ON AMUR

- Early arrival with a city tour & museum visit.

Early morning arrival in Komsomolsk on Amur - a sprawling and much more developed city after Tynda and Severobaikalsk.

Start an half day city tour with your guide. There is some older architecture here and it feels much bigger and more vibrant with some good cafes and restaurants. As the name suggests, it is set on the banks of the mighty Amur River and is still an important industrial centre, most famously for the Sukhoi (Su) fighter jets in a factory that continues to produce these jets today. You may see them fly above the city if you are lucky.

You also visit the Regional museum before checking in to the hotel with the remainder of the day free.

 **Meals Included:** None Today.

OVERNIGHT

VOSKHOD HOTEL



A classic Soviet hotel that has undergone some improvements in recent years offering reasonable rooms and a good restaurant and breakfast.



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Averages

Max temp °C

Min temp °C

Rainfall mm

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max temp °C	-19	-13	-3	8	17	23	26	24	17	7	-6	-17
Min temp °C	-31	-28	-17	-3	4	11	15	14	7	-3	-16	-28
Rainfall mm	10	9	13	35	51	69	101	102	76	49	20	15

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 18

KOMSOMOLSK ON AMUR

- Free time before an afternoon visit to the Nanaian Village of Upper Ekon.

Free time this morning before an afternoon trip to Nanaian village of Upper Ekon where you visit the local school which also houses an ethnographical museum with an interesting collection of tribal and Soviet artefacts.

You will also meet some Nanaian people to hear some of their music and try some local snacks, If time take a walk around the village which runs down to the Amur river before returning to the city to overnight.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 19

KHABAROVSK

- A day spent travelling on a link line between the BAM and Trans-Siberian.

After an early breakfast a transfer to the station for this day time journey (train 31 departs 08:06 and arrives 17:20pm) that deviates off the BAM and on to the Komsomolsk Dezhnyovka Rail Line that links the BAM to the Trans-Siberian line before eventually arriving in Khabarovsk late afternoon.

Despite the remoteness it is a large, booming town due to it's proximity to China just 25 km away over the Amur River. Rarely visited by Trans-Siberian travellers, there is some good architecture and the city is a pleasant place to be, particularly in the summer months.

Transfer to your hotel with a free evening.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

CITY BOUTIQUE HOTEL

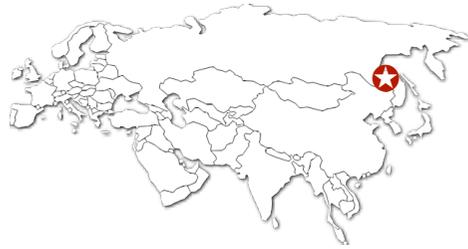


Great location just off the main street and close to the Amur riverfront this is a stylish hotel with large rooms a great breakfast and a nice cocktail bar!



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Averages

Max temp °C

Min temp °C

Rainfall mm

	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Max temp °C	-16	-10	-1	10	18	24	27	25	19	10	-3	-14
Min temp °C	-26	-22	-12	-2	6	12	16	15	8	-1	-13	-23
Rainfall mm	8	5	11	20	36	40	80	88	48	26	18	9

CHURCHES



MONUMENTS



BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 20

ON THE TRAIN

- Full day tour of the city of Khabarovsk & night train on to Vladivostok.

A full-day tour of Khabarovsk offers a rich exploration of its history, culture, and local life. Begin your day at Lenin Square, the city's central landmark, before heading to Muravyov-Amursky Park, home to the impressive Monument to Count Muravyov-Amursky. Enjoy panoramic views of the Amur River from the Cliff Lookout, a perfect spot for photos. Then, visit the Spaso-Preobrazhensky Cathedral, one of the most striking Orthodox churches in the region.

Next, explore the bustling Central Market, where locals shop for fresh produce, seafood, and regional delicacies. This is an excellent opportunity to experience daily life in Khabarovsk and sample local specialties. Afterward, enjoy lunch at a restaurant featuring Far Eastern cuisine, including dishes made from Amur River fish.

In the afternoon, visit the Far Eastern Art Museum, showcasing Russian and Asian artworks, followed by the Khabarovsk Regional Museum, which highlights the indigenous cultures, history, and wildlife of the Russian Far East. Take a leisurely stroll along the Amur River embankment, lined with sculptures, fountains, and picturesque city views.

Conclude your tour with free time to explore Amursky Boulevard, stopping at charming cafes and shops before a transfer to the station for your onward train.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast & Lunch.

OVERNIGHT



TRAIN #0063

KHABAROVSK - VLADIVOSTOK

Departs 19:40 Arrives 07:14 day 2

766 km / 476 ml | 0d 14hr 42 m | Local times & subject to change

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YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 21

VLADIVOSTOK

- **Arrival & free morning before an half day tour of the city's highlights.**

Early morning arrival at Vladivostok's attractive station with the satisfaction of knowing you have completed the longest single train journey in the world - you have finally arrived! Transfer to your hotel where we have booked early check-in for you. Free time this morning to relax before a classic city tour of Vladivostok offers a comprehensive introduction to the city's most iconic landmarks and attractions.

Highlights include the Tokarevsky Lighthouse, one of Vladivostok's most recognisable symbols, and the Vladivostok Railway Station, the eastern terminus of the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway. Visitors will also see the Marine Passenger Terminal, the bustling Central Square, and stroll down Svetlanskaya Street, lined with beautiful historical buildings. The tour features the elegant Nikolai Triumph Arch, the historic Korabelnaya Quay—the site where the city was founded over 150 years ago—and the C-56 Submarine Museum, where entry is included.

The experience continues with a ride on the city's well-known Vladivostok Funicular, offering a charming and practical way to explore the steep hills. A stop at a panoramic viewpoint provides sweeping views of the city and Golden Horn Bay. Throughout the tour, participants will pass numerous other cultural, architectural, and historical sites that contribute to Vladivostok's unique character and rich heritage. With its blend of maritime history, Russian imperial architecture, and Soviet-era landmarks, this tour captures the essence of Vladivostok in just a few engaging hours. After the tour return to your hotel with a free evening.

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.

OVERNIGHT

LOTTE HOTEL

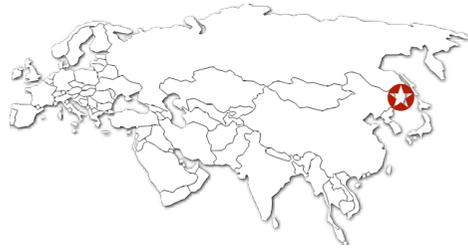


Formerly the Hyundai Hotel, it is considered the best in Vladivostok located in the city centre with a good range of facilities including a swimming pool!



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Averages

Max temp °C

Min temp °C

Rainfall mm

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Max temp °C	-7	-3	4	13	18	22	25	25	21	14	3	-5
Min temp °C	-17	-13	-7	1	6	11	16	16	9	2	-7	-14
Rainfall mm	7	7	16	18	50	52	95	89	82	32	20	13

WATERFRONT



S-56 SUBMARINE



VLADIVOSTOK STATION



YOUR DETAILED DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

DAY 22

END

- Free time until a transfer to your onward transport out of Russia.

Today is free for any last minute shopping, sightseeing or souvenirs hunting before a transfer to the airport for your flight out of Russia.

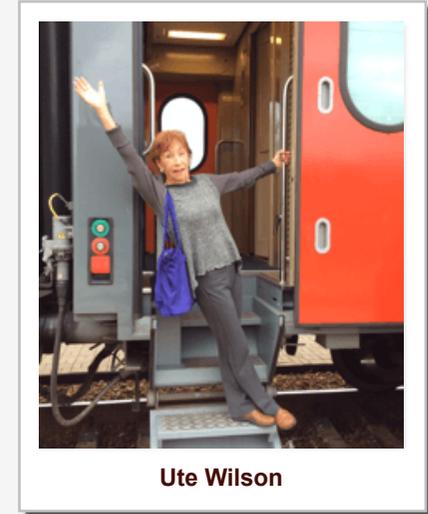
We sincerely hope that you have had a fantastic Trans-Siberian experience!

 **Meals Included:** Hotel Breakfast.



VLADIVOSTOK STATION IN THE EARLY DAYS!

VIEW MORE FEEDBACK



Ute Wilson

"I want to thank you for my terrific, well organized, seamlessly smooth running Trans Siberian journey! Your organization was without doubt exceptional. I am working on my trip-diary, which already now brings back very special memories. Thank you so much, Ute."



- **Guide Price* per person based on 2 people travelling: UK £ 7,920 / US\$ 10,690**

Prices vary by date, availability and the number of people in your party. The price is based on travelling in your own two berth first class or sole occupancy of a four berth second class cabin on overnight trains which do not have two berth cabins (see inclusions for more details). A full list of what is included in this price can be seen on the following pages. Note that this does not include any international flights or visas.

- **Booking and payment terms:**

Once we receive completed booking forms we will book and confirm services for you and send an invoice for the deposit payment of 20% per person (plus any international flights we are booking) with full payment due 60 days before departure. All payments to us are protected under our ATOL or ABTA licenses and we accept payment by Credit Card, Debit Card or bank transfer.

- **Our pricing policy:**

We believe that the the pricing for this tour offers excellent value for the services and standards we operate and we frequently check our pricing against that of other operators. If you feel you have a similar quote that is of a lower price we are happy to reconsider our pricing for you if you can forward the other quote so we can fairly compare. We would add that in our experience we usually find some differences that, although they may appear subtle, make both a significant difference to the price and, more importantly, the quality of the trip experience.



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

Here you will find the inclusions and exclusions for this itinerary. We guarantee you will receive the services below although on very rare occasions one service may need to be replaced with another similar one as there are a lot of complex logistical elements to a trip like this.

- INTERNATIONAL PLANE TICKETS: Tickets for flights the start and finish of the above trip

Flight tickets to the start and finish of this trip are NOT included in this itinerary. We CAN arrange these for you.

- TRAIN TICKETS: [Click here to learn more about the trains](#)

The trains used below are subject to change and dependent on availability at the time the ticket is issued which is usually 90 days before the travel date. *First class 2 berth cabins can be very difficult to obtain and are not always added to many trains. When first class is not available we buyout a second class 4 berth cabin to give sole occupancy (based on 2 people travelling).

- ✓ Moscow to Ekaterinburg - First class or second class BUYOUT - train 56 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Ekaterinburg to Krasnoyarsk - Second class BUYOUT - train 70 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Krasnoyarsk to Bratsk Second class BUYOUT - train 092 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Bratsk to Severobaikalsk Second class BUYOUT - train 72 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Severobaikalsk to Tynda Second class BUYOUT - train 376 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Tynda to Komsomolsk on Amur Second class BUYOUT - train 364 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Komsomolsk on Amur to Khabarovsk Second class BUYOUT - train 352 - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)
- ✓ Khabarovsk to Vladivostok - First class or second class BUYOUT - train 006Э - Your own cabin (ticket given in Moscow)

- ACCOMMODATION: Let us know if you have your own hotel preferences or wish to upgrade

- ✓ 2 nights Moscow - National Hotel ★★★★★ (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 1 night on train Moscow to Ekaterinburg (see cabin class in the train tickets section above)
- ✓ 1 night Ekaterinburg - Onegin Hotel ★★★★★ (standard room with breakfast)



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- ✓ 2 nights on train Ekaterinburg to Krasnoyarsk (see cabin class in the train tickets section above)
- ✓ 1 night Krasnoyarsk - Dom Hotel Neo ★★★ (comfort room with breakfast)
- ✓ 2 nights Bratsk - Taiga Hotel ★★★ (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 3 nights Severobaikalsk - Dom U Baikal Guesthouse (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 1 night on train Severobaikalsk to Tynda (see cabin class in the train tickets section above)
- ✓ 1 night Tynda - Hotel Safari ★★★ (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 2 nights on train Tynda to Komsomolsk on Amur (see cabin class in the train tickets section above)
- ✓ 2 nights Komsomolsk on Amur - Voskhod Hotel ★★★ (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 1 night Khabarovsk - City Boutique hotel ★★★★★ (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 1 night on the train Khabarovsk to Vladivostok (see cabin class in the train tickets section above)
- ✓ 1 early check-in Vladivostok - Lotte Hotel ★★★★★ (standard room with breakfast)
- ✓ 1 night Vladivostok - Lotte Hotel ★★★★★ (standard room with breakfast)

■ TRANSFERS: Private with driver and an English speaking guide (except where stated)

- ✓ Moscow - Airport to Hotel
- ✓ Moscow - Hotel to Train Station
- ✓ Ekaterinburg - Train Station to Hotel
- ✓ Ekaterinburg - Hotel to Train Station
- ✓ Krasnoyarsk - Train Station to Hotel
- ✓ Krasnoyarsk - Hotel to Train Station
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- ✓ Tynda - Train Station to Hotel
- ✓ Tynda - Hotel to Train Station
- ✓ Komsomolsk on Amur - Train Station to Hotel
- ✓ Komsomolsk on Amur - Hotel to Train Station
- ✓ Khabarovsk - Train Station to Hotel



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

- ✓ Khabarovsk - Hotel to Train Station
- ✓ Vladivostok - Train Station to Hotel
- ✓ Vladivostok - Hotel to Airport

■ TOURS: All our tours include entrance fees and use professional, licensed guides

- ✓ Moscow - Full day private tour of the Kremlin including the Armoury, Red Square & Moscow Metro as described.
- ✓ Ekaterinburg - 1 night private tour including City Tour, Romanovs Graves & Europe Asia Border.
- ✓ Krasnoyarsk - 1 night private tour including the Stolby Nature Reserve & tour of the city's highlights.
- ✓ Bratsk - Full day private tour of the city & Angarsk Village Museum as described.
- ✓ Severobaikalsk - 5 hour private tour to Cape Ludar & a private museum in the village of Baikalsk.
- ✓ Severobaikalsk - 6 hour private tour to the hot springs at Gaudjekit including bathing fees and lunch.
- ✓ Severobaikalsk - 3 hour private tour to Nijneangarsk village and its regional museum.
- ✓ Tynda - Half day private tour of the city as described.
- ✓ Komsomolsk on Amur - Half day private tour of the city as described.
- ✓ Komsomolsk on Amur - Half day private tour to the Nanaian village of Upper Ekon.
- ✓ Khabarovsk - Full day private tour of the city as described.
- ✓ Vladivostok - 4 hour private tour of the city as described.

■ OTHER INCLUSIONS: Also included in this trip

- ✓ Meals - As indicated in the itinerary.
- ✓ Visa Paperwork - Confirmation documentation you need in order to get the visas.
- ✓ Support - Emergency numbers and contacts for each destination.
- ✓ Guidebook - Our exclusive Trip Guidebook personalised to your trip.
- ✓ Financial Peace of Mind - All monies paid to us are legally protected under UK law.



INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS FOR THIS ITINERARY

■ NOT INCLUDED IN THIS TOUR

- ✗ International Airfare to / from the start / finish of your trip - we can book these flights on request.
- ✗ The [Russian](#) visa - we can advise and partner with [VisaCentral](#).
- ✗ Travel insurance to cover any medical treatment.
- ✗ Discretionary gratuities to drivers and guides.

■ END



WHY BOOK WITH US ?

INDEPENDENT

As a family run company your business is important to us so we go to greater lengths to ensure you have the best possible experience.

PROTECTED

You are fully financially protected through our ABTA membership and ATOL bonding so you can book with us in confidence.

FLEXIBLE

We understand no two trips are the same and design a bespoke itinerary to meet your specific needs and requirements.

SUPPORT

All our trips come with 24 hour emergency assistance so you are looked after from start to finish & many clients rebook with us.

RESPONSIBLE

We strive to have a positive impact on the cultures and communities we send our customers to & prepare you for this.



WHY TAKE THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ?

CULTURE

Traverse vast landscapes, from the Ural Mountains to Siberian forests and Lake Baikal, witnessing the incredible diversity of Russia's natural beauty from the comfort of the train.

SCENERY

Experience the diverse cultures of Russia, Mongolia, and China by interacting with locals and fellow travellers, offering a unique cultural exchange across three countries on a single journey.

HISTORY

Follow a legendary route over 100 years old, tracing the Trans-Siberian Railway's historic path, which played a crucial role in connecting distant parts of Russia with Europe and Asia.

DESTINATIONS

Visit remarkable stops along the way, like Moscow, the heart of Russia; Irkutsk, near Lake Baikal; and Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, each offering a glimpse of unique regional cultures.

SLOW TRAVEL

The train offers a slow-paced, immersive travel experience with comfortable sleeper cabins, dining cars, and scenic views, providing the perfect opportunity to relax and unwind over long distances.



THE TRANS-SIBERIAN TRAINS

A Trans-Siberian trip is all about the trains and they are the hardest bit to get right. It takes years of experience and having actually tried and tested the trains to know which are the best options for each section of your trip. For the most part standards of rolling stock are good along all the rail routes. Life on board these trains is, as you would expect, a highlight of these trips and rarely disappoints. As a travel experience we think there is nothing quite like it.



CLASSES

We book 2 berth first class and 4 berth second class cabins.

SAFETY

A top priority for us & trains are well policed, safe & secure.

FOOD

Most trains have dining cars or you can bring on board.

FACILITIES

Each carriage has to washrooms which are functional but clean.

TIMINGS

We use the best timed options for each trip segment.

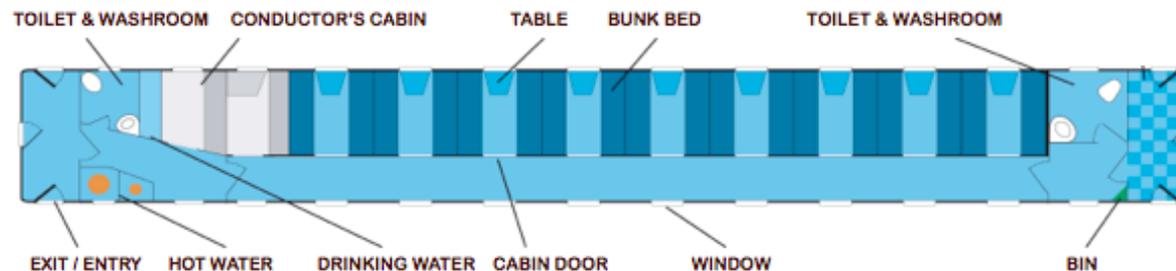
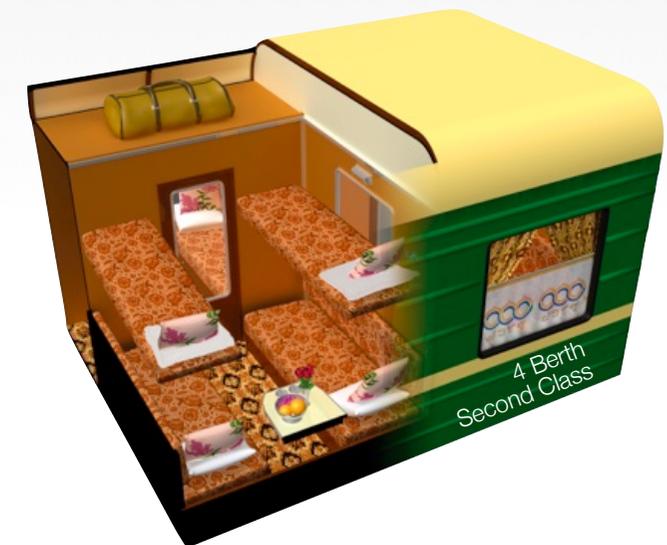
We use a large number of trains across our trips aiming to use the best possible option for each leg of the journey taking into account reliability of the timetable and obtaining tickets, the best and most practical departure and arrival times as well as safety and comfort. Between us we have travelled on almost all the trains we offer in all classes whether they be Russian, Mongolian or Chinese services.

Almost every train has a dining car and the trains we use are safe and secure with each carriage staffed by two Provodniks / Provodnitsa (conductors). We book both first class 2 berth and second class 4 berth compartments that are comfortable and have lockable doors and a large window for the fabulous views along the way.

Click here to visit the trains section of our website for much more information.

"We had first class transport for all but one leg of the journey. The trains were clean and easy to sleep on."

Seanna Keeley







QUICK FACTS

Land Area: 17,098,242 sq km
Coastline: Approximately 37,653 km
Lowest Point: Caspian Sea at -28 m
Highest Point: Mt Elbrus 5,642 m
Time Zones: GMT +2 to +12 hours

Population: 146,000,000
Life Expectancy Male: 66.5 years
Life Expectancy Female: 77.1 years
Airports: 1,218
Railways: 87,157 km
Highways: Around 1,529,000 km

VACCINATIONS

Vaccinations are generally not required for entry into Russia, but it is recommended to be up-to-date on routine vaccines like MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, and influenza. Additional vaccines to consider based on your activities and areas of travel include Hepatitis A (for food and water safety), Hepatitis B, Rabies (especially for rural areas), and Tick-borne Encephalitis if you plan to hike or camp in forested regions during the spring or summer.

VISAS

Citizens from the United States, Canada, the UK, and EU, typically need a tourist visa to visit Russia. The visa application process requires an invitation letter (also known as a visa support document), a completed visa application form, a valid passport (with at least six months remaining after the visa expires), a passport-sized photo, and proof of travel insurance. Processing can take from a few days to several weeks, depending on the country and service chosen. This [Wikipedia link](#) is useful.

WHEN TO VISIT

The best time to travel the Trans-Siberian Railway is late spring (May) or early autumn (September), when temperatures are mild, and landscapes are at their most scenic, with blooming flowers or vibrant fall colours. These months avoid the extreme cold of winter and the summer tourist season. June to August is also pleasant but busier, while winter (December to February) offers a magical snow-covered journey, though temperatures can drop below -20°C.

ELECTRICITY & PLUGS

Russia uses 220V, 50Hz electricity. Plugs are Type C (European) and Type F, both with two round pins. These are standard in most European countries.



Type C



Type F

MONEY TO TAKE

When visiting Russia, it's useful to carry Russian rubles (RUB) for smaller purchases, especially in rural areas. Major cities like Moscow and Saint Petersburg widely accept credit and debit cards. ATMs are readily available for cash withdrawals, and Visa and MasterCard are the most commonly accepted cards. It's advisable to exchange some currency before arrival or use ATMs for rubles. Inform your bank about your trip to avoid card issues abroad.





HOW FAR IN ADVANCE DO I NEED TO BOOK?

The Trans-Siberian can be quite a complex trip with a definite peak season when tickets and good hotel rooms can become scarce so we recommend booking as far in advance as possible if you are travelling from June to the end of September. Outside of this period we still recommend booking at least 2 months in advance to allow plenty of time to obtain the visas.

CAN YOU OBTAIN THE VISAS FOR US?

We have a partnership with the visa agents [CIBT Visa Central](#) who will guide you through the visa application process. As you are likely to be obtaining more than one visa for a Trans-Siberian trip it makes sense to make use of a specialised visa agent who will do the leg work running between the various embassies.

IS IT SAFE TO BOOK WITH YOU?

In a word, Yes! We members of ABTA and ATOL Bonded so any payments made to us are fully protected in the unlikely event of our financial failure. Our ABTA membership number is [Y1699](#) and our ATOL license number is [10287](#).

WHAT IS THE BEST TIME OF YEAR TO TRAVEL?

The summer months from June to the end of August are generally considered the best and are certainly the busiest. However, catching the Autumn colours from early September is probably our favourite time to visit Russia although Mongolia can already be cold. China tends to be best in September and October although do try and avoid the week long National Day holiday during the 1st week of October. Don't forget that Siberia looks stunning in winter!

DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL PROTECTION?

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BEYOND THE TRANS-SIBERIAN?

Yes, we can book flight or train tickets to onward destinations and we are also specialist China tour operators through our sister tour operator, [THE CHINA TRAVEL COMPANY](#).

IS IT WORTH TRAVELLING IN WINTER?

Oh Yes! Siberia looks amazing, a ger stay in Mongolia is the definition of cosy and Beijing is cold but dry and sunny. All three countries are very used to dealing with winter making the experience more comfortable than you might think.

DO THE TRAINS HAVE PLUGS FOR RECHARGING?

As a rule, yes although if there are 4 of you in a cabin you will need to take turns - or bring an extension plug! You can also ask your provodnitsas nicely if you can use her plugs but that will depend on the individual and they may expect a tip for this.

IS TRANS-SIBERIAN TRAVEL SAFE?

Yes! In recent years we hear of very few problems either on the stops or the trains and there is no reason why you should not feel as safe if not safer than if travelling in your home country. This applies to men or women traveling alone and exercising reasonable common sense.



ESSENTIAL TRANS-SIBERIAN INFORMATION, TIPS & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FIRST & SECOND CLASS?

First and second class cabins are the same size and tend to have similar facilities with the only real but big difference being that 2nd class cabins have 4 berths and first class 2 berths. So a couple get privacy and space in first class. A first class carriage will also have less competition for bathroom although this is not usually a big issue or a particular reason to go first class. Second class is arguably more social.

WHAT HAPPENS ONCE WE MAKE A BOOKING?

On taking a booking we will confirm as many of the services as can be at that point and then ask you for a non-refundable deposit of 20% per person plus any international flights we are booking with the final balance payment due 60 days before your trip start date with us. On booking we will also offer advice about obtaining the visas and about 1 month before your trip with us starts we will send you our exclusive Trip Guidebook tailored to your specific trip with us.

CAN YOU BOOK INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS ?

Yes, as we hold an ATOL license (number 10287) we are permitted by the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK to book flights on behalf of our clients. We are a British Airways preferred operator but also book with other airlines to get the best deals and routes for our clients.

WILL MY PHONE WORK ?

Yes and you will find coverage is surprisingly good all the way along the train routes and in cities. If you buy a SIM card make sure you are buying for the right phone system as some mobile companies in Mongolia, for example, operate on GSM (same as UK, Europe) and others CDMA (North America and Japan). You should also check what roaming charges will be with your mobile provider.

WHY SHOULD WE BOOK A TRIP WITH YOU

We took our first Trans-Siberian trip in 1997 and between us have taken many trips since. We have been to all destinations we offer, often many times, and are passionate about sharing our knowledge and providing you with the best possible travel experience of these destinations which we love to visit ourselves. Add to this the back up we offer from financial protection of your payments to us to the 24 hour emergency numbers we give you before your trip and we think we are the full package for quality, service and reliability.

HOW MUCH MONEY WILL I NEED TO TAKE WITH ME?

The bulk of your costs are taken care of when booking with us so you will only be spending on day to day expenses such as additional meals, drinks, souvenirs and any entrance fees on free days. Russia is expensive and it is easy to go through £50 a day in Moscow although less elsewhere. Mongolia is likely to be cheapest as there isn't that much to spend money on in the countryside. China is between the two with spending from about £30 a day upwards as an approximate guide. On the train it would be difficult to spend more than £20 a day.

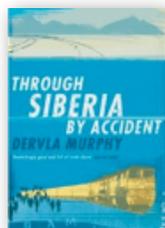
DO YOU CATER FOR VEGETARIANS?

As long as we are informed at the time of making your booking we can cater for almost all dietary requirements.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I SHOULD BE ASKING?

Almost certainly! We fully expect you will have many more questions and we are here to answer them so please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) - that is what we are here for!

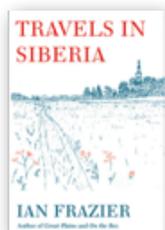




THROUGH SIBERIA BY ACCIDENT

DERVLA MURPHY

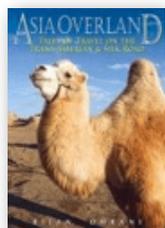
Excellent account of Siberia and in particular the remote and rarely traveled Baikal Amur Line (BAM). Well researched and full of character this book brings Siberia alive through the descriptions of the characters she meets along the way.



TRAVELS IN SIBERIA

IAN FRAZIER

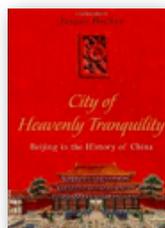
Frazier reveals Siberia's role in history, its science, economics, and politics. Traveling by car rather than train from St Petersburg to Vladivostok in five weeks in one of the most humorous, informative and hugely entertaining of Trans-Siberian books.



ASIA OVERLAND

BIJAN OMRANI

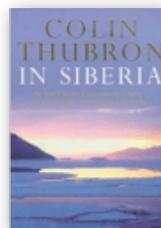
Tales of Travel on the Trans-Siberian and Silk Road. This title offers a travel companion and historical travelogue. It is resourced from travel luminaries: George Kennan to Anton Chekhov, Fa Xian to Marco Polo and Matteo Ricci.



THE CITY OF HEAVENLY TRANQUILITY

JASPER BECKER

One of the best books devoted to Beijing and an entertaining historical account of the city that will give some real insight into what makes Beijing tick. The range is almost up to the modern day which gives the reader a good idea of what Beijing has been through.



IN SIBERIA

COLIN THUBRON

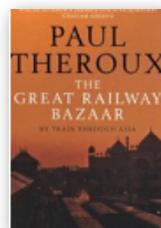
One of the books about Siberia as Thubron delves far deeper than the average travel writer trying to understand the essence of the people that live there and the land they live in. Quite a dark read but perhaps essential to understand.



THE LOST COUNTRY: MONGOLIA REVEALED

JASPER BECKER

Another Becker offering covering the history of Mongolia through his travels there in the early 90's. It is full of anecdotes and historical stories of the strange and bizarre and offers a good grounding in Mongolia up until the early years after the fall of the Soviet Union.



THE GREAT RAILWAY BAZAAR

PAUL THEROUX

One of the classic travel books about the Trans-Siberian. If you like this Riding the Iron Rooster and the more recent Ghost Train to the Eastern Star are superb, the latter revisiting the travel of The Great Railway Bazaar some 30 years later.



SILVERLAND

DERVLA MURPHY

Extraordinary expedition in winter beyond Siberia to the furthest corners of Russia. Here she discovers a strange world of lynx and elks, indigenous tribes and shamanism, reindeer broth and taiga-berry pie.

