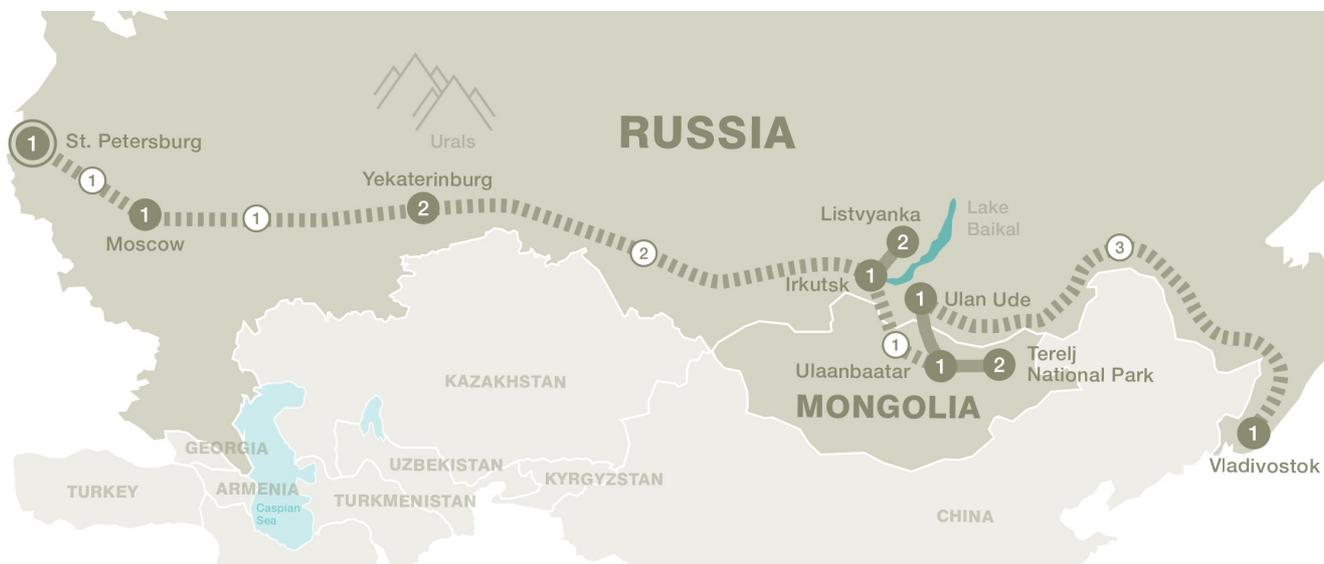




Imperial Trans Siberian - Ending Vladivostok

Days	Eastbound	Countries	Distance	Activity level
21	St. Petersburg to Vladivostok	Mongolia + Russia	10,538 km	●●●●○



Starting in elegant St. Petersburg and traversing the mighty Trans Siberian Railway you will visit all that Russia has to offer as well as the wilderness of Mongolia. Spanning histories and time zones this is truly a majestic journey.

Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive St. Petersburg

Our journey begins in Imperial St. Petersburg, amidst domes, pastel facades of 18th century architecture and a bewildering array of museums.

Please meet your Tour Leader at 5:00pm for your Welcome Meeting as detailed on your joining instructions.

Day 2: St. Petersburg and to Moscow

Today we visit the Hermitage, rightly famous for its collection but perhaps there is also time to visit the Russia Museum, another treasure house of the city, before we board our first overnight train taking, bound for Moscow.

Sightseeing - Hermitage Museum & Palace Square, City Exploring and free time

Meals - Breakfast

Day 3: Moscow

Moscow will dazzle where St. Petersburg charmed; the swirling cupolas of St. Basils of Red Square, the underground brilliance of the metro and the unrivaled collection of the Armoury Chamber within the Kremlin will leave you amazed.

Sightseeing - City Tour including Red Square and St. Basils Cathedral. Optional Activity: Cultural evening performance

Meals - Breakfast

Day 4: Moscow and to Yekaterinburg

On to Yekaterinburg where we learn of the downfall of the Romanovs and the end of the Tsarist regime.

Sightseeing - Kremlin including Armoury Chamber, City Exploring and free time

Meals - Breakfast

Day 5: Yekaterinburg

Welcome to the picturesque and historic city of Yekaterinburg.

Situated near the Ural Mountains, Yekaterinburg is a vibrant modern city rich in minerals and history. Here you can delve into the history that brought the end to Tsarist Russia, always a fascinating stop en route.

Day 6: Yekaterinburg

Visit the enormous Byzantine-style church built on the site of the Romanovs' execution, stand on the boundary line of Europe and Asia, take in the urban panorama from the Vysotskiy Viewing Platform and stroll around an impressive collection of museums and historic monuments.

Sightseeing - City Tour including Romanov Church & Memorial and Europe/Asia Obelisk

Meals - Breakfast & lunch

Itinerary (cont.)

Day 7: Trans Siberian Railway

Our Trans Siberian journey continues across wide rivers and span bridges, time and distance slip away as we while away the hours in the dining car making new friends, gazing from the window or relaxing in our cabins.

Meals - Breakfast

Day 8: Trans Siberian Railway

Settle in and gaze back at Russia as she rushes past our windows. Travelling on board local train services provides the ideal opportunity for you to strike up a conversation with some Russian commuters or holiday makers about their daily lives, all important restaurant and sightseeing tips or learn some new card games and Russian phrases.

Day 9: Irkutsk and to Lake Baikal

This evening we arrive in Irkutsk, the 'Paris of Siberia', where we disembark to stretch our legs. From here you will drive to the nearby lakeside village of Listvyanka, where you will spend the next two nights. This is a popular summer resort for locals and the perfect spot to pause and relax.

Meals - Dinner

Day 10: Lake Baikal

Today we will enjoy our time in Listvyanka on the shores of the world's deepest freshwater lake, Baikal. Quite possibly Russia's most breathtaking natural landmark, it holds four world records as the largest, deepest, clearest and oldest lake on Earth. It's no surprise this transformative triumph of nature is a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Here we have time to explore the village with its traditional houses, Limnological Museum and spectacular landscapes.

Sightseeing - Limnological Museum, City Exploring and free time

Meals - Breakfast

Day 11: Irkutsk

Almost in the center of Asia, Irkutsk is home to beautiful 18th century churches, brightly painted shutters, log houses decorated with intricate wooden lacework as well as a captivating story of high society exile. On a walking tour you can discover the city's wonderful historic sights and a visit to the Local History Museum.

Sightseeing - Museum of Wooden Architecture, Irkutsk walking Tour including Local History Museum, City Exploring and free time

Meals - Breakfast

Day 12: Aboard the Trans Mongolian Railway

It is time to re-board our train south and across the frontier into Mongolia.

Meals - Breakfast

Itinerary (cont.)

Day 13: Arrive Ulaanbaatar and to Terej National Park

The Land of the Blue Sky always delights, from the hospitality of the nomads to the expansive landscapes, your experience will be no different.

We visit the Zaisan Memorial from which the entire city is visible, as well as the country's largest remaining monastery, Gaandan Khiid, where you can mingle with Buddhist monks.

Then we travel out across the grasslands, through the countryside that was once the home to Genghis Khan and his Golden Horde, to the pristine Terej National Park for a two night stay in a ger - the traditional home of the Mongolian people.

Sightseeing - Gandaan Khiid Monastery, Zaisan Memorial

Meals - Breakfast and dinner

Day 14: Terej National Park

Now is your opportunity to live like a nomad in Terej National Park. Here you spend a couple of days learning the ways of the nomads, their skills in animal husbandry and in creating culinary delights from mare's milk, sheep's cheese and other tasty morsels. It's all worth trying! Walking through the grasslands you can see interesting rock formations as well as one of the last remaining Buddhist temples nestled in the hills.

Sightseeing - Excursion to Turtle Rock and Monastery, visit a nomadic family.

Meals - Breakfast and dinner

Day 15: Terej National Park and return to Ulaanbaatar

Leaving the verdant steppe, return to Ulaanbaatar for some more city exploring, stopping en route at the mammoth statue of Mongolia's National hero – Genghis Khan. Standing at forty metres high and made from two hundred and fifty tonnes of shiny stainless steel you certainly won't miss it!

Sightseeing - Genghis Khan Statue, Ulaanbaatar City Tour including National History Museum and Sukhbaatar Square, City Exploring and free time, Optional activity: Evening Performance

Meals - Breakfast

Day 16: Bus to Ulan Ude

We continue to Buryatia and Ulan Ude, the centre of Buddhism in Russia, evoking a relaxed and peaceful city vibe.

You'll know you've reached the city centre when you come face to face with Lenin or at least a 25-foot bronze statue of his head.

Meals - Boxed breakfast

Itinerary (cont.)

Day 17: Ulan Ude and Trans Siberian Railway

You will have the privilege of observing monks going about their daily lives at Ivolginsky Datsan, the most important centre of Buddhism in Russia.

Make your way to Lenin Street, known by locals as Arbat Street, as it resembles Moscow's historic street lined with beautiful 17th - 19th century architecture. This is a great spot to meet the locals and experience day-to-day life in Ulan Ude.

This afternoon we board our train for the final leg of the Trans Siberian towards Vladivostok.

Sightseeing - City Tour including Ivolginsk Datsan

Meals - Breakfast

Day 18: Trans Siberian Railway

Make up your bed with the sheets provided by your provodista and settle in for the night, drifting off to sleep with the rocking and rolling of the train gliding over the tracks.

Day 19: Trans Siberian Railway

Our train rumbles across the remaining miles of the Trans Siberian towards Vladivostok. As our train draws towards the terminus we reflect on completing one of the world's longest and greatest train journeys.

Day 20: Arrive Vladivostok

Once forbidden to foreigners the city is now welcoming and revitalised and waiting to share its historical secrets. We spend the afternoon discovering the fascinating history of the city and port with a visit to the Local History Museum and the Vladivostok Fortress Museum.

Sightseeing - City Tour including Local History Museum & Vladivostok Fortress Museum, City Exploring and free time

Day 21: Vladivostok - Journey Concludes

We spend our last morning of this epic journey exploring Vladivostok's must-see sights before we say farewell to our fellow travelers and our journey comes to an end.

Meals - Breakfast

Itinerary (cont.)

Journey Summary

Day 1	St Petersburg - journey begins	
Day 2	St Petersburg and depart to Moscow	Late evening departure
Day 3	Arrive Moscow	Early morning arrival
Day 4	Moscow and depart to Yekaterinburg	Late afternoon departure
Day 5	Arrive Yekaterinburg	Evening arrival
Day 6	Yekaterinburg	
Day 7	Depart to Irkutsk	Late morning departure
Day 8	Onboard train	
Day 9	Arrive Irkutsk and to Lake Baikal	Evening arrival
Day 10	Lake Baikal	
Day 11	Return to Irkutsk	
Day 12	Depart to Ulaanbaatar	Early morning departure
Day 13	Arrive Ulaanbaatar and to Terej National Park	Early morning arrival
Day 14	Terej National Park	
Day 15	Return to Ulaanbaatar	
Day 16	Bus to Ulan Ude	Full day onboard bus
Day 17	Ulan Ude and depart to Vladivostok	Late afternoon departure
Day 18	Onboard train	
Day 19	Onboard train	
Day 20	Arrive Vladivostok	Afternoon arrival
Day 21	Vladivostok - journey concludes	

What's included



Group size

15 maximum



Meals

14 breakfasts
1 lunch
3 dinners



Transfers

All transfers including to and from the airport.



Accommodation

8 hotel (twin share)
2 Siberian guesthouse (twin share)
2 Mongolian ger
8 train

Options single supplement available for hotel stays – prices available on request.



Sightseeing

Comprehensive schedule of sightseeing with certified Local Guides. You'll have a generous sprinkling of free time to relax or explore on your own.



Expertise

An experienced Tour Leader accompanies the whole journey to keep your adventure on track. Local Guides are native to each destination and as certified professionals will share their immense knowledge with you. 24/7 support is available in the office and on the ground.

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