Highway to China 15 days

Riding the Trans-Siberian & Trans-Mongolian from Moscow east to Beijing; crossing Siberia the train pulls into Irkutsk, gateway to Lake Baikal and Ulaan Baatar in the heart of Mongolia.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Moscow / Ends in: Beijing
- Departs: Fridays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:7, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 3
- Hotel Rating: 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes - for optional arrangements

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - click here
- To book this trip - click here
- To enquire about this trip - click here

TOUR MAP:

QUICK WEB LINKS

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Days 1 - 2:

Moscow. Arrival transfer from Moscow airport. Enjoy free time in Russia's lively capital.On day 2 there is an optional guided walk around Red Square. Overnight - Moscow

Days 3 - 6:

Moscow - Irkutsk. Another day at leisure to explore the capital on day 3 and an evening transfer to the rail station to start your Trans-Siberian journey. Settle into life aboard the train as it plies its way across the Urals and large tracts of Siberia. Overnight - Train

Days 7 - 9:

Irkutsk. Morning arrival into Irkutsk, a town with the Asiatic influences of nearby Mongolia and China and curious architecture - a legacy of Siberia's aristocratic exiles. Spend the next three days at leisure exploring the town. Or choose from the following optional excursions:

Listvyanka & Lake Baikal: Spend two relaxing days in the village of Listvyanka by beautiful Lake Baikal and perhaps choose one of the optional activities.

Irkutsk Summer Trek & Camp: Enjoy an overnight trekking excursion through the scenic taiga of the Primorsky Mountain to Lake Baikal, camping overnight in a picturesque bay. Overnight - Irkutsk

Day 10:

Irkutsk - Ulaan Baatar. Very early morning transfer to the rail station to continue your momentous journey into the heart of Mongolia, a land of endless steppe, towering mountains, pristine lakes, rivers and desert. Overnight - Train

Days 11 - 13:

Ulaan Baatar (Mongolia). Morning arrival into Ulaan Baatar after crossing the Mongolian border during the very early hours of day 11. The pine-covered mountains, wide boulevards, vast public squares and park give the city a feeling of spaciousness, while the ger communities, Buddhist temples and bustling market places give it a rustic charm. Transfer to your hotel and spend three days at leisure exploring the city. Or book an optional two night excursion to Terelj National Park:

Terelj National Park & ger camp bolt-on: Spend two nights camping out in a Mongolian ger on the steppe in Terelj National Park. Overnight - Listvyanka homestay

Days 14 - 15:

Ulaan Baatar - Beijing. Morning transfer to rail station on day 14 for the final leg of your journey. Enjoy panoramic views of uninterrupted steppe, with the occasional nomad, camel and ger dotting the landscape. Continuing south the train enters the flat, dry and sparsely populated landscape of the Gobi desert before crossing the border into China on day 14. The train pulls into Beijing, China's bustling capital, in the afternoon on day 15. Irkutsk homestay

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

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Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Moscow, Russia's lively capital
- Trans-Siberian, Mongolian & Manchurian route
- Irkutsk - former Cossack garrison & trading centre
- Views of Siberian forest, Gobi Desert and Lake Baikal en route
- Ulaan Baatar - set on banks of the Tuul River
- Beijing - extend your stay to visit the sights

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 3 dinners
- 2 nights 3 star hotel in Moscow
- 3 nights Irkutsk homestay (upgrade to Irkutsk hotel available)
- 3 nights 3 star hotel in Ulaan Baatar
- 6 nights on board train (2nd class, 4 berth sleeper cabin)
- Train journey: Moscow - Beijing
- Moscow airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Transfer to Moscow train station (not platform) on day 3
- Return rail station transfers in Irkutsk and Ulaan Baatar

What's Not Included

- Flights and visas
- No meals aboard the train
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Terelj NP & Ger Camp - USD $239

2 nights camping in Mongolia in the awe inspiring Terelj National Park. With pine covered cliffs, giant granite rock formations and a visit to a nomadic Mongolian family.

Listvyanka & Lake Baikal - USD $199

2 night homestay in the magnificent surroundings of Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake.

Moscow Walking Tour - USD $69

A guided walking tour through Moscow's city centre, taking in the sights of Red Square - the brightly coloured St Basil's Cathedral, the ritzy GUM department store and Lenin's Mausoleum.

Summer Trek & Camp - Lake Baikal - USD $219

1 night camping in the great outdoors with a leisurely trek to the shores of beautiful Lake Baikal making the most of your stay in Irkutsk and Listvyanka.

Lake Baikal Discovery - Lake Baikal - USD $499

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Listyvanka and the Lake Baikal Museum as well as a scenic Lake Baikal excursion the following day.

Cross Country Ski - Lake Baikal - USD $299

A guided walking tour of Listvyanka and cross country skiing on the shores of Lake Baikal, later return to Listvyanka for a steamy banya.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD $2,999

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling sharing a twin room/2nd class 4 berth train cabin. The 'single supplement' applies for single travellers who will be accommodated in a single room/2 class 4 berth train cabin and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. The train upgrade supplement below is the per person cost of upgrading to a 1st class 2 berth train cabin when there are two people travelling together. Please note that 1st class carriages are not available on all trains and can only be confirmed 45 days prior to departure. If a 1st class 2 berth cabin is not available, you will given the option to have private use of a 2nd class 4 berth cabin, however an additional supplement will apply. Please contact us for further information. If you are a solo traveller and wish to upgrade to a 2 berth exclusively (or wanting to share with another member of the public) or party of 3 wishing to exclusively occupy a 4 berth cabin, please contact us for availability and rates. Please note that train schedules are subject to change, which can alter the itinerary. These timetable changes are beyond our control. Check with us at time of booking.

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
07 JUN - 21 JUN	USD $2,999	USD $299
21 JUN - 05 JUL	USD $2,999	USD $299
28 JUN - 12 JUL	USD $2,999	USD $299
05 JUL - 19 JUL	USD $2,999	USD $299
19 JUL - 02 AUG	USD $2,999	USD $299
09 AUG - 23 AUG	USD $2,999	USD $299

13 SEP - 27 SEP	USD $2,999	USD $299
27 SEP - 11 OCT	USD $2,999	USD $299
11 OCT - 25 OCT	USD $2,999	USD $299
25 OCT - 08 NOV	USD $2,999	USD $299
01 NOV - 15 NOV	USD $2,999	USD $299
15 NOV - 29 NOV	USD $2,999	USD $299
29 NOV - 13 DEC	USD $2,999	USD $299
13 DEC - 27 DEC	USD $2,999	USD $299
27 DEC - 10 JAN	USD $2,999	USD $299

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
03 JAN - 17 JAN	USD $2,999	USD $299
17 JAN - 31 JAN	USD $2,999	USD $299
07 FEB - 21 FEB	USD $2,999	USD $299
21 FEB - 07 MAR	USD $2,999	USD $299
07 MAR - 21 MAR	USD $2,999	USD $299
21 MAR - 04 APR	USD $2,999	USD $299
11 APR - 25 APR	USD $2,999	USD $299
25 APR - 09 MAY	USD $2,999	USD $299
09 MAY - 23 MAY	USD $2,999	USD $299
23 MAY - 06 JUN	USD $2,999	USD $299
13 JUN - 27 JUN	USD $2,999	USD $299
11 JUL - 25 JUL	USD $2,999	USD $299
25 JUL - 08 AUG	USD $2,999	USD $299
01 AUG - 15 AUG	USD $2,999	USD $299
15 AUG - 29 AUG	USD $2,999	USD $299
05 SEP - 19 SEP	USD $2,999	USD $299
19 SEP - 03 OCT	USD $2,999	USD $299
03 OCT - 17 OCT	USD $2,999	USD $299
17 OCT - 31 OCT	USD $2,999	USD $299
07 NOV - 21 NOV	USD $2,999	USD $299
21 NOV - 05 DEC	USD $2,999	USD $299
05 DEC - 19 DEC	USD $2,999	USD $299

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Irkutsk - Hotel Upgrade (3 nights) SUMMER	USD $249	USD $200
Train Upgrade (Highway To China)	USD $680	USD $0

POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Hi Sarah, Just thought that I'd let you know that we've had a great trip - I've just made it down to Shanghai, ready to fly back on Monday. The stop-overs in Moscow, in Irkutz for the Baikal trek and Ulaan Bataar were superb - I have to highlight the ger camp which was superb and in such a wonderful setting. Your representatives in both places were excellent - as was Constantin in Moscow. Thanks again. Regards

Jon Burgess, Jun 2012

We really enjoyed our Trans-Siberian experience especially our stays in Lake Baikal, Terelj NP and Beijing. The family we stayed with were very hospitable, friendly and excellent food.

Christine Hood,, May 2009

Hi Jane Just to let you know have done the trip and it went without a hitch. All the guides turned up on time at the right place and were very helpful to me.... couldn't have asked for much more.... the accommodation was situated in the right area of town at all stops, and the service offered by them was good to excellent.... the meals that were included were all of a good standard.... Overall I would recommend this tour to others... keep up the good work... Lastly but not least, thank you for organising and making the trip booking as smooth as possible, i'm glad i took your advice to do the classic it was definitely the right thing to do for me. Thanks Jitinder

Jitinder Bhandal, Oct 2008