

# Golden Eagle & Naadam 13 days



This extraordinarily luxurious railway adventure starts with the Naadam Festival and its many games in Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia before boarding The Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express. Travelling westward to Moscow you take in some of the world's most remarkable sights en-route, from the world's deepest lake - Lake Baikal, to Irkutsk, Yekaterinburg, Kazan and more the Golden Eagle is the most lavish way to travel the Trans-Siberian.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Ulaan Baatar / Ends in: Moscow
- Departs: Tuesday 10 July 2013
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 12, Lunch: 11, Dinner: 12
- Hotel Rating: 5 star, or in certain locations the best available
- Tour Guide: Yes - for all scheduled sightseeing

## 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

[Trans-Sib Prices](#) :: [Why Us?](#) :: [Trans-Sib Reviews](#) :: [Our Trans-Sib Blog](#) :: [Top Spots enroute](#) :: [Best Time to Travel](#) :: [Trans-Sib - Hotels](#) :: [Style of Travel](#) :: [Useful Info](#) :: [FAQs on Trans-Sib](#) :: [Festivals & Events](#) :: [Trans-Sib Visas](#) :: [Trans-Sib Gallery](#)

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## Day 1:

Arrive at Ulaan Baatar airport, where you will be met and transferred to your centrally located hotel for a three nights stay. We will enjoy a welcome reception dinner at our hotel, whilst you meet your fellow travellers. Overnight - Ulaan Baatar

## Day 2:

Today we spend a full day at the Naadam Festival. We get to observe the elaborate opening ceremony which consists of local dancers, athletes, horse riders and musicians, before watching the national horse race. Overnight - Ulaan Baatar



## Day 3:

This is the day for all main competitions. In the morning we'll attend archery, wrestling and ankle bone shooting. In the afternoon we'll visit Genghis Khan's '13th Century National Park' – a celebration of the great kings of Mongolia. Overnight - Ulaan Baatar



## Day 4:

Today we board the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express to begin our journey towards Moscow Overnight - Aboard train



## Day 5:

This afternoon we arrive in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic. The ethnic and cultural diversity of this area offers a unique insight into its Mongol heritage. As we tour the area you will notice the different faces and dress styles of these welcoming people. During our exploration of the Old Believers Village we have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of these communities as we are treated to a traditional meal and enjoy a concert featuring local dancers and musicians. Overnight - Aboard train

## Day 6:

Few natural sights can surpass the beauty and grandeur of Lake Baikal. For five hours we wind our way through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks above the lake with a vista of snow capped peaks along the far shore. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and holds 20% of the world's freshwater. Also known as the 'Pearl of Siberia' it is home to a unique breed of freshwater seal and over fifty species of fish including omul which we will be serving in the dining car for some of our meals. Weather permitting, we stop at one of Baikal's picturesque and secluded bays to enjoy a delicious BBQ including freshly smoked fish prepared by our own chefs. For the brave hearted, there is even time for a refreshing swim in the crystal clear waters before we visit Listvyanka, a small Baikal settlement nestling at the base of the surrounding hills. Overnight - Aboard train



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## Day 7:

We arrive in Irkutsk, the 'Paris of Siberia', and our visit today takes in the most significant sites and museums in this fascinating city, including an exploration of the classic wooden architecture that has given many of this region's buildings such a distinctive and unique appearance. Next, we visit the Decembrist House museum which is dedicated to the memory of the exiled aristocrats who were forced to flee to this remote outpost after the failed revolution of 1825. Here we enjoy a private concert before returning to our waiting train for dinner. Overnight - Aboard train

## Day 8:

A day to unwind and reflect on the many sights and sounds we have experienced on our journey so far. Chat to your fellow passengers, perhaps learn a few more words of Russian or simply enjoy the ever changing landscape outside your window. Overnight - Aboard train



## Day 9:

A modern 'Soviet' city, we experience the life and character of Novosibirsk's rich culture where the arts, science and literature predominate. Our city tour takes us to the Opera House. An architectural marvel, it houses two permanent ballet and opera companies and is the largest opera house in the world. In front of the Opera House, we visit an imposing statue of Lenin – a marvellous opportunity to have your photograph taken with this iconic political leader. Overnight - Aboard train

## Day 10:

Founded in 1723 by Peter the Great, Yekaterinburg is the third largest Russian city and the capital of the Urals. The cultural and architectural influences of European and Asian civilisations come together in this fascinating and cosmopolitan landscape. Our city tour takes us to the poignant site where the Romanov, Nicholas II of Russia was executed with his family by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Now a church dedicated to their memory, this site provides us with a powerful insight into the turmoil of the Russian Revolution. We cross the Europe/Asia divide after we leave Yekaterinburg.

## Overnight - Aboard train



## Day 11:

We spend our last full day on board the Golden Eagle today. We arrive at the picturesque and historic city of Kazan by mid-morning. Situated on the River Volga, Kazan is the capital of Tatarstan. Here we have the opportunity to see for ourselves its rich tapestry of history and culture. One of the highlights of this city tour is our exploration of the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls of this ancient citadel we will explore its stunning mosque and magnificent onion-domed cathedral. Overnight - Aboard train

## Day 12:

After travelling along this epic route we arrive in Moscow. Our city tour of Moscow principally takes us to Red Square, an iconic symbol of Russia's former military and political might. Here we see an eclectic mix of fascinating architecture, such as the ornate St Basil's Cathedral with its magnificent onion-domed spires, the grandeur of The Kremlin and the sombre and evocative site of Lenin's tomb. With our Freedom of Choice touring options you may wish instead to visit, for example, the Tretyakov Gallery or the Museum of the KGB. At the conclusion of our city tour, we transfer to the luxurious five-star Marriott Royal Aurora hotel (or similar) located in the heart of this vibrant city. Our final evening is spent saying our goodbyes to our fellow travelling companions and friends at the Farewell Dinner. Overnight - Aboard train



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## Day 13:

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to Moscow airport to begin your journey home.

### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

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

- The comforts of the beautiful Golden Eagle Express train
- Kazan - picturesque capital of Tatarstan on the Volga River
- Yekaterinburg - Europe/Asia Divide and execution site of the Romanovs
- Novosibirsk - modern 'soviet' city containing world's largest Opera house and Lenin Square
- Irkutsk - known as the 'Paris of Siberia'
- Beautiful Lake Baikal - the world's largest freshwater lake
- Ulan Ude - capital of the Buryat Republic and historical and cultural area
- Ulaan Baatar - capital of Mongolia
- Local hospitality and entertainment
- Naadam Festival - witness Mongolians vie for victory in the ancient tradition of Mongolian warriors
- Moscow - the capital of the once great Soviet Empire

### What's Included

- 3 nights quality hotel Ulaan Baatar Mongolia, 1 night 5 star hotel Moscow, 8 nights Golden Eagle cabin
- All meals starting with dinner on the first day, also a generous allowance of wine, beer, soft drinks and tea and coffee with all lunches and dinners both on and off the train.
- Ulaan Baatar - the capital of Mongolia
- Naadam Festival in Ulaan Baatar - Opening ceremony and the 3 manly games of archery, horseracing and wrestling
- Moscow city tour
- Kazan city tour
- Yekaterinberg city tour
- Novosibirsk city tour
- Irkutsk city tour including an exploration of the classic wooden architecture, visit the Decembrist House museum and enjoy a private concert
- Lake Baikal - we wind our way through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks above the picturesque lake before visiting Listvyanka - a small Baikal settlement at the base of the surrounding hills
- Ulan Ude - capital of the Buryat Republic - take the Village of Old Believers tour and learn about the traditions and

- culture of the area. Enjoy a traditional meal and concert
- All entrance fees for included sightseeing
- Experienced tour manager and the services of experienced tour leaders
- Arrival and departure transfers (day 1 and day 15)
- All gratuities included
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water 24 hours a day
- Services of a doctor travelling with the group

### What's Not Included

- Flights and visas
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- Entrance Fees: included

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$13,799

Prices shown are 'per person', based on a travelling party of 2 adults sharing a room/cabin. The single supplement price needs to be added to the twin/double price if a single room/cabin is required. Prices below are based upon the Silver Class Cabin on the Golden Eagle Express. There are additional supplements for the Gold Class cabins as listed below, please note that these supplements are applicable to the 2013 departure. Please contact us for 201 Silver and Gold supplement costs, availability and further information.

#### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
10 JUL - 22 JUL	USD \$13,799	USD \$6,200

#### 2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
10 JUL - 22 JUL	USD \$13,799	USD \$6,200

#### Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
Naadam Festival - Gold Package Upgrade	USD \$3400	USD \$1000
Naadam Festival - Imperial Suite Upgrade	USD \$13000	USD \$5000