

TRANSIBERIAN EXPRESS by luxurious train GOLDEN EAGLE

from Moscow to Vladivostok, 15 days/14 nights

Only a few times a year the Golden Eagle, a luxurious stylized train, makes its journey from Moscow to Vladivostok along the Trans-Siberian Railway. Exquisite decoration, spacious rooms, wonderfully organized sightseeing tours... a great opportunity to cross the entire country in the most comfortable way imaginable! Starting in Moscow, the train will cross Ural, West and East Siberia, make a stop at Lake Baikal and proceed to Russia's Far East. During the trip the chef will offer the most delicious samples of local cuisine: borsht, Siberian pelmeni, the famous smoked Baikal omul. This is going to be a truly unforgettable journey!

Tour dates from Moscow to Vladivostok: 26 July, 23 August 2020
from Vladivostok to Moscow: 8 August, 5 September 2020

Itinerary: Moscow — Kazan — Ekaterinburg — Novosibirsk — Irkutsk and Baikal Lake — Ulan-Ude — Ulan-Bator (Mongolia) — Vladivostok

- Day 1** Arrive at Moscow airport, where you are met and transferred to the luxurious five-star Marriott Royal Aurora hotel (or similar) located in the heart of this vibrant city for a one-night stay. We enjoy a welcome reception dinner at our hotel, whilst you meet your fellow travellers and anticipate the epic 15 day voyage that lies ahead.
- Day 2** **Moscow.** Our morning 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 instead wish to visit, for example, the Tretyakov Gallery. Early afternoon sees us boarding the luxurious Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express. After settling into our modern, stylish cabins, we enjoy dinner in one of the beautifully designed restaurant cars as our rail adventure eastwards to Vladivostok begins.
- Day 3** **Kazan.** 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 onion-domed cathedral. After enjoying a relaxing dinner on the Golden Eagle, you may wish to retire to our welcoming bar car where you can enjoy drinks with new friends whilst listening to our resident pianist.
- Day 4** **Yekaterinburg.** We cross the Europe/Asia divide before arriving in the historic city of Yekaterinburg. Founded in 1723 by Peter the Great, the third largest Russian city is also 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.



Day 5 Novosibirsk.

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.

Day 6 Onboard.

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 words of Russian or simply enjoy the ever changing landscape outside your window as it unfolds.

Day 7 Irkutsk.

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.

Day 8 Baikal Lake.

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 forming a picture-perfect backdrop. 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. In the afternoon, we visit Listvyanka, a small Baikal settlement nestling at the base of the surrounding hills.



Day 9 Ulan-Ude.

This morning we arrive in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic. The ethnic and cultural diversity of this area offers a unique insight into its 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 religious people as we are treated to a traditional meal and enjoy a concert featuring local dancers and musicians.



Day 10 Mongolia. Our Trans-Siberian adventure takes us into Mongolia, home of Genghis Khan, undoubtedly the most feared and revered Mongol and we visit the capital city of Ulaan Baatar. Lunch is taken Mongol style in a traditional Ger (Yurt) where we experience an authentic meal,

enjoying excellent local dishes and entertainment providing a unique opportunity to encounter this time-honoured nomadic way of life. We board the train in time for dinner as we head back into Russia.

Day 11 Onboard.

Enjoy a more leisurely pace today as we travel through the beautiful landscape of the Russian Far East. You may like to attend one of the interesting lectures or Russian language lessons.



Day 12 Onboard. It is the perfect opportunity to practice your Russian or simply relax as our journey today follows the Shilka and Amur rivers, close to the Chinese border. Enjoy Russia at its most dramatic and remote, as the Golden Eagle eats up the miles on our way to Vladivostok.

Day 13 Onboard.

Passing directly north of Seoul, Darwin and Osaka, we spend our last full day on board the Golden Eagle today as the most easterly point of our mammoth journey is reached passing through Khabarovsk, where we cross the River Amur. Tonight, we enjoy our final dinner onboard our private train that has been our home for the last twelve days as we approach our final destination on this unforgettable journey.

Day 14 Vladivostok.

After travelling through 8 time zones and covering an amazing 6,600 miles (10,600km) along this epic route to the end of the Trans-Siberian line, the Golden Eagle pulls into Vladivostok, a military port located on the western shores of the Sea of Japan. Vladivostok (literally translated as 'Ruler of the East') offers visitors an exciting opportunity to explore its principal military attractions including a tour of a restored submarine before we transfer to the centrally located four-star Hotel Hyundai. The final evening is spent saying our goodbyes to our fellow travelling companions and friends at the Farewell Dinner.



Day 15 Following breakfast, you will be transferred to Vladivostok airport to begin your journey home.

Rates are per person, in USD:

Silver class	May, June	July, August
TWIN	16995 \$	18195 \$
SINGLE	25195 \$	26695 \$
DEPOSIT	1700 \$	1700 \$
Golden class	May, June	July, August
TWIN	20995 \$	21995 \$
SINGLE	30595 \$	33195 \$
DEPOSIT	2700 \$	2700 \$
Imperial Suite	May, June	July, August
TWIN	34695 \$	38195 \$
SINGLE	69295 \$	76295 \$
DEPOSIT	5200 \$	5200 \$

Tour includes: 1 night in Moscow in 5* hotel, 12 nights onboard the Golden Eagle on full board pansion, 1 night in Vladivostok, all mention excursions with english-speaking guide, all entrance fees, welcome and farewell dinner, drinks with meals (ordinary wine, water). For passengers travelling in Gold Class onboard the Golden Eagle, drinks from the Standard Drinks List in the Bar Car are also included.

Tour does not include: airtickets, double-entry Russian visa and single-entry Mongolian visa, travel insurance, alcohol drinks.

GOLDEN EAGLE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS

On 26 April 2007 HRH Prince Michael of Kent, GCVO unveiled the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express, our private train that brings unprecedented luxury to the world's greatest railway journey.

Our full train comprises of twelve fully en-suite Silver and Gold Class sleeping cars which feature state of the art amenities. 77 sq ft (7 sq metres) Gold Class cabins are well-proportioned and have everything from power showers and underfloor heating to a DVD/CD player, LCD screen and individual air-conditioning. Silver Class cabins are more compact at 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres) but have similar facilities.

A particular delight of the Golden Eagle is one of our beautifully appointed restaurant cars, the venue for our chefs to serve carefully-prepared meals using wherever possible only local ingredients. Whether it be the world-renowned 'Borsch' or Omul – a fish unique to Lake Baikal – we offer a culinary experience representing the very essence of Russia. Our meals are complemented by wines from around the world, as well as – naturally – vodka.

Yet the social heart of our train is the bar car, a great place to relax and settle into the unhurried pace of life on board. Unwind in comfortable surroundings and watch the world go by as you get to know your fellow passengers. Enjoy the sounds of the pianist playing in the evenings; and the bar stays open until the last person leaves.

GOLDEN EAGLE CABIN INFORMATION

GOLD CLASS 77 sq ft (7 sq metres).

Sleeps 2 in either lower standard (4ft 6) double bed or bunk style. Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating. Recessed lighting and wardrobe. Personal safe. Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower and underfloor heating. DVD/CD player with LCD. Towels and Linens changed regularly. Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin. Drinks from the Bar Car included from the Standard Bar List. Laundry service available for a fee. 5 cabins per carriage.

SILVER CLASS 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres).

Sleeps 2 in lower small double bed (4ft) or bunk style. Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating. Recessed lighting and wardrobe. Personal safe. Private en-suite bathroom with 'wet-room' style shower and toilet. DVD/CD player with LCD screens. Towels and Linens changed regularly. Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin. Laundry service available for a fee. 6 cabins per carriage.

SILVER CLASS

Day view



Night view



SILVER CLASS FLOORPLAN



GOLDEN CLASS

Day view



Night view



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