



SEDUNIA PREMIUM

13Days 12Nights

GRAND TRANS SIBERIAN EXPRESS (2022)

Experience the world's greatest rail journey between Asia and Europe

(Westbound Ulaanbaatar – Moscow)



ULAANBAATAR TO MOSCOW

Day 01: Arrive in Ulaanbaatar (D)

Upon arrival, you will be met by your local representatives and transfer to hotel. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

Day 02: Ulaanbaatar (B/L/D)

Today an unforgettable excursion will take you to the Terelj National Park which is famous for its nature. A stone formation called the “turtle” and the beautiful mountainous scenery will fascinate you. In the park area you will have the chance to meet a herder family inside their yurt. A Naadam show specially arranged for the participants of the Grand Trans-Siberian Express demonstrates 3 disciplines of the Mongolian National Naadam festival: Wrestling, Archery and Horseracing. In the evening you experience a traditional Mongolian Hot Pot dinner.

Accommodation in Ulaanbaatar.

Day 03: Ulaanbaatar (B/L/D)

During a sightseeing tour you will visit the famous Ghandan Monastery, the central Sukhabaatar Square, the Bogd Khan Palace which used to be formerly the winter and sometimes also the summer palace of the Khans', as well as the Zaisan monument at a viewpoint high above the city. From there you will have an excellent view of the city which is surrounded by large areas of nomadic yurt settlements. In the afternoon you board your private train which will be your home for the trans-continental journey to Moscow.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian.

Day 4: Ulan-Ude (B/L/D)

In the evening the train reaches the Mongolian border station Sukhbaatar and Russian border station Naushki. The Mongolian & Russian immigration formalities will take place in the train. You may stay in your compartment and don't have to leave the train.

In the afternoon the Grand Trans-Siberian Express arrives at Ulan Ude, the capital of the so-called “Buryat Autonomous Republic” of the Russian Federation. Buryats are an ethnic group close to Mongolians with an amazing mix of culture. Ulan-Ude is a meeting place between East and West. Like Irkutsk, the city still has large areas with typical Siberian wooden houses. Your sightseeing excursion goes to one of the villages of Orthodox “Old Believers” still practising their live like people did centuries ago. You will be hosted for a typical Russian homemade lunch. In Ulan-Ude the Grand Trans-Siberian Express switches from the Trans Mongolian Mainline to the traditional Trans-Siberian mainline to Moscow.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

Day 5: Lake Baikal (B/L/D)

Today one of the top highlights of the tour with the Grand Trans-Siberian Express will amaze you for the rest of the day. Lake Baikal holds the biggest fresh water reserves in the world. It stretches up to 26 miles from east to west and more than 370 miles from north to south. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake of the world, reaching 1.620 meters at its deepest part. The mountain ranges around Lake Baikal and the deep blue water of the lake, you will never forget.

In the morning the private train is running at low speed along the scenic Circum Baikal Railway line between Port Baikal and Sludyanka, which for many years is used only by a few local trains and tourist. A photo stop will be arranged at a small village where you can get off the train, put your feet into the clear and cold water of Lake Baikal and also visit the typical wooden houses of local people. A Baikal barbecue is also a part of the program.



Lake Baikal

In the afternoon a boat takes you on a short cruise from Port Baikal to the small village of Listvyanka. A walk through the village shows you to St Nicholas church, a typical orthodox wooden build church beautifully renovated in the 1990's. In the evening a one hour bus drive takes you from Lake Baikal to your hotel in Irkutsk city.

Accommodation in Irkutsk

Day 06: Irkutsk

(B/L/D)

Irkutsk is famous for its trade with Mongolia and China and used to be called "Paris of Siberia" because of its colourful life style during the time of the Tsars. You visit the old town with its large quarters still consisting of wooden houses only, before invited to the cultural highlight of the tour, a private classical concert in a palace of historical background.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

Day 7: Krasnoyarsk

(B/L/D)

Krasnoyarsk, like Yekaterinburg and Ulan-Ude used to be a "closed city" during Soviet times – closed to foreigners and also to most Soviet citizens at that time. It is located along the Yenissei River which is the greatest river system flowing to the Arctic Ocean. A sightseeing tour shows you several view points and the main shopping street which is fascinating as the local mayor decided to decorate it with palm trees in summer time – in the middle of Siberia! A great view on the city and huge railway bridge crossing the river on a boat cruise is arranged.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

Day 8: Novosibirsk

(B/L/D)

In the morning a city sightseeing tour shows you some remarkable orthodox churches which have survived the Soviet period, and you see the famous Opera House which is the largest of Russia, situated in the centre of the city at Lenin Square. In the afternoon, an excursion takes you out of the city into the Taiga, the "real Siberian forest". About 30 km out of the city you have the opportunity of visiting the largest open air railway museum of Russia, a collection of more

than 60 showpieces of steam, diesel and electric locomotives as well as several historical passenger cars – a perfect insight into the development of the trains on the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.



Day 9: Yekaterinburg

(B/L/D)

Today the train arrives in Yekaterinburg, "Capital of the Ural Mountains. The city was founded in 1723 by Czar Peter I as the center of metallurgical industry. By the 20th century it had become one of the largest and the most important financial, industrial and cultural centers of Russia. Yekaterinburg is located at the geographical border defined by scientists between Europe and Asia.



On your sightseeing tour you visit a place of remarkable importance for Russian history: the "Cathedral on the Blood" which was built at the place where Czar Nicholas II and his family were executed. By the Bolsheviks in 1918. An excursion into the Ural forests takes you to Ganina Yama, which today is considered by Russians as a "Holy Place". It is an assemble of small wooden chapels which were erected in the 1990's to honor the last Czar's family of the Romanov dynasty who were then buried in Ganina Yama.

Accommodation in Yekaterinburg.

Day 10: Full day on the train (B/L/D)

Today you leave Yekaterinburg in the morning and enjoy a typical day on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Your private train passes through the Ural Mountains and endless scenery of forests, lakes and small settlements. A day to relax, watch the landscape and listen to lectures about the country and its people.

Accommodation on board the Grand Trans-Siberian Express.

Day 11 : Moscow (B/L/D)

Today the almost 6300 km long journey from Mongolia to Moscow terminates. In the afternoon you visit the Red Square and the Kremlin grounds.

Accommodation in Moscow

Day 12: Moscow (B/L/D)

A full day sightseeing tour shows you all the many highlights of Moscow, the Bolshoi Theatre, the GUM department store, the Red Square, Moscow River, the Sparrow Hills, Novodevitchy Monastery. You will forget old stories about Moscow being grey and dark. It has become a vibrant city, comparable to Paris or Rome and full of life.

Accommodation in Moscow.

Day 13: Depart Moscow (B)

Your tour ends with breakfast this morning. Airport transfers are provided to connect with your flight back home.

Package includes: -

- 6 nights' accommodation on board the train
 - 6 nights' accommodation on land (1N Irkutsk, 1N Yekaterinburg, 2N Ulaanbaatar, 2N Moscow)
 - Full board meals (12 breakfast, 11 lunches, 12 dinners)
 - Local specialities eg. Russian Vodka and Pierogi tasting, Tea Ceremony, Mongolian Hot Pot etc.
 - Sightseeing & Transfers with English speaking guides
 - Daily shower facilities on board train (for categories Deluxe Silver and Deluxe Gold)
 - Shower facilities in hotel day rooms in Ulan-Ude, Krasnoyarsk, Novosibirsk (for categories Standard, Economy and Standard Plus)
 - Return airport transfer
 - COMPLIMENTARY Russia Visa application for Malaysian passport holder ONLY
 - COMPLIMENTARY Travel Insurance

Package Excludes: -

- International air ticket
 - Gratuity (Recommended U\$180 per person)

DIFFERENT SLEEPING CABIN CATEGORIES (TRAIN)

STANDARD ECONOMY CABIN

(3 or 4 persons per cabin)

Cabin Size : 2,00 x 2,00 m = 4,0 sqm
Lower/upper beds: 65 x 185 cm

Standard cabin offers toilet and wash basins for common use.

Daily shower facilities are guaranteed (Hotel). Available in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Irkutsk and Ulaanbaatar in your hotel rooms where you stay overnight.

- Hotel day use rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Ulan Ude, Krasnoyarsk and Novosibirsk (One day use room per cabin)



Standard Economy

STANDARD PLUS CABIN

(2 persons per cabin)

Cabin size: 2,00 x 2,00m = 4,0sqm Beds: 65 x 185cm standard cabin offers toilet basins for common use.

Daily shower facilities are guaranteed (Hotel). Available in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Irkutsk and Ulaanbaatar in your hotel rooms where your stay overnight.

- Hotel day use rooms for showers are at your disposal during stops in Ulan-Ude, Krasnoyarsk and Novosibirsk (One day use room per cabin)



Standard Plus

DELUXE SILVER CABIN

(2 persons per cabin)

Cabin size: 2.00 x 2.7m = 5.0sqm
Lower Beds : 110 x 185cm
Upper Beds : 80 x 185 cm

Silver sleeping cars have a private toilet, wash basin and wet-room style shower en-suite. Each cabin offers 1 lower and 1 upper bed, a small wardrobe and storage space. Air conditioned operates when the time is moving



Deluxe Silver

DELUXE GOLD CABIN

(2 persons per cabin)

Cabin Size : 2,00 x 3,50m – 7,0sqm
Lower Beds: 120 x 185cm
Upper Beds: 80 x 185cm

Gold sleeping cars have a private toilet, wash basin and spacious shower cabin en suite. Each cabin offers 1 lower and 1 upper bed, a small wardrobe and storage space. Air conditioned operates when the train is moving.



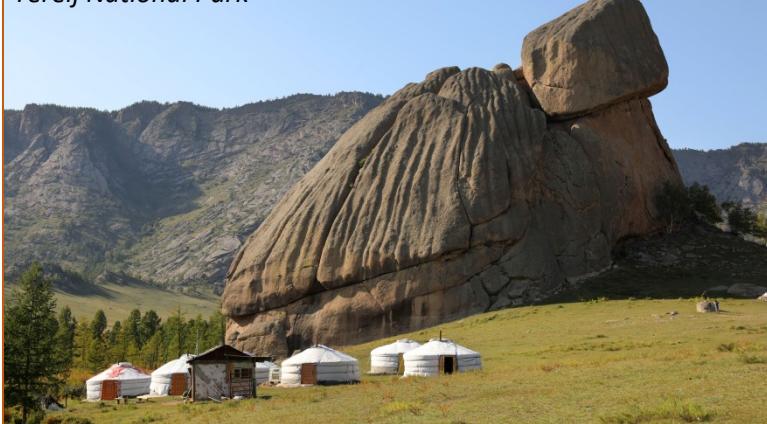
Deluxe Gold

TRANS-SIBERIAN-RAILWAY

- Trans-Siberian
- Baikal-Amur Mainline
- Trans-Manchurian
- Trans-Mongolian



Terelj National Park



Ulan-Ude



Zaisan Monument



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