

TRANS-SIBERIAN TOUR BY TRAIN
MOSCOW - VALDIVOSTOK
19 days /18 nights



Routing: Moscow, Kazan, Yekaterinburg, Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk, Ulan Ude, Vladivostok

Distance: about 9000 km by train



DAY 01 MOSCOW

Arrive Moscow. Meeting with guide in an airport. Transfer to a hotel, check-in, dinner in hotel. Free time to explore the capital of Russia. Here, everyone chooses something to one's taste. The convenient location of the hotel let you visit night clubs or a cozy cafe. It is possible that by chance, walking through an unfamiliar capital will turn to an amazing adventure.

* Accommodation in hotel; dinner.

DAY 02 MOSCOW – KAZAN by train , distance 800km

Breakfast in hotel, check out

Moscow city tour (including Kremlin, St. Basil Cathedral and Metro Subway).

You've got an excellent opportunity to learn the history of the Russian capital and see the most impressive sights of great historic and cultural value. The Red Square, one of the most spacious squares of the world, famous for Lenin's Mausoleum and St. Basil Cathedral, and dominated by the grand Kremlin walls of red brick; the tower buildings symbolic of the Soviet Moscow; the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour that was demolished and then reconstructed as a symbol of the



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Russian faith. You will also have a chance to discover the Moscow Subway (Metro) with its elegantly designed stations decorated with marble, mosaics, sculptures and chandeliers.

Transfer to Kazansky Railway Station, where you start discovering Russia by train.
Departure to Kazan by train (12.5 hrs on board)

* Accommodation in train; breakfast



DAY 03 KAZAN

Arrive Kazan in the morning. Meeting with guide on the railway station. Transfer to hotel.

Kazan city tour with visiting Kazan Kremlin.

Kazan Kremlin is a unique historic and culture monument, which kept traces of three eras: Tatar, Russian and European.

-Lunch in a restaurant

Walking excursion to old-Tatar settlement. During this excursion you will visit the oldest mosque in Kazan – Al Mardzhani. It was built in 1766-1770 years, with support of parishioners by the personal permission of the Empress Catherine the Great.

Dinner in a restaurant with local Tatar cuisine.

20:00 Return to the hotel

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 04 KAZAN – YEKATERINBURG by train, distance 890 km

In the morning check-out, transfer to the railway station.

Departure to Yekaterinburg by train (12,5 hrs on board)

You will spend all the day on the train, enjoying the landscape of European part of Russia. Gentle moving of the wagon and sound of wheels put you and your friends to sincere conversations.

Arrive Yekaterinburg in the evening. Meeting with the guide on the railway station.

Transfer to a hotel.

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast.

DAY 05 YEKATERINBURG – NOVOSIBIRSK by train , distance 1525 km

Yekaterinburg city tour.

During the excursion you will see buildings of 17th-19th centuries, theatres, a dam. Also you will visit the Russian log hut museum, here you will know, how people lived, what they ate centuries ago.

-Lunch in a local restaurant

After lunch you will visit the monument, standing on the border of Europe and Asia. According to a tradition, on the board you should drink a glass of champagne. On the way back you will visit the Ganina Yama. Here situated seven wooden churches, constructed in a memory about the killing of an imperial family Romanovs.

Transfer to railway station, departure to Novosibirsk by train (22 hrs on board)

* Accommodation in train; breakfast, lunch





DAY 06 NOVOSIBIRSK

Arrive Novosibirsk in evening. Meeting with guide, accommodation in a hotel.

Dinner. Free time

* Accommodation in a hotel; dinner

DAY 07 NOVOSIBIRSK – KRASNOYARSK by train distance 760km, 60km by car

Breakfast in the hotel, check-out. Novosibirsk city tour, covering all the main attractions of the city: Novosibirsk Railway Station – the biggest station of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, Ascension Cathedral, Krasny Prospect street, Lenin Square - city center with the biggest world's Opera House, old wooden houses on Gorkogo Str. - the oldest part of the city, St.Nicolas Chapel – the geographic center of Russia, river Ob' embankment and colorful Siberian farm-market. Excursion in the Local Lore Museum, featuring the fascinating mystical history of Siberia. -Lunch in a restaurant.

Tour to the scientific city Akademgorodok (30km outside the city) – the only scientific city in the world, where all the branches of sciences are presented. Visit to the Open-Air Train Museum (a collection of the old Trans-Siberian trains).

!Dinner in restaurant, near railway station. Independent boarding a train to Krasnoyarsk

* Accommodation in the train; breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 08 KRASNOYARSK

In the morning arrival to Krasnoyarsk. Meeting with a guide on the railway station. Transfer to a hotel.

Krasnoyarsk city tour. During the excursion we show our guests the most interesting places of our city: Mira square with outstanding view of the Yenisei, monument to Andrew Dubensky, Karaulnaya hill from where you can see the whole city is spreading in front of your eyes. You will also visit Praskeva Pyatnitsa chapel and walk along the old streets, you will know where their names come from, how our city has been changing and growing.

- Lunch in a restaurant

You will visit the park Bobrovy Log, where you will have a chance to discover a beautiful view on the nature reserve Stolby (Takmak rock) going up the hill by the ropeway to the observation point overlooking the magnificent views of the city and its surroundings.

Then you will visit an observation place Tsar Fish and see the Krasnoyarsk Hydro Power Station (dam)

Return to the hotel. Free time

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch

Distance: 100 km by car

DAY09 KRASNOYARSK - IRKUTSK by train, distance 1100 km

After breakfast a walking excursion on your choice:

1. Visit the salon of man-made textiles “Grandmother`s chest” or



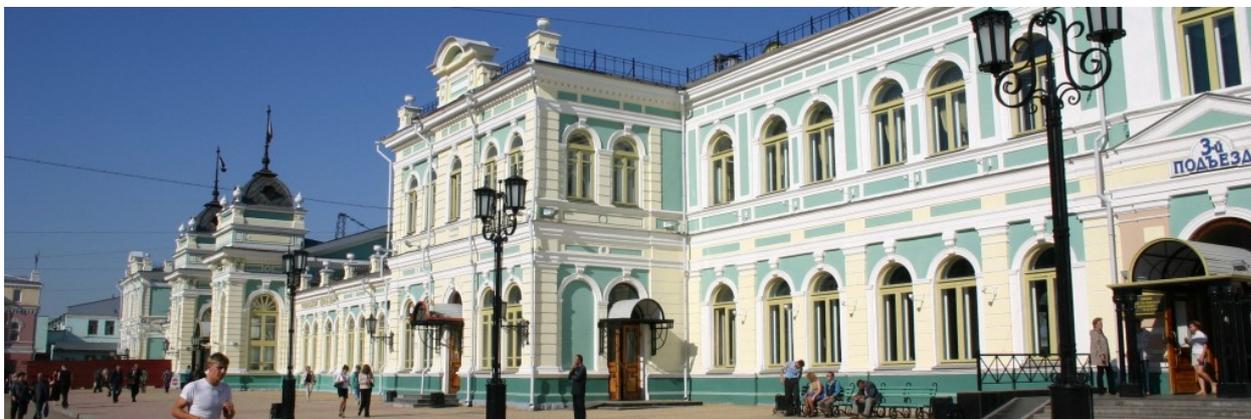
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2. Visiting the house of painter Vasily Surikov or
3. Visiting Krasnoyarsk Regional Ethnographical Museum.

12:00 Return to the hotel, transfer to the railway station

Departure to Irkutsk by train (18 hrs on board)

* Accommodation in train; breakfast



DAY 10 IRKUTSK - LISTVYANKA by car, 100km

Arrive Irkutsk in the morning. Meeting with guide on the railway station. Breakfast in a cafe
Irkutsk city tour. Irkutsk has a great number of monuments of wooden architecture. There are about 500 architectural monuments in the city, among which historically constructed ensembles are depicted. The greatest interest has the ancient part of the city including Church of the Savior and Znameniye Cathedral.

- Lunch in a restaurant.

Excursion to the Decembrist House Museum. Decembrist House Museum is connected with the family of Sergey Volkonsky, one of the Decembrists leaders. They lived for 30 years in Siberia, 17 of them they had been living in Irkutsk in this house. Original things of the Volkonsky family and other Decembrists are kept in the museum.

- Transfer to Listvyanka.

Excursion in the open-air museum of Wooden Architecture Taltsy. On the territory there is 13 architectural complexes with 36 wooden buildings. Some of them have exhibits which can help you to understand the agricultural and cultural peculiarities of Transbaikalian people of 19th-20th centuries.

-Arrival to Listvyanka, check-in, free time

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch

DAY 11 LAKE BAIKAL

Listvyanka city tour. Here you will visit Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church, Chersky Mount view point by ski-lift, Fish Market. Shaman Rock is a natural boundary between the deepest lake in the world and the only river that flows out of the lake - the Angara river. Many local legends are attributed to this place. The rock is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

-Lunch in a restaurant



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Visit Baikal Museum with the aquarium with Baikal fish and freshwater seals – Nerpas. Baikal museum is a splendid museum where different material evidences, exhibits, in short all the information about lake Baikal is kept, studied and exhibited: origin of the lake; representatives of the endemic flora and fauna from the surface of the lake to the maximum depth; excellent model of the bed of Baikal.

-Return to Irkutsk

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch

Distance: 70 km by car

DAY 12 IRKUTSK - ULAN UDE by train, distance 440km

Check-out, transfer to the railway station. Departure to Ulan-Ude by train (8 hrs on board).

In the evening arrival Ulan-Ude. Transfer to a hotel, check-in, free time.

You will be surprised how different is the city in comparison with these that you have already visited. The city combines the history of the Soviet Union and Buddhism.

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast

DAY 13 ULAN-UDE



08:00 Breakfast in a hotel

Start touring with center of Buddhism in Russia – Ivolginsky Datsan Monastery. It is a beautiful temple opened for the visitors. Nowadays it also includes a famous Buddhist University "Dashi Choikhorling" (the name derives from the Tibetan language and means "the land of Happy teaching". Here Buddhist monks-scientists, specialists in Tibetan and Old Mongolian languages and orientalists are taught.

-Lunch in a cafe with traditional Buryat cuisine.

Drive to the Old Believer's village. Old Believers of Buryatia are a colorful branch of Orthodox Russians exiled in Siberia in 8th century after the church reform carried out by Patriarch Nikon. They managed to save their culture, singing art, religion as they were two centuries ago.

-Dinner at the family, traditional games, Old Believers polyphonic songs and a lot of fun.

-Return to Ula-Ude.

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 14 ON BOARD

Free time, by 12:00 check-out, transfer to the railway station. Departure to Vladivostok (2.5-3 days on board).

Two days by measuring the sound of wheels let you remember all the emotions experienced over the past two weeks. Two days of tranquility and relaxation. Two days to charge your phones and cameras to the last, final trip to Vladivostok.

* Accommodation in train; breakfast

DAY 15 – 16 ON TRAIN

You pass by the city of Chita and Khabarovsk.

* Accommodation in train; no meals provided



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DAY 17 VLADIVOSTOK

Morning Arrival into **Vladivostok**. Meeting with a guide on the railway station. Transfer to a hotel, check-in, breakfast

Vladivostok city tour. During excursion, you will see Marine station, central square and the museum, located in submarine C-56, walk along the embankment

-Lunch in a local restaurant

You will visit the Arseniev museum, enjoy the magnificent view from the observation point in the fortress. Walking along the pedestrian Fokin street.

-Dinner in a local restaurant, return to the hotel

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 18 VLADIVOSTOK

Excursion to the Russky Island by car crossing a new bridge. Excursion to the Voroshilov battery (ex-fortress, now military museum).

-Lunch in a local restaurant.

Free time in Vladivostok city center, shopping, souvenirs, excursion in GUM shopping mall

Dinner in a restaurant with Russian cuisine.

Return to the hotel

* Accommodation in a hotel; breakfast, lunch, dinner

DAY 19 DEPARTURE – END OF THE TOUR

Breakfast in the hotel

Transfer to the airport with guide

* Breakfast

