TSAR’S GOLD: BEIJING TO MOSCOW

This legendary 15-day route on the Trans-Siberian Railroad is one of the world’s most eye-opening private train journeys. The adventure begins in Beijing, China (CHN); continues through Mongolia (MNG), the “Land of Eternal Blue Skies”; culminates in Russia (RUS); and includes an unforgettable visit to the largest freshwater lake in the world—Lake Baikal.

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DAY 6. MNG Mongolian Alps
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DAY 8. RUS Lake Baikal
DAY 9. RUS Irkutsk
DAY 10. RUS Siberia
DAY 11. RUS Novosibirsk
DAY 12. RUS Yekaterinburg
DAY 13. RUS Kazan
DAY 14. RUS Moscow
DAY 15. RUS Moscow (B)

Reverse journey also available

→ 9 NIGHTS on board
→ 5 NIGHTS in hotels
→ DAYS INCLUDE breakfast, lunch and dinner (BLD) excluding first and last

ALSO AVAILABLE:
Ulan Bator–Moscow
Vladivostok–Moscow

KEY ATTRATIONS

→ Travel the world’s longest railroad in style on the Tsar’s Gold private train
→ Explore 3 unique countries: China, Mongolia and Russia
→ Discover gorgeous Chinese architecture, Siberian villages and Russian metropolises
→ Meet real locals across Asia and Europe. Learn about their culture, heritage and history
→ Enjoy delicious regional cuisines, vodka tasting and traditional tea ceremony

A SAMPLING OF YOUR EXPERIENCE

THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA
The historical importance of this magnificent construction is rivaled only by the feeling of standing on its ramparts. No visit to China is complete without it.

LAKE BAIKAL
This immense freshwater lake is essential to the Tsar’s Gold experience. It’s also the perfect place for a boat ride and barbecue. Take a dip in its cool waters—a life-changing experience!

MONGOLIAN ALPS
Just outside the Mongolian capital in pristine Gorkhi-Terelj National Park, enjoy a festival of horseback riding, wrestling, and archery modeled after the Mongolian National Games.

MOSCOW KREMLIN
The centuries-old Moscow Kremlin is home to numerous Russian monuments, including the Grand Kremlin Palace and the golden Dormition Cathedral.
A TSAR’S GOLD WINTER’S TALE: MAGICAL SIBERIA

A true winter’s tale for all who crave a real Siberian adventure. Go on a troika sleigh ride or stroll through a snow forest under the winter morning sun. Sleep snugly on the Tsar’s Gold, your heated private train, on this 13-day private journey from Moscow to Ulan Bator via Lake Baikal!

A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT’S TO COME

LAKE BAIKAL IN THE WINTER
There is nothing more breathtaking than swimming in the legendary waters of Lake Baikal—except for taking a walk on its frozen surface in the winter!

RUSSIA’S GOLDEN RING
This aptly named ring of cities near Moscow features dozens of exceptional architectural monuments, including Russia’s iconic onion domes.

TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN SAUNA
Russians are known for their love of steam baths. On this special Tsar’s Gold winter journey, these saunas, or banyas, are a perfect complement to wintry temperatures.

IRKUTSK WINTER MARKET
In Russia, life is as vibrant in winter as it is all year round. One of the best examples is the winter market in Irkutsk, where locals get everything they need, from fresh fish to fruit preserves.

KEY ATTR ACTIONS
→ Discover the magic of winter on the Trans-Siberian aboard your heated private train
→ Explore Russia and Mongolia in a fairy-tale setting. Extension to Beijing possible
→ Marvel at rare Russian architecture and the impressive landscapes of Siberia and Mongolia
→ Get insight into the rich tapestry of Siberian culture, heritage and history
→ Enjoy traditional regional food, including dinner with a Russian family and vodka tasting

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→ 8 NIGHTS on board
→ 4 NIGHTS in hotels
→ DAYS INCLUDE breakfast, lunch and dinner (BLD) excluding first and last

BEIJING EXTENSION available
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- **4 NIGHTS** on board
- **6 NIGHTS** in hotels
- **DAYS INCLUDE** breakfast, lunch and dinner (BLD) unless indicated otherwise

## KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Go beyond the Arctic Circle in the summer. See Russia and Norway like never before
- Discover Russia’s hidden gems, including the Kirov Railroad
- Explore Russia’s European side, its bustling city centers and unique rural landscapes
- Enjoy informative talks and tours that provide historical and cultural insight
- Get a taste of regional food, including Tsar-style feast and vodka tasting

## MURMANSK AND BEYOND: AN ARCTIC SUMMER JOURNEY

This dreamlike, 11-day summer adventure takes you from Moscow, Russia (RUS), to Oslo, Norway (NOR), including an exclusive train route from St. Petersburg to Murmansk—the Arctic’s largest city. In the summer, the sun barely sets, and the days never end, earning this wondrous region its nickname, the Land of the Midnight Sun.

## A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT’S TO COME

### THE TSARS’ TOMBS

The gilded Peter and Paul Cathedral is not only a symbol of St. Petersburg but also the final resting place of virtually all Russia’s Tsars and Tsarinas.

### AMBER ROOM REPLICA

The Amber Room, in Catherine Palace—the elaborate former imperial summer residence—was lovingly reconstructed years after it was stolen during World War II.

### K-21 SOVIET SUBMARINE MUSEUM

Easily one of the most intriguing highlights of your time in the Arctic is a visit to the K-21 Soviet submarine, the only sub of its kind to survive World War II.

### SCANDINAVIAN SCENERY

Visit the towns of Nikel and Kirkenes at the scenic Russia–Norway border before jetting to fascinating Oslo, Norway’s capital, to enjoy its park-filled cityscapes.
BENEFITS OF TRAVELING WITH LERNIDEE

→ **CHOOSE** from the widest selection of train compartments on the Trans-Siberian
→ **SAVE TIME** and avoid long lines with transport throughout journey
→ **ENJOY** our detailed service, including delicious local cuisine and informative talks

→ **RELAX** and let our 30 plus years of know-how guide you on the tour of a lifetime
→ **TAILOR YOUR EXPERIENCE**—ask us how to customize your unforgettable journey!

### FIRST-CLASS SERVICE

→ 6 train compartment categories to choose from
→ No long waits or exhausting bus tours
→ Alternating overnights on private trains and in hotels
→ Luggage storage on board trains
→ Shuttle service between hotel and airport on first and last days
→ Traditional welcome in Novosibirsk
→ Porter service at train stations
→ Entrance fees and sights included according to itinerary

### EXPERT STAFF

→ Threefold tour guide system
→ Multilingual Lernidee tour director
→ Experienced local guides for groups of up to 26
→ Informative and entertaining talks about lands, culture and history
→ Doctor on board private train 24/7
→ Friendly and attentive train crew on call to meet and exceed your needs
→ Polite and professional restaurant and bar staff, serving your meals with a smile

### FRESH FLAVORS

→ Daily meals according to route description
→ Delights of regional and international cuisine on board
→ Vodka tasting on board
→ Meal with a Russian family (Winter’s Tale)

### EVERYTHING ELSE

→ Visa support as needed
→ Detailed log book with information about the journey
→ Whatever else it takes to make your journey enjoyable, pleasant and memorable!
TSAR’S GOLD CITIES: A SNEAK PEEK

Every Tsar’s Gold journey is filled with unforgettable destinations and attractions: the Great Wall of China, the vast Gobi Desert, pristine Lake Baikal, amazing St. Petersburg, and stunning Moscow. Enjoy the preview below, but remember—nothing compares to the real thing!

ULAN BATOR The heart of Mongolia, Ulan Bator has been a part of the legendary route between China and Russia for millennia.

BEIJING China’s capital is a captivating metropolis of futuristic skyscrapers as well as a repository of historic monuments. Of course, the city’s culinary namesake—Peking Duck—is not to be missed.

ULAN-UDE Ulan-Ude, named for the Uda River that runs through it, is a beautiful and historic Buratyian city known for being home to the world’s largest Lenin head.
**IRKUTSK** A main gateway to Lake Baikal area, Irkutsk is one of the largest cities in Siberia and is home to numerous museums and historic buildings. The nearby Taltsy open-air museum features traditional architecture from around Siberia.

**NOVOSIBIRSK** Novosibirsk, Siberia’s largest city, is a prime example of the region’s diversity. Situated on the banks of the Ob River, the city is home to many historical sites, museums and architecture.

**YEKATERINBURG** Yekaterinburg is famous for being located at the official boundary between Europe and Asia and infamous for being the execution site of Nicholas II—the last Tsar of Russia—and his family.
KAZAN Kazan is known as Russia’s sports capital, as evidenced by its many events, which now include the FIFA World Cup. The Kazan Kremlin, built for Ivan the Terrible and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is a wonder to behold.

SUZDAL Home to several UNESCO World Heritage Sites, this small city is found in Russia’s Golden Ring and is known for its many examples of stunning Russian architecture like the Nativity of the Virgin Cathedral.

MOSCOW The treasures of Moscow are too many to name. The Kremlin, Red Square, St. Basil’s Cathedral—even the train stations of Moscow’s Metro seem more like palaces than public transportation!
YOUR TSAR’S GOLD HOTELS

In addition to cozy train compartments, every Tsar’s Gold adventure includes several nights in well-appointed hotels as detailed below. Similar quality hotels may replace those listed.

BEIJING  Capital Hotel
ULAN BATOR  Ramada Hotel
IRKUTSK  Hotel Irkutsk
MOSCOW  InterContinental Tverskaya
ST. PETERSBURG  Park Inn Nevsky
KIRKENES  Scandic
OSLO  Radisson

ST. PETERSBURG  This former imperial capital is known as Russia’s Venice of the North and is home to many cultural and historical icons, including the Hermitage—one of the world’s largest art museums.

MURMANSK  As the Arctic’s largest city, this Russian port is so far north that in the summer, the sun stays out all night for more than two months, offering ideal lighting for taking amazing photos.

KIRKENES  Russia and Norway share a long history of war and peace. No other border town in the Arctic demonstrates this complicated relationship better than Kirkenes.
The Tsar’s Gold private train is like no other in the world and is the classic way to travel the famous Trans-Siberian Railroad. Enjoy friendly staff, impeccable service, well-appointed dining cars, and spacious sleeping compartments. As your home away from home on the Trans-Siberian, the train itself is an experience to remember!

**STANDARD CATEGORY**

Standard compartments feature 4 beds. There are 2 shared bathrooms with sink and toilet per car.

**CATEGORY I — STANDARD**

- 2 upper and 2 lower beds sized 26.7 x 73.6 in/68 x 187 cm
- Large window and table
- 9 compartments per car
- 3-person occupancy available for a supplemental charge

**COMFORT CATEGORIES**

Each Classic and Superior compartment has 2 beds. There are 2 shared bathrooms with sink and toilet per car.

**CATEGORY II — CLASSIC**

- 2 lower beds sized 26.7 x 72.8 in/68 x 185 cm
- Large window and table
- 9 compartments per car
- Shower shared between 2 to 4 cars

**CATEGORY II — SUPERIOR**

- 2 lower beds sized 26.7 x 72.8 in/68 x 185 cm
- Large window and table
- Distinctive interior design
- 9 compartments per car
- Shower shared between 1 to 3 cars
**LARGEST SELECTION OF COMPARTMENTS**

CHOOSE between 6 compartment categories, ranging from Standard to Bolshoi Platinum.

**WORLD-CLASS SERVICE**

ENJOY best-in-class service from friendly and knowledgeable staff, both on and off the train.

**TRANS-SIBERIAN CUISINE**

DELIGHT in diverse dishes and flavors found along the world’s longest train route!

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**NOSTALGIC COMFORT**

Nostalgic Comfort compartments feature 2 large beds. There are 2 shared bathrooms with sink and toilet per car.

**CATEGORY III — NOSTALGIC COMFORT**

- 1 upper and 1 lower bed sized 31.5 x 72.8 in/80 x 185 cm
- Large window and table

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**PREMIUM CATEGORIES**

Each Bolshoi and Bolshoi Platinum compartment features 2 beds, a small sofa, a table, a window, and a private bathroom with sink, toilet, and shower.

**CATEGORY IV — BOLSHOI**

- 1 lower bed sized 47.2 x 72.4 in/120 x 184 cm, 1 upper bed sized 32.3 x 68.5 in/82 x 174 cm
- Large compartment sized 77 sq ft/7.15 sq m
- Small closet
- 6 compartments per car
- Private separate shower

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**CATEGORY V — BOLSHOI PLATINUM**

- 1 lower bed sized 47.2 x 72.4 in/120 x 184 cm, 1 upper bed sized 32.3 x 68.5 in/82 x 174 cm
- Large compartment sized 77 sq ft/7.25 sq m
- Large closet
- 5 compartments per car
- Private separate shower
FURTHER TRAIN JOURNEYS

∙ The Legendary Silk Road—on the Orient Silk Road Express
∙ African Explorer—Southern Africa by Private Train
∙ Rovos Rail—Epic Journeys Across Africa
∙ The Royal Al Andalús in Spain

UNIQUE CRUISE JOURNEYS

∙ Majestic Mekong—Cruises in Laos and Thailand
∙ Magical Myanmar—Cruises on the Irrawaddy
∙ Amazing Amazon—River Cruises Through Brazil
∙ Russia’s Magnificent Rivers—Volga, Lena and Amur