

Trans-Mongolian West - East: Moscow - Irkutsk TS-01 - Baikal - Ulan Bator - Beijing



The journey of a lifetime, the Trans-Mongolian railway stretches across 3 countries, passing through Mongolia and China as well as Russia. This trip is considered one of the greatest adventures in the world.

DEPARTURE DATES: 18.09.2010; 02.10.2010; 23.10.2010; 06.11.2010; 04.12.2010.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Saturday - Moscow

Airport arrival transfer to the hotel

Day 2 - Sunday - Moscow

Kremlin Grounds and Cathedrals

Red Square

Moscow City Centre Walking Tour

Moscow Underground Guided Tour

Day 3 - Monday - Moscow

Free day

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Irkutsk by Fast train 10

Day 7 - Friday - Irkutsk

Arrival in Irkutsk

Transfer to Listvyanka by car / minibus

Day 8 - Saturday - Listvyanka

At leisure at Baikal

Day 9 - Sunday - Listvyanka

Open-air Wooden Architecture Museum in Taltsy

Transfer to Irkutsk by car / minibus

Irkutsk city tour and guided visit to the local Museum

Departure to Ulan Bator by fast train 362

Day 11 - Tuesday - Ulan Bator

Transfer to Terelj by car / minibus

Terelj National Park guided trip

Day 12 - Wednesday - Terelj

Transfer to Ulan Bator by car / minibus

Ulan Bator city tour

Day 13 - Thursday - Ulan Bator

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Beijing by Fast train 24 (Thursdays only)

Day 14 - Friday - Beijing

Train arrival transfer to the hotel

Free time

Day 15 - Saturday - Beijing

Guided tour of Tiananmen Square

Guided tour of the Forbidden City and Imperial Palace

Summer Palace guided tour

Day 16 - Sunday - Beijing

Guided tour of the Badaling Great Wall

INCLUDES

Included

Flights: package price includes flights from / to London and domestic flight where applicable. The package price depends on the availability of flight tickets and is to be reconfirmed on the date of your booking.

Accommodation: 3* hotels DBL, guest house (home stay) - 1 night, Mongolian Ger tent - 1 night, trains - 4 berth compartments

Meals: breakfasts in hotels, full-board at ger camp, 1 traditional lunch in Beijing

Transport: for sightseeing we generally use a small minibus or coach, and for city exploring we use public transport, the underground or just go on foot

Train: comfortable 4 berth sleepers (optional 2 berth rail supplement also available). There are 3 rail sectors on this journey - Moscow to Irkutsk (4 nights), Irkutsk to Mongolia (2 nights) and Mongolia to Beijing (1 night)

Tour staff and support: English-speaking guide, transfer driver

Local culture and traditions: all excursions, entrance fee as described in the itinerary

Other services: invitation letter, registration in Russia and permits, Russian visa (standard processing), all airport transfers

Not included

Personal travel insurance, optional excursions and services
Visas for Mongolia and China

Optional services fees

Bania in Listvyanka (Baikal Lake): app. £14 per room per hour (payment on site)

1st class train upgrade (4 berth buyout where 1st class unavailable): **£495** per person

Note: Please view a suggested complete First-Aid Kit

Checklist for your trip. Please contact us to obtain

information on the medications available from your guide on site.

Day 17 - Monday - Beijing

Airport departure transfer from the hotel

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

STANDARD PACKAGE

When you choose to travel with Go Russia, you are assured of the highest standards of service for every element of your holiday. Please note, we will never book you into a hotel that's too far from the city centre, or which are difficult to reach by public transport.

Trains: Where possible we will use only the best available trains for your journey, so called "firmenniy train" with more comfort for our clients.

Please note the prices below are for two passengers sharing a double room. If your group is 4 passengers or more we will be happy to offer you **£100 discount per person**.

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
18/09/2010 - 04/10/2010	£1,695	£2,245	£295
02/10/2010 - 18/10/2010	£1,695	£2,245	£295
23/10/2010 - 08/11/2010	£1,695	£2,245	£295
06/11/2010 - 22/11/2010	£1,695	£2,245	£295
04/12/2010 - 20/12/2010	£1,695	£2,245	£295

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". You can easily find your tour by using a Quick Trip Finder facility located on the left hand side of our website. To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, seminar participation, update newsletter subscriptions and your contact details. Please note we offer discounts when booking online.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments), cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

INFO ABOUT VISAS

All British citizens (and many other nationalities) travelling to Russia require a visa issued by the Russian consular department to obtain entry. If you book a "Go Russia" tour directly with us or through your travel agent and are in the UK, we'll obtain the necessary visas on behalf of those travelling on our group package tours as well as for tailor-made travel arrangements.

UK residents

The cost of the Russian visa (where applicable) is included in the price of your holiday and there won't be any further charges. You just need to fill in the visa application form, attach a passport size photo and send it together with your passport to our office. Your passport will be kept for two weeks. Should you require your passport urgently we can arrange urgent processing (2 working days) for an additional charge.

Non-UK residents

If you are not resident in the UK, we will issue official visa support and email the required documents to you (confirmation and voucher). You will need to apply for your visa at the local Russian consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the Russian consulate in the country of your residence.

More information about visa and application forms - http://www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_support.html

Other visas (Silk road, Trans - Mongolian)

Go Russia will provide all necessary paper-work and advice for you to obtain the required visas.

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Ulan Bator - Irkutsk - Yekaterinburg - Moscow (TS-10), Price from £1,995, 15 days
- Trans-Siberian Railroad: Moscow - Vladivostok Through a Quarter of the Globe (TS-04), Price from £1,595, 14 days

ABOUT GO RUSSIA

Go Russia is the trading name of GR Travel Group Limited, a leading UK-based tour operator, specialising in holidays in Russia and other countries of the former USSR, including Ukraine, Kazakhstan and the Baltic States.

The Go Russia brand covers all kinds of cultural and sightseeing tours to Russia and the republics of the former Soviet union, Russian waterway cruises and tours on the Trans-Mongolian railway and Silk Road. We offer both standard group tours and individual holidays tailor-made to suit your personal interests, your timeframe and your budget.

WHY YOU SHOULD TRAVEL WITH GO RUSSIA

We know you are independent enough to build your dream holiday on your own. But we've already done the hard work for you. We've designed our holidays with great care, and thought of every last detail to make your journey completely enjoyable: breakfast served in the hotel after your overnight train journey, planned lunch breaks during your programme, a reasonable balance between excursions and leisure times, to name just a few. We guarantee we will be top of your list of your selected tour operators, because we offer not only the best price and the best tour programme, but also essential practical advice and guidance prior to your booking.

Why Hundreds of Happy Travellers Choose Go Russia:

- Over 40 years Russia and ex-USSR experience
- Guaranteed departure dates and no cancellations
- Free personal advice and consultation prior to every booking
- Free visa support and practical guidance. Visa processing included
- Only certified English-speaking guides (other languages also available)
- Variety of activities to choose from. Different levels and age groups
- Groups of 12 or less
- Total financial protection. Fully ATOL bonded operator

- Best value for money all-inclusive tours. Price match guarantee. No hidden costs
- Free upgrades and special offers released every month
- Variety of optional trips and excursions including VIP and exclusive tours
- Central accommodation on all packages
- 24 x 7 emergency hotline centre and local representatives

Go Russia offers the best service I have encountered after a dozen trips to Russia. I wish I had found their services earlier - I would have saved myself a lot of time and trouble...

Jonathon Reynolds, Rough Guides. [More...](#)

FREE TALKS

The Go Russia Expert Team is delighted to present our unique educational project "Discover Russia and beyond", which aims to set out in detail why, when and how you should travel to the destinations we cover (Russia, Ukraine, Baltic States, Central Asia, Mongolia and China). We invite you all to our free monthly sessions. Apart from the cultural highlights and treasures of nature to be found in the individual regions, we give you details of the available accommodation and transport options, the range of holiday activities, and many other practicalities you need to consider before travelling. All talks are run by an experienced Go Russia Travel expert and are supported by video and photo presentations.

We are currently running our free monthly talks at Pushkin House, the new Russian cultural centre in London (Bloomsbury). View [lecture schedule and register online](#).

