

Epic Trans-Mongolian: St. Petersburg - Moscow TS-15 - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing



Make the most of the Trans-Mongolian railway: start your epic journey in St. Petersburg and finish in Beijing with stops in Moscow, Yekaterinburg, Lake Baikal, Ulan Bator and Terelj National Park. This tour will acquaint you with major highlights Russia, Mongolia and China have to offer and our guides will make your journey the most memorable.

DEPARTURE DATES: 24.05.2012; 31.05.2012; 07.06.2012; 14.06.2012; 21.06.2012; 28.06.2012; 05.07.2012; 12.07.2012; 19.07.2012; 26.07.2012; 02.08.2012; 09.08.2012; 16.08.2012; 23.08.2012; 30.08.2012; 06.09.2012; 13.09.2012; 20.09.2012; 04.10.2012; 18.10.2012; 01.11.2012; 15.11.2012; 29.11.2012; 13.12.2012.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Thursday - St. Petersburg

Airport arrival transfer to the hotel

Day 2 - Friday - St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg City Tour

Day 3 - Saturday - St. Petersburg

Hermitage Museum (Winter Palace) Guided Tour

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Moscow by Grand Express luxurious overnight train

Day 4 - Sunday - Moscow

Train arrival transfer to the hotel

Moscow City Centre Walking Tour

Moscow Underground Guided Tour

Day 5 - Monday - Moscow

Red Square Guided Tour

Kremlin Grounds and Cathedrals Guided Tour

The Armoury Museum and Tsar Treasures

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Yekaterinburg by Fast train 16

Day 6 - Tuesday - Yekaterinburg

Arrival in Yekaterinburg

Train arrival transfer to the hotel

Day 7 - Wednesday - Yekaterinburg

Ganina Yama & Cathedral on the Blood guided tour

Guided visit to the Europe - Asia border

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Irkutsk by overnight train

Day 10 - Saturday - Irkutsk

Arrival in Irkutsk

Transfer to Listvyanka by car / minibus

At leisure at Baikal

Day 11 - Sunday - Listvyanka

Transfer to Irkutsk by car / minibus

Open-air Wooden Architecture Museum in Taltsy

Irkutsk city tour

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Flights: advertised package price including flights covers flights from / to London and domestic flights in Russia where applicable. The airfare is not guaranteed unless ticketed. Please note if you depart from a regional airport in the UK there might be additional surcharges for flights. The package price depends on the availability of flight tickets and is to be reconfirmed by your travel consultant

Accommodation: 3* hotels DBL (St. Petersburg, Moscow, Yekaterinburg). 4* hotels DBL (Ulan-Bator, Beijing), guest house (home stay in Listvyanka) - 1 night, Mongolian Ger tent - 1 night, trains - 4 berth compartments

Meals: breakfasts in the hotels, full-board in Mongolia and China

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 5 rail sectors on this journey: St. Petersburg - Moscow, Moscow - Yekaterinburg, Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk, Irkutsk - Ulan Bator, Ulan Bator - Beijing

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

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

Visas: Russian, Mongolian and Chinese visas (standard processing)

Other services: all airport / railway transfers

Solo supplement: £595. Solo supplement applies only if the total number of travellers on your tour is just one person (just yourself and no other participants). Solo supplement will be waived should other people book the same tour on the same departure date. Read more about [Go Russia fair dealings policy](#)

Not included

Personal travel insurance, optional excursions and services

Optional services fees

Train departure transfer to the railway station

Departure to Ulan Bator by fast train 362

Day 13 - Tuesday - Ulan Bator

Transfer to Terelj by car / minibus

Terelj National Park guided trip

Day 14 - Wednesday - Terelj

Transfer to Ulan Bator by car / minibus

Ulan Bator city tour

Guided Visit to the National History Museum

Day 15 - Thursday - Ulan Bator

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Beijing by Fast train 24 (Thursdays only)

Day 16 - Friday - Beijing

Train arrival transfer to the hotel

Hutong neighbourhood by rickshaw guided tour

Enjoy Shichahai Lake

Free evening in old Beijing

Day 17 - Saturday - Beijing

Guided tour of Tiananmen Square

Guided tour of the Forbidden City and Imperial Palace

Summer Palace guided tour

Day 18 - Sunday - Beijing

Guided Tour of the Badaling Great Wall

Visit to the Olympic Green

Day 19 - Monday - Beijing

Airport departure transfer from the hotel

1st class train upgrade (4 berth buyout where 1st class unavailable): **£545** 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.

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT PLUS PACKAGE

Dates	Excl. flights	Incl. flights*	Single suppl.
24/05/2012 - 11/06/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
31/05/2012 - 18/06/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
07/06/2012 - 25/06/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
14/06/2012 - 02/07/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
21/06/2012 - 09/07/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
28/06/2012 - 16/07/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
05/07/2012 - 23/07/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
12/07/2012 - 30/07/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
19/07/2012 - 06/08/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
26/07/2012 - 13/08/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
02/08/2012 - 20/08/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
09/08/2012 - 27/08/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
16/08/2012 - 03/09/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
23/08/2012 - 10/09/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
30/08/2012 - 17/09/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
06/09/2012 - 24/09/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
13/09/2012 - 01/10/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
20/09/2012 - 08/10/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
04/10/2012 - 22/10/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
18/10/2012 - 05/11/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
01/11/2012 - 19/11/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
15/11/2012 - 03/12/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
29/11/2012 - 17/12/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345
13/12/2012 - 31/12/2012	£2,295	£2,845	£345

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:

- [Best of Trans-Siberian: Moscow - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk - Baikal - Vladivostok \(TS-04\)](#), Price from £1,595, 13 days
- [Best of Trans-Mongolian: Moscow - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing \(TS-11\)](#), Price from £1,995, 16 days
- [Best of Mongolia Jeep Tour - Ulan-Bator - Terelj - Gobi - Karakorum - Hustai \(MN-01\)](#), Price from £1,445, 14 days
- [Highlights of Trans-Mongolian Railway: Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing \(TS-14\)](#), Price from £1,295, 12 days
- [Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Ulan Bator - Irkutsk - Yekaterinburg - Moscow \(TS-10\)](#), Price from £1,695, 15 days
- [A Classic Silk Road Trip to Uzbekistan - Visit Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara, Shakhrisabz, Khiva \(SR-04\)](#), Price from £775, 8 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

UK residents

Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. Please allow about two weeks for your visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-UK residents

If you are not resident in the UK, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local 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 consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:

http://www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_support.html

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, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

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.

