



## Russia by Private Train On board The Golden Eagle Baikal Express Westbound

A Private, Historical and Cultural Tour from  
Irkutsk to Moscow with your English-speaking guides

### **Day 1, Irkutsk**

Arrive at Irkutsk airport, where you will be met and transferred to the centrally located Hotel Sayen (or similar). Enjoy a welcome reception dinner at your hotel, whilst you meet your fellow travellers.

### **Day 2, Lake Baikal**

After breakfast, you will be transferred from Irkutsk to Port Baikal to board the train and then enjoy the day of sightseeing around the lake. Few natural sights can surpass the beauty and grandeur of Lake Baikal. Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and holds 20% of the world's freshwater. Also known as the 'Pearl of Siberia' it is home to a unique breed of freshwater seal and over fifty species of fish including omul which will be served in the dining car for some meals. Weather permitting, stop at one of Baikal's picturesque and secluded bays to enjoy a delicious BBQ including freshly smoked fish prepared by your own chefs. For the brave hearted, there is even time for a refreshing swim in the crystal clear waters before visiting Listvyanka, a small Baikal settlement nestling at the base of the surrounding hills.

### **Day 3, Irkutsk**

Arrive in Irkutsk, the 'Paris of Siberia', and your visit today takes in the most significant sites and museums in this fascinating city, including an exploration of the classic wooden architecture that has given many of this region's buildings such a distinctive and unique appearance. Next, you will visit the Decembrist House museum which is dedicated to the memory of the exiled aristocrats who were forced to flee to this remote outpost after the failed revolution of 1825. Here you will enjoy a private concert before returning to your waiting train for dinner.

### **Day 4, Onboard**

A day to unwind and reflect on the many sights and sounds you have experienced on your journey so far. Chat to your fellow passengers, perhaps learn a few more words of Russian or simply enjoy the ever changing landscape outside your window.

### **Day 5, Novosibirsk**

A modern 'Soviet' city, experience the life and character of Novosibirsk's rich culture where the arts, science and literature predominate. Your city tour takes you to the Opera House. An architectural marvel, it houses two permanent ballet and opera companies and is the largest opera house in the world. In front of the Opera House, is an imposing statue of Lenin – a marvelous opportunity to have your photograph taken with this iconic political leader.

### **Day 6, Yekaterinburg**

Founded in 1723 by Peter the Great, Yekaterinburg is the third largest Russian city and the capital of the Urals. The cultural and architectural influences of European and Asian civilizations come together in this fascinating and cosmopolitan landscape. Your city tour takes you to the poignant site where the Romanov, Nicholas II of Russia was executed with his family by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Now a church dedicated to their memory, this site provides you with a powerful insight into the turmoil of the Russian Revolution. The train will cross the Europe/Asia divide shortly after leaving Yekaterinburg.

### **Day 7, Kazan**

Spend your last full day on board the *Golden Eagle* today. Arrive at the picturesque and historic city of Kazan by mid-morning. Situated on the River Volga, Kazan is the capital of Tatarstan. Here you have the opportunity to see for yourselves its rich tapestry of history and culture. One of the highlights of this city tour is the exploration of the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls of this ancient citadel you will see its stunning mosque and magnificent onion-domed cathedral.

### **Day 8, Moscow**

After travelling along this epic route to the end of the Trans-Siberian line, you arrive in Moscow. Your city tour of Moscow takes you to Red Square, an iconic symbol of Russia's former military and political might. Here you can see an eclectic mix of fascinating architecture, such as the ornate St Basil's Cathedral with its magnificent onion-domed spires, the grandeur of The Kremlin and the sombre and evocative site of Lenin's tomb. At the conclusion of your city tour, transfer to the luxurious five-star Marriott Royal Aurora hotel (or similar) located in the heart of this vibrant city. Your final evening is spent saying goodbye to your fellow travelling companions and friends at the Farewell Dinner.

### **Day 9, Moscow**

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to Moscow airport to begin your journey home.

**Price:**

Silver Class

\$9,995.00 per person, double occupancy.  
\$14,295.00 single occupancy.

Gold Class

\$12,295.00 per person, double occupancy  
\$16,495.00 single occupancy.

Imperial Suite

\$18,995.00 per person, double occupancy  
\$25,695.00 single occupancy.

Prices are per person for the fully inclusive tour Irkutsk to Moscow. Air-fare is not included.

Prices are subject to change until deposit is received.

**Westbound: Irkutsk to Moscow (2012)**

June 21 – 29

July 14 – 22

**General Information:**

A full passport with at least six months validity from the start of the tour is required along with a single entry Russian Visa.

Subject to bookings, this tour may also be operated in the reverse direction on the same dates or cancelled.

A deposit in the amount of \$2,500.00 per person is required on all Silver Class cabins, a deposit in the amount of \$3,000.00 per person is required on all Gold Class bookings and a deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 per person is required on all Imperial Suite bookings.

**The Train Tour Price Includes:**

*Accommodations:*

**Irkutsk**

**One (1) night** at the Hotel Sayen or similar; Buffet Breakfast included daily.

**Golden Eagle**

**One Silver or Gold Class Cabin or Imperial Suite for Six (6) nights** on board the Golden Eagle. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included daily.

**Moscow**

**One (1) night** at the Marriott Aurora or similar; Buffet Breakfast included daily.

### **Imperial Suites:**

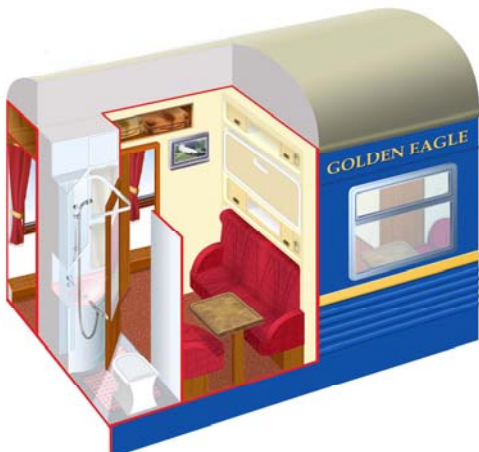
The Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins available onboard the *Golden Eagle* measuring 120 square feet and benefit from their own large and luxurious fixed double bed as well as a dedicated lounge area with dressing table. Suite facilities include private en-suite facilities with power shower and underfloor heating, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, DVD/CD player with LCD screen and two large picture windows. Guests will also benefit from a dedicated butler service, a selection of complimentary drinks from the premium bar list, included laundry service and room upgrades to the next available category at our selected hotels as per the itinerary.

### **Gold Class Cabins:**



Gold Class Cars are purpose-built, new carriages designed for the 21st century to offer top-class comfort and service, which equals the best luxury trains in the world today. Each carriage has five twin compartments, all fitted with one upper berth and one lower berth that converts to a sofa seating for daytime travel. Each compartment offers 77 square feet of space and features its own private shower and toilet facilities and has a wardrobe, audio system, DVD/VCR with the latest flat, plasma screens and air conditioning with individual climate control by remote handset.

### **Silver Class Cabins:**



The Silver Class Carriage provides complete comfort for our passengers. These newly added cabins are slightly smaller than Gold Class Cabins offering 60 square feet, but still

have modern en-suite facilities with a smaller shower area. The sleepers are modern air conditioned cars built in Germany. They are cozy and comfortable, and provide an ideal method of transport for the remote areas of Russia that you will visit. Each car has six twin compartments, all fitted with one upper berth and one lower berth that converts to a sofa seating for daytime travel.

There is ample space for luggage storage and for suitcases in a recess above the corridor area. Clothes hangers are provided and the cars are well appointed with mirrors, bedside table, reading lamps and space for the storage of small items.

**The Tour Includes:**

- \*All meals.
- \*Wine, beer and soft drinks provided with Lunch and Dinner.
- \*Experienced tour representatives throughout the tour.
- \*Russian Interpreters able to speak English, German, French and Italian.
- \*Comprehensive off-train sightseeing program as detailed in the itinerary. Please note that all touring is with fellow-passengers at all times.
- \*A doctor who travels with the train throughout the tour.
- \*Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water throughout the tour from your car attendant.

**The Tour Does Not Include:**

- \*Travel cancellation insurance.
- \*Charges of a personal nature on the train or at the hotels (laundry, telephone, bar account, etc.)
- \*Visas (as required) or Excess Baggage Charges, Airport Departure Taxes, Vaccination or Medical Costs.

**Options and Extensions:**

Please contact Exeter International for tour extensions and options in Russia. All tour extensions are on a private customized basis.

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