



Russia by Private Train
On board
The Trans Siberian Express – Golden Eagle
Classic Route Westbound

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

Day 1, Vladivostok

Arrive at Vladivostok airport, where you will be met and transferred to the centrally located four-star Hotel Hyundai. Enjoy a welcome reception dinner at your hotel, whilst you meet your fellow travellers and anticipate the epic 15 day voyage that lies ahead.

Day 2, Vladivostok

Today spend the morning in Vladivostok. This once 'closed' Russian port now offers visitors an exciting opportunity to unravel its mysteries as you explore its principal military attractions including a tour of a restored submarine before boarding the *Golden Eagle* Trans-Siberian Express during the afternoon. After settling into your modern, stylish cabins, enjoy dinner in one of the beautifully designed restaurant cars as your rail adventure westwards to Moscow begins.

Day 3, Onboard - Khabarovsk

Passing directly north of Osaka, Darwin and Seoul spend your first full day on board the *Golden Eagle* today. This is the most easterly point of your mammoth journey passing through Khabarovsk, where you stop for a short city tour. Rejoin the train and cross the River Amur, as you make your way west.

Day 4, Onboard

Your journey today follows the Shilka and Amur rivers, close to the Chinese border. Enjoy Russia at its most beautiful and remote, as the landscape unfolds outside your window. Or you may like to attend one of the absorbing lectures or Russian language lessons.

Day 5, Onboard

Today offers you the perfect opportunity to practice your improving Russian or watch a DVD as you while away a few hours. For those who like to socialize the Bar Car is the perfect place to enjoy a chat with your fellow passengers as you listen to our resident musician.

Day 6, Mongolia

Your Trans-Siberian adventure takes you into Mongolia, home of Genghis Khan, undoubtedly the most feared and revered Mongol. Today you will visit the capital city of Ulan Baatar. Lunch is taken Mongol style in a traditional Ger (Yurt) where you can experience an authentic meal, enjoying excellent local dishes and entertainment providing a unique opportunity to encounter this time-honoured nomadic way of life. Board the train in time for dinner as you head back into Russia.

Day 7, Ulan Ude

This afternoon arrive in Ulan Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic. The ethnic and cultural diversity of this area offers a unique insight into its Mongol heritage. As you tour the area you will notice the different faces and dress styles of these welcoming people. During your exploration of the Old Believers Village you have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of these communities as you are treated to a traditional meal and enjoy a concert featuring local dancers and musicians.

Day 8, Lake Baikal

Few natural sights can surpass the beauty and grandeur of Lake Baikal. For five hours the train winds its way through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks above the lake with a vista of snow capped peaks along the far shore. 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 9, 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 10, 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 11, 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 marvellous opportunity to have your photograph taken with this iconic political leader.

Day 12, 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 civilisations 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 13, 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 14, Moscow

After travelling over an amazing 6,600 miles (10,600km) 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 15, Moscow

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

Price:

Silver Class

\$14,395.00 per person, double occupancy.
\$20,795.00 single occupancy

Gold Class

\$17,795.00 per person, double occupancy
\$24,995.00 single occupancy.

Imperial Suite

\$27,995.00 per person, double occupancy
\$38,995.00 single occupancy.

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

Prices are subject to change until deposit is received.

Westbound: Vladivostok to Moscow (2012)

May 21 – June 4

August 11 - 25

September 6 – 20

General Information:

A full passport with at least six months validity from the start of the tour is required along with a double entry Russian Visa. Non-US citizens are required to obtain a Mongolian 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 Trans-Siberian Express Train Tour Price Includes:

Accommodations:

Vladivostok

One (1) night at the Hotel Hyundai or similar; Buffet Breakfast and tax included daily.

Golden Eagle, Trans Siberian Express

One Silver or Gold Class Cabin or Imperial Suite for Twelve (12) nights on board the Golden Eagle Trans Siberian Express. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included daily.

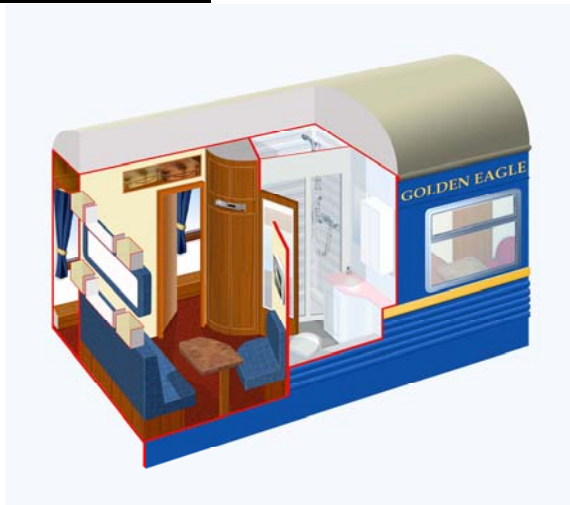
Moscow

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

Imperial Suites:

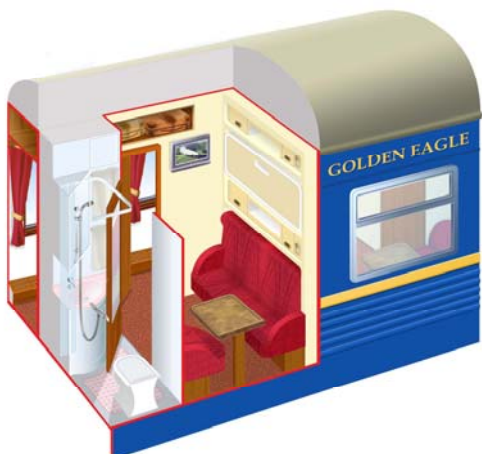
The Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins available onboard the *Golden Eagle* measuring 120 square feet and benefit from their own large and luxurious fixed double bed as well as a dedicated lounge area with dressing table. Suite facilities include private en-suite facilities with power shower 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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