



EXETER
INTERNATIONAL

RUSSIA BY PRIVATE TRAIN
ON BOARD THE
TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS
GOLDEN EAGLE
WINTER WONDERLAND
EASTBOUND



RUSSIA



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DAY 1 | MOSCOW

Arrive at Moscow Airport, where you are met and transferred to the luxury five-star Four Seasons Moscow. Located in the historic building of the Moskva hotel and occupying one of the most enviable addresses in the very heart of Moscow, the hotel is a short walk from the Kremlin, Red Square and the Bolshoi Theater.

Tonight, there is champagne reception followed by a welcome dinner. Specially selected international wines are included with dinner as with all meals during the tour.

DAY 2 | MOSCOW

Our touring program of Moscow principally takes us to the grandeur of the Kremlin – the spiritual, historical and political heart of Moscow – and to see the treasures of the Tsars in the Armory Chamber. We also visit Red Square, an iconic symbol of Russia’s former military and political might with its eclectic mix of fascinating architecture, such as the ornate St Basil’s Cathedral’s magnificent onion-domed spires, the beautiful facade of the world famous GUM department store, constructed in Tzarist times, and the sober and evocative site of Lenin’s tomb.

Lunch is served in Café Pushkin, a legendary Moscow restaurant serving traditional Russian cuisine with a décor that revives the atmosphere of an early 19th century mansion. An essential part of any visit to Moscow is a tour of the opulent and unique stations of the Moscow metro - showpieces of Socialist art furnished with statues, frescoes and mosaics, unsurpassed anywhere in the world.

If you have been to Moscow before we offer included *Freedom of Choice* touring where you can visit other sights of Moscow such as the famous State Tretyakov Gallery (National Museum of Fine Art) or the Space Museum.

Upon arrival at Moscow Kazansky Station, you will be greeted in the ornately decorated Imperial Waiting Room with a cold glass of Russian Champagne and canapes as you mix with the other guests and are welcomed by the train staff. The excitement in the waiting room audibly mounts and, 30 minutes before departure, your car attendants will escort you to Platform 1 where the *Golden Eagle* awaits ready for departure.



DAY 3 KAZAN

Situated on the River Volga, the picturesque and historic city of Kazan is the capital of Tatarstan. Here you have the opportunity to see for ourselves its rich tapestry of history and culture. One of the highlights of this city tour is our exploration of the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls of this ancient citadel we will explore the stunning mosque and picture-perfect onion-domed cathedral.

As Kazan is the birthplace of one of Russia's most famous opera singers, Feodor Chaliapin (1873-1938), we honor his memory with a private concert of his music. You will also have time to wander through the main pedestrian area of Kazan and immerse yourself in the atmosphere of the city.

DAY 4 YEKATERINBURG

Founded in 1723 by Peter the Great, Yekaterinburg is the capital of the Urals. Known as the Great Divide, the Ural Mountains create the natural border between Europe and Asia so that the cultural and architectural influences of European and Asian civilizations come together in this fascinating and cosmopolitan landscape.

Your city tour takes us to the poignant site where the Romanov, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, was executed with his family by the Bolsheviks in 1918 following 78 days of imprisonment. Now a church dedicated to their memory, this site provides us with a powerful insight into the turmoil of the Russian Revolution.



DAY 5

NOVOSIBIRSK

A modern 'Soviet' city, we experience the life and character of Novosibirsk's rich culture where the arts and sciences predominate. The city is located in the heart of Russia and is situated on both banks of the River Ob. Our city tour takes us to Lenin Square where the imposing Opera House is located.

An architectural marvel, it houses two permanent ballet and opera companies and is one of the largest opera houses in the world. In front of the Opera House, we visit an impressive statue of Lenin – a marvelous opportunity to have your photograph taken with this iconic political leader.

Alternatively, our *Freedom of Choice* tour goes south of the city to visit Novosibirsk's excellent Railway Museum, which displays locomotives and rolling stock from the late 1800s, including carriages of the Tsars, through to the Soviet era.

DAY 6

ON BOARD

Today you relax on board as the train travels through Siberia. In comfort enjoy the ever-changing panoramas of natural snow-covered beauty unfold before us.



DAY 7

IRKUTSK

Your visit to Irkutsk, the 'Paris of Siberia', takes in the most significant sites and museums in this fascinating city, including an exploration of the classic wooden architecture with its intricately carved lace-like decorations that has given many of this region's buildings such a distinctive and unique appearance. You will also visit the Decembrist House museum which is dedicated to the memory of the aristocrats who were exiled to this remote outpost after the failed uprising of 1825, and we recreate the atmosphere of that time with a champagne reception and private concert.

As an additional option for your day in Irkutsk you may wish to visit a traditional Russian Banya (sauna).

DAY 8

LAKE BAIKAL

Your day by Lake Baikal offers a real highlight of travelling through Siberia in winter. Few natural sights can surpass the beauty and grandeur of Lake Baikal and today will be an unforgettable part of our Trans-Siberian journey.

For five hours you will wind your way through tunnels along cliff hugging tracks above the frozen lake with a vista of snow-capped peaks along the far shore forming a picture-perfect backdrop.

Lake Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and during winter is completely frozen. We are taken in a hovercraft on the frozen lake to the place where the ice fishing, dog sledges and snowmobiles are situated and you will enjoy the perfect vantage point to appreciate the magnificence of this unspoiled location.

There is the opportunity to watch the under-ice fishing and try the freshly caught fish which will be smoked in a mobile smokehouse and served warm with ice-cold vodka. Delicious!



DAY 9

ULAN UDE

The ethnic and cultural diversity of Ulan Ude, the capital of the Buryat Republic, offers a unique insight into its heritage. As we tour the area you will notice the different faces of these welcoming Buryat people. During our exploration of the Old Believers' Village we have the opportunity to learn about the culture and history of these religious people as we are treated to a concert featuring local traditions and folk singing.

DAY 10

ULAAN BAATAR

Our eastbound Trans-Siberian adventure takes us into Mongolia and a visit to its capital, Ulaan Baatar. Mongolia, once the very center of an enormous empire led by Genghis Khan, is a country rich in culture and history with beautiful landscapes and nomadic people. Mongolia is famous for its endless green Steppes, grazing livestock and white, nomadic Gers (Yurts) dotted all across the countryside.

We start the tour at Gandan Monastery, one of Mongolia's most important Buddhist Monasteries housing a community of over 500 monks. The full name, Gandantegchinlen, translates as 'the great place of complete joy'. At Chinggis Square (formerly Sukhbaatar Square) we can see the central monument to Genghis Khan, undoubtedly the most feared and revered Mongol, and visit the National Museum where we learn about the country's intriguing history.

After lunch we head into the Mongolian countryside where we will visit the imposing Genghis Khan Equestrian Statue, located on the bank of the Tuul River at Tsonjin Boldog and also have the opportunity to visit a traditional Mongolian Ger and meet a nomadic family.

Please note depending on final timings provided by the railway authorities we may substitute the railway journey from Russia into Ulaan Baatar with a private jet charter from Irkutsk so that we can maintain the advertised program in Mongolia.



DAY 11 ON BOARD

Enjoy a more leisurely pace today as we travel through the beautiful landscape of the Russian Far East. You may like to attend one of the interesting lectures or Russian language lessons.

DAY 12 ON BOARD

It's the perfect opportunity to practice your Russian or simply relax as your journey today follows the Shilka and Amur rivers, close to the Chinese border. Enjoy Russia at its more dramatic and remote, as the *Golden Eagle* eats up the miles on our way to Vladivostok.

DAY 13 ON BOARD

Passing directly north of Seoul, Darwin and Osaka, we spend our last full day on board the Golden Eagle today as the most easterly point on our mammoth journey is reached passing through Khabarovsk, where we cross the River Amur.

Tonight we enjoy our final dinner onboard our private train that has been our home for the last 12 days as we approach our final destination on this unforgettable journey.



DAY 14

VLADIVOSTOK

After travelling through 8 time zones and covering a staggering 6,600 miles (10,600kms) along this iconic railway, the *Golden Eagle* pulls into its final destination, Vladivostok.

Vladivostok is a military port, located on the western shores of the Sea of Japan and is home to the Russian Navy's Pacific Fleet. Due to its military importance, the city was closed to foreigners between 1930 and 1992. Vladivostok (literally translated as 'Ruler of the East') offers visitors an interesting opportunity to explore its principal military attractions including a visit to a preserved World War Two submarine. Our city tour will also take us to the iconic suspension bridge over Golden Horn Bay, one of the largest of its kind worldwide, which opened in 2012 for the APEC conference.

Our hotel in Vladivostok, where you will stay for one night, is the Lotte Hotel Vladivostok.

DAY 15

VLADIVOSTOK

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to Vladivostok Airport to begin your journey home.



WHAT IS INCLUDED

2020 Dates and Prices:

February 13 - February 27, 2020

Silver Class

\$18,195 per person, based on double occupancy

\$26,695 per person, based on single occupancy

Gold Class

\$21,995 per person, based on double occupancy

\$33,195 per person, based on single occupancy

Imperial Class

\$38,195 per person, based on double occupancy

On Request - single occupancy

Prices are per person for the fully inclusive tour Moscow to Vladivostok.

Airfare is not included. Prices are subject to change until deposit is received.

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 \$3,500.00 per person is required on all Gold Class bookings and a deposit in the amount of \$6,000.00 per person is required on all Imperial Suite bookings.

Important Information

Please note that the Winter Wonderland tours always operate as small group departures (normally less than 20 guests, compared to 100 on summer departures). Reduced numbers mean more intimate groups and a shorter formation of Golden Eagle sleepers with a combined bar/restaurant car appropriate to the number of guests.

During this period Russian Railways will be combining the Golden Eagle carriages with regular trains departing at similar times. Your onboard experience and off-train tours will be unaffected and, as there will be no connection between our carriages and the regular trains you should not notice any difference to your trip.

The Trans-Siberian Express Train Tour Price Includes:

Accommodations:

Moscow

One (1) night at the Four Seasons Moscow 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.

Vladivostok

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

Imperial Suites:



Imperial Suite Daytime View



Imperial Suite Night View

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 Cabin Daytime View



Gold Cabin Night View

Gold Class Cars are purpose-built, 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.

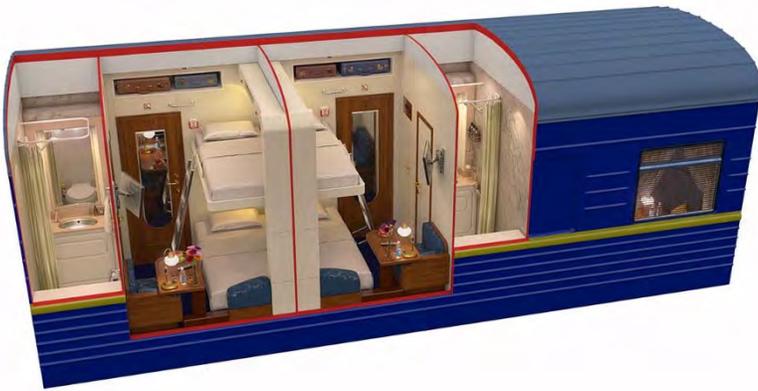
Gold Class and Imperial Suite Floor Plan



Silver Class Cabins:



Silver Cabin Daytime View

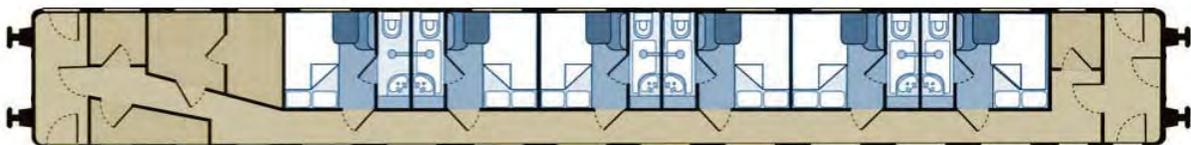


Silver Cabin Night View

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

Silver Class Floor Plan



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:

- Airfare.
- 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.

*All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary.
Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full.*

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