



## Lernidee Trains & Cruises

Trans-Siberian: Beijing – Moscow

14 Nights

19 Jun 2016 – 17 September 2016



### Summary

A journey on the legendary Transsiberian Railroad is one of the last great travel adventures in our world. Set this dream of a lifetime on the tracks with the Private Train and experience Russia, Mongolia and China in the safest, most comfortable and fascinating manner.

The historic route between Beijing, Lake Baikal and Moscow is the heart of all travel variants: The exciting days of your journey are delivering three of the world's largest countries directly to your compartment. Lean back to enjoy the dramatic changes of scenery and savour a choice of Europe's and Asia's most superb and splendid landscapes!

### Overview

Country:	China , Russia
Cities:	Beijing, Peking , Mongolia, Ulan Ude, Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Kazan, Moscow
Duration:	15 days /14 nights
Port of departure:	Beijing
Starting Price:	\$5670

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**Day 1: Welcome to Beijing**

Upon arrival to Beijing airport, meet greet and transfer to hotel  
In the afternoon, enjoy a half tour of Beijing visiting many of the colorful facets of this large metropolitan city such as: Temple of Heaven and history-laden Tiananmen Square, two of the city's most famous sight, the new "Bird's Nest" Olympic stadium, and several of Beijing's futuristic sky scrapers  
Afterwards enjoy a mutual welcome dinner

**Day 2: The Great Wall and Peking Duck**

Today you will visit the Great Wall, the eighth wonder of the world. The giant wall extends for more than 6000 km through the countryside. On the way you visit the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Ming Tombs and the Spirit Way  
In the evening, enjoy a dinner on the well-known delicacy of Peking Duck

**Day 3: The Forbidden City and Departure for Mongolia**

In the morning, enjoy the awe-inspiring halls of the Forbidden City and mysterious temples  
In the evening your rail journey begins, as you transfer to the train station and depart for Mongolia aboard a chartered Chinese train

**Day 4: Crossing the Gobi Desert**

Around noon reach the Chinese-Mongolian border, where you will be transferred to the Tsar's Gold private train  
The change of trains is necessary because of the different track gauges in the two countries  
In the growing city of Erlian, you have some time to explore the colorful local market, before the Russian train sets off towards Mongolia  
After crossing sections of the legendary Gobi Desert, the train travels through the vast green steppes of Mongolia

**Day 5: Ulan Bator: A Lama Temple and the Buddhist Realms of Hell**

In the morning arrival in Ulan Bator, the capital of Mongolia and enjoy a city tour visiting:  
The impressive Gandan Buddhist Monastery and the odd Choijin Lama Temple  
In the evening have a unique chance to attend a performance of traditional Mongolian folk arts including: throat singing, horse-headed fiddle playing, national costumes and dances

**Day 6: The Gandan Monastery and Mongolian Alps**

Today you visit the Gandan Monastery, where it is possible to observe a Buddhist religious ceremony.  
Then, ride a bus that will take you to the Mongolian Alps with their majestic scenery and bizarre rock formations  
After a picnic lunch in a yurt camp, you will watch a small Mongolian horse-riding demonstration and a traditional wrestling match

**Day 7: Ulan Ude**

On this day you travel through the valley of Mongolia's largest river, the Selenga  
Enjoy the scenery while on the way to Ulan Ude to reach the main route of the Trans-Siberian Railway  
Here profit from an informative city tour

**Day 8: Lake Baikal**

In the morning the train travels directly alongside Lake Baikal, on the old route of the Trans-Siberian Railway  
During two extended photo-stops, have a chance to explore and record the scenic beauty of the lake  
Enjoy a short boat excursion from Port Baikal onto the lake. Take a swim in the lake, if you wish, and visit a picturesque Baikal village



**Day 9: Irkutsk**

In the morning arrive in Irkutsk, the capital of Eastern Siberia in tsarist times  
Enjoy a city tour and visit: the Okhlopkov Drama Theatre, the new memorial to Tsar Alexander III, and the photogenic market hall  
Around noon pay a worthwhile visit to an open-air museum with a focus on life and work in historical Siberia

**Day 10: Trans-Siberia**

Today your train will pass through the diverse landscapes of eastern Siberia as you enjoy the sceneries

**Day 11: Novosibirsk**

Around noon, your train arrives in Novosibirsk, the largest city in Siberia  
Enjoy a tour of this most Soviet of cities along your entire route, including the chance to see the mighty Ob River

**Day 12: Yekaterinburg**

In the afternoon arrival in Yekaterinburg, the capital of the Ural Federal District  
Enjoy a city tour and see the Cathedral of the Savior on the Spilled Blood and the city centre

**Day 13: Kazan**

Reach Kazan early in the morning and enjoy a city tour visiting Tartar mosques and the most famous Russian Orthodox cathedral  
Later on take a tour of Kazan's Kremlin and learn about the turbulent history of the relationship between the Tartars, the Cossacks, and the Russians

**Day 14: Welcome to Moscow**

Around noon arrival in the Russian capital of Moscow, and visit the Kremlin grounds with its magnificent cathedral  
At night, discover the city's magic during an hour-long "City of Lights" tour, including a stop at Red Square, and a ride on the underground to view two of Moscow's particularly beautiful metro stations

**Day 15: Tour of Moscow and Flight Home**

Today you will enjoy a city tour visiting the reconstructed Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Lomonossov University, the New Maidens' Convent (Novodevichy Monastery), and Red Square with its colorful St. Basil's Cathedral, as well as to the notorious former KGB headquarters and the White House  
Transfer to the airport for your flight back home



#### Prices Include

Round trip transfer: airport – pier – airport  
 9-night accommodation on full board basis  
 5-night accommodation at hotel with breakfast as per itinerary  
 All transfers and bus tours according to itinerary  
 Entire day at Lake Baikal  
 Beijing's Forbidden City  
 Modern History: Tiananmen Square  
 Authentic: Mongolian horse show  
 Boat ride on Lake Baikal  
 Pristine: typical Siberian villages  
 Ulan Bator, Ulan Ude, Irkutsk, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg and Kazan  
 Moscow, Russia's proud new capital  
 Glorious: Icons and Cathedrals  
 Entertaining and informative: Daily lectures about countries, people and cultures  
 Porter service at all railway stations  
 Local travel guides

#### Prices Exclude

Round trip ticket (economy class)  
 Airport taxes  
 Travel insurance  
 Gratuities

#### Starting price per person sharing double compartment in US\$

Compartment Standard	5670
Compartment Classic	8640
Compartment Superior	9110
Compartment Nostalgic Comfort	11700
Compartment Bolshoi	15320
Compartment Bolshoi Platinum	18130

*\*Possibility to board the train from Moscow*

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