

## Luxury Trans Siberian: Vladivostok to Moscow

From £14,299 per person // 20 days



Start out from Russia's Easternmost port and take a luxurious journey across Asia to Moscow aboard the Golden Eagle private train. From here, continue your epic rail journey in First Class from Moscow back to London, via Warsaw and Berlin.

### The Essentials

- Flight to Vladivostok via Seoul with a night in the South Korean capital
- Luxurious land-cruise from Vladivostok to Moscow aboard the Golden Eagle private train
- Off-train excursions with Freedom of Choice touring, providing you with a range of sightseeing options
- FREE travel from Moscow to London overland in First Class

### Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Ask us to include flights with your package
- Add extra nights, destinations and/ or tours

### What's included

- Flights from London to Vladivostok via Seoul
- Silver Class Cabin for 12 nights on board the train with full table d'hôte dining
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Arrival and departure transfers in Vladivostok and Moscow
- Complimentary rail travel in First Class from Moscow to London
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Days 1 & 2: London Overnight To Seoul

Your epic adventure starts begins with an overnight flight from London to South Korean capital Seoul. Arrive into Seoul and check in at the conveniently located Grand Hyatt Incheon (or similar), just minutes from the terminal buildings at Seoul Airport. Take some time to relax and acclimatise to the time difference – Seoul is 8 hours ahead of London.



### Day 3: Seoul To Vladivostok

A morning flight from Seoul will take you into Vladivostok on the Pacific Ocean. On arrival, a private transfer will be waiting to take you to the Hotel Lotte (or similar) for your overnight stay. You have time to relax and unwind before attending a reception dinner in the evening, where you will meet your fellow travellers for the highly-anticipated journey that will unfold over the next 15 days.



### Day 4: Vladivostok

A military port on the shores of the sea of Japan, Vladivostok is home to the Pacific Fleet of the Russian Navy. During your time here, you will have the opportunity to explore the city's principal military attractions, including a visit to a well-preserved Second World War submarine. Later on this Sunday afternoon, you will be transferred to Vladivostok railway station where you will be serenaded by a Russian military band as you make your way from the champagne reception to the Golden Eagle train itself. Settle into your stylish cabin as the train leaves for its epic journey west.



### Day 5: Khabarovsk

The city of Khabarovsk extends alongside the Amur River, just 15 miles from China's border. For centuries, indigenous groups from the Far East inhabited the area. However, in 1858, Khabarovsk was established as a military post and it has since grown to become a bustling city with wide and open tree-lined streets. During your visit, you will see the majestic World War II memorial and the monument to Yerofey Pavlovich Khabarov, the Russian adventurer who gave the city its name. A visit to the Regional Museum will also give you an insight into the history and culture of the area.



### Days 6 & 7: Onboard

Russia's most remote and picturesque scenery unfurls outside of your window as your journey takes you alongside the Shilka and Amur rivers. Spend the your relaxing two days onboard improving your Russian with a language lesson or attend a fascinating lecture. Relax and watch a DVD or practice your Russian as the world passes by outside. Alternatively, the Bar Lounge car is the ideal place to socialise with your fellow passengers and enjoy performances from the onboard musicians.



### Day 8: Ulan Baatar

The next stop on your Trans-Siberian journey is Mongolia's capital, Ulan Baatar. Your tour here begins at Gandan Monastery, one of the most significant Buddhist Monasteries in Mongolia. Next is a visit Sukhbaatar Square to see the monument to the infamous Genghis Khan. Take a drive out to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park to see more of the rugged landscapes of Mongolia. There will be some free time to explore the city at your own pace and shop for authentic souvenirs before you enjoy an exciting end to the day with a performance of contortion and Mongolian throat singing.



### Day 9: Ulan Ude

As you tour the Buryat Republic's capital, Ulan Ude, today, you will notice the great diversity of faces that will be there to welcome you. The cultural and ethnic variation of the Buryat people offers a very interesting insight into the heritage of the area. You will learn more about this history and culture as you explore the Old Believers' Village and experience a concert staged by the local people, featuring folk singing and local traditions.



### Day 10: Lake Baikal

Lake Baikal is one of the major highlights of your epic journey. Affectionately nicknamed the 'Pearl of Siberia', it is the world's deepest lake. Your journey takes you around the lake along the rail line that hugs the shoreline, with the opportunity for a photo stop and a dip (for those that are brave enough!) if the weather permits. At the end of the line, you will catch a boat to the settlement of Listvyanka for a barbeque on the shores of Lake Baikal, complete with freshly smoked local omul fish.



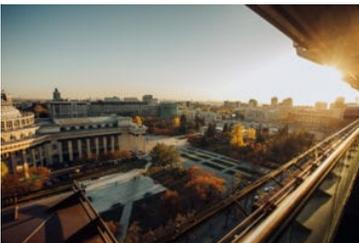
### Day 11: Irkutsk

Our next stop is the 'Paris of Siberia', Irkutsk. Here you'll see the classic wooden structures and delicate lace-like carvings which give the city's buildings their distinctive appearance as well as paying a visit to the Volkonsky House Museum, which is dedicated to the aristocrats who once found sanctuary here after being exiled following the failure of the Decembrist Revolt in 1825. Finish the day with an exclusive concert and champagne reception.



### Day 12: Onboard

Reflect on the sights and sounds of our journey so far as you enjoy a relaxing day aboard the train. Learn some more Russian phrases, get to know your fellow passengers or sit back and savour the beautiful scenery outside of your window.



### Day 13: Novosibirsk

In the heart of Russia, the modern 'Soviet' city of Novosibirsk sits on the River Ob. Standing within the impressive Lenin Square is one of the world's largest opera houses. As well as being architecturally stunning, the Opera House is home to two permanent opera and ballet ensembles. The statue of Lenin lies in front of the Opera House and provides a popular attraction for those wanting their photo taken with this famous political leader.



#### **Day 14: Yekaterinberg**

Yekaterinburg was founded by Peter the Great in 1723 and forms the next stop on our momentous journey. The city is the capital of the Urals region, an area known as the Great Divide thanks to the natural continental border formed by the Ural mountains. As Europe and Asia meet, architectural and cultural influences merge to create an intriguing cityscape. As you discover the city, you will encounter the historical site where, in 1918, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia was executed along with the rest of the Romanov family by the Bolsheviks. Here, there now stands a church dedicated to their memory.



#### **Day 15: Kazan**

Tatarstan's capital, Kazan, is a historic and picturesque city which perches on the banks of the River Volga. Highlights of your tour here include the Kazan Kremlin which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Inside the pristine, white walls of this historic citadel, you will be able to get up an up-close view of the mosque and beautiful, onion-domed cathedral. Kazan is also the home city of Feodor Chaliapin, one of the most renowned opera singers in Russia and you will be treated to a private concert of his music in honour of his memory. You will also have some free time to meander through Kazan's main pedestrian area.



#### **Day 16: Arrive Moscow**

Your Trans-Siberian adventure comes to an end as you arrive into Moscow today and check in for an overnight stay at the luxurious Four Seasons Hotel (or similar). Your tour of Moscow includes the iconic landmarks of the Kremlin and Red Square. A powerful symbol of Russia's past political and military strength, Red Square boasts an eclectic blend of architecture, from the colourful spires of St Basil's Cathedral to the Tsarist facade of the GUM department store and the site of Lenin's tomb. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner where you will have the chance to say goodbye to the friends you have made over the last two weeks.



#### **Day 17: Moscow**



#### **Day 18: Moscow And Overnight To Berlin**

After an excellent full breakfast at your hotel in Moscow, you will be transferred to Belorusskaya station for your journey west. Watch the plains of Russia ebb away and enter the secretive country of Belarus. Later that evening, you cross into Polish territory where the bogies are changed to European gauge – a remarkable process for which you remain on board. Put your watch an hour back, to Continental European time and let the train rock you to sleep.



#### **Day 19: Arrive Berlin**

Arrive early this morning into Berlin's impressive main station and make your way to the Steigenberger Hotel am Kanzleramt (or similar), within easy walking distance. Once you've had time to settle in, you might like to head into the city to explore. The famous Reichstag and Brandenburg Gate are both within walking distance. Once you pass through the Brandenburg Gate, you're into the former East Berlin, now the creative and cultural hub of the city.



## Day 20: Berlin To London

Catch the InterCity Express (ICE) train this morning, heading towards Cologne. After a brief and easy change of platform at Cologne, you reach the Eurostar terminus at Brussels. As you board your Eurostar and travel through the Channel Tunnel, ponder the magnitude of the journey you have just made – from the Pacific Ocean to London, across 11 time zones and through a diverse range of peoples and cultures.

## Pricing

From £14,299 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room and a Silver Class cabin. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on First Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.