

PREMIUM

21D18N TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

TOUR CODE: ENTSRS (Validity: Apr - Oct 2017)

Linking Europe and Asia, the Trans-Siberian Railway traverses through Russia, passing through Siberia to Beijing and the Pacific Ocean.



Qolsharif Mosque in Kazan Kremlin, Russia

DAY 1 SINGAPORE ► MOSCOW

Transfer to your hotel upon reaching **Moscow** – the capital of Russia.

DAY 2 MOSCOW

Take in the sights and sounds of this bustling city upon your arrival to Moscow. Spend the rest of your day at your leisure.

DAY 3 MOSCOW ► TRANS SIBERIAN

Breakfast, Lunch

After a hearty breakfast, join a panoramic tour of Moscow. The thriving metropolis is home to famous **Bolshoi Theatre** and the impressive **Kremlin**. Theatres, concert halls, chic stores, hip restaurants, and trendy clubs are abound along the Moskva River. Stroll along the broad avenues, and make your way through the famous **Tverskaya Street** to the top of **Sparrow Hills**. While here, you will see the imposing **Lomonosov University**, one of the Stalin-era skyscrapers. Next you will make a stop at **Victory Park** and in front of Novodevichy Convent and its lake. Make a stop at **Arbat Street** before passing the **Cathedral of Christ the Saviour**, the **Parliament Building (Duma)**, **Bolshoi Theatre**, and the imposing facade of **Lubyanka**, headquarters of the **KGB**.

Continue through the alleyways of the ancient merchant district **Kitai-Gorod**, which contains numerous small churches, before arriving at the **Red Square**. Visit the **Kremlin cathedrals** before having lunch, afterwards you will transfer to the railway station and depart for **Kazan**. You will spend the night on board.

DAY 4 TRANS SIBERIAN ► KAZAN ► TRANS SIBERIAN

Lunch

Embark on a city tour upon your arrival to **Kazan**, the capital of Tatarstan and one of the largest city in Russia. Visit the **Kazan's Kremlin**, a complex comprising of archaeological, historical and architectural monuments. The Kazan Kremlin was recognised as the UNESCO World Cultural and Natural Heritage Site. Next, make your way to the **National Museum of Tatarstan**, the largest museum in Tatarstan. You will then transfer to a railway station and depart for **Yekaterinburg**. Spend the night on board.

DAY 5 TRANS SIBERIAN ► YEKATERINBURG

Start your day with a city tour upon your arrival to **Yekaterinburg**, the fourth largest city in Russia. Founded in 1723, the city

rapidly grew as the centre of the Urals mining region and a major pillar of the metallurgy industry. When the Siberian Route was built in 1761 to deliver Chinese goods to Europe through Russia, Yekaterinburg became a major hub in the transit of minerals from Siberia to European Russia, taking on its nickname of the "Window to Asia". Nowadays, Yekaterinburg presents itself as a major cultural and industrial centre of the Ural Region.

DAY 6 YEKATERINBURG ► TRANS SIBERIAN

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Make your way to **Ganina Yama** today. Situated 15 km north of Yekaterinburg, this place is a memorial of the Romanov's assassination at the hands of the Bolsheviks. A memorial has been built at Ganina Yama, at the place of the burial, which consists of seven chapels, one for each member of the imperial family. Visit a monument erected on the border between Europe and Asia. While here, you will cross the border between Europe and Asia in Yekaterinburg. Join a panoramic tour of Yekaterinburg, where you will discover the historical city centre, which features several buildings typical of 19th century Russian architecture. You will also see the Monument to the **City**



HIGHLIGHTS

MOSCOW

TRANS SIBERIAN

KAZAN

- Kremlin
- National Museum of Tatarstan

YEKATERINBURG

- Monument on the Border
- Panoramic Tour of Yekaterinburg
- Nevsky Cathedral
- Church on the Blood

NOVOSIBIRSK

- Siberian Sea
- Railway Museum
- Akademgorodok
- Panoramic Tour of Novosibirsk

KRASNOYARSK

- Stolby
- Krasnoyarsk City Tour

BAIKAL LAKE (LISTVYANKA)

- Panoramic Tour of Listvyanka
- Baikal Ecology Museum
- Mount Chersky
- Boat trip on Lake Baikal and Lakeside Hike

IRKUTSK

- Shaman's Rock
- Taltsy Ethnographic Museum
- Znamensky Convent
- Decembrists' Museum

ULAN UDE

- Panoramic City tour
- Ivolginsky Datsan

TERELJ

- Visit to the house of a nomadic family
- Mongolian barbecue lunch
- Aryabal Temple

ULAN BATOR

- Panoramic tour of Ulan Bator
- Gandan Monastery in Ulan Bator
- Folkloric Show

Founders, Tatishchev and De Genin, and the Chapel of St. Catherine. Next, make your way to the **former Mining Office**, the first stone building in Yekaterinburg and the State Conservatory; the **oldest Opera House** in Russia. Afterwards, you will head towards the Square of 1905 and **October Square** where the buildings of the **City Parliament** and **Regional Government** are located. Next, make your way to the **Nevsky Cathedral** in Yekaterinburg, before heading to the **Church on the Blood**, a site commemorating the location of the **Tsar's murder**. You will then transfer to the railway station and depart for **Novosibirsk**. Spend the night on board.

DAY 7 TRANS SIBERIAN > NOVOSIBIRSK

Start your day in Novosibirsk, the third largest city in Russia. Spend the day at your leisure.

DAY 8 NOVOSIBIRSK > TRANS SIBERIAN

Breakfast, Lunch

Today you will discover the **Metro Bridge** and the **Novosibirsk Dam**. While here, you will also see the expanse Siberian Sea. Next, head to the **Railway Museum**, which features several locomotives and carriages from different periods, and learn about the historical evolution of transportation on the Trans-Siberian Railway. You will then head to **Akademgorodok**, the University City and research centre of Siberia. Then, join a panoramic tour of Novosibirsk, where you will see the **Oktyabrskaya port**, the square where the city was founded; **Lenin Square** and **Krasny Prospekt**, the main avenue. Continue your journey to the **House of 100 Apartments** and the **Monument to the Glory**, dedicated to the soldiers fallen in the

Second World War. Admire the exterior views of the **Ascension Cathedral** and **Alexander Nevsky Cathedral**, the first stone building in **Novosibirsk**. Make a final stop at the **chapel of St. Nicholas the Miracle Maker**, before transferring to the railway station. Depart for Krasnoyarsk and spend the night on board.

DAY 9 TRANS SIBERIAN > KRASNOYARSK

Begin your day with a city tour upon your arrival to **Krasnoyarsk**, a region known for its natural beauty. Indulge in views of dense, forested mountains and cliffs surrounding the area. While here, you will also get a chance to see the **Yenisey River**, which flows through the city. You will then transfer to **Stolby** and embark on a full day hiking tour of Stolby Nature Reserve.

DAY 10 KRASNOYARSK > TRANS SIBERIAN

Breakfast, Lunch

Embark on a city tour of **Krasnoyarsk** and discover the attractions that this region has to offer. Spend the day at your leisure before it is time to board your train. You will then transfer to the railway station and depart for **Irkutsk**.

DAY 11 TRANS SIBERIAN > IRKUTSK > BAIKAL LAKE (LISTVYANKA)

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Meal Plan

16 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 5 Dinners

Arrive at Irkutsk and explore this main city in eastern **Siberia**. Founded in 1651, the region was known for its gold mining and trade. These days, the region is Siberia's main commercial and cultural centre. Depart for **Lake Baikal**, a fresh water reserve that is accompanied with amazing sights of dramatic landscapes. Join a panoramic tour of **Listvyanka**, one of the oldest settlements on Lake Baikal. Visit places such as the orthodox wooden church of **Saint-Nicolas** and the small market, where the local babushkas sell smoked fish from the lake and some locally produced handicrafts. While here, you will also get to see the **Tolstoy Cape** and the Lighthouse. Next, head to the **Baikal Ecology Museum**, where you will learn about the stunning fauna and flora that populate the unique Baikal ecosystem. Enjoy a barbecue lunch on the shores of Lake Baikal before taking a cable car ride to Mount Chersky. End your day with a boat trip on Lake Baikal and a lakeside hike, where you will take a short hike on the shores of Baikal.

DAY 12 **BAIKAL LAKE (LISTVYANKA) > IRKUTSK**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today you will transfer back to **Irkutsk**. Make a quick stop at **Shaman's Rock**, which is believed to be sacred site amongst the locals. Next, visit the **Taltsy Ethnographic Museum**, an open air museum that contains 17th to 20th century landmarks of defensive, civil, and religious wooden architecture from the Irkutsk region. Then, embark on a panoramic tour of Irkutsk, where you will see **Karl Marx Street** and **Lenin Street**. You will then pass through **Kirov Square** and then stroll along the beautiful embankment along the **Angara River**. Next, visit **Urtskogo Street** for some shopping, before heading to **Irkutskaya Sloboda**, a recently restored area that includes dozens of historical architectural gems. Continue your journey to the **Znamensky Convent**, one of the oldest monasteries in Siberia. Conclude your day with a visit to the Decembrists' Museum, which features the ancient estates of two of the Decembrists, princes Trubetsky and Volkonsky.

DAY 13 **IRKUTSK > TRANS SIBERIAN > ULAN UDE**

Breakfast, Lunch

Today you will transfer to the railway station

and depart for **Ulan Ude**, the capital city of Buryatia.

DAY 14 **ULAN UDE**

Breakfast

Begin your day with a panoramic **city tour of Ulan-Ude** and visit places such as the central square of Ulan-Ude, Buryat State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre and the Royal Arch Gate, built in honor of the future tsar Nicholas II who came here on his way back from Japan via Ulan-Ude. From here, you will continue to the main Street in Ulan-Ude, the **Arbat Street**. Next, head to the **Ethnographic Museum** before dropping by the the Ivolginsky Datsan (Buddhist temple).

DAY 15 **ULAN UDE > TRANS SIBERIAN**

Breakfast

Today you will transfer to the railway station and depart for Ulan Bator. Spend the night on board.

DAY 16 **TRANS SIBERIAN > ULAN BATOR > TERELJ**

Breakfast, Dinner

Today you will arrive at **Ulan Bator**, the capital of **Mongolia**. Also known as **Ulaanbaatar** in Mongolian, the city features several interesting museums, restaurants, cafes, and shops. Next, you will depart for **Terej**, one of the finest national parks in **Mongolia**. Arrival at the camp site, located inside the national park. Here you will have the opportunity to discover the authentic life of the Mongolian nomads by spending a night in their traditional yurts. Then you will drop by the house of a nomadic family, which will give you a wonderful opportunity to discover the daily life of nomadic Mongolians. Tuck into a typical Mongolian barbecue lunch, before visiting the Aryabal Temple, a Buddhist meditation temple built in the 17th century. Conclude your night with a campfire dinner before sleeping in a yurt.

DAY 17 **TERELJ > ULAN BATOR**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Today you will depart to the city and join a panoramic tour of Ulan Bator. Explore the famous central square of Ulan Bator, **Sukhbaatar Square**, named after the revolutionary hero who declared independence from China on this very spot in July 1921. On this square you will find the most famous **Mongolian monument**, the Bell of the World, and next to it the

Sukhbaatar Mausoleum. You will see the main religious monuments of the city: **Gandan Monastery**, **Chojijn-Lamyn- Sum Monastery**, **Zhanray Sing Temple**, and others. Head to the **Gandan Monastery** before dropping by the **National Historical Museum**, a fascinating museum that features history of Mongolia from the Palaeolithic period to the present day, illustrated by numerous archaeological materials, photographs, and diagrams of paleontological sites and archaeological digs, including coins, weapons and costumes. Conclude your night with a **Mongolian folk show**.

DAY 18 **ULAN BATOR > TRANS SIBERIAN**

Breakfast

Today you will transfer to the railway station and depart for **Beijing**. Spend the night on board.

DAY 19 **TRANS SIBERIAN > BEIJING**

Breakfast

Upon arrival, spend the rest of the day at your leisure.

DAY 20 **BEIJING > SINGAPORE**

Breakfast

You will transfer to the airport and depart for your flight back home.

DAY 21 **ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE**

We hope you enjoyed your vacation with EU Holidays. We look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Note:

- *Itinerary is subject to change by train schedule and availability without prior notice*
- *Activities are subject to weather conditions.*
- *During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.*