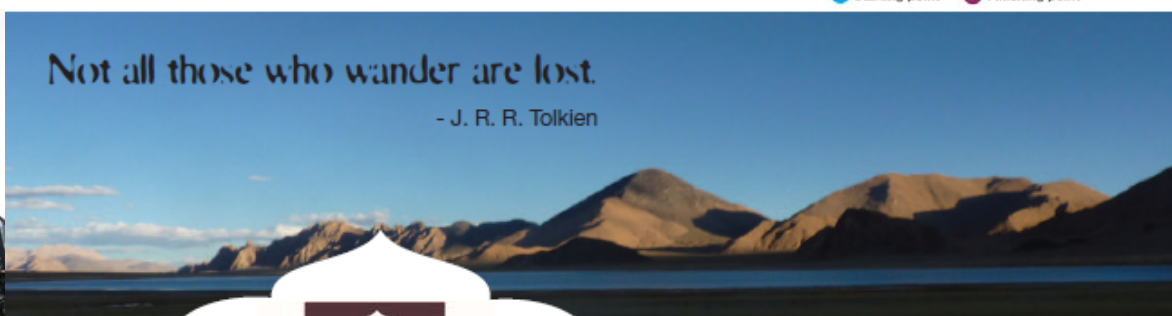
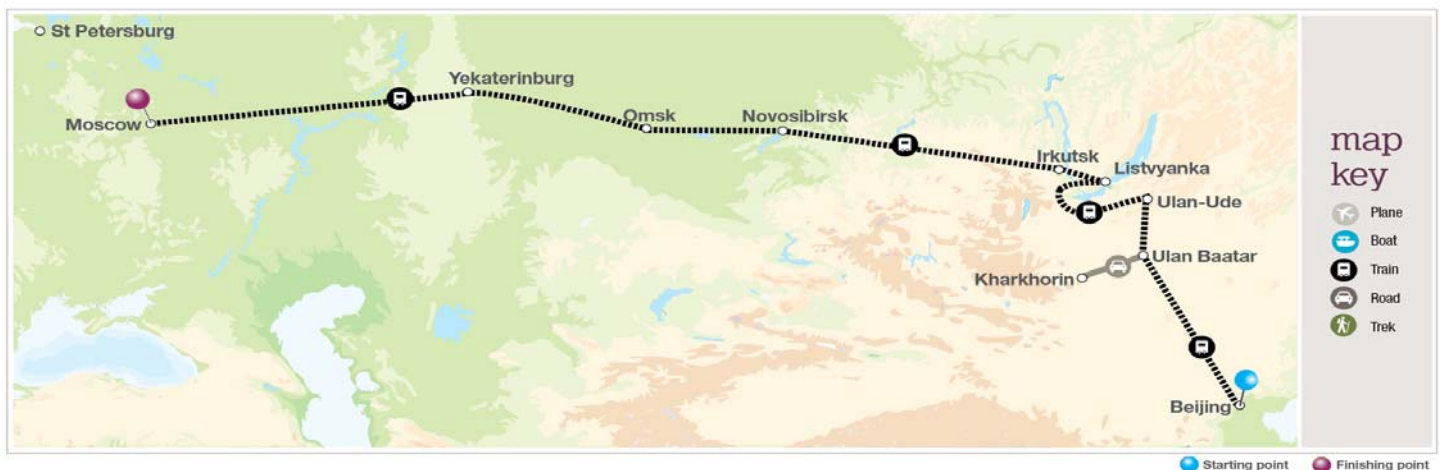


Trans- Siberian Rail Journey

Ride the rails on our grand east to west traverse to Mongolia, Siberia and European Russia on this classic **touring style** journey from Beijing to St Petersburg. Commence in Beijing with time to visit the Great Wall and Forbidden City. Along the way we break the journey at Ulaanbaatar to experience life on the steppe, at Irkutsk for an excursion to beautiful Lake Baikal and at historic Yekaterinburg. Our Moscow stop over will include the iconic landmarks of Red Square and at St Petersburg we visit the key 'must see' heritage sights and museums.

Visit Ulaanbaatar, Kharkhorin, Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, Yekaterinburg, Moscow.

Length of trip	22 days	Sightseeing and Entry fees	Included
Accommodation	Hotels. Train berths in 4 berth cabin.	Maximum Group	12
Meals included	Yes	Minimum Group	8
Travel Style	Tourist coach, 4 train sectors	Commences	Beijing 16th June 2012
COST	NZ\$8,900 based on twin share. Single Rm Sup NZ\$1170 hotels only <i>(prices subject to change)</i>	Concludes	Moscow 6th July 2012
		Escort	SRA tour leader.



Not all those who wander are lost.

- J. R. R. Tolkien

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Itinerary at a Glance :

Saturday, 16 June 2012 Arrive Beijing

Met and transfer to hotel

Sunday, 17 June 2012 Beijing

Full day sightseeing including Tiananmen and the Temple of Heaven

Monday, 18 June 2012 Beijing

Full day sightseeing including the Great wall, Ming Tombs and Forbidden city. Peking Duck dinner tonight

Tuesday, 19 June 2012 Beijing / train

Free morning in Beijing. This afternoon transfer to the railway station for the overnight train to Ulaanbaatar. Overnight on train

Wednesday, 20 June 2012 Arrive Ulaanbaatar

Arrive mid afternoon, transfer to Hotel and a short sightseeing itinerary in UBT – Ghandan Monastery, Sukhabaatar Square and Zaisan viewpoint.

Thursday, 21 June 2012 to Kharkhorin

Depart UB by 4x4 cars and head west across the steppe to Kharkhorin. Route is through the Tuul Gol river basin and Mongol Els dune system. Overnight Ger camp; we're planning a traditional musical performance this evening

Friday, 22 June 2012 to Ondorshireet Ger Camp

Sightseeing this morning includes Erdene Zuu Monastery and the ruins of Kharkhorin, the 13th century capital of the Mongol Empire. Later today drive to Khongorin Els reserve and overnight Ondorshireet Ger Camp

Saturday, 23 June 2012 Return to UBT

Today we are calling in at the Hustain Nature reserve on our way back to Ulaanbaatar. Hustain is the protected breeding habitat for the reintroduction of Takhi or Przewalski's horse. Afternoon, arrive back in Ulaanbaatar.

Sunday, 24 June 2012 UBT / train

Morning free time in Ulaan Baatar. Later this afternoon board the train to Irkutsk. Overnight on train.

Monday, 25 June 2012 Arrive Irkutsk

Arrive in Irkutsk and transfer to Listvyanka Village on the shore of Lake Baikal. BBQ dinner by the lake, traditional Russian Banya and overnight in chalet by the lake.

Tuesday, 26 June 2012 Lake Baikal

Full day to explore Lake Baikal area including a visit to the Museum of Wooden Architecture and the Shaman Rock. Option of using a local Banya sauna tonight.

Wednesday, 27 June 2012 Lake Baikal

A full day excursion around Lake Baikal via ferry and the Circum Baikal Railroad. Stops en route including the marble mining city of Sludyanka.

Thursday, 28 June 2012 Return to Irkutsk

Sightseeing in Irkutsk including the Decembrist House Museum. Reboard the train later this afternoon. Overnight on train.

Friday, 29 June 2012 On Train

The journey today is through the Altai mountains in the southern part of Siberia. Brief stop at Krasnoyarsk and Novosibirsk.

Saturday, 30 June 2012 Arrive Yekaterinburg

Transfer to hotel and this evening a night city tour of Ural's main city, Yekaterinburg.

Sunday, 1 July 2012 Yekaterinburg

A full day sightseeing of this 300 year old city on the slopes of the Uran Mountains. The city has a rich history with many beautiful buildings.

Monday, 2 July 2012 Yekaterinburg /train

Reboard the train this morning and continue through the Ural mountains and across the Great European plain the largest mountain-free landmass in Europe. Overnight on train

Tuesday, 3 July 2012 Arrive Moscow

Welcome to Moscow! Transfer to your hotel

Wednesday, 4 July 2012 Moscow

Sightseeing today will include the Red Square with an eclectic mix of architecture such as St Basils' Cathedral with its magnificent onion shaped domes and the Kremlin. Free afternoon.

Thursday, 5 July 2012 Moscow

Free morning, later this afternoon explore Moscow by night

Friday, 6 July 2012 Moscow

This morning via the Moscow Subway to Tretyakov Picture Gallery. Free afternoon. This evening depart by overnight train to St Petersburg.

Saturday, 7 July 2012 Conclude

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Explore More : Mongolia South to North

COMMENCE the Mongolia North to South itinerary in Ulaanbaatar on Saturday 9th June and join Trans-Siberian Itinerary in Ulaanbaatar on Saturday 23rd June

Explore Mongolia's alluring wide open spaces and stunning vistas on this discovery style journey to the spectacular

Fossil fields of the southern Gobi, to Khongoryn Els National Park. Visit Flaming Cliffs fossil sites,

the National Preserve of Przewalski's horses. In the lush grasslands and taiga forests of the north-east we explore the 'homelands' of Jingiz Khan.

Visit Ulaan Baatar, Khongoryn Els National Park, Flaming Cliffs, Yolyn Am, Kharkorin, Kukh Nuur, Dadal.



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