

3-Week Mongolia, Trans-Siberian Train, Moscow to St Petersburg River Cruise September 2019



24Sep Ulaanbaatar (L/D)

Arrival in Ulaanbaatar (Chinggis Khaan International Airport) and we transfer to our hotel. After lunch we embark on City tour including the Mongolian Buddhist, Gandantegchinlen Monastery and the Choijin Lama Temple.

Hotel : Kempinski Hotel Khan Palace

25Sep Gorkhi Terelj National Park (B/L/D)

After breakfast we will be taken to the Mongolian Alps located some 90 minutes east of Ulaanbaatar, with their majestic scenery and stunning rock formations.

Hotel : Kempinski Hotel Khan Palace

26Sep Ulaanbaatar – Ulan-Ude (B/L)

After breakfast we have a half-day city tour including a visit to Sükhbaatar Square and the Chinggis (Genghis) Khan Equestrian Statue. After lunch we say goodbye at the Mongolian-Manchurian steppe. We travel through the valley of Mongolia's largest river where our train joins the main route of the Trans-Siberian Railroad.

Overnight train : #K3 departure @1522pm

- 27Sep Ulan-Ude (B/L/D)
We arrive in Ulan-Ude after breakfast and then tour the Central Square, Odigitriyevsky Cathedral, Celenge River, Old Believers Village and the Tarbagatai Mountains
Train : arrival @0530am
Hotel : Sagaan Morin
- 28Sep Ulan-Ude – Irkutsk (B/L)
Arrive Irkutsk and transport to our hotel.
Train : #M1 departure @0900am, arrive @1531pm
Hotel : Courtyard by Marriott Irkutsk City Centre
- 29Sep Irkutsk, Lake Baikal & Listvyanka (B/L)
Today we spend the day exploring the remarkable natural surroundings of Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake and largest freshwater lake by volume.
Hotel : Courtyard by Marriott Irkutsk City Centre
- 30Oct Irkutsk – Yekaterinburg (B/L)
After breakfast we take a city tour visiting Okhlopkov Drama Theater, the Tsar Alexander III memorial, and the Market Hall. We visit an open-air museum with a focus on the daily life of historical Siberia.
Train : #M1 departure @1554pm
- 02Oct Train
Overnight : On board
- 03Oct Yekaterinburg
In the afternoon we arrive in Yekaterinburg and transfer to our hotel. Yekaterinburg is the administrative centre of the Ural Federal District and the Sverdlovsk Oblast. The city is famous for the 1918 assassination of Tsar Nicholas II and his family. Our tour guide takes us to see the Church of All Saints completed in 2003 on the site of the Tsar's murder commemorating that tragic historic event. Later we visit the Yekaterinburg Obelisk, which marks the border between Europe and Asia.
Train : arrive @1336pm
Hotel : Novotel Yekaterinburg Centre
- 04Oct Yekaterinburg – Moscow
Train : #E15 departure @1012am
Overnight : On board
- 05Oct Moscow (B/D) & 8-days Russian Rhapsody River Cruise
Train arrival @ 0930am in the Russian capital of Moscow and transfer to River Pier. Following embarkation we partake in a traditional 'Bread & Salt' ceremony.
- 06Oct Moscow (B/L/D)
Moscow city tour where we see many of the city's iconic landmarks including the colourful St. Basils' Cathedral, Red Square, the GUM (department store) and the Bolshoi Theatre. Our tour continues with a visit to the Kremlin - the official residence of the President of Russia and the apex of Russian political power. Explore the Kremlin grounds with a visit to one of its historic cathedrals.
- 07Oct Uglich (B/L/D)
Enjoy a walking tour of Uglich including a visit to the Kremlin grounds Transfiguration Cathedral and the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible's son met his death.

08Oct Goritzky (B/L/D)

Today we will cruise to Goritzky to visit the Monastery of St Cyril on the White Lake, which was one of the largest, richest and most famous monasteries in Russia in 15-17th centuries.

09Oct Kizhi (B/L/D)

Cruise along Lake Onega to the World-Heritage listed Kizhi Island for a tour of the Museum of Wooden Architecture with the iconic Church of the Transfiguration. The 300 years old Multi-dome church is most noted for being constructed entirely without nails.

10Oct Mandrogi (B/L/D)

This morning we cruise to the traditional Russian village of Mandrogi to view some fine examples of wooden architecture. A barbeque lunch will be served ashore, where we have a chance to taste the Russian shashlik (kebab). Enjoy the rest of the day at our leisure.

11Oct St Petersburg (B/L/D)

Today during our city tour we will see the imperial palaces and stunning cathedrals of St Petersburg. We visit the Peter and Paul Fortress which houses the burial vault of the Romanov dynasty followed by lunch in a local restaurant. This afternoon is reserved for a tour of the world-renowned Hermitage Museum.

12Oct St Petersburg (B)

Say farewell to our crew and new friends as our Russian Rhapsody cruise concludes after breakfast. Transfer to hotel

13Oct St Petersburg

14Oct Depart St Petersburg

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