



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

## Russia by Rail: Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express (Westbound)

15 days from \$20,595

Private Journey

*The perfect anchor to Luxury Tailor Made Travel, a rail journey reveals the heart and soul of a region as you cover more ground in comfort. Just choose your preferred departure dates and routings, and your Tailor Made Travel Consultant can round out your journey with the perfect pre- and post-tour extensions.*

Board the elegant Golden Eagle Train for an epic railway journey. The Trans-Siberian Express route spans Russia from Vladivostok in the east to Moscow in the west, pausing to take in the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar, stunning Lake Baikal, the Ural Mountains' Great Divide and other iconic destinations along the way.

### Alternative Routings

Trans-Mongolian Express

Winter Wonderland

Silk Road

Caspian Odyssey

South Caucasus Explorer

Caucasian VI

### Itinerary

*Exploration by rail pairs perfectly with a Luxury Tailor Made Journey. Just choose your preferred departure dates and routings, and your Tailor Made Travel Consultant can round out your journey with the perfect pre- and post-tour extensions.*

#### DAY 1 ARRIVE VLADIVOSTOK, RUSSIA

Upon arrival in Vladivostok, you are met and transferred to your hotel. Later this evening, gather for a welcome reception and dinner with your fellow travellers.

Hotel Hyundai | Meals: Dinner

#### DAY 2 RIDING THE GOLDEN EAGLE | THE ADVENTURE BEGINS

Begin with an exploration of Vladivostok's iconic sights, including a preserved World War II submarine

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and a massive suspension bridge spanning Golden Horn Bay. Next, enjoy a Champagne reception at Vladivostok Railway Station. A military band plays a rousing chorus as you board the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express for your grand adventure westward.



Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 3 KHABAROVSK | EXPLORING A PROUD HISTORY**

The Golden Eagle pulls into Khabarovsk, where you alight to explore monuments memorializing fallen soldiers of World War II and the city's namesake explorer, Yerofey Pavlovich Khabarov. Next, take in the collections of the Regional Museum, browsing exhibits spanning cultural and natural history.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 4 RIDING THE GOLDEN EAGLE | SKIRTING THE SHILKA & AMUR RIVERS**

Scenic vistas of the Shilka and Amur rivers unfold as the Golden Eagle makes its way across the vast wilderness. If you wish, take in some onboard enrichment with expertly-led discussions or Russian language classes.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 5 RIDING THE GOLDEN EAGLE | MONGOLIA MEETS THE HORIZON**

Unwind as more stunning scenery fills your cabin window. Relax with a good book, immerse yourself in onboard enrichment, or socialize with your fellow travellers over cocktails and live music in the elegant Lounge Car. A mood of anticipation builds as the Mongolian capital draws closer.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 6 ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA | ECHOES OF THE KHAN LEGACY**

Today, the Golden Eagle pulls into Ulaanbaatar, the bustling Mongolian capital and former seat of Genghis Khan's vast empire. Alight to explore Gandan Khiid Monastery, home to a community of over 500 monks and a towering Buddha statue adorned with copper, gold and precious stones. Next, stroll Sukhbaatar Square to reveal a memorial to the great Genghis Khan. Take a short drive to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park to witness the Naadam Festival, a spectacular display of traditional horseback riding, wrestling and archery skills that has endured unchanged for countless generations. Finally, meet a nomadic family in a *ger* (traditional Mongolian dwelling) to learn more about their history, culture and customs.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 7 ULAN-UDE, RUSSIA | MONGOL-BUDDHIST CROSSROADS**

The Golden Eagle makes its way back onto Russian soil, pausing to explore the Mongol-Buddhist crossroads of Ulan-Ude, home to the warm and welcoming Buryat people. Delve into the traditions of this distinctive local culture as you take in a live folk music performance in the Old Believers' Village.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8 LAKE BAIKAL | SIBERIA'S DEEPEST BEAUTY REVEALED**

Today, take in the grandeur of the world's deepest, most voluminous body of fresh water, Lake Baikal. Bottoming out at an astounding 5,387 feet, Lake Baikal is flanked by sheer cliffs and snow-capped mountains jutting abruptly skyward from its shores. This stunning section of scenic rail is made all the more magical by the addition of a Soviet-era steam locomotive, the Golden Eagle's special engine for the day. Alight the train at a scenic lakefront siding for a once-in-a-lifetime photo op and the chance to take a frigid plunge, if you dare. Reaching the end of the branch line, continue by boat to the small lakefront settlement of Listvyanka, where you visit the Lake Baikal Museum and Aquarium. Finally, enjoy a relaxing evening barbecue on the shore. You may also opt to explore the surrounding hills with a scenic hike.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9 IRKUTSK | THE PARIS OF SIBERIA**

Alight the Golden Eagle to explore the ornate, 19th-century architecture of Irkutsk. Visit the Volkonsky House Museum to learn about the ill-fated Decembrists uprising of 1825. Next, prepare a traditional Russian lunch guided by a local chef, or meet a local family in their *dacha* (summer house) for authentic insights into everyday life.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 10 RIDING THE GOLDEN EAGLE | TIME TO UNWIND**

Take some time to unwind as the Golden Eagle continues westward to Novosibirsk. Take the opportunity to reflect on your journey, learn a few more words of Russian or chat with your fellow travellers.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 11 NOVOSIBIRSK | A DAY OF DISCOVERY**

Delve into Novosibirsk's rich culture with a visit to Lenin Square. Marvel at the imposing Opera House, an architectural icon housing two permanent ballet and opera companies. Alternatively, browse the Novosibirsk Railway Museum's collection of locomotives and rolling stock, or take in the compelling exhibits of the State Art Museum.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 12 YEKATERINBURG | EUROPE & ASIA'S GREAT DIVIDE**

Today, the Golden Eagle pulls into Yekaterinburg, a Ural capital marking the Great Divide separating Europe and Asia. Take in the poignant site where the Bolsheviks executed Tsar Nicholas II and his family in 1918. You may also opt to visit the Museum of Military Machinery, exploring an amazing collection of tanks, aircraft, boats, armored trains and other vehicles.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 13 KAZAN | JEWEL OF THE VOLGA

Step off the Golden Eagle in Kazan, a picturesque and historic city fronting the River Volga. Explore the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a stunning mosque and ornate, onion-domed cathedral. Next, enjoy a private concert commemorating one of the city's iconic opera singers, Feodor Chaliapin. Later, stroll the city center, taking in its eclectic mix of church spires and minarets.

Golden Eagle | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 14 MOSCOW | ICONS OF THE CAPITAL

Today, the Golden Eagle makes its final stop, Moscow. Begin your exploration of this grand capital at the Kremlin, the spiritual, historic and political heart of Moscow. Here, browse the treasures of the Tsars in the historic Armory Chamber. Continue on to visit Moscow icons such as Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the GUM Department Store and Lenin's tomb. Alternatively, you may opt to browse the State Tretyakov Gallery or the Space Museum. Later, enjoy a lavish farewell dinner with your travelling companions.

The Ritz-Carlton, Moscow | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### DAY 15 MOSCOW | A PARTING GLIMPSE

This morning, enjoy a parting glimpse of Moscow, perhaps visiting the Kremlin once more before continuing on to the remainder of your Tailor Made Journey.

## Dates & Prices

Priced from \$20,595

*Prices are per person, double occupancy, in a Gold Level Cabin, based on the Trans-Siberian Express Westbound itinerary, May 18, 2019 departure. Pricing varies for other departure dates, cabin types and itineraries. Supplements may apply over holidays, festivals and special events. Subject to availability. International air not included.*

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