Trans-Siberian by Private Train
with Naadam Festival Aboard
the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express
June 29-July 13, 2019
Join a deluxe tour of Russia and Mongolia centered around the luxury Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express train barreling from Moscow to the middle of Siberia, then taking a right turn and ending in Mongolia’s capital city, Ulaanbaatar.

Experience 3 UNESCO World Heritage attractions off-train and enjoy on-board educational lectures. Admire some of the classic sites of 870-year-old Moscow as well as some newer ones, like the Cold War Museum, located in a formerly secret underground command post. Visit exotic Kazan, the former capital of an offshoot of the Golden Horde; and the capital of the Tatarstan Republic. Make a stop at Ekaterinburg, where the last czar and his family were executed. Trace the shores of Siberia’s UNESCO-listed Lake Baikal, whose basin holds 20% of the earth’s unfrozen fresh water. Get a feel for the big sky and endless steppe of Mongolia and attend the remarkable Naadam Festival, a celebration of Mongolia’s land and traditions, in Ulaanbaatar.

Activity Level 3: ⛔️🤔🎯💪

UP FOR A CHALLENGE
To reap the full rewards of this adventure, travelers must be able to walk at least two to three miles a day, keeping up with fellow travelers. Many streets and sidewalks are uneven, and some attractions are only accessible via steep staircases. Museums generally do not have elevators. On the train, restaurant and bar cars may be some distance from your sleeping car. Although porterage is provided where possible, you may have to carry your baggage for short distances. Passengers may encounter problems getting on and off trains; there may be low platforms, steep steps and/or gaps between the platform and the train. Outside of Ulaanbaatar there are almost no roads, so overland transfers around the city outskirts for the Naadam horse racing will involve very rough and bumpy drives over dusty and unpaved tracks in basic vans, Russian jeeps, or other vehicles. Seating at the Naadam stadium in Ulaanbaatar is on hard, unbacked benches, and a significant amount of time (three or more hours) may be spent there. The sun can be intense in the stadium as well.

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Bence Olveczky

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Daniel Smail

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SATURDAY-TUESDAY, JUNE 29-JULY 2
USA/Moscow, Russia

Depart USA on flights bound for Moscow, Russia. In Moscow, check in to a luxury city center hotel, and meet in the evening for the welcome reception and dinner. Founded in 1147 by Yuri Dolgoruky, Moscow today is a booming metropolis, dignified yet dynamic, where ancient churches sit shoulder to shoulder with 21st-century financial institutions.

Visit Red Square, admiring the brilliant cupolas of St. Basil’s Cathedral. Descend more than 200 feet below Moscow to Bunker 42, an abandoned relic of the Cold War built to withstand a nuclear attack. Stocked with food and provisions, the 75,000-square-foot space was meant to sustain 5,000 people for three months.

Inside the fortress walls of the Moscow Kremlin are palaces, cathedrals, government buildings and the Armory Museum. Built in the 16th century as a warehouse for the Kremlin’s weaponry, the Armory was transformed into an exhibition hall and museum in 1814. It now houses Russia’s national treasures, such as religious icons, Fabergé eggs, a bejeweled chalice belonging to Prince Yuri Dolgoruky, and Catherine the Great’s ball gowns.

Spend some time at the celebrated Tretyakov Museum. The history and trajectory of Russian art are displayed here, encompassing pieces from the 11th century to the present, and including mosaics, icons, paintings and sculptures. Board the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express private train and settle into your comfortable cabins.

TRAIN ACCOMMODATIONS

Silver Class cabins offer compact (60 sq ft) but comfortable accommodations onboard the Golden Eagle. Modern en suite amenities include a private shower, a DVD/CD player, remote-controlled air-conditioning/heating, wardrobe, personal safe and a large picture window.

Gold Class cabins are well-proportioned and feature the same amenities as Silver Class cabins, but in a larger space (77 sq ft), and include a full power shower and under-floor heating in every bathroom. Each cabin is configured with upper and lower berths, and can accommodate double, twin or single occupancy.

Imperial Suites are the most beautiful and spacious cabins onboard the Golden Eagle. Measuring a generous 120 sq ft (11.2 sq meters), they are furnished with a luxurious king size bed, dedicated seating area, dressing table and private en suite facilities with large power shower and under floor heating. Individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, DVD/CD player and two large picture windows.

Aboard train (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3
Kazan

Stop in Kazan, the beautiful capital of the Republic of Tatarstan on the Volga River. Genghis Khan and his successors conquered Russia as far as Kazan, which became the capital, or khanate, of an offshoot of the Golden Horde. The UNESCO-listed Kazan Kremlin is the highlight of the city tour. Take a boat ride on the Volga river and visit the Kazan Conservatory, meeting with instructors and students, and attending a privately arranged concert by the young musicians.

Aboard train (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, JULY 4
Ekaterinburg

Cross from Europe into Asia at Ekaterinburg, where the last czar, Nicholas II, and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in July of 1918. Admire the Church on the Blood, standing over the spot where they were killed. Visit the Yeltsin Presidential Center, which preserves the legacy of the first President of the Russian Federation, born and raised in Ekaterinburg. Aboard train (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, JULY 5
Novosibirsk

With a population of roughly 1.6 million, Novosibirsk is the largest city in Siberia and its industrial and scientific center. Explore the central part of the city with Lenin Square, as well as a specially arranged tour inside Russia’s largest Opera House. Visit the open-air Trans-Siberian Railway Museum where you can wander among the nearly 100 old steam and diesel engines and rail cars.

Aboard train (B, L, D)

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Saturdays-Sundays, July 6-7
Onboard train • Irkutsk
Spend a relaxing day onboard, reading, chatting with new friends, attending lectures and entertainments, or simply watching the world slide by your cabin window. Upon arrival in Irkutsk, tour the major sights of this cultured city. Highlights are a meeting with a bell ringer and a private performance on top of a church bell tower, as well as a visit to the Decembrist House Museum. Enjoy a meal at the private home of a local family. *Aboard train (2B, 2L, 2D)*

Monday, July 8
Lake Baikal
A spectacular part of the journey today is spent winding through tunnels and around cliffs along the shoreline of Lake Baikal, the world’s deepest and oldest freshwater lake. A UNESCO World Heritage site, Lake Baikal holds twenty percent of the world’s unfrozen fresh water. Stop for a barbecue at the lake’s edge and sample smoked fish prepared by the onboard chefs. Explore the village of Listvyanka, a small lakeside settlement on the shores of Lake Baikal. Visit the outdoor Museum of Wooden Architecture, with a collection of authentic Russian and native houses and community buildings from the 17th to the early 20th century. *Aboard train (B, L, D)*

Tuesday, July 9
Ulaanbaatar
Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, capital of the Buryat Republic, where the region’s indigenous people, were successful at keeping intact their culture and traditions. Make a visit to a village of Old Believers and enjoy a concert featuring local singers and musicians. Rebelling against Patriarch Nikon’s 1652 reforms of the Orthodox liturgy and ritual, the Old Believers were exiled to Siberia. In their isolated Siberian villages, these groups have been able to preserve their 17th century traditions, clothing, architecture, language and style of singing. UNESCO lists their culture and unique choral music on the “Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.” *Aboard train (B, L, D)*

Wednesday-Saturday, July 10-13
Ulaanbaatar
Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, and begin an exploration of the capital of Mongolia. Start with a visit to the Gandan Monastery, built in 1840, and housing a 20-ton gilded statue of “the Lord Who Looks in Every Direction.” Travel outside the city to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park; at over 5,000 feet, Terelj is a sweeping alpine landscape of temperate grassland and small pines dotted with rustic gers and grazing livestock.

Attend the vivid Opening Ceremony of the annual Naadam Festival, spotlighting the nation’s three most popular sports – archery, horse racing and wrestling. Witness the long distance horseracing event, with its school-age jockeys; the Naadam archery contests, in which both men and women compete; and the dignified wrestling competitions.

Visit the National Museum of Mongolian History, and stop at the Hunnu Mall, where dinosaur fossils and nests discovered by the many expeditions that have combed the Gobi Desert are on temporary display. Here you can see the first dinosaur eggs, those of an Oviraptor, discovered in 1922.

Celebrate your journey at a festive farewell dinner. The journey concludes with transfers to the airport. *Shangri-La Hotel (4B, 3L, 3D)*
Program Highlights

• Descend more than 200 feet below Moscow to Bunker 42, a formerly secret command post, now the Museum of the Cold War
• Ride around the tip of Lake Baikal on the fantastically scenic Old Railway, the original alternative to ferrying the train cars and passengers across the lake.
• Hear the stirring songs of exiled Old Believers in one of the villages they founded in the Ulan Ude area around 1764.
• Attend the matchless Naadam Festival, a celebration of Mongolia’s nomadic traditions, in the capital, Ulaanbaatar.

Cost

• Silver Class Cabin: $16,295 per person double occupancy
  $22,790 single occupancy
• Gold Class Cabin: $19,495 per person double occupancy
  $27,390 single occupancy

• Imperial Suite: $28,895 per person double occupancy
• Gobi Extension: $4,995 per person double occupancy
• Single occupancy is not offered on the Gobi Extension
• GROUP SIZE: 15-30

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POST TRIP EXTENSION

TO GOBI DESERT
SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 13-17

South Gobi Desert

Take the flight over the vast steppe to Mongolia’s southernmost province of semi-arid desert. The Gobi harbors sites of some of the most important paleontological discoveries of the 20th century. Check in to luxurious Three Camel Lodge, Mongolia’s premier eco-lodge. Explore Yolyn Am (Vulture’s Mouth) Canyon, cutting a narrow shaded path into the rocky slopes of the Gurvansaikhan Mountains. Visit Togrogii Shiree, a white escarpment where the famous “Fighting Dinosaurs” (a fossil of a Protoceratops and a Velociraptor locked in combat) were discovered in the 1970s. Drive to Moltsog Els, one of the few regions of the Gobi covered by sand dunes, where the constantly shifting sands are piled by the wind. Spend an afternoon at the radiant Flaming Cliffs, one of the most renowned paleontological sites in the world. Roy Chapman Andrews, leader of an American Museum of Natural History expedition, found the world’s first nest of dinosaur eggs here in 1922. The heat and low humidity of this part of the Gobi have protected and preserved the numerous fossils that have been found here. Fly back to Ulaanbaatar for a festive farewell dinner. "Three Camel Ger Camp, Shangri-La Hotel (5B, 4L, 4D)"

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