

MONGOLIA & TRANS-SIBERIAN TOUR 2019

An epic train journey traversing China, Mongolia & Russia

22 DAYS | 31 AUGUST - 21 SEPTEMBER 2019

BEIJING – TERELJ NATIONAL PARK – ULAANBAATAR – IRKUTSK – LISTVYANKA
YEKATERINBURG – MOSCOW – ST PETERSBURG



The Trans-Siberian train journey has captured the imagination of travellers for decades. This superb itinerary combines the classic Mongolian route from Beijing, with stopovers at many of the unique and exciting destinations enroute to St Petersburg. We begin in Beijing; where there is ample time to witness the iconic attractions of this great city, before continuing to the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar. Our time on the Mongolian Steppe provides us with a taste of nomadic life as we stay in a comfortable ger camp, travel across the vast grasslands and sample the warm hospitality of the local people. The next stage of our journey enters the heart of Siberia to Lake Baikal, the world's deepest and largest freshwater lake. Finally, we first head to the city of Moscow, to soak up the history in our visits to Red Square and the Kremlin, and then to beautiful St Petersburg to wander through the vast Hermitage.



EXCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Visit Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City and Summer Palace in Beijing
- Day trip to a remote section of The Great Wall
- Traditional Roast Peking Duck dinner in Beijing
- Visit a local nomadic family in Mongolia
- National Park visits in Mongolia
- Lake Baikal in Siberia
- The Romanov city of Yekaterinburg
- Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral & Kremlin visits in Moscow
- Visit Winter Palace & Nevsky Prospect in St Petersburg

FEATURES AND INCLUSIONS

- A special hand-crafted itinerary with included sightseeing, scenic drives and excursions
- Local English speaking Tour Leaders in each region throughout the tour

- Escorted from Beijing to St Petersburg by EuroVista's Trans-Siberian expert, Ken Bowie
- 15 nights in hotels, 1 night in a ger campsite in Mongolia and 5 nights travelling on trains
- 16 breakfasts (B), 9 lunches (L), 12 dinners (D)
- Accommodation in high-quality establishments selected for their style, comfort and location
- Mongolian ger accommodation on twin share basis in Terelj National Park
- 1st class sleeper train travel in 2 berth compartments (2nd class 4 berth for 2 guests from Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk and Irkutsk to Yekaterinburg)
- Private transport and tours in Beijing, Mongolia, Siberia, Yekaterinburg, Moscow & St Petersburg
- Entrance fees to sightseeing as listed. Prepaid gratuities for EuroVista inclusions, e.g. tour leaders, drivers, local guides & restaurant waiters (excluding train staff).

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday 31 August Arrival Beijing (3 nights)

On arrival at Beijing's International Airport you'll be met by our representative and privately transferred to our hotel. This evening at around 6.30pm we'll rendezvous in the hotel lounge where we'll meet our local Tour Leader for a group briefing before heading out for a welcome dinner where we'll have the chance to get acquainted with our fellow travellers. (D)
Accommodation: Beijing Hotel Park Plaza Wangfujing (or similar).

Day 2 – Sunday 01 September Beijing – Sightseeing



Beijing is the nation's political, economic, and cultural centre with a history stretching back 3 millennia. With a population of 21.5 million people, it's the nation's second-largest city after Shanghai. The city has become one of the most popular travel destinations in the world, with about 140 million Chinese tourists and 4.4 million international visitors each year. This morning, accompanied by our local Tour Leader, we'll start our full day city tour at the central hub of the city – Tiananmen Square. This huge square of 440,000 square metres is visited by thousands of people every day. Next on our agenda is a visit to the beautiful Forbidden City, which is a masterpiece of



5000 years of Chinese civilisation and still vividly displays the power and prestige of the former dynasties. Sprawling over many acres, the City is a magnificent group of palaces, pavilions, courtyards and deep terracotta walls. Ornately



furnished palace rooms, priceless artworks and treasures are all now open to the public after 500 years of seclusion. After lunch we'll also visit the Summer Palace situated on Lake Kunming. Construction of the palace started in 1750 as a luxurious royal garden where royal families could rest and entertain and over the years the palace has had great influence on Chinese horticulture and

landscape design. This evening we'll attend an acrobatic show followed by dinner where there'll be a chance to sample the delicious Beijing dumplings and other local specialties. (BLD)

Day 3 – Monday 02 September Beijing – The Great Wall Excursion

We'll make an early morning start today to explore the Great Wall at the Mutianyu section. This is a 1½ hour drive outside



of Beijing, slightly further than the popular and very busy Badaling Gate section. On arrival we'll access this imposing section of the wall by cable car and then enjoy 2-3 hours of walking the wall before descending by chair-lift. Mutianyu is renowned for its Ming Dynasty guard towers and superb views. The scene here is as one would expect with huge steep ramparts zigzagging across this mountainous area. The Great Wall of China is one of the Seven Wonders of the World and is one of the world's most unusual and awesome sites. Commenced 2000 years ago, it was built as a defense line to keep out invaders, along the course of several thousand kilometres. After lunch we return to Beijing mid-afternoon where there'll be time to relax before our evening meal of traditional roast Peking duck. (BLD)

Day 4 – Tuesday 03 September Beijing – Train (1night) to Ulaanbaatar

This morning we transfer to the train station for our overnight journey to Ulaanbaatar. The train journey takes around 30 hours - two days/one night. This is an ideal way to see a changing countryside from the frenetic pace of Beijing through

the great expanse of the Gobi Desert and into downtown Ulaanbaatar. The border crossing from China to Mongolia happens late evening and takes 4-5 hours, due to the changing of the train's bogies and the border formalities. Chinese and Mongolian border officials will board the train so expect a couple of interruptions to our night's sleep. This is all part of the adventure. Keep some Yuan for purchases made on both the train and platforms in China. There is no need to obtain Mongolian tögrög (local currency) prior to arrival in Mongolia as purchases made on the Mongolian train can only be paid in USD. (B)

Overnight: Deluxe Soft Sleeper Compartment (2 passenger compartment)

Day 5 – Wednesday 04 September
Ulaanbaatar – Terelj National Park (1 night)



The train is expected into Mongolia's capital city Ulaanbaatar by mid-afternoon. On arrival we're met by our

Mongolian guide, coach and driver who will stay with us for the next 4 days during our time in Mongolia. We'll head straight out to Terelj National Park. The park is located around 80kms from Ulaanbaatar and is the third biggest protected area in Mongolia. This region is home to beautiful wildflowers, fascinating rock formations and rolling meadows. We spend our night tonight in a ger camp. (D)

Accommodation: Terelj National Park ger camp (2 people per ger, twin share)

Day 6 – Thursday 05 September
Terelj National Park – Ulaanbaatar (2 nights)

After breakfast in our ger camp we'll spend the morning exploring this delightful national park. We'll climb up to the Buddhist Aryabal temple of meditation nestled in the park's



hills, where, from this high vantage point, we'll have a wonderful view of the surrounding area. Around lunch time we'll visit a

nomadic family to learn about their way of life and taste their local specialty drink – fermented mares milk. On our way back to Ulaanbaatar we'll stop at the Genghis Khan Monument, located on the banks of the Tuul River at Tsonjin Boldog (54

km east of Ulaanbaatar), where according to legend, Genghis found a golden whip. The complex has a statue of the man himself on horseback that is 40 metres tall and wrapped in 250 tons of gleaming stainless steel. This is the biggest equestrian statue in the world and is symbolically pointed east towards his birthplace. We're able to climb (via stairs and a lift) to the head of the horse through its chest and neck, where we have panoramic views across Mongolia. On our arrival in Ulaanbaatar there's time to freshen up at our hotel before we enjoy dinner at a Mongolian Barbecue restaurant. (BLD)

Accommodation: Best Western Tuushin Hotel

Day 7 – Friday 06 September
Ulaanbaatar – Sightseeing

Today we'll take in the remarkable sights of Mongolia's capital. Founded in 1639 as a nomadic Buddhist monastic centre it settled permanently at its present location at the junction of the Tuul and Selbe rivers in 1778. Our first stop this morning is at the Gandan Monastery

which is the city's main Buddhist monastery currently housing approximately 150 monks. In the 1930's many of the country's monasteries were destroyed by the communist government. However, the Gandan Monastery survived but it was closed in 1938 and didn't reopen until 1944 with a skeleton staff. When the communist regime lost power in 1990 the



restrictions on worship were lifted and the Monastery and the Avalokitesvara Temple were restored in 1996, funded by donations from the Mongolian people. This temple is the biggest temple in Mongolia and was originally built in 1809 by Djibouti Danba IV, specifically to study the sutra. It now houses the tallest indoor statue in the world, a rebuilt 26.5 – metre-high Buddha completely gilded with gold-leaf and studded with 2286 precious stones. Next we'll visit the fascinating Central Museum of Mongolian Dinosaurs followed by the National Museum which depicts the history of Mongolia from Neolithic times to the present day. It also contains a great display of national costumes from Mongolia's ethnic groups as well as enlightening information on the proliferation of the Mongolian empire. Later this afternoon our local guide will point us in the right direction for the purchase of souvenirs and



the very reasonably priced local cashmere products. Early this evening we'll attend a lively folkloric concert, including Mongolian throat singing, before dining in a local restaurant close to our hotel. (BLD)

Day 8 – Saturday 07 September
Ulaanbaatar – Train (1 night) to Irkutsk

This morning we have the whole morning to do as we wish. Why not take the opportunity to have a leisurely breakfast before further exploring Ulaanbaatar, completing the souvenir



shopping, purchasing snacks for our forthcoming train journey or just do some people-watching from a café in Sukhbaatar Square? Around mid-day our local guide will collect us from our hotel and take us to lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we'll be transferred to Ulaanbaatar Railway Station where we'll bid farewell to our Mongolian friends and board the train for our 24 hour journey to Irkutsk in Siberia. The train is scheduled to leave mid-afternoon and the border crossing from Mongolia to Russia commences around 9:00pm. The procedure takes approximately 7½ hours and, as in China,



officials will board the train at both sides of the crossing. We'll be able to catch some rest in our compartments as this takes place, however, again we should expect some interruptions to our night's sleep. Please keep a small to reasonable amount of Mongolian tögrög for any purchases on the station platforms prior to crossing the border as USD and Euros are not accepted by the local Mongolians. The dining car is not usually added to the

train until it crosses into Russia but this is also unfortunately not guaranteed. If the dining car is attached breakfast and lunch will be available on Sunday but it's wise to have a back-up supply of snacks, purchased in Ulaanbaatar before departure, just in case the dining car is not connected! (BL)
Overnight: 4 berth compartments reserved for 2 people per compartment

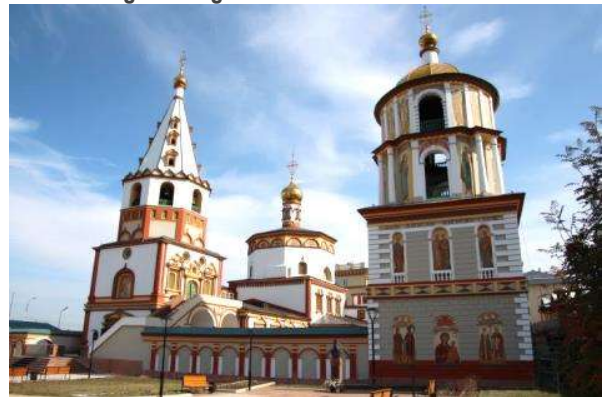
Day 9 – Sunday 08 September
Arrival Irkutsk (2 nights)

While we're on the train this morning we'll be rewarded with great views of Lake Baikal as we skirt around its edges. Located in the southern part of Siberia, the UNESCO heritage-listed Lake Baikal is the oldest, largest and deepest lake on earth, reaching a depth of 1650 metres at its deepest point and holding one-fifth of all the fresh water on the planet. In past times the indigenous people living on its shores have revered this beautiful body of water. The Buryat-Mongols tell of Baikal's creation in stories and legends, of the spirits and

gods who inhabit its waters and of the mighty conqueror, Genghis Khan who roamed the area. Russian writers, who came to the area more recently, celebrate the lake in poetry, fiction, and song. National parks and nature reserves line the east and west shores of this sparsely populated region, encompassing a landscape of dense forests, snow-capped mountains, grassy steppes, lush wetlands, harsh deserts, rocky islands and rugged cliffs. We'll arrive into Irkutsk in the mid-afternoon where we'll be met by our Siberian Tour Leader who'll escort us to our hotel in the centre of the city. After checking in to our hotel there'll be time for us to relax or perhaps explore the area surrounding the hotel before enjoying dinner in its restaurant. (D)

Accommodation: Hotel Courtyard by Marriott Irkutsk (or similar)

Day 10 – Monday 09 September
Irkutsk – Sightseeing



Irkutsk is located on the banks of the Angara River, which has its source 80km upstream at Lake Baikal. Irkutsk is easily one of the most attractive cities in Siberia. It was founded in 1651 as a Cossack garrison to keep the local Buryat population in line. The Cossacks were a rough lot sent as the official representatives of the Tsars to establish many remote outposts across Siberia and they included trappers, fur and gold traders along with criminals and vagabonds. Later, in the 19th century, Irkutsk was used as an exile post and received some illustrious aristocratic exiles, giving the city a rich cultural heritage. The city's location, near Mongolia and China means that strong Asiatic influences abound. The architecture of Irkutsk includes some of the classic wooden Siberian cottages with beautifully painted and carved shutters which keep evil spirits from entering homes. Other features are the onion-shaped domed churches. During the Soviet-era planning Irkutsk suffered the same fate as many other Siberian cities with the building of rows upon rows of ugly white, apartment blocks - still prevalent in the city today. This morning with our Siberian Tour Leader we'll take a coach tour of the city known as the 'Paris of Siberia'. We'll stroll along the Angara embankment to view the monuments to the cosmonaut Yuri



Gagarin and the Founders of Irkutsk along with a visit to both the Cathedral of the Epiphany and the very informative Irkutsk Regional Museum of Local Lore. After a lunch at one of our favourite restaurants the rest of the afternoon enables us to further explore Irkutsk at our own pace and to find a local eating place for our evening meal. (BL)

**Day 11– Tuesday 10 September
Irkutsk – Taltsy – Listvyanka (1 night)**

After a short drive this morning our first stop is at the open-air Taltsy Museum of Wooden Architecture and Ethnography where a traditional Siberian village has been recreated on the actual site where the real 'Taltsy' village was once located.



With our Siberian Tour Leader we'll step into the everyday life and culture of Siberians from past

centuries when we enter into their wooden houses and visit the Tower of the Saviour and the Kazanskaya Chapel, parts of the former fortress of Ilmsk. The two latter wooden buildings were built nearly 350 years ago without using nails and were moved to their current site when the waters of Lake Baikal rose due to the creation of a hydro-electric scheme in the



area. Another short drive brings us to the picturesque town of Listvyanka which sits right on the edge of

Lake Baikal, where the Angara River reaches the shores of the lake at Port Baikal. On arrival we'll take lunch in a local restaurant and afterwards we'll visit the Baikal Limnological Museum, where the flora and fauna exhibition, along with our local guide's knowledge, enlighten us to the ecological mysteries of this unique lake. We'll check into our waterfront hotel later in the afternoon and there'll be time to explore Listvyanka before enjoying dinner in our hotel. (BLD)

Accommodation: Hotel Mayak

**Day 12 – Wednesday 11 September
Listvyanka – Irkutsk – Train (2 nights) to Yekaterinburg**

This morning is ours today to enjoy Listvyanka at our own pace. After a leisurely breakfast perhaps wander the streets lined with houses built in the traditional Siberian wooden style.

Nowadays many of these houses have become holiday homes and this has contributed to Listvyanka earning the local nickname of the 'Baikal Riviera'. A visit to the colourful fish bazaar is a must, as vendors here sell all sorts of souvenirs and local trinkets along with the Omul lake fish (a delicacy which is salted, baked or smoked). A walk to the old wooden church of St Nikolai followed by a short hike along one of the lake trails is also a possibility. We'll join our Siberian Tour Leader for lunch in a local restaurant before returning to Irkutsk Railway Station to board our train to Yekaterinburg. Before boarding we'll have time to stock up on supplies of snacks and drinks for our journey. (BL)

Overnights: 4 berth compartments reserved for 2 people per compartment

**Day 13 – Thursday 12 September
Irkutsk – Yekaterinburg – On train**

During these few days spent on one of the greatest train journeys in the world, we'll be able to watch the changing landscapes of Siberia. Our travelling companions could be foreign tourists or locals alike and we should make the most of our journey by absorbing the scenery, or by just relaxing and talking to our fellow travellers. This section of the trip is all about the journey. Settle into the rhythm and enjoy the simplicity of having very little to do. We'll have many stops, some from a short 5 minutes and others up to 30 minutes where we'll have the opportunity to stretch our legs and replenish supplies with purchases made on the different station platforms.

**Day 14 – Friday 13 September
Arrival Yekaterinburg (2 nights)**

With a population of 1.4 million people, Yekaterinburg is the 4th most populous city in Russia after Moscow, Saint Petersburg, and Novosibirsk. The city was founded in 1723, as a



metallurgical factory, by Peter the Great who named it after his wife Yekaterina. It lies on the Iset River on the eastern slopes of the Ural Mountains and on our arrival here we'll be met by our local Tour Leader and transferred to our hotel. After time to settle in we'll enjoy dinner in our hotel with a chance to share our train stories to date. (D)

Accommodation: Hotel Double Tree by Hilton

Day 15 – Saturday 14 September

Yekaterinburg – Sightseeing

Today, with our local guide, we embark on a city tour of Yekaterinburg, a metropolis packed with art and history. In the past it has witnessed the gem rush, miners' mythology, the execution of the Romanovs, the rise of Russia's first president, Boris Yeltsin, and the legendary gangster feuds of the 1990s,



but today it's a largely industrial and administrative city. On our tour we'll visit Plotinka, the site where the dam was constructed for the metallurgical factory, a museum dedicated to Boris Yeltsin, and the Church on the Blood which stands on the site where the last tsar of Russia, Emperor Nicholas II, and his family were executed on the night of 17 July 1918. We'll drive past the Square of the

Soviet Army which embodies the atmosphere of the Communist era in the gloomy heavy stone Palace of Officers. The two monuments that are situated here commemorate the



victims of the first War in Afghanistan (the Black Tulip), and then the War in Chechnya. They bear witness to the devastating results of the totalitarian Soviet regime.

We'll have lunch in a local restaurant and then on a lighter note we'll end our tour on the border of Asia-Europe where we may encounter some entertaining locals. On our return to our hotel there'll be time to relax before venturing forth to find an eating place for tonight's evening meal. (BL)

Day 16 – Sunday 15 September

Yekaterinburg – Train (1 night) to Moscow

Following breakfast this morning, we'll check out of our hotel and be transferred to the railway station in good time to board our train for a mid-morning departure bound for Moscow. The train will take us over the Ural Mountains which separate Russian Asia from Russian Europe. Please ensure that you have what you need for the overnight train journey to Russia's capital.

Overnight: 1st class compartment

Day 17 – Monday 16 September

Arrival Moscow (2 nights)

This morning we'll arrive into Moscow Railway Station at around 9:30am. Here we're met by our private coach and local Tour Leader who'll accompany us on an introductory city tour

of the many sights of this 870 year-old capital of Russia. First we'll drive out to Sparrow Hills to view the imposing Moscow State University and enjoy the impressive panorama viewed from one of the highest points in the city. We'll then drive back into the centre to visit the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, recently rebuilt (1995-2000) on a site near the Kremlin. Our next stop will be in the historical Arbat District where there's time for lunch and an opportunity to stroll through the market stalls which line the famous Old Arbat pedestrian street. A visit to Moscow wouldn't be complete without going underground to visit the city's elaborate Metro. Along with our local guide we'll ride the Metro to



our hotel for our check in and en-route we'll stop off to visit 3 or 4 of the most interesting stations. The rest of the afternoon is ours to use as we wish before we enjoy a typical dinner of Russian specialties at our favourite Moscow restaurant. (D)
Accommodation: Hotel Peking (or similar)

Day 18 – Tuesday 17 September

Moscow – Sightseeing

Over the last couple of decades Moscow has been catapulted



into an era of post communism which has brought with it a wealth of improvements and problems. Whilst the essence of this

great city is still evident, the shopping and nightlife have brought an entirely new layer of complexity to the capital. Our tour this morning starts with a walk through Red Square where we're likely to be somewhat overwhelmed by the view of St. Basil's Cathedral. Then we'll enter the Kremlin where we'll first



visit the Armoury, a treasure house of priceless artefacts including Russian state regalia, arms & armour and some very

ornate royal carriages. We'll also visit the Assumption and Archangel Cathedrals in the Kremlin's Cathedral Square before returning to Red Square where we'll have the opportunity to visit St Basil's Cathedral and perhaps Lenin's Mausoleum located at the base of the Kremlin wall. For those



of us wishing to visit the Mausoleum (entrance is free), we can expect to queue for up to two hours and perhaps more.

This afternoon is

ours to use as we see fit. Perhaps shop in the GUM store while in Red Square, or return to our hotel to relax before venturing out this evening to find somewhere interesting to eat. (B)

Day 19 - Wednesday 18 September

Moscow – Fast train to St Petersburg (3 nights)



Today we have the whole morning and part of the afternoon to pursue our own interests before we're transferred to Moscow Railway Station late this afternoon to board our fast train to St Petersburg where we'll arrive around 9:30pm. On arrival we'll be met by our local St Petersburg Tour Leader who will escort us to our centrally located hotel, our home for the next 3 nights. (B)

Train: Business Class seats

Accommodation: Hotel Ambassador (or similar)

Day 20 – Thursday 19 September

St Petersburg – Sightseeing

The city was founded by Peter the Great as a gateway to Europe, and as we commence our city tour this morning we'll immediately feel that we've arrived in a European city with its well-planned avenues and its elegant buildings lining the Neva River and nearby canals. Our tour of the 'Venice of the North' will include a visit to the Peter & Paul Fortress, which is the oldest building in the city and was built in 1703 to protect the city against invasion from Sweden. It is, however, most famous for being a political prison up until 1917 and inmates such as Gorky and Trotsky spent time imprisoned here. After time for lunch, we'll visit the Winter Palace which houses The Hermitage, one of the world's greatest museums. During our tour of the Palace and the Museum we'll marvel at the rich art work on display including porcelain and tapestry, the amazing Peacock Clock and a collection of masterpieces by such great painters as Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt, Rubens, Van Dyck, El Greco, Gainsborough, Picasso, Van Gogh and Kandinsky, to name but a few! The Hermitage has more than 3 million exhibits so at the conclusion of our guided tour some of us may wish to further explore the vast rooms of

this incredible museum before we return to our hotel. This evening we'll enjoy dinner in one of our favourite family-run restaurants. (BD)

Day 21 – Friday 20 September

St Petersburg – Excursion to Peterhof

This morning our local guide will accompany us to the town of Peterhof (known as Petrodvorets during the Soviet era), which is home to one of St. Petersburg's most famous and popular visitor attractions, Peterhof, or 'Peter's Court'. Peter the Great was fascinated by the West and took on many of its customs in his court. He played an active role in the layout and design



of the Palace and Gardens (pictured), which he started in 1714, so western European influence abounds in the complex, often referred to as the 'Russian Versailles'. We'll tour the Palace and then we'll have time to view the fountains and explore the magnificent gardens at our own pace before using a Meteor hydrofoil to cruise back to St Petersburg via the waterways of the Gulf of Finland and the River Neva. Later this afternoon there'll be time to further enjoy this beautiful city at our leisure.

Perhaps complete some last minute shopping, take in some more historic sites, simply stroll around and admire the beautiful architecture, or just relax in our hotel. As tonight is our last night together, we'll enjoy a farewell dinner, with lively entertainment, at a renowned St Petersburg restaurant! (BD)

Day 22 – Saturday 21 September

Departure St Petersburg

All good things must come to an end and after 22 wonderful days, it's time to bid farewell to this amazing journey. Our tour ends after breakfast with private transfers to St Petersburg International Airport for onward journeys. Those of us joining EuroVista's 'The Baltic States and the Essence of Central Europe' 16-Day tour will be transferred as a group to St Petersburg International Airport for our flight to Tallinn. Guests who remain in St Petersburg and stay at the EuroVista hotel will receive a complimentary transfer to the Airport on the day of their departure. (B)

Note: The above itinerary is subject to change necessitated by any change in Community regulations as well as changes by Government and/or local operators and natural circumstances beyond our control.

MONGOLIA & TRANS-SIBERIAN TOUR 2019 – PRICES

22 DAYS FOR LESS THAN NZ\$568/AU\$541 PER DAY

CODE: KMT BEGINS: SAT ENDS: SAT

Prices are twin-share per person:

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Begins</u>	<u>Ends</u>	<u>Price NZ\$</u>	<u>Sgl Supp NZ\$</u>
003	Aug 31	Sep 21	\$12475*	\$2295**
			<u>Price AU\$</u>	<u>Sgl Supp AU\$</u>
004	Aug 31	Sep 21	\$11895*	\$2185**

PRE & POST TOUR ACCOMMODATION

Bed & Breakfast.

Prices are per person per night:

Beijing – Hotel Park Plaza

<u>Twin NZ\$</u>	<u>Sgl NZ\$</u>	<u>Twin AU\$</u>	<u>Sgl AU\$</u>
\$123	\$235	\$116	\$222

St Petersburg – Hotel Ambassador

<u>Twin NZ\$</u>	<u>Sgl NZ\$</u>	<u>Twin AU\$</u>	<u>Sgl AU\$</u>
\$124	\$228	\$117	\$216

* This price guarantees 2 berth accommodations in 2 or 4 berth compartments on all train journeys (except Moscow to St Petersburg).

**This Single Supplement price ONLY guarantees single accommodation in all hotels (including the ger in Mongolia) on the tour. Train journeys are booked as follows (i) Beijing to Ulaanbaatar (Deluxe Soft Sleeper – 2 berth compartment), (ii) Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk (2nd Class Sleeper – 2 people in 4 berth compartment), (iii) Irkutsk to Yekaterinburg (1st Class Ticket – 2 people in 4 berth compartment), (iv) Yekaterinburg to Moscow (1st Class Ticket – 2 people in 4 berth compartment), (v) Moscow to St Petersburg (1st Class Ticket – Business Class Seat). 2 berth or 4 berth compartments for 1 person use are not always available due to the varying capacity of the trains. However, they can be requested but the cost is high and will be added to the Single Supplement price above. If you require single accommodation throughout the tour please discuss it with EuroVista at time of booking.

FLIGHTS Airfares are not included in the tour price as there are many and varied options available in the market place. You should aim to be at the tour hotel in Beijing (Beijing Hotel Park Plaza Wangfujing) by 16:00hrs (4.00 pm) on the afternoon of 31 August 2019. We can recommend flights to Beijing and from St Petersburg (ex New Zealand or Australia) so if you would like us to assist in finding you the best possible flight times and prices to suit your needs please advise Paul at EuroVista Holidays when booking your tour.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR TOUR

JOINING INSTRUCTIONS

On arrival at Beijing Airport you'll be met by our representative and a private transfer from Beijing Airport to our tour hotel is included in your tour price. Please advise us of your arrival details into Beijing at least 30 days before your departure from your home country.

Our Tour Escort (Ken) will contact you on your arrival at our hotel in Beijing with regards to additional information pertaining to our evening tour briefing and Welcome Dinner.

Note: It's possible for this tour to be 'fully escorted' from New Zealand. If this should interest you please contact Paul at EuroVista. M: 021 936855 E: paul@eurovista.co.nz

CLIMATE

The climate is at its best between June and September. Daytime temperatures for the period of our tour are mild to warm and should not be less than 15°C and may even range as high as 30°C on some occasions. However, it is always wise to have some warmer garments in case of unseasonal weather changes.

ACCOMMODATION

In cities or large towns you will be accommodated in 4 to 5 star, twin share properties that are centrally located, atmospheric and reliable. A ger is a circular felt tent used by the nomadic Mongolian people. Warm in winter and cool in summer offering you an awesome cultural experience. Enjoy our fully supported camping in one of these quality two person tents erected in a scenic wilderness.

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Provided we are advised in advance of your departure we are able to cater for vegetarian diets and can assist with medically recommended diets (allergies and intolerances). Please ensure you discuss your requirements with us well in advance (at least 1 month prior to your trip) to determine whether we can cater to such dietary requirements on your chosen adventure. Please note that options are likely to be limited in very remote locations or alternatives may be more expensive or unavailable. There may be times when those with special requirements may need to provide their own food. We are unable to guarantee a peanut-free or allergen-free trip, and therefore, we strongly encourage travellers with life-threatening or severe allergies take all necessary medical precautions to prepare for the possibility of exposure. Passengers must travel with all necessary medications for food allergies and be capable of self-administering these medications.

WHAT YOU'LL HAVE TO CARRY

You'll be required to carry your entire luggage between our transfer transportation and the Railway Station platforms and on/off train carriages. Many of our hotels will provide porters

and when they are available their service is included. However, there will be the occasional time when you will have to carry your own luggage to/from your hotel rooms. On sightseeing days you will be required to carry a day pack with your camera, water proof clothing and any other personal items you may require during the day.

VEHICLES & SAFETY

During the course of your trip, we will use a variety of vehicles, all of which are fit for purpose and the conditions encountered. It should be noted that laws governing transportation safety may differ from those in your home country and on occasion some vehicles may not have seat belts fitted.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Any meals on trains or meals not listed in the itinerary
- Gratuities to train staff
- Bottled water or any aerated or alcoholic drinks
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, laundry etc.
- International airfares and departure taxes
- Visa costs
- Travel Insurance (**Compulsory**)
- All other expenses not expressly mentioned in the program

TRIP AVAILABILITY

This tour is a unique tour organised by EuroVista for 2019 and in accordance with the EuroVista 'small-group' philosophy space is limited and availability is on a 'first come – first served' basis. If you'd like to join us please ensure you book early to guarantee that you'll be coming with us!

DEPOSITS REQUIRED

Due to the nature of this trip and all of the group arrangements that need to be pre-booked, a \$1500 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of booking.

HOW TO BOOK

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Once your booking is made you'll receive a confirmation invoice via email (or normal post if you prefer) requesting a non-refundable deposit of \$1500.00 per person due on or before 7 days from the date on your invoice which, once paid, will guarantee your participation.

TERMS & CONDITIONS – MONGOLIA & TRANS-SIBERIAN TOUR 2019

Due to factors associated with international travel it is unrealistic to expect prices to remain stable - particularly when they are dependent on foreign currency exchange rates. Prices for this tour are based on costs and exchange rates as at 20 November 2018. Should these costs or exchange rates alter or additional fuel surcharges, taxes and other charges or levies imposed by any government or its agencies, be added, a surcharge may be made on the price of your tour at the time of final payment.

Deposits and Payments

Due to the nature of this trip and all of the group arrangements that need to be pre-booked, a \$1500 non-refundable deposit will be required at the time of booking. Final payment is due on or before the 31 May 2019.

Late Bookings

Payment in full is required at time of booking for reservations made less than 90 days before tour departure. If reservation cannot be confirmed, all funds will be refunded.

Cancellation by Passenger

Cancellations for tours and additional services must be received in writing and the following fees (indicated as a percentage of the total price) will apply if the cancellation is received in our office within these designated time periods:

1. Up to and including 31 May 2019 – Non-refundable Deposit
2. Between 01 June and 05 July 2019 – 60%
3. Between 06 July and 24 July 2019 – 75%
4. Between 25 July and 15 August 2019 – 90%
5. Between 16 August and 31 August 2019 – 100%

We strongly recommend Travel Insurance to cover cancellation charges. There is no refund for unused services or land arrangements if they are missed

Cancellation by EuroVista

EuroVista will operate this tour once the minimum number of 10 paying passengers is attained. EuroVista reserves the right to cancel this tour should it not attain the minimum number of paying passengers. EuroVista Holidays also reserves the right to cancel this tour in accordance with operating requirements or circumstances beyond its control. Should this occur EuroVista Holidays will treat this contract as at an end, refund all monies including your deposit, and will then be under no further liability. EuroVista Holidays Ltd is not responsible for the costs of other travel arrangements affected due to our cancellation of this tour.

Included In Our Tour Price

All coach/rail travel, airport/hotel/airport transfers, accommodation, sightseeing, admissions, taxes and all gratuities for services provided by EuroVista, portage of one bag per person at hotels providing this service (**except at airports and ALL railway stations**), services of Tour Escorts, Local Tour Leaders, Drivers, and meals (as indicated in the itinerary).

Not Included In Our Tour Price

Airport taxes, airfares (except where specified), lunches and dinners (except where specified), drinks, laundry, passport and visa fees, excess baggage and all items of a personal nature are not included in the tour price.

Smoking

In the interests of other passenger's comfort there is no smoking on our vehicles.

Refunds and Amendment Fees

No refunds will be made on services that are voluntarily un-availed (including, but not limited to, missed meals and sightseeing). The Company also regrets that no refunds will be made for withdrawal from a tour (due to illness or any other reason) after the tour has commenced.

Passports/Visas

Single entry visas are required for China, Mongolia and Russia. A signed national passport (valid for 6 months beyond the period of stay) is required for all 3 countries. Visas must be obtained prior to departure from your home country.

Health Requirements

Vaccinations may be required. Please contact your Travel Agent or your local health department.

Single Rooms

A number of single rooms are available on request at time of booking. The single supplement must be paid with final payment. Please note: EuroVista Holidays contracts double rooms for single use. However, where this is not possible we will provide standard single rooms. The prices of these are already reflected in the listed single supplement prices. Standard single rooms are usually smaller and often only have one single bed.

Luggage Limits and Portage

Portage at hotels (where available) is limited to one piece of luggage per person (see exceptions above). Airline luggage restrictions apply to the air travel incorporated in our coach touring holidays which may be incorporated in our touring holidays.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory for this tour and is not included in your tour price. We strongly recommend that you purchase adequate comprehensive insurance which includes coverage for medical expenses, loss/theft of luggage from hotel rooms or any form of transportation, land content and airfare charges that may occur due to cancellation, loss of deposit or strikes.

Important Information on Exclusion of Liability

1. EuroVista Holidays Ltd tours include the services of operators, such as hoteliers, airlines, cruise companies and other operators, who are not agents, servants or employees of EuroVista Holidays Ltd (herein after referred to as the 'Company'). We cannot and do not take responsibility for the conduct of these operators, their servants and agents or for any ramifications of that conduct. Our tours may include

activities such as climbing, exploring, swimming and snorkelling. The passenger accepts that these activities involve varying degrees of risk.

2. By booking a tour, the passenger acknowledges and agrees that the Company and the other operator companies, will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable experience, it accepts no responsibility for any loss of enjoyment by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. The Company further accepts no responsibility for any death, injury, illness, damage, detention, delay (including mechanical breakdown) or any other loss/theft beyond its reasonable control and provides no warranties in addition to those set out under the Trade Practices Act 1974, and nothing herein restricts the passenger from exercising his or her rights and remedies pursuant to law.

3. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on tour if their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable to care for themselves, or whereby they became a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the touring holiday for any reason.

4. Your Travel Agent will forward deposits and other payments to us on your behalf, but your Travel Agent is not our agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposits and subsequent payments by the Travel Agent does not constitute receipt of those monies by us and the Travel Agent has no authority expressed or implied to receive monies on our behalf. There is no liability on the part of the Company in respect to any monies paid to the passenger's Travel Agent unless and until the Company notifies the passenger (by way of a booking confirmation advice or payment receipt advice) that monies have been received by the Company.

5. The Company can cancel any ticket or booking or refuse to carry any passenger where payment has not been received by the Company within the specified time.

6. The airlines concerned are held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are aboard their aircraft and/or conveyances. The passengers' tickets, in use by the airline when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers using these tickets.

7. Itineraries are subject to alteration without notice and intended as a guide only. Alterations may come about due to

road or weather conditions, strikes or other reasons beyond our control. Any additional expense incurred by the passenger is not the Company's responsibility. We strongly recommend that you have adequate insurance cover. The Company can give no guarantee as to exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by the Company in the touring holiday and the Company will not be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions beyond its control.

8. If for any reason the accommodation listed in this brochure becomes unavailable, we may substitute the listed property for another of similar standard. Occasionally this may not be possible and if the only accommodation available is of an inferior standard then a refund will be offered.

9. Should you have a complaint in respect of your tour, you should inform your Tour Escort immediately. If the matter cannot be resolved through the best efforts of your Tour Escort your complaint should be made in writing to the Company within 30 days of the completion of the tour.

10. Any claims or legal action in connection with the Company's provision of services to you will be governed by the laws of New Zealand. Any claim or legal action against the Company's suppliers is likely to be subject to the terms of your contract with them, and may be governed by the laws of other countries.

11. Every effort is made to ensure brochure accuracy at the time of going to press. However the Company cannot be held responsible for printing or typographical errors, or errors arising from unforeseen circumstances.

12. All touring holidays are operated by **EuroVista Holidays Ltd, PO Box 25358 St Heliers, Auckland, New Zealand.** Any correspondence arising should be mailed to this address. Special Note. Nothing in our website/brochure is intended to affect your rights granted by the Fair Trading Act 1986 or other consumer protection laws, which by law, may not be excluded.

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