

**"There is no railway journey of comparable length anywhere in the world. The trans-Siberian is the big train ride. All the rest are peanuts." Eric Newby.**

The longest and the most famous railway journey in the world, the Trans-Siberian Railway traverses the whole expanse of Russia from Europe to the Orient. Few other journeys enable the passenger to relax so completely during their course, and to become lost in the rhythm of the journey as time zones and the urgency to arrive both become meaningless. Whilst there are many packages available from other tour operators on the Trans-Siberian Railway, nearly all will involve travel on the regular Trans-Siberian trains - which have nothing but the most basic facilities. What is unique about our tour programme is that we specialise only in travel by high quality Private Trains. With a range of itineraries ranging between 13 and 15 days you can experience the legendary Trans Siberian in comfort and style.

## General information

### Inclusions

- Moscow to Vladivostok or vice versa by train
- Hotel accommodation as described in the tour itinerary. All hotels are of a 4/5 star standard unless otherwise specified.
- Accommodation on board the train
- All meals starting with dinner on the first day
- Alcoholic beverages and water served with all lunches and dinners on and off the train
- Arrival/departure transfers, and all guided off train programmes
- Experienced tour leaders
- Complimentary tea and coffee 24 hours a day

### Not included:

- Airfares
- Optional excursions
- Alcoholic beverages (Please refer to the below for further information)
- Laundry services

## The Train

### *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express*

The Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express features 21 new carriages including three cabin styles; Imperial Suites, Gold and Silver.

**Imperial Suites** are The Golden Eagles newest cabins. They feature a double bed, lounge area, remote controlled air conditioning and heating, dressing table, personal safe, private en-suite bathroom with under floor heating. You also have your own butler service. They are equipped with DVD/CD player with LCD screens. There is 1 cabin per car. Imperial Suites have an area of 120 sq ft.

**Gold Class** cabins are amongst the best in rail travel available today, featuring modern en-suite amenities including power showers and under floor heating. Cabins are excellently appointed and equipped with state of the art DVD/CD player, LCD screens, audio system, individual air conditioning, recessed lighting and wardrobe space. Gold class has an area of 77 sq ft.

**Silver Class** cabins are smaller than Gold Class but still have modern en-suite facilities with a smaller shower area. All cabins will feature the same amenities available in our Gold Class cars, but carriages will contain six cabins as opposed to five in Gold class and have an area of 60sq ft.

### Restaurant Cars

Our chefs use the finest of local ingredients for lunch and dinner. From traditional and world renowned 'Borsch' to caviar and Omul; fish unique to Lake Baikal. Quality wines from around the world compliment our meals, along with mineral water, soft drinks and naturally, Vodka.

### Bar Car (ON BOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS)

The social hive of activity is our Bar Car. Featured on every departure it provides guests with the ideal setting to watch the passing countryside, writing postcards, talking with fellow passengers or for pre and post dinner drinks. Serving an extensive array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, it stays open until the last person leaves. Our Golden Eagle train features our newly designed and built stylish Bar Car.

## Imperial Class Passengers

All drinks purchased from the Premium Bar Price List (excluding wine) are free of charge for the duration of the journey. Payment for drinks not included may be made at the time of purchase or recorded on each cabin or passengers "Onboard Charges Card".

Charges less than USD100 in total must be paid in cash (USD or Roubles). Charges more than 100USD can be paid in cash or credit card (Mastercard or VISA)

## Gold Class Passengers

All drinks purchased from the Standard Bar Price List are free of charge for the duration of the journey. All drinks purchased from the Premium Bar Price List will be charged at the published prices.

Payment for drinks may be made at the time of purchase or recorded on each cabin or passengers "Onboard Charges Card".

Charges less than USD100 in total must be paid in cash (USD or Roubles). Charges more than 100USD can be paid in cash or credit card (Mastercard or VISA)

## Silver Class Passengers

All drinks purchased from the Standard Bar Price List and Premium Bar Price List will be charged at the published prices. Payment for drinks may be made at the time of purchase or recorded on each cabin or passengers "Onboard Charges Card".

Payment must be made in full for all purchases with charge recorded on the "On Board Charges Card".

Charges less than USD100 in total must be paid in cash (USD or Rubles). Charges more than 100USD can be paid in cash or credit card (Mastercard or VISA)

## Departures - 2012

### The Trans-Siberian Classic (15 Days) Moscow - Vladivostok

#### Eastbound (Moscow to Vladivostok)

May 9 - May 23

Jul 30 - Aug 13

Aug 25 - Sep 8\*

#### Westbound (Vladivostok to Moscow)

May 21 - Jun 4

Aug 11 - 25

Sep \*8 - 22

### The Naadam Festival 2012 - Moscow - Ulaan Baatar

**Eastbound** Jul 01 - Jul 13    **Westbound** Jul 10 - Jul 22

\* Vladivostok Airport will be closed for the period of 7-10 September due to the APEC political conference taking place during this time. Due to this we will now be using Khabarovsk Airport as the exit point for the eastbound tour in August (25th August departure) and the entry point for the westbound tour in September (8th September departure).

## Conditions

### Deposit and Full Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit is required within 5 days of confirmation, with the full balance payable 90 days prior to departure.

Bookings made within 90 days of departure date will require full payment prior to confirmation.

**Silver** - \$2500.00 per person

**Gold** - \$3200.00 per person

**Imperial** - \$5,500 per person

### Travel Insurance:

It is a condition of your booking that you take out adequate travel insurance cover at the time of booking. Cover can be

arranged on your behalf however if you take an alternative policy coverage must be the maximum available, with a minimum of US\$50,000 or equivalent for medical expenses.

#### **Passport & Visa Information:**

A passport with a minimum of 6 months validity is required for all tours. Visas may be required for some itineraries. We do not take any responsibility for passengers in possession of incorrect and invalid visas. Our reservations department is able to provide support and advice regarding visa requirements.

#### **Minimum Passenger Requirements:**

All tours require a minimum passenger number to operate. Should this not be reached we will offer a modified service to accommodate a smaller group or offer an alternative tour. If the alternative is not suitable a full refund will be offered.

## **Refunds**

#### **Cancellations:**

**90+ days:** Loss of deposit

**Within 90 days of departure:** 100% of the total cost of the holiday.

#### **Amendments:**

If you wish to alter your booking (eg, a change of date or transfer details) we may allow this at our reasonable discretion. It may not be possible to make changes close to the departure date and no changes can be made or accepted within 50 days of departure. An amendment fee may be charged to cover any fees or costs incurred.