

## Retrace the ancient trail of the Silk Road between Beijing and Moscow.

This 21 day itinerary transverses one of the world's oldest and most famous trade routes, the Silk Road by train. Travel aboard the legendary Trans-Siberian as well as China's Shangri-La Express. Experience both Islamic and Buddhist cultures, UNESCO world heritage sites, exotic bazaars and spectacular buildings which serve as a testament to the former wealth of the region.

**New: Shorter itineraries have now been introduced. If travelling on a 21 day itinerary is not what you are after, then there is an option to just travel the Russian or Chinese sector.**

## General information

### Inclusions

- Accommodation aboard the train
- Hotel accommodation (4-5 star standard, unless otherwise stated) as per the itinerary
- All meals starting with dinner on the first day, alcoholic beverages and water served with all lunches and dinners on and off the train.
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water
- Arrival/departure transfers
- Off train programmes and services of experiences tour leaders
- All gratuities
- A qualified doctor throughout the journey.

Please note charges of a personal nature including any optional excursions, drinks in the bar car, visa and excess baggage charges, insurance and laundry services are not included in the price.

### The Train

The Silk Road itinerary consists of travel on the Shangri-La Express and the Trans-Siberian Express.

### THE SHANGRI-LA EXPRESS

Our accommodation on board the Shangri-La Express offers passengers a comfortable setting with modern facilities and air conditioned cars.

A wash basin facility is shared between adjoining compartments for the convenience of our guests and toilet/wash facilities are available at each end of the sleeping carriages.

A separate state of the art shower car with individual compartments, each containing a shower and changing area is located centrally on the train.

As standard with all our private trains, towels and robes are provided. We also offer, at extra cost, an on board laundry service.

#### Restaurant Cars

A western breakfast is available to all guests before embarking upon the day's adventures. Our Chinese chefs offer a variety of gastronomic local specialties at lunch and dinner using the finest local ingredients.

Quality wines from around the world are served with both lunch and dinner, along with beer, soft drinks, tea and coffee.

#### Bar Car

A relaxed setting to meet and chat with your fellow passengers whilst watching the passing countryside. Serving an extensive array of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages, our bar stays open until the last person leaves.

### THE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS

There are now two trains which service this route. Please check our "itineraries" section to see which train is running on your preferred departure date.

#### *Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express*

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

## **GOLD CLASS**

- 77 sq ft (7 sq metres)
- Sleeps 2 in either lower standard (4ft 6) double bed or bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with full power shower and underfloor heating
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and Linens changed regularly
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin
- Drinks from the Bar Car included from the Standard Bar List
- Laundry service available for a fee
- 5 cabins per carriage

## **SILVER CLASS**

- 60 sq ft (5.5 sq metres)
- Sleeps 2 in lower small double bed (4ft) or bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Personal safe
- Private en-suite bathroom with 'wet-room' style shower and toilet
- DVD/CD player with LCD screens
- Towels and Linens changed regularly
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin
- Laundry service available for a fee
- 6 cabins per carriage

## **NEW HERITAGE CLASS**

- 39 sq ft (3.6 sq metres)
- Sleeps 2 in bunk style
- Remote controlled air-conditioning and heating
- Recessed lighting and wardrobe
- Washbasin
- Towels and Linens changed regularly
- Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water in cabin
- Laundry service available for a fee
- 8 cabins per carriage
- Toilets available at each end of the carriage
- Separate Shower compartment at the end of the carriage

## **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**

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.

## **Departures 2012**

### **The Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express & Shangri-La Express**

## Moscow - Beijing

**Eastbound:** Moscow - Beijing

Mar 20 - Apr 09

Sep 21 - Oct 11

Oct 14 - Nov 03

## Beijing - Moscow

**Westbound:** Beijing - Moscow

Mar 24 - Apr 13

Sep 25 - Oct 15

## Russian Sector (The Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express)

**Moscow - Almaty**

Mar 20 - Apr 1

Sep 21 - Oct 3

Oct 14 - Oct 26

## China Sector (Shangri-La Express)

**Urumchi - Beijing**

Apr 1 - Apr 9

Oct 3 - Oct 11

Oct 26 - Nov 3

## Conditions

### Deposit and Full Payment Details:

A non-refundable deposit is required with the full balance payable 90 days prior to departure date.

**Silver** - \$3000.00 per person

**Gold** - \$3500.00 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 not alternative is suitable a full refund will be offered.

## Refunds

### Cancellations:

**75+ days:** Loss of deposit

**Within 75 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.