Reservations and Payments

- Full payment is due in full of $2,000 per person
- 61 days to 90 days before departure, 50% of land tour cost per person
- 60 days or less/No-show, 100% of land tour cost per person

All deposit and balance payments must be made by check or money order payable to MIR Corporation. Charge card payments are not accepted.

Please mail deposit and balance payment form to Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. Balance of payment and registration form to Smith Travel, Alumnae House, 33 Elm Street, Northampton, MA 01063. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt, subject to availability.

MIR Corporation is a private tour business, not a travel agent. Please expect 3-7 business days for processing your reservation.

The Alumnae Association of Smith College and MIR Corporation are not responsible for credit card fees.

Inclusive of all taxes, surcharges, and transportation, all prices quoted are per person based on double occupancy. Single availability is limited. Surcharge rates apply to single travelers.

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Insurance:

A detailed statement of limitations and exclusions is mailed upon receipt of your reservation. Insurance is available and will be mailed upon receipt of your reservation.

Refunds:

- 91 or more days before departure, deposit paid or to Lake Baikal.
- 61 days to 90 days before departure, 50% of land tour cost per person
- 60 days or less/No-show, 100% of land tour cost per person

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Cancellation Policy

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Lake Baikal

Positioned on the earth’s northern latitude, Lake Baikal gives a glimpse into the history of the Earth, as it contains the purest, oldest water on the planet. The lake was discovered by the missionary Ivan Ushakov in 1641, and its unique ecosystem remains intact to this day. The lake is surrounded by fertile land and mountains, providing a stunning natural beauty. It is the world’s deepest and most biologically diverse lake, home to over 2,500 species of plants and animals, including 750 freshwater fish species.

The Baikal ecosystem is a unique and irreplaceable natural resource, and the lake is a major contributor to the Earth’s biodiversity. Its water is so clear that it can be seen through great depths, allowing for a unique underwater experience. The lake’s water is also so pure that it is used in water treatment plants around the world. The lake is also home to a unique species of seals, the Baikal seal, which is found nowhere else in the world.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Thursday, June 28

Depart USA Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 2, Friday, June 29

Irkutsk, Russia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 3, Saturday, June 30

Day 4, Sunday, July 1

Day 5, Tuesday, July 3

Siberian Railway. Riding the rails, enjoy presentations by the group's study leaders.

Depart USA Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 6, Wednesday, July 4

Novosibirsk, Russia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 7, Thursday, July 5

Novosibirsk, Russia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 8, Friday, July 6

Irkutsk, Russia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 9, Saturday, July 7

Irkutsk, Russia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 10, Sunday, July 8

Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 11, Monday, July 9

Ulan Ude, Mongolia

Day 12, Tuesday, July 10

Day 13, Wednesday, July 11

UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

Day 14, Thursday, July 12

UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 15, Friday, July 13

Depart UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

What To Expect

Day 1-15: This trip offers an in-depth exploration of the rich cultural heritage and natural beauty of Russia, Mongolia, and Siberia. From the historic sites of Moscow and St. Petersburg to the stunning landscapes of Lake Baikal and the Gobi Desert, this tour provides a comprehensive experience of Russia and Mongolia. You will have the opportunity to visit significant historical sites, such as the Kremlin and Red Square, and explore the unique ecosystems of the Baikal region and the Gobi Desert.

Highlights of the trip include:

- Visiting the Kremlin and Red Square in Moscow
- Exploring the historic sites of St. Petersburg
- Discovering the unique ecosystems of Lake Baikal
- Experiencing the culture and traditions of Mongolia
- Enjoying the natural beauty of the Gobi Desert

Transfer Information

Included: Airline services, cultural demonstrations, and guided tours.

Excluded: Airfare to and from the tour, transportation within the tour, meals (except as noted), personal expenses, and any additional fees.

Cancellation Policy:

All deposits and payments are non-refundable. Changes in the itinerary may be made due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of cancellation, the tour operator reserves the right to cancel the trip upon confirmation.

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Thursday, June 28

Depart USA

Day 2, Friday, June 29

Irkutsk, Russia

Day 3, Saturday, June 30

Day 4, Sunday, July 1

Day 5, Tuesday, July 3

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Depart USA

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Aboard train

Day 15, Friday, July 13

Depart UlaanBaatar, Mongolia
Dear Smith alumnae and friends,

The Alumnae Association of Smith College is sponsoring a unique tour of the former Soviet Union, featuring a journey on the Trans-Siberian Railway, the legendary line that winds its way from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, and the Mongolian Route with Naadam Festival.

Forced by 1917 revolution, the Czar had ordered the construction of this 8,000 mile long railway, the Trans-Siberian Railway, as a Cold War deterrent. But during its long journey through Siberia, Mongolia and China, it has become one of the world’s great railroad journeys, an awesome adventure through the world’s biggest country.

**LAND PROGRAM RATE: $10,885 (Silver Class)**

- **First Class Carriages:** These are the highest class aboard any railroad in the world today. Each compartment is configured to equal or surpass the best luxury trains in the world. First Class carriages have a separate bathroom and separate sitting area with couch or sofa. Every cabin contains a desk, a writing lamp and a reading lamp. The First Class cars are exclusively reserved for first time passengers on the Trans-Siberian line. Space is limited, so early sign-ups are advisable.

**Silver Class cabins and still have more personal space, with six cabins as opposed to five in Gold Class.**

**Gold Class:** The cabins are fully air conditioned with a desk and sitting area, seating for two, and a private bathroom. The Gold Class cars are more spacious, with seating for four in a double, twin, or single occupancy. Every cabin contains a desk, a writing lamp and a reading lamp. The Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express features extensive amenities.

**Executive Director: Sincerely,**

This journey includes a stop at the Jenish. The Jenish is a building that has been in existence for several hundred years. It was built by a tribe of people who are related to the ancient Chinese. The Jenish is a place where people go to pray and to meditate. It is a very special place and is considered to be a holy place.

The Jenish is located in the heart of Mongolia. It is a very beautiful building and is a very special place. It is a very important place for the people of Mongolia and is a very special place for the people of the world.

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Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Tuesday, June 26
Depart USA (B)

Day 2, Wednesday, June 27
Moscow, Russia
Welcome to Moscow, the capital of Russia. Relax and enjoy the first full day aboard the private train. Pass by Perm, founded in 1723 when copper smelting works were established there. Perm benefited greatly from its location on the Kama River, the Great Siberian Post Road and the Trans-Siberian Railway was built and its growth is largely due to the railway and its traffic. This after-dinner farewell dinner is followed by a concert featuring piano music by Tchaikovsky and other composers. Enjoy the evening.

Day 3, Thursday, June 28
Moscow, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Join the Circumbaikal Express and start your journey to Lake Baikal. The train leaves Moscow late in the evening, crossing several rivers and passing through the beautiful Sayan Mountains. Today, the train arrives in Irkutsk, a key city on the Circumbaikal Express route. Explore the city at your leisure and join the train for dinner and overnight.

Day 4, Friday, June 29
Lake Baikal, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today is dedicated to Lake Baikal, Russia’s deepest freshwater lake, located in the middle of a volcanic crater. Lake Baikal is the world’s most voluminous and deepest lake, with water that is so pure that it can even be drunk. Today, you will have a full day free to explore the lake and its surroundings.

Day 5, Saturday, July 1
Lake Baikal, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the village of Listvyanka, exploring the St. Nicholas Church and the lakeside village. Enjoy lunch at one of the old rail stations and, weather permitting, enjoy a barbecue on the lake. In the evening, board the waiting Circumbaikal Express for a two-day journey to Ulaanbaatar.

Day 6, Sunday, July 2
Lake Baikal, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Join the Circumbaikal Express and continue your journey to Ulaanbaatar. Today, the train arrives in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia’s capital city. The rest of the day is free for shopping and exploring.

Day 7, Monday, July 3
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Aboard train (B, L, D) In the morning, board the waiting Trans-Siberian Express for a two-day journey to Ulaanbaatar. Today, the train arrives in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia’s capital city. The rest of the day is free for shopping and exploring.

Day 8, Tuesday, July 4
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (B, L, D) Spend the day in Ulaanbaatar, exploring the city and its main attractions. Visit the National History Museum, the art museum, and the military museum. Enjoy either a Buryat or a Mongolian lunch. In the evening, enjoy a traditional Mongolian dance experience.

Day 9, Wednesday, July 5
Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (B, L, D) Aboard train
Departs Ulaanbaatar at 11:30 am. The train continues through the Mongolian steppe, crossing several rivers and passing through the beautiful mountain range of the Gobi Desert. Today, the train arrives in Novosibirsk, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 10, Thursday, July 6
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ivolginsky Datsan, the largest temple in Mongolia. The monastery is known as the spiritual center of Russian Buddhists. Enjoy either a Buryat or a Mongolian lunch. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dance experience.

Day 11, Friday, July 7
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 12, Saturday, July 8
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 13, Sunday, July 9
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 14, Monday, July 10
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 15, Tuesday, July 11
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 16, Wednesday, July 12
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 17, Thursday, July 13
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 18, Friday, July 14
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 19, Saturday, July 15
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 20, Sunday, July 16
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 21, Monday, July 17
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 22, Tuesday, July 18
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 23, Wednesday, July 19
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 24, Thursday, July 20
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 25, Friday, July 21
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 26, Saturday, July 22
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 27, Sunday, July 23
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 28, Monday, July 24
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 29, Tuesday, July 25
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 30, Wednesday, July 26
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 31, Thursday, July 27
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 32, Friday, July 28
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 33, Saturday, July 29
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.

Day 34, Sunday, July 30
Novosibirsk, Russia
Aboard train (B, L, D) Today you will visit the Ulan Ude, Russia’s largest city in Siberia. Visit the National Museum of Art and the Novosibirsk Art Museum. In the evening, enjoy a Mongolian dinner and overnight.
Day 1, Friday, June 29

Arrive Moscow, Russia

Depart the USA for Moscow.

Day 2, Saturday, June 30

Arrival in Moscow, Russia

On arrival, meet your guide and the rest of the group for a welcome dinner featuring traditional Russian cuisine followed by a reception at the hotel. Check into your hotel and enjoy your free day in Moscow, perhaps exploring Red Square, the Duma building, the majority museums, and a local art museum. Bedroom (B, L, D)

Day 3, Sunday, July 1

Moscow

Explore Moscow, the capital of Russia. Traces of its ancient past are evident in the City of the Naryshkins, the walled enclosure around which Moscow grew in the 16th century. Discover the Kremlin, the historic center of imperial power, and one of the most visited tourist attractions in Russia. The Grand Kremlin Palace, site of the coronation ceremonies and Winter Palace of the Russian emperors, can be seen on a guided tour. Today, you will visit the State Hermitage Museum, perhaps the most comprehensive art museum in the world, and the Tretyakovsky Art Gallery, Russia’s oldest art museum. Bedroom (B, L, D)

Day 4, Monday, July 2

Moscow

Today, enjoy independent explorations of the city or tour the Kremlin and the industrial center of the region. It did not exist before the Trans-Siberian railway was built, but its size doubled in the post-World War II era. Visit Novosibirsk, the largest city in Siberia with a population of over 1.6 million people. Novosibirsk is the third-largest city in Siberia and was founded in 1925 to become a center for Siberia’s industrial development. It is now the most populated city in Siberia. Bedroom (B, L, D)

Day 5, Tuesday, July 3

Novosibirsk, Russia

With the afternoon free, take a day trip to the sleepy town of Listvyanka. A tour includes a stop at the Church of Our Savior, the Gagarin monument, and the Natural History Museum. Visit the lakeside village of Listvyanka, exploring the St. Nicholas Church and the Fisherman’s House. Bedroom (B, L, D)

Day 6, Wednesday, July 4

Irkutsk, Russia

Irkutsk is the administrative center of the Irkutsk Oblast, Russia, located on the bank of the Angara River and formed on the Khamar-Daban. The city’s name comes from the Tungusic word “irkh”, which means “island.” The city was founded in 1652 as a Cossack settlement. Russia’s first national poet Serf Oushakine, who was later executed for his role in the failed revolution, was born in Irkutsk. The city was made the capital of the Russian Eastern Siberia in 1701. Explore Irkutsk, founded in 1661 as a Cossack garrison and fortress. Czarist and Bolshevik exiles from the 18th through the 20th centuries brought culture and education to this city. Bedroom (B, L, D)

Day 7, Thursday, July 5

Ulan Bator, Mongolia

Depart the airport for Ulan Bator, Mongolia, and transfer to the hotel. Ulaan Bator is Mongolia’s capital, with a population of 1.5 million. Upon arrival, meet your guide and the rest of the group for a welcome dinner featuring traditional Mongolian cuisine. Check into your hotel. Bedroom (B, L, D)

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Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Monday, July 1
Depart the US for Moscow.

Day 2, Tuesday, July 2
Moscow, Russia • board the Trans-Siberian Express (B, L, D)

Day 3, Wednesday, July 3
Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 4, Thursday, July 4
Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 5, Friday, July 5
Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 6, Saturday, July 6
Depart Moscow for Ulan Ude, Russia

Day 7, Sunday, July 7
Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 8, Monday, July 8
Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 9, Tuesday, July 9
Aboard train (B, L, D)

Day 10, Wednesday, July 10
Depart UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

Day 11, Thursday, July 11
Combine post-tour extension to The Gobi Desert (B, L, D)

Day 12, Friday, July 12
Depart UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

Day 13, Saturday, July 13

Day 14, Sunday, July 14

Day 15, Monday, July 15

Included:

- Comprehensive pre-departure materials
- All transportation, hotel accommodations
- Meals according to program
- Airport transfers
- All entrance fees
- Gratuities to guides and hotel staff
- Unpublished discounts
- Emergency assistance
- Trip insurance
- All taxes and fees

Optional Post-Tour Extension to The Gobi Desert: July 13-17, 2007

Day 15, Tuesday, July 16
Depart UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

Day 16, Wednesday, July 17

Day 17, Thursday, July 18

Day 18, Friday, July 19

Day 19, Saturday, July 20

Day 20, Sunday, July 21

Day 21, Monday, July 22

Day 22, Tuesday, July 23

Day 23, Wednesday, July 24

Day 24, Thursday, July 25

Day 25, Friday, July 26

Day 26, Saturday, July 27

Day 27, Sunday, July 28

Day 28, Monday, July 29

Depart the USA.

Tour Information

Included:

- All transportation
- All accommodations
- Meals according to program
- Airport transfers
- All entrance fees
- Gratuities to guides, hotel staff, and transportation
- Trip insurance
- All taxes and fees

Optional Post-Tour Extension to The Gobi Desert: July 13-17, 2007

Day 15, Tuesday, July 16
Depart UlaanBaatar, Mongolia

Day 16, Wednesday, July 17

Day 17, Thursday, July 18

Day 18, Friday, July 19

Day 19, Saturday, July 20

Day 20, Sunday, July 21

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Day 24, Thursday, July 25

Day 25, Friday, July 26

Day 26, Saturday, July 27

Day 27, Sunday, July 28

Day 28, Monday, July 29

Depart the USA.

What To Expect:

Lake Baikal

Lake Baikal is the oldest, deepest, and most ancient lake in the world, containing one fifth of the earth’s liquid fresh water. It is considered a natural wonder that is home to over 1,400 species of aquatic life, including some species that are found nowhere else. The lake is classified as a “Intangible World Heritage Site” by UNESCO and is protected by the Russian government. The lake is fed by only one river, the Angara River, and drains through the Yenisei River into the Arctic Ocean. The lake is bordered by the taiga, a forested region that is home to many rare and endangered species, including the Siberian tiger and the Baikal seal. The lake is a popular destination for tourists and scientists alike, who come to study the unique ecosystem and the impact of human activity on the lake.

Dr. Zhivago

Dr. Zhivago is a novel by Russian author Boris Pasternak published in 1925. The novel is set in the Soviet Union during the Russian Revolution and the subsequent years of civil war and collectivization. The story follows the life of a Poet, Yuri Lermontov, who falls in love with a young woman, Lara Erofeeva. The novel has been described as a love story that explores the themes of love, loss, and the sacrifices made for the greater good. The novel has been adapted into a opera and a film, which has become a classic of Russian literature and has been translated into many languages. The novel is famous for its lyrical writing style, which has been praised for its beauty and its ability to capture the beauty of the Russian landscape.

Sergei Oushakine

Sergei Oushakine is a Russian linguist and anthropologist who has written extensively on the history and culture of the Russian Federation. He was born in 1957 in Moscow and received his PhD in linguistics from Moscow State University in 1990. He has taught at Altai State Technical University. He earned his PhD in anthropology from Columbia University and has taught at Princeton’s Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, will serve as Study Leader for this journey. 

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Lake Baikal

Formed on a rift in the earth's surface, Lake Baikal glistens a mile wide in every way at the edges of a secret world away from each other. The world's deepest lake and second largest, this enormous body of water contains more water than all of North America's Great Lakes combined. A major area in Siberian history, Russian history, and Russian identity, the lake has been a central feature of the natural landscapes and cultural environments of the region. 

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Day 1, Friday, June 29
Depart the USA for Moscow.

Day 2, Saturday, June 30
Arrive Moscow, Russia
Transfer to the five star Metropol, featured in Day-by-Day for departure to the east.

Day 3, Sunday, July 1
Relax and enjoy the first full day aboard the private train. Pass by Perm, founded in 1661 as a Cossack garrison and fortress. Czarist and the industrial center of the region. It did not exist before the Trans-Siberian Railroad. With a population of over 1.6 million people, Novosibirsk is the largest city in Siberia and the economic, cultural, and administrative center of Russia’s vast Siberian region.

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Day 5, Tuesday, July 3
Cross into Mongolia and arrive at UlaanBator, the political, industrial and cultural center. At one time, over 90 percent of native Mongolians were pastoralists. Now, they are predominantly nomadic herders. A visit to Mongolia is not complete without a trip to the Gobi Desert, dotted with hardy desert plants that serve as forage for wild Bactrian camels. Visit Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia.

Day 6, Wednesday, July 4
Discover Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia.

Day 7, Thursday, July 5
Gobi Desert, Mongolia

Day 8, Friday, July 6
Explore the Selenga River. Today, the Selenga is an important river for tourism and recreation. The river is connected to a network of tributaries and is a popular recreational area. The river is home to a variety of fish and provides a habitat for many bird species. The river is also important for its cultural significance, as it is a source of water for local communities and is a traditional gathering place for locals. The river is recognized as an important cultural and environmental area.

Day 9, Saturday, July 7
Gashuud, Mongolia

Day 10, Sunday, July 8
Ulan Ude, Mongolia

Day 11, Monday, July 9
Explore Ulan Ude, Mongolia

Day 12, Tuesday, July 10
Ulaan Baatar, Mongolia

Day 13, Wednesday, July 11
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Day 14, Thursday, July 12
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What To Expect:

- Ulaanbaatar: The capital city of Mongolia, known for its unique blend of modern and traditional architecture. It is situated in the heart of the country and serves as a gateway to the rest of Mongolia.
- Gobi Desert: One of the most beautiful and interesting deserts in the world. It is a vast expanse of sand dunes, rock formations, and wildlife. Visitors can experience a wide range of activities, including camel riding, sandboarding, and wildlife watching.
- Ulaanbaatar: A city with a unique cultural and historical heritage. It is a melting pot of different cultures and traditions, and is known for its traditional and modern architecture. Visitors can explore the city's museums, art galleries, and cultural events.
**Day-by-Day Itinerary**

**Day 1, Monday, June 25**
Depart Los Angeles, USA

**Day 2, Tuesday, June 26**
Arrive in Moscow, Russia

**Day 3, Wednesday, June 27**
Moscow, Russia

- Visit the restored house of Prince Sergei Volkonsky, now the House Museum of the Young Tsar.
- Visit the Ivolginsky Datsan, known as the spiritual center of Russian Buddhism.
- Visit the lakeside village of Listvyanka, exploring the St. Nicholas Church and the Museum of Boat Building.
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**Day 4, Thursday, June 28**
Muscow, Russia

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**Day 16, Saturday, July 14**
Depart Kusunai, Mongolia for home.

**Air Arrangements:**

- Group arrival/departure transfers & baggage
- 8 nights accommodations; 5 in hotels, 3 aboard train (in either Silver Leaf or Deluxe Class)
- Meals as indicated: B (breakfast), L (lunch), D (dinner)
- Flights as indicated in the itinerary
- Local transportation
- Business class air travel from Los Angeles to Moscow and from Kusunai to Los Angeles

**Not Included:**

- Domestic air travel
- Early arrival, late departure, or extended stay
- Multiple-day extension
- Tipping or gratuities
- Personal expenses

**Included:**

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- Hotel accommodations in UlaanBaatar
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**What To Expect:**

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In June 2007, the Trans-Siberian Express will make a special stop at Lake Baikal, a UNESCO World Heritage site that holds over 20% of the earth’s unfrozen fresh water. This scenic stop will allow travelers to enjoy the beauty of this incredible natural wonder.

The Trans-Siberian Express offers travelers the chance to experience Russia and Mongolia in style and comfort. Travelers will enjoy private rooms and suites, world-class amenities, and attentive service from professional staff. The train’s itinerary includes stops in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Novgorod, Tver, Volgograd, and Novosibirsk, among others.

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**Sightseeing Opportunities**

- **Capital and Historical Sites** in Moscow and Ulaanbaatar.
- **Nomadic Festivals** in Mongolia.
- **Lake Baikal** is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to over 1,000 species of aquatic life.

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