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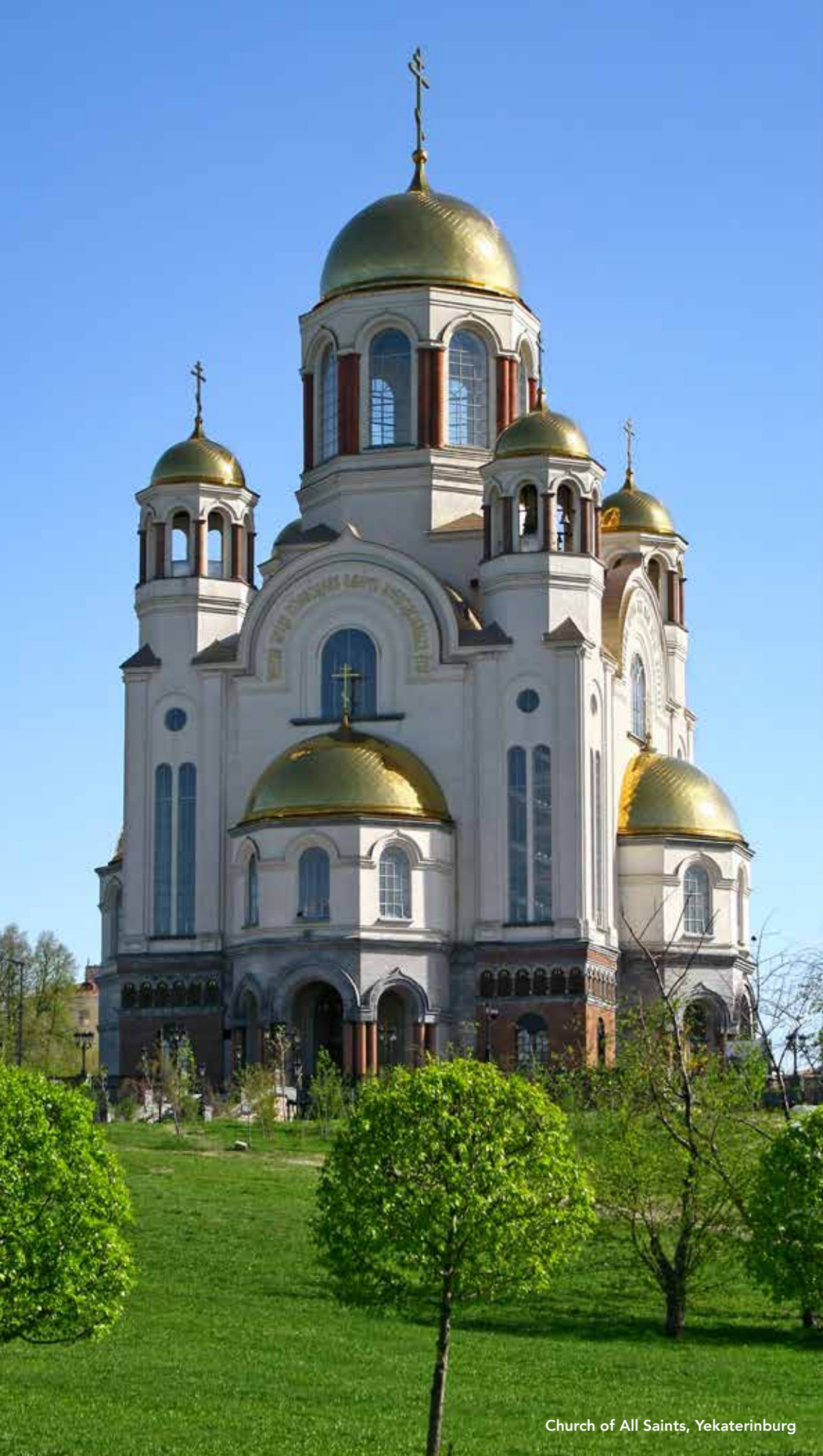
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★ TSAR'S GOLD

Tracing the Footsteps of Genghis Khan



Church of All Saints, Yekaterinburg

Dear Texas Ex,

Join us for an unparalleled journey through history on the Trans-Siberian Railway—a legendary network of rails. Enjoy modern amenities, comfortable lodging, and exciting excursions as you leisurely traverse two continents by private train during this epic adventure—through the Mongolian steppes, along the remote shores of Lake Baikal, and deep into Russia.

Traveling by rail through the diverse eastern Siberian countryside is slow and rewarding, accented by a cultural cornucopia both on and off the train.

With local guides at each stop, explore city highlights like the Choijin Lama Temple and Gandan Monastery, the Okhlopkov Drama Theatre and Taltsy Museum, and Russia's crown jewel—the Kremlin.

Your rail accommodations for this journey are on board the private *Tsar's Gold*, likely the most comfortable way to travel on the Trans-Siberian Railway. As the outside panorama glides by, take the opportunity to interact and engage with fellow travelers to discover respective cultures, partake in various vodka tastings and traditional toasts, and perhaps learn a bit of the Russian alphabet during language presentations. During city overnights, relax in the modern comforts of 4- and 5-star properties featuring luxurious amenities, restaurants, and common areas.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.


The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512-672-6134.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team: Shelley, Janice & Leslie

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Your 14-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En Route from U.S.[†]

Day 2: Arrive in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Welcome orientation

Overnight: The Blue Sky Hotel and Tower – Ulaanbaatar

Day 3: Ulaanbaatar (B,L,D)

Panoramic city tour, Choijin Lama Temple, traditional folk performance

Overnight: The Blue Sky Hotel and Tower – Ulaanbaatar

Day 4: Gandan Monastery /

Mongolian Alps / Board Trans-Siberian Railway's *Tsar's Gold* (B,L,D)

Buddhist monastery visit, afternoon Yurt picnic, Mongolian horse-riding demonstration, embarkation

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 5: Ulan-Ude, Russia (B,L,D)

Travel through Selenga River valley, Ulan-Ude guided city tour

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 6: Lake Baikal (B,L,D)

Photography opportunities, boat excursion, leisure time, lakeside barbecue picnic dinner (weather permitting)

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 7: Irkutsk (B,L,D)

Guided tour, Okhlopkov Drama Theatre, Tsar Alexander III memorial, Siberian open air museum, traditional family meal

Overnight: Courtyard Irkutsk City Center

Day 8: Trans-Siberia (B,L,D)

Travel through eastern Siberia, vodka and caviar tasting on board

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 9: Novosibirsk (B,L,D)

Customary bread and salt welcome, guided city tour

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 10: Yekaterinburg (B,L,D)

Champagne toast, obelisk monument bordering the Asian and European continents, panoramic city center tour, Church of All Saints

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 11: Kazan (B,L,D)

Tatar mosques, Russian Orthodox cathedral, inside tour of Kazan's Kremlin

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day 12: Moscow (B,L)

Disembarkation, welcome lunch, panoramic landmark tour

Overnight: Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow

Day 13: Moscow (B,L,D)

Kremlin visit, Arbat Street, farewell dinner

Overnight: Ararat Park Hyatt Moscow

Day 14: Moscow / Depart for U.S. (B)

[†]Travel time from the U.S. may take up to two days depending on flight schedules.

Activity Level: Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking between cars while the train is in motion, and accessing upper bunk beds via a ladder (in stateroom categories where applicable). All hallways are narrow and have handrails, but train travel can be unpredictable and some unexpected movement may occur. We expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled are limited.





Program Highlights

- During a city tour of Ulaanbaatar, visit the Choijin Lama Temple before experiencing a performance of traditional Mongolian folk arts.
- Enjoy a special lunch in a Mongolian yurt.
- Explore Lake Baikal—the largest freshwater reservoir in the world—during a boat excursion followed by a traditional Russian barbecue (weather permitting).
- In Irkutsk, see the Okhlopkov Drama Theatre, the new memorial to Tsar Alexander III, and the market hall during a panoramic city tour.
- Learn about daily life and customs by joining a local family in their home for a traditional meal.
- Partake in a vodka tasting accompanied by traditional Russian snacks and red caviar while traversing the diverse eastern Siberian countryside.
- While in Yekaterinburg, view the Church of All Saints—built to commemorate the lives of Russian Tsar Nicholas II and his family who died in 1918.
- During a tour of Kazan, see the Tatar mosques and the most famous Russian Orthodox cathedral. Also tour Kazan's Kremlin and learn about the turbulent history of the relationship between the Tatars, the Cossacks, and the Russians.
- Meet a local guide in Moscow to explore Red Square, the Kremlin, and Moscow City.
- **What's Included:** 5 nights hotel accommodations and 7 nights aboard the *Tsar's Gold*; a welcome orientation, 12 breakfasts, 11 lunches, and 10 dinners (including beer and wine while onboard the train); full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director as well as expert local guides; admission to all activities and tours as described in the 14-day itinerary; private motor coach transportation for sightseeing tours; gratuities for Orbridge Travel Director, onboard guides, drivers, porters, housekeeping staff, *Tsar's Gold* attendants, and wait staff for included meals; airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.





Tsar's Gold

Welcome to a journey full of exciting experiences on board the *Tsar's Gold*.

This private train trip is the most comfortable way to travel on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Khrushchev's "Red Tsars" were fond of their home comforts, and they liked to travel in style, too. The nostalgic style is maintained while providing guests with modern conveniences.

The *Tsar's Gold* offers pleasant accommodations, thoughtful service, beautiful views, and fresh cuisine designed by onboard chefs using locally sourced ingredients. Guests will also receive complimentary alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages with meals aboard the train.

NOTE: There is no internet access on the train.

STATEROOM CATEGORIES & CARRIAGE PLANS

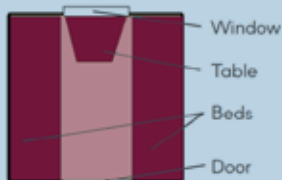
All dimensions are approximate and may vary according to different technical constructions of cars and staterooms.

Superior Plus: Centrally controlled climate for each car, view window, two lower beds, and a table. Luggage storage above door. One shared bathroom with toilet and sink located at each end of the Superior Plus car. One shared facility with shower and sink located at one end of the car.

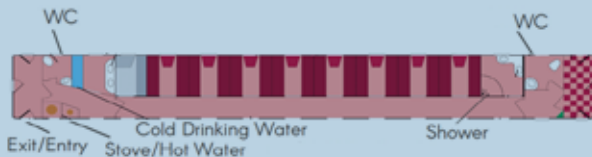
Stateroom size: approx. 24 sq. ft.

Bed size (L x W): 72.8" x 26.7"

Stateroom Layout



Car Layout



Nostalgic Comfort: Climate control, view window, upper and lower bunk beds, and a table and armchair. Luggage storage under lower bed. One shared sink and shower between two staterooms. One toilet and sink located at each end of the Nostalgic Comfort car.

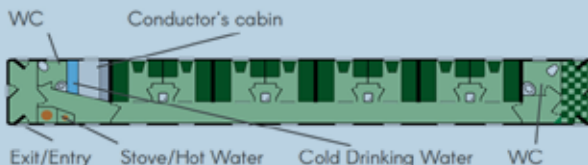
Stateroom size: approx. 42 sq. ft.

Bed size (L x W): 73.6" x 31.4"

Stateroom Layout



Car Layout



Hotel Accommodations (subject to change)

THE BLUE SKY HOTEL AND TOWER – ULAANBAATAR

This elegant, luxury hotel offers spacious and exquisitely designed guest rooms with dramatic city views, delectable dining options from Asian to Western, and inviting common areas. Located in the bustling Sukhbaatar District, this property is in the heart of Ulaanbaatar's leading shopping and business area.



COURTYARD IRKUTSK CITY CENTER

Ideally situated in central Irkutsk, this well-appointed hotel provides convenient access to local sights, and it's just 40 minutes from Lake Baikal. Sip an end-of-day cocktail at the laid back Cedar Bar, and enjoy on-site dining at Mesto Vstrechi, which features Siberian cuisine.



ARARAT PARK HYATT MOSCOW

Enjoy the five-star luxuries and ideal location of Ararat Park Hyatt, just steps away from Red Square. The property's world-class facilities include a heated indoor pool, well equipped fitness room, spa, and Roman steam baths.



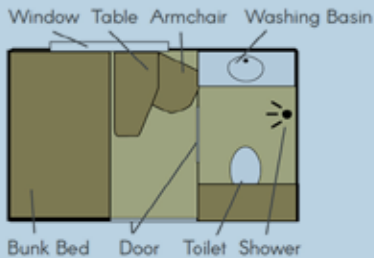
Bolshoi: Climate control, view window, upper and lower bunk beds, table and armchair, wardrobe, and small private en suite bathroom with combination shower/toilet. Luggage storage above door.

Stateroom size: approx. 60 sq. ft.

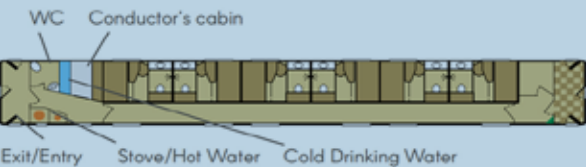
Bed 1 size (L x W): 72.4" x 47.2" / Bed 2 size (L x W): 68.5" x 31.4"

Wardrobe 1 (H x D x W): 18.1" x 33.5" x 13.8" / Wardrobe 2 (H x D x W): 65" x 33.5" x 13.8"

Stateroom Layout



Car Layout



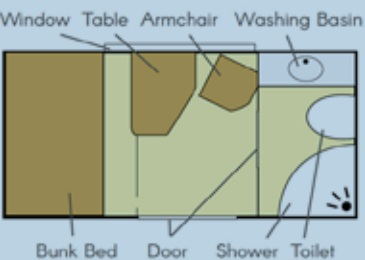
Bolshoi Platinum: Climate control, view window, upper and lower bunk beds, table and armchair, two wardrobes, and private en suite bathroom with shower. Luggage storage above door.

Stateroom size: approx. 77 sq. ft.

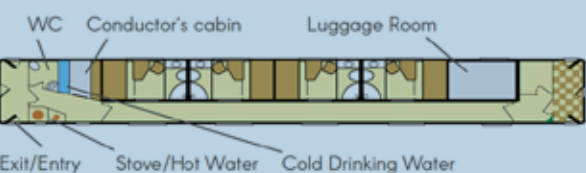
Bed 1 size (L x W): 72.4" x 47.2" / Bed 2 size (L x W): 68.5" x 32.2"

Wardrobe 1 (H x D x W): 19.7" x 33.5" x 24" / Wardrobe 2 (H x D x W): 61.4" x 33.5" x 24"

Stateroom Layout



Car Layout



Optional Pre-Tour: **Beijing**

Visit the political and cultural heart of China—Beijing, an area that blends rich history with modern lifestyles. Embrace the dynamic panorama featuring UNESCO World Heritage Sites, innovative architecture, and an array of impressive cuisine that will pique any palate.

Pre-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day +1: En Route from U.S.[†]

Day +2: Arrive in Beijing, China

Evening at leisure

Overnight: Capital Hotel

Day +3: Beijing (B,D)

Morning at leisure, Temple of Heaven

Overnight: Capital Hotel

Day +4: Beijing (B,L,D)

Great Wall of China, Ming Tombs, Sacred

Way necropolis

Overnight: Capital Hotel

Day +5: Forbidden City / Gobi Desert (B,L,D)

Tiananmen Square, train to Mongolia

Overnight: Onboard Chinese train

Day +6: Gobi Desert / Mongolia (B,L,D)

Border crossing, travel through Gobi

Desert and Mongolian steppes

Overnight: *Tsar's Gold*

Day +7: Ulaanbaatar / Main Program (B)

After breakfast, join guests on the main

program

Optional Post-Tour: **St. Petersburg**

Extend your adventure to explore St. Petersburg, referred to as *the Venice of the North* with its more than 300 bridges. This cultural capital of Russia seamlessly blends past and present—the UNESCO World Heritage Site of its historic city center, rich with untouched 18th and 19th century architecture, provides an unrivaled backdrop for modern events like contemporary art exhibits, music festivals, and theater performances. St. Petersburg is a bucket-list location for anyone interested in Russian history, culture, and sightseeing.

Post-Tour Itinerary *(subject to change)*

Day 14: Depart Moscow / Arrive in

St. Petersburg (L)

Evening at leisure

Overnight: Hotel Astoria

Day 15: St. Petersburg (B,L)

Private State Hermitage tour, Nevsky

Prospekt, Kazan Cathedral, the Winter

Palace, Vasilyevsky Island, St. Isaac's

Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress,

leisure time

Overnight: Hotel Astoria

Day 16: St. Petersburg / Tsarskoe Selo /

Pushkin (B,L)

Summer Palace, log cabin lunch, Pavlovsk Palace

Overnight: Hotel Astoria

Day 17: St. Petersburg / Depart for U.S. (B)

After breakfast, guests departing during

the suggested times take a complimentary

transfer to Pulkovo International Airport

for flights home

What's Included

- 3 nights accommodations at Capital Hotel (or similar), 1 night aboard a Chinese train, and 1 night aboard the *Tsar's Gold*
- 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners
- Guided Beijing city tour, including Tiananmen Square
- Admission to Great Wall of China
- Visit to Ming Tombs, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Train transport with private compartment between China and Mongolia
- Porter service while transferring between the Chinese train and the *Tsar's Gold*
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times

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NOTE: Guests on the Beijing pre-tour will join guests on Day 3 of the main program.

What's Included

- High-speed train transfer in Business Class with lunch from Moscow to St. Petersburg
- 3 nights accommodations at Hotel Astoria (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches, with 1 lunch served in a log cabin
- Private guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum
- Outside visit of the Summer Palace
- Inside visit to Pavlovsk Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times

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St. Petersburg Post-Tour: June 27-30, 2022

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