



Trans Mongolian Express Russia-Mongolia-China with Lake Baikal

Key Information:

Trip Length: 15 days/14 nights.

Trip Type: Easy to Moderate

Tour Code: **SMT-TMRLBMC-15D**

Specialty Categories: Trans Mongolian Express Russia-Mongolia-China with Lake Baikal.

Meeting Point: Moscow, Russia.

Departure Point: Beijing, China.

Group size: 4-9 persons or more participants.

Airfare Included: No.

Tour Customizable: Yes.

Best time to visit Mongolia: from Middle May to September. October the temperatures are cool in Mongolia.

Tour Highlights: Incredible journey in just fifteen days. **This is a unique and cheap way to discover Russia, Mongolia and China.** A train tour you will never forget...The longest and most famous railway journey in the world, the Trans Mongolian or Trans-Siberian traverses Mongolia from Russia to China. Especially in Russia and Mongolia it is very difficult to arrange transfers, hotels and transport by yourself. "Samar Magic Tours" is pleased to offer Trans Mongolian or Trans-Siberian Railway Journeys to **Russia-Mongolia-China**. This is the most legendary train ride in the world. There is time to explore major cities such as Moscow, Ulaanbaatar and Beijing. Discovery Mongolia- the Land of Genghis Khan forming the Mongol Empire, the largest contiguous land empire in world history. It's an incredible, unforgettable journey to the three unique lands.

Brief Itinerary:

Days 1-3: Moscow

On arrival in the Russian capital, you'll transfer to your hotel ahead of two days to discover Moscow. There is plenty to see and to do here in your own, including Moscow's Red Central Square, the Kremlin, the Art galleries, the Bolshoi Theatre, and the Moscow Metro, before you depart on the evening. Departure on train from to Yaroslavsky Railway Station in Moscow at **09:35 PM (21:35)**.

Days 4-6: Trans-Siberian Railway

Trans-Siberian Railway to Irkutsk. In-route, you'll cross over the Ural Mountains – which are seen as the natural divide between Europe and Asia. Enjoy the scenery of Ural Mountains and Siberia from the vantage of the picture window in your compartment.

Day 7: Irkutsk-Listvyanka village-Baikal Lake

After three days on the train, you'll arrive in Irkutsk at **05:15 AM** (local time), before being transferred to your hotel in Listvyanka village. In route, visit the Taltsy museum. Relaxing day in the village of Listvyanka by beautiful Lake Baikal. Lunch in local restaurant. Discover stunning Lake Baikal (Siberia's blue pearl). The Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and holds more than 20 percent of the world's fresh water.

Day 8: Lake Baikal-Irkutsk

You'll have chance to explore the area round the world's largest and deepest freshwater lake, with a visit to the Limnological Museum being an option for those who wish to learn more about the area. Optional walking tour (trekking) to Chersky peak. Lunch. In the afternoon, return to Irkutsk. Free time in your own. Meet and transfer to the Irkutsk Railway Station to board the daily train No. 362 based on 4 berth compartment at **08:35 P.M. (20:35)** to start the journey towards the Mongolian capital Ulaanbaatar. Night on train.

Day 9: Crossing Russian/Mongolian borders

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Day 10: Ulaanbaatar-Terelj National Park

Having arrived in Ulaanbaatar Mongolian capital at **06:00 A.M.** (local time), you'll transfer directly to Terelj National Park (about 70kms/44miles) to spend a night in a traditional Mongolian Gers Camp.

Day 11: Terelj National Park-Grand Statue of Genghis Khan-Ulaanbaatar

After the lunch, you'll head back to Ulaanbaatar with time at leisure to explore the city. In route, we visit the Great Statue of Chinggis or Genghis Khan. The Genghis or Chinggis Khaan Main Square, Gandan monastery and the National History Museum-where you will see artifacts from Mongolia and Central Asia from the Stone Age to the present, are amongst the sights you might want to explore.

Day 12: Ulaanbaatar-Beijing

Board the train to depart Ulaanbaatar at **07:15 A.M** (local time). Continuing south the train enters the famous Gobi desert then continues towards to the Mongolian-Chinese border Zamin Uud-Earlian, where after formalities the train crosses into Chinese territory. Night on train.

Days 13-14: Beijing

On arrival in Beijing at **02:04 P.M.**, you'll transfer to your hotel ahead of two days to discover Beijing. There is plenty to see and to do here in your own, including the famous locations as the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, Temple of Heaven and numerous parts of the Great Wall of China.

Day 15: Departure China or Post tour

Breakfast at hotel. Free time in your own. Check-out time from the hotel is at **12:00 M.** At the conclusion of your time in Beijing, you'll then make your own way to the airport for your flight home. Tour ends or Post tour in China on early request, at least **75** working days!.

Day-by-day Itinerary:

Day 1: Moscow

On arrival in the Russian capital, you'll transfer to your hotel ahead of two days to discover Moscow. Overnight at Izmailovo Business Class hotel 3* or similar.

Day 2: Moscow

Breakfast. There is plenty to see and to do here in your own, including Moscow's Red Central Square, the Kremlin, the Art galleries, the Bolshoi Theatre, and the Moscow Metro. Overnight at Izmailovo Business Class hotel 3* or similar. **(B)**

Day 3: Trans-Siberian Railway

Breakfast. Morning free in your own. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Meet at the reception of the hotel and transfer for your departure on train from to Yaroslavsky Railway Station in Moscow at **09:35 PM (21:35)**. Night on train. **(B)**

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The valley is about 20kms/12miles long at 1600m. This area is the magnificent of alpine forest, and rocks formation. On the way, we explore the 100 Lamas cave, where 100 Lamas hide from the soviets repression. Visit the Turtle shaped original rock. Free time in your own. Enjoy this amazing scenery of wide-open steppe with rolling hills in the background and river. We recommend you take a walk around the Terelj river or to the Nomadic breeder's family and experience the traditional customs and lifestyle of local residents or into the foothills to witness this amazing landscapes and wild life. **(L)(D)**

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Days 14: Beijing

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Day 15: Departure China or Post tour

Breakfast at hotel. By hotels policy check-in time is after **14:00**. Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Tour ends or Post tour in China on early request, at least **75** working days!. **(B)**

Prices shown are per person travelling based on at least **4-9** persons or more people. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are **2** people travelling sharing a twin room/2nd class 4 berth train cabin.

Please note that:

1. From June to September all routes are particularly busy and an upgrade may be difficult to obtain.
2. No meals aboard the train.
3. Add supplements by train ticket in 1st class compartment.
4. There is not 1st class compartment by train No. 362 from Irkutsk to Ulaanbaatar.

What's Included?

Train ticket from Moscow to Irkutsk (in 4 berth compartment).

Train ticket from Irkutsk to Ulaanbaatar (in 4 berth compartment).

Train ticket from Ulaanbaatar to Beijing (in 4 berth compartment).

2 nights of accommodation at Izmailovo Business Class hotel 3* or similar, based on twin share in Moscow with breakfast.

1 night of accommodation at Baikal Listvyanka hotel, 3* or similar, based on twin share in Baikal Lake with breakfast.

1 night of accommodation at indicated hotel, 3*, based on twin share in Ulaanbaatar with daily breakfast.

1 night of accommodation in Tourist Gers Camp, outside of Ulaanbaatar, based on twin share in private with full board.

2 nights of accommodation at Novotel Xinqiao hotel, 4* or similar, based on twin share in Beijing with breakfast.

English speaking local guide throughout.

All transfers for arrival, departure and sightseeing programmes on private basis including the all petrol.

Meals included as stated in the itinerary (**B**-breakfast, **L**-lunch, **D**-dinner), including one bottle of mineral water.

All applicable main entrance fees to the specified protected areas, national park, museums, and monuments in Mongolia.

Entrance fees to Taltsy museum and to Limnological Museum in Baikal lake.

Mongolia Tax.

The letter-visa support for Russian visa and the Russian voucher.

The letter-visa support for Mongolian visa (if it will be necessary).

What's Not Included?

International flight.

Occasional flight delays or cancellation.

No meals aboard the train.

Airport taxes.

Visa.

Excess baggage.

Any rescue costs or costs of early departure.

Changing of date of departure.

The traveler is responsible for having proper travel documents, such as a valid passport, proper visa, the necessary passport pictures, and the International airfares.

Travel insurance.

Items of personal nature such as gratuities to porters at hotels, telephone / telex / fax charges, laundry, beverages, meals, optional activities, and services not specified in the itinerary.

Any circumstances beyond of our control, such as the imposition of quarantine restrictions, weather conditions, etc.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

HOW TO JOIN: All the tours are "Land Only", so you need to book your own International flights, unless otherwise specified in the tour description. Joining information will be sent to you upon confirmation.

PAYMENT METHOD: Payments are accepted by bank wire transfer (the transfer costs borne by the customer) and any Visa and Master card (a bank administration fee is added). Please note that, there may be a handling charge payable for credit/debit card payments. At the date of publication of this Brochure, this handling charge will be **2.0%** for credit card payments. If you wish to make payment via bank transfer, please ask us for the details of our bank account.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: These require a booking form and a deposit which is non-refundable. Booking requests with deposits will be considered in order of their receipt. A booking form is accepted and acceptance becomes definite only from the date that we have confirmed acceptance in writing and issued a confirmation invoice. At this point, a contract between the applicant and us comes into existence. We reserve the absolute right to decline any bookings for any legal reasons whatsoever, at our sole discretion.

Payment of the balance:

In order to confirm your chosen arrangements, a minimum non-refundable deposit of \$ US 1,000.00 Or 1,000.00 € Euros per person must be paid at the time of booking if you are booking more than **12** weeks in advance. The tour cost is due not later than **10** weeks before the departure date. **Your tour price is guaranteed:** once Samar Magic Tours has received your full payment. All tour prices are in US dollars and in Euro and are based on tariff and rates of currency exchange in effect at the time of printing. No further reminder will be sent and, if payment is not received by the due date, I reserve the right to treat the booking as cancelled and charge a cancellation fee, the amount of which will not exceed the total cost of the holiday. You are therefore strongly recommended to take out travel insurance at an early stage to cover you in event of cancellation. All itineraries are as written, but reserve the right to alter these due to any unforeseen circumstances, and will notify you of any changes as soon as possible.

Refunds on Trans Mongolian or Trans-Siberian Railway Journeys:

Deposits are non-refundable.

90-36 working days prior to departure: 50% of Land Cost.

35-00 working days prior to departure: No refund.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Booking fees and credit card surcharges cannot be refunded in case of cancellation. We will not make refunds to credit cards, other than the credit card that was used for your booking. We may process refunds via wire transfer, in which case we will deduct any bank charges from the refundable amount.

Train cancellation terms are additional: The train fares are subject to change based on availability at the time of entering the reservation. Rates in international trains only freeze the issuance and payment in full of the tickets. Tickets are not refundable and can only be annulled on the day of issue. All cancellation requests are required in writing. Telephone / verbal cancellation is not accepted.

HOTELS: By hotels policy check-in time is after **14:00**. Early check-in charge directly to the tourists and **NO** to Samar Magic Tours. By hotels policy check-out time is before **12:00** noon. Late check out extra fee is required directly from the tourists and **NO** to Samar Magic Tours.

PASSPORT, VISA AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: All participants are responsible for, and must be in possession of, a full passport, valid for at least six months beyond the end of the tour. In addition, participants must obtain any necessary visas and vaccination certificates required for the tour.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK: The Client acknowledges that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that such holidays may involve a significant amount of personal risk. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.

PRIVACY POLICY

Samar Magic Tours take its responsibility to protect your security and confidentiality very seriously. We want your trust and respect. Personal information submitted to us via a web-form, mail, telephone, fax, e-mail or any other means, is only used to arrange your trip at your selected destination, and will never be sold, rented, shared or passed on to any unauthorized third-party. We use this information to identify your orders, and to personalize your experience with us; that's all.