

TSAR'S GOLD

TRANS-SIBERIAN ADVENTURE

JUNE 25 - JULY 12, 2019 (18 DAYS)

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Dear Alumni & Friends,

Experience one of the last great travel adventures! Join us for a unique journey on the legendary Trans-Siberian Railroad, one of the world's most fascinating train routes. Travel from Moscow to Beijing aboard *Tsar's Gold*, our privately chartered train and enjoy informative lectures, comfortable accommodations, and culinary highlights freshly prepared by onboard chefs.

The world's longest railway, the Trans-Siberian delivers the highlights of three intriguing countries. In Moscow, see the imposing Kremlin grounds and Red Square, historic landmarks in Kazan, Yekaterinburg, and Novosibirsk. Siberia boasts remote villages, awe-inspiring views of rivers, mountain peaks, and the seemingly endless shores of Lake Baikal. Experience Mongolia with its rugged landscapes, traditional yurt settlements, nomadic herdsman and horses. Finally, cross the vast and arid Gobi Desert known for its dunes, mountains and rare animals such as snow leopard and Bactrian camels, before concluding your trip with three days in Beijing, China's magnificent capital.

We share this adventure with alumni and friends from McGill University, Queen's University, Western University, University of Alberta, University of Saskatchewan, and McMaster University.

For more information, or to make a reservation, please contact our travel partner GLP Worldwide at 1-866-760-1987 or alumni@glpworldwide.com.

Sincerely,



Daphne Tao
Manager, Alumni Travel



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ITINERARY



Mongolian Horse Riding

DAY 1 | JUNE 25 | POINT OF DEPARTURE

Board your flight to Moscow, Russia, to begin your adventure.

DAY 2 | JUNE 26 | MOSCOW (D)

Welcome to Moscow, the capital of Russia, and the world's northernmost metropolis. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3 | JUNE 27 | MOSCOW (B, L, D)

Explore Moscow with a full-day sightseeing tour that features the remarkable sights of this bustling city. The morning tour focuses on the rich history of Moscow, with visits to Vorobyovy Gory, or Sparrow Hills, affording you an incredible panorama of the city; Poklonnaya Hill, a place of great importance in the city's military history; and the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, the world's tallest Orthodox Christian church. First built in the 19th century following the retreat of Napoleon's army, the Cathedral was destroyed in 1931 as mandated by the Stalin government; and rebuilt and completed in 2000. Walk along the famous Red Square to see the stunning Saint Basil's Cathedral and the GUM department store, formerly the Soviet State Department Store. Lunch is at a local restaurant.

Discover the "underground palace" which is the Moscow Metro transit system. Learn about its fascinating history and visit some of the beautiful stations. With over 150 stations throughout the city all breathtaking in their architecture, sculptures, frescoes, and mosaics the Moscow Metro is a must-see for visitors.

Enjoy dinner at the hotel, accompanied by a presentation from your train guides.

DAY 4 | JUNE 28 | MOSCOW |

BOARD THE TSAR'S GOLD (B, L, D)

This morning, visit the imposing Kremlin grounds and Cathedral Square with its magnificent cathedrals dating back to Tsarist times. In the evening, board your private train, and meet your fellow travellers in the dining car to learn more about the train.

DAY 5 | JUNE 29 | KAZAN (B, L, D)

Wake up in Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan.

Tour the Kazan Kremlin, a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site with its panoramic view over the Volga River, Europe's longest river. Learn about the tumultuous history between the Tatars, the Cossacks, and the Russians. Your train continues eastward in the evening.

DAY 6 | JUNE 30 | YEKATERINBURG (B, L, D)

Arrive in Yekaterinburg, historical capital of the Urals and perhaps best-known for being the site of the 1918 brutal execution of Tsar Nicholas and the Romanov family following the February Revolution. During a brief tour, see the Church of All Saints built in commemoration of this tragic event, and explore the attractive city centre. Back on board, continue your journey through the vast steppes of western Siberia

DAY 7 | JULY 1 | NOVOSIBIRSK (B, L, D)

Welcome to Novosibirsk, the third-most populous city in Russia and the heart of Siberia. Here you are greeted with bread and salt, the traditional welcome of Russia. During a short city tour, experience the most Soviet of all cities and take in awe-inspiring sights such as the enormous monument to the builders of the Trans-Siberian line and the mighty Ob River.

DAY 8 | JULY 2 | ABOARD THE TSAR'S GOLD

(B, L, D)

Cross the wide Yenisei River and Siberia. The train's chefs once again demonstrate their skills as they serve Russian specialties in a feast fit for a tsar. A vodka tasting accompanied by Russian snacks offers an opportunity to relax and enjoy local hospitality. Take in spectacular views as the train passes by villages and through birch forests set against a background of soaring mountains.

DAY 9 | JULY 3 | IRKUTSK (B, L, D)

Your train reaches Irkutsk, capital of Eastern Siberia in Tsarist times. Sights include picturesque Siberian wooden houses and a memorial to Tsar Alexander III (initiator of the Trans-Siberian Railway). After lunch, visit an open-air museum that examines life and work in Siberia through the ages. Enjoy a night off the train with accommodation in Irkutsk.

DAY 10 | JULY 4 | LAKE BAIKAL (B, L, D)

Experience picturesque Listvyanka, a Siberian village on the shores of Lake Baikal, the largest reservoir of non-frozen freshwater in the world. A bus takes you from Irkutsk to the village for a boat ride across the lake to Port Baikal, where your private train is waiting. Travel alongside Lake Baikal on the original route of the Trans-Siberian Railway. Your train halts for several hours at a scenic spot to truly enjoy this natural wonder. Dinner is served as a picnic on the shores of Lake Baikal, weather permitting.

DAY 11 | JULY 5 | LAKE BAIKAL - ULAN UDE - MONGOLIA (B, L, D)

Savour the breathtaking sights as you continue along the banks of the seemingly endless Lake Baikal, through the splendid Selenga Valley, and into the wild solitude of eastern Siberia's steppes. At our stop in Ulan-Ude, explore this interesting city closed to foreigners until 1991. Border formalities at the Russian-Mongolian border are a simple matter carried out onboard.

DAY 12 | JULY 6 | ULAN BATOR (B, L, D)

Wake up early to appreciate the spectacular scenery that is central Mongolia, with its mountain landscapes dotted with colourful yurt camps, and inhabited by solitary riders on horseback, before arriving to its capital, Ulan Bator. Highlights of the city tour include the impressive Gandan Buddhist monastery and the peculiar Choijin Lama Temple. Celebrate Mongolian culture with a performance of traditional Mongolian folk arts that includes throat singing, fiddle playing, and dancing. Spend the night in Ulan Bator, or make the most of your Mongolian adventure by opting into alternative yurt lodging in the gorgeous landscape of the Mongolian Alps.

DAY 13 | JULY 7 | ULAN BATOR (B, L, D)

Go off the beaten path with a visit to Gorkhi-Terelj National Park located just east of Ulan Bator. Observe nomadic herdsman's settlements of traditional tents, herds of horses, and scraggly yaks. In these stunning surroundings, observe an exclusive Mongolian horse-riding demonstration followed by a picnic lunch. In the evening, continue your trip towards China.

DAY 14 | JULY 8 | CROSSING THE GOBI DESERT (B, L, D)

Transfer to your chartered Chinese train at the Mongolian-Chinese border, where an overnight train trip eventually brings you to Beijing, China's capital. Enjoy the time to relax and prepare yourself for the vibrant sights of Beijing.



Lake Baikal

DAY 15 | JULY 9 | BEIJING (B, L)

Beijing greets you in the morning with all its colourful activities. Transfer to your hotel and spend the rest of the day at leisure to rest or explore this magnificent city.

DAY 16 | JULY 10 | BEIJING (B, L)

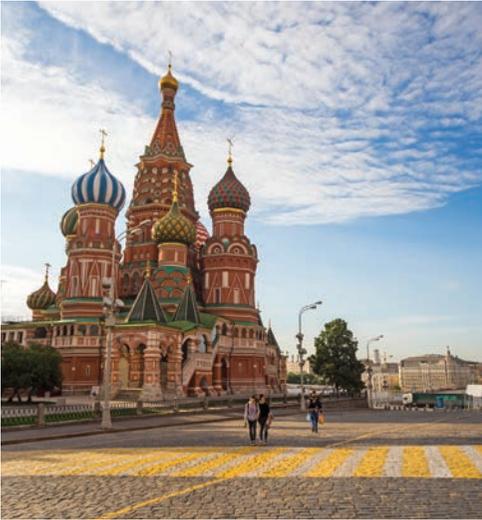
Take in the stunning sights on our city tour. Visit the Temple of Heaven and its beautiful park. Experience Tiananmen Square and feel the weight of its historical significance. Gaze at some of the city's contemporary architectural achievements, such as the Bird's Nest (the 2008 Olympic stadium) and several futuristic skyscrapers. Enter the Forbidden City, the former imperial palace and be awed by its numerous temples and halls.

DAY 17 | JULY 11 | BEIJING (B, L)

Spend your last day in Beijing at the Great Wall of China, one of the world's wonders. Walk along this historic wall which extends for more than 6000 kilometres through the countryside. On the way, visit the Ming Tombs, the burial site of 13 Ming Dynasty emperors, with its striking and beautiful spirit way. Enjoy a farewell dinner featuring the world-renowned delicacy, Peking duck.

DAY 18 | JULY 12 | DEPART BEIJING (B)

Transfer to the airport for your return flight home.



Moscow Marcel Mayer



Beijing Tiananmen



Beijing Forbidden City



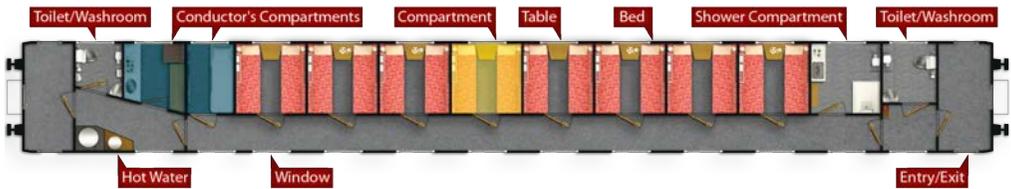
Mongolian Yurt

TRAIN INFORMATION

TSAR'S GOLD

Your Tsar's Gold private train makes it easy to travel the world's most fascinating railroad safely and comfortably. Benefit from its 30 years of experience on the Trans-Siberian Railroad with over 750 successful tours.

Culinary enjoyment is provided by the train's much-praised restaurants offering local specialties. After dinner, the restaurant car with its bar service is an ideal place to enjoy a drink while marvelling at the passing scenery or socialising with your fellow travellers.



PRICING & TERMS

PRICING

Compartment Category

Cat.II / Classic
Cat.II / Superior
Cat.II+ / Superior Plus
Cat.III / Nostalgic Comfort
Cat.IV / Bolshoi
Cat.V / Bolshoi Platinum

Twin Occupancy

CAD \$12,280 per person
CAD \$12,710 per person
CAD \$13,240 per person
CAD \$15,550 per person
CAD \$19,240 per person
CAD \$21,920 per person

Single Occupancy

CAD \$15,560 per person
CAD \$16,350 per person
CAD \$16,880 per person
CAD \$21,390 per person
CAD \$27,520 per person
CAD \$31,510 per person

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. The above rates include economy airfare from Toronto. Please contact GLP Worldwide for add-on rates from other cities in Canada.

INCLUSIONS

- Roundtrip international airfare and air taxes for flights from Toronto – Moscow and return Beijing – Toronto.
- All gratuities for train conductor and crew, and for local guides and drivers for included excursions
- Chinese Visa fee to obtain visa prior to departure
- Russian Visa fee to obtain visa prior to departure
- Meals included as indicated in itinerary

TRAIN PROGRAM

- Guaranteed lodging in the booked category aboard the Tsar's Gold
- Accommodation in a 2- or 4-bed compartment in a chartered Chinese train between Erlian and Beijing and between Moscow and Erlian
- Tour director with knowledge of the travelled route throughout the journey
- Experienced local tour guides
- All transfers / bus trips according to itinerary
- All excursions and sightseeing according to itinerary including all entry fees (except optional tours)
- Meals onboard include water and tea/coffee
- Porter service at all railway stations
- Vodka tasting with traditional Russian snacks
- Informational talks on the Trans-Siberian Railway, regional geography, culture, and history of the countries along the route
- A physician on board the train (Moscow – Chinese border)
- Shower facilities on board
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Moscow with daily breakfast and portage
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Irkutsk with breakfast
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Ulan Bator with breakfast
- 3 nights hotel accommodation in Beijing with daily breakfast

SPECIAL INCLUSIONS

- Champagne reception and concert in Irkutsk
- Snacks and drinks at panorama point in Krasnoyarsk
- Private concert at the Kazan State Conservatory
- Overnight in a yurt in Mongolia
- Visit a herder's family in Mongolia

EXCLUSIONS

- Optional travel, health, accident or other insurance
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

First Deposits:

\$2,500 per each confirmed passenger at the time of booking

Second Deposits:

\$2,500 per each confirmed passenger due at 180 days prior to departure

Final Payment:

Balance due on 121 days prior to departure

CANCELLATION CHARGES ON LAND/TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS

From time of booking to 181 days prior to departure: \$2,500 per person

180-121 days prior to departure: \$5,000 per person

120 days or less prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

AIR CANCELLATION PENALTIES ARE SUBJECT TO AIRLINE REGULATIONS

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation or comprehensive travel insurance at the time of booking. Please contact GLP Worldwide for a quotation.

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