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Naadam Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Ulan Bator - Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Moscow

TS-19

This Trans-Mongolian tour is designed to coincide with the famous Naadam Festival. This Mongolian spectacular dates back centuries. Originally a test of a nomad's aptitude, each July these games are held requiring strength, stamina, accurate marksmanship and of course, skillful horsemanship - given the equine nature of nomadic life, much importance is placed on the horse races. Watching the games will definitely lead to a better understanding of the history, uniqueness and peculiarities of this country. Beginning in Beijing and ending in Moscow, this tour also takes in some of the unmissable highlights of Mongolia's neighbors, Russia and China.

DEPARTURE DATES:

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Day 1 - Beijing
Arrival in China. Exploring Old Beijing (Hutong Area)

Day 2 - Beijing
Tiananmen Square. Forbidden City & Summer Palace

Day 3 - Beijing
Badaling Great Wall. Visit to the Olympic Green

Day 4 - Beijing
Departure to Mongolia

Day 5 - Ulan Bator / Terelj
Arrival in Mongolia. Enjoy Terelj National Park

Day 6 - Terelj / Ulan Bator
Ulan Bator City Tour. National History Museum

Day 7 - Ulan Bator
Naadam Festival Opening Ceremony

Day 8 - Ulan Bator / Hui Doloon Hudag / Ulan Bator
Naadam Festival - Enjoy Horse Racing

Day 9 - Ulan Bator
Ulan Bator City Tour. National History Museum

Day 10 - Ulan Bator
Free day

Day 11 - Ulan Bator
Transfer to the Railway Station. Departure to Russia

Day 12 - Irkutsk / Listvyanka
Lake Baikal

Day 13 - Listvyanka
At Leisure at Baikal

Day 14 - Listvyanka / Irkutsk
Wooden Architecture Museum in Taltsy. Exploring Irkutsk.

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

Accommodation
Breakfasts in the hotels
Full-board in Mongolia & China
Train: 2nd class (night)
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport & railway transfers
Visas: checking service

Not included
Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Meals on the train
Consular fees - China
Consular fees - Mongolia

Optional extras and upgrades
Optional excursions
Train compartment upgrade
Theatre and circus tickets

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Visa free travel to Beijing
Russian debit card

Departure to Yekaterinburg

Day 16 - Yekaterinburg
Transfer to the Hotel

Day 17 - Yekaterinburg
Ganina Yama & Cathedral on the Blood. Europe-Asia Border

Day 18 - Yekaterinburg
Departure to Moscow

Day 19 - Moscow
Exploring Moscow. Red Square, St. Basil's, Lenin Mausoleum

Day 20 - Moscow
Kremlin & Armoury

Day 21 - Moscow
Departure for the Airport

ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please contact us for a quote.

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

> Naadam Trans-Mongolian: Moscow - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia Naadam - Beijing (TS-20), Price from $, 20 days
> Best of Trans-Mongolian: Moscow - Yekaterinburg - Irkutsk - Baikal - Mongolia - Beijing (TS-11), Price from $3,495, 18 days
> Trans-Mongolian East-West: Beijing - Ulan Bator - Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Moscow - St. Petes (TS-17), Price from $4,095, 19 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents
We have in-house visa teams in the US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents
If you are not resident in the USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:
www.justgorussia.com/us/visa_services.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.com and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.com, or

Phone: call us on **+1 (917) 259 13 33**

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum $250) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

YOUR NOTES

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please inquire about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.