Splendors of Siberia & Mongolia by Luxury Rail

Ulaanbaatar to Moscow
Aboard the Golden Eagle

July 9–22, 2020
LUXURIATE in an epic Trans-Siberian journey on the exclusive and intimate Golden Eagle train, enjoying private cabins with en-suite bathrooms; and sumptuous gourmet meals with wines carefully selected by the train’s owner, a wine importer

EXPERIENCE the Naadam Festival, known as the “Mongolian Olympics,” featuring a colorful opening ceremony, dancers, musicians, and traditional competitions in archery, horseback riding, and wrestling, just weeks ahead of the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games

SAVOR a decadent twilight feast of freshly smoked omul fish on the banks of Siberia’s Lake Baikal, the world’s oldest and deepest lake, and take an optional plunge in its stunning blue waters

REVEL in a private meeting with a Mongolian nomadic family in a traditional ger (yurt), take an optional horseback ride, and watch a performance featuring Mongolian throat singing and contortionists in Ulaanbaatar

CELEBRATE with a private concert and champagne reception in Irkutsk, the “Paris of Siberia,” and honor the life of Russian opera virtuoso Feodor Chaliapin with an exclusive performance of his music in his hometown of Kazan

DELIGHT in a private tour of Moscow’s Armoury Chamber, and marvel at its treasures from the tsars, including Ivan the Terrible’s ivory throne and weaponry from as early as the 6th century

VISIT the solemn site in Yekaterinburg where the Romanovs met their fate at the hands of the Bolsheviks in 1918
Dear Council Travelers,

When the winter snows have melted in summer, Mongolia and Siberia unveil their natural beauty and transform into comfortably warm paradises. Next July, join us for an exclusive Trans-Siberian journey from the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar to Moscow aboard the lavish Golden Eagle.

Setting a new standard for high-end travel, this elegant train balances privacy with an intimate size that encourages community with other travelers. Relax in comfortable cabins with en-suite bathrooms. On smooth tracks expertly crafted for the Russian military, glide through tunnels and around stunning cliffs as beautiful birch forests and steppes rush by.

This once-a-year route is specially timed for the Naadam Festival, known as the “Mongolian Olympics.” Originally a competition for warriors, the festival dates back to Genghis Khan’s 13th-century rule, and its ongoing traditions offer a stark contrast from the commercialized 2020 Olympics that will happen just weeks later. Admire the festival’s colorful pageantry, dazzling performances, and the spectacle of its archery, horseback riding, and wrestling events.

On this meticulously curated tour, discover fascinating nomadic cultures and Russian cities that have played pivotal roles in the nation’s history, and explore the sites and museums of Moscow. A highlight will be a visit to Lake Baikal, the most ancient lake in the world. Known as “the Galápagos of Russia,” it boasts a remarkable diversity of flora and fauna, including the world’s only seal species that lives exclusively in fresh water. Enjoy a feast of freshly smoked omul fish on its shores. You may wish to take a dip in Baikal’s invigorating waters, followed by a warming shot of local vodka.

We share this program with other educational study tour groups, and there are only a few cabins available on the Golden Eagle for this exclusive journey, so please call today to reserve your place on this sensational tour. To reserve, please call 800-942-5004 x 209 or x 217, email at travel@wacphila.org, or return the enclosed reservation form. An optional postlude in Moscow is available.

Sincerely,

Shoshana Altrichter
Vice President of Travel
THURSDAY, JULY 9: **DEPARTURE**
Depart on an overnight flight to Ulaanbaatar.

FRIDAY, JULY 10: **ULAANBAATAR, MONGOLIA**
Upon arrival at Ulaanbaatar Airport, you will be met for a private transfer to the well-located Shangri-La Hotel for a three-night stay. Mingle with fellow travelers this evening and enjoy a welcome dinner.

SATURDAY, JULY 11: **NAADAM FESTIVAL, ULAANBAATAR**
Experience the spectacular Naadam Festival. Once a religious ceremony as well as a showcase for warriors, the festival now formally commemorates Mongolian independence. Today observe the elaborate opening ceremony, featuring local dancers, athletes, horse riders, and musicians. Later, travel outside the city to see the fascinating national horse race, in which all riders are children between five and twelve, while enjoying prime seating in the finish line stand.

SUNDAY, JULY 12: **NAADAM FESTIVAL**
On the second day of the festival, attend the archery, wrestling, and ankle-bone shooting events. Enjoy a festive dinner tonight.

MONDAY, JULY 13: **ULAANBAATAR**
Begin a tour of the city at Gandan Monastery, one of the most important monasteries in Mongolia, with a community of over 500 Buddhist monks. Next, visit the central monument to Genghis Khan at Sükhbaatar Square, the National Museum, and the Winter Palace of the Bogd Khan Museum. Conclude in Gorkhi-Terelj National Park to admire the beautiful scenery of wild Mongolia, visit a traditional ger (yurt), meet a nomadic family, and have an opportunity to try horseback riding. Later, enjoy a performance of traditional Mongolian throat singing and contortionists before boarding the Golden Eagle.

TUESDAY, JULY 14: **ULAN-UDE**
Ulan-Ude, the capital of the Buryat Republic, has a population of extraordinary ethnic and cultural diversity, including Russians, Buryats, Ukrainians, and Tatars. Explore the city and visit the Old Believers Village, where residents still practice 17th-century Russian Orthodox Christianity. At the village, enjoy a performance featuring local traditions and folk singing.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: LAKE BAikal
Ride aboard the Golden Eagle as it winds through tunnels and hugs massive cliffs, revealing a vista of snow-capped peaks. Stop at Lake Baikal, a site of stunning beauty and grandeur. Also known as “the Pearl of Siberia,” this lake holds 20 percent of the world’s fresh water and is the deepest in the world. It is also home to a unique breed of freshwater seal and over 50 species of fish. You may choose to swim in the bracing waters of Baikal before traveling by boat to Listvyanka, a small settlement nestled at the base of the surrounding hills. Visit the Lake Baikal Museum and Aquarium to learn about the diverse flora and fauna of the lake. End the day with a delicious twilight feast, including freshly smoked omul fish, along the lake’s shore. B,L,D

THURSDAY, JULY 16: IRKUTSK, RUSSIA
In Irkutsk, marvel at the most iconic sites and museums of this fascinating city, including its characteristic wooden architecture featuring intricately carved, lace-like decorations. Also visit the Volkonsky House Museum, dedicated to the memory of the aristocrats who were exiled to this remote outpost after the failed Decembrist uprising of 1825. In the evening, enjoy a champagne reception and private concert. B,L,R,D

FRIDAY, JULY 17: ON BOARD
Enjoy a day to unwind and reflect on our many experiences so far. Attend lectures by our experts, participate in a Russian language class, and enjoy the ever-changing landscapes outside your train window. B,L,D

SATURDAY, JULY 18: NOVOSIBIRSK
A modern “Soviet” city in the heart of Russia, Novosibirsk holds a rich culture in which the arts and sciences predominate. Our visit takes us to Lenin Square for a tour of the imposing Opera House. An architectural marvel that is one of the largest opera houses in the world, it contains two permanent ballet and opera companies. B,L,D

SUNDAY, JULY 19: YEKATERINBURG
In Yekaterinburg, see where European and Asian civilizations come together at their border in the Ural Mountains. During a city tour, visit the solemn site where Tsar Nicholas II of Russia and his family were executed by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Now a church dedicated to their memory, this site offers a powerful insight into the turmoil of the Russian Revolution. Later, drive to the obelisk that marks the border to drink a glass of champagne with one foot in Europe and the other in Asia. B,L,D

MONDAY, JULY 20: KAZAN
Situated on the Volga River, the picturesque and historic city of Kazan is the capital of Tatarstan. One of the highlights of our city tour is the Kremlin Fortress, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Within the walls of this ancient citadel, discover a stunning mosque and picture-perfect onion-domed cathedral. As Kazan is the birthplace of Feodor Chaliapin (1873–1938), one of Russia’s most famous opera singers, delight in a private concert of his music. B,L,D
TUESDAY, JULY 21: MOSCOW
Arrive in Moscow and check in at the Four Seasons for a one-night stay. Tour the Kremlin, the spiritual, historical, and political heart of Moscow. Enjoy a private viewing of the treasures of the tsars in the Armoury Chamber. Visit Red Square, the iconic symbol of Russia’s former military and political might, to view its eclectic mix of fascinating architecture. Marvel at the ornate onion-domed spires of St. Basil’s Cathedral, and admire a department store constructed in tsarist times. Lunch is at Café Pushkin, a legendary Moscow restaurant serving traditional Russian cuisine. Explore the opulent and unique stations of the Moscow Metro—showpieces of socialist art furnished with statues, frescoes, and mosaics. Gather for a farewell dinner tonight. B,L,D

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22: MOSCOW / RETURN
Depart the hotel after breakfast this morning for flights home. B

An optional postlude in Moscow is offered from July 22–25, 2020.

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of World Affairs Council and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

ACCOMMODATIONS
THE GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAIN
The lavish, intimate Golden Eagle is the only private train of its kind operating in this region. Cabins feature state-of-the-art amenities and en-suite facilities. Enjoy the views with fellow passengers from the Bar Lounge Car, and partake in sumptuous meals with carefully selected wines at the onboard restaurant.

SHANGRI-LA HOTEL ULAANBAATAR
FOUR SEASONS MOSCOW

PROGRAM RATES (per person)

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RATES INCLUDE

- Eleven nights hotel/train cabin accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, carefully selected wine on the Golden Eagle, house wine at welcome and farewell dinners
- Airport/hotel/station/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing by private motor coach and entrance fees for included visits
- Taxes, service, and porterage charges
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATE
International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; optional Moscow postlude; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.
To secure your reservation, please call the Travel Department at 800-942-5004 x 209 or 215-561-4700 x 217; or complete this form and return it with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit card, credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to Arrangements Abroad to: World Affairs Council, 1 South Broad St., 2M, Philadelphia, PA 19107. Visit us online at www.wacphil.org/travel.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Train Cabin Preference  
☐ Silver Class  
☐ Gold Class  
☐ Imperial Suite

Hotel Room Preference  
☐ One bed  
☐ Two beds  
☐ Single

I wish to share a room/cabin with ______________________________________________________________________________________

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE

☐ I/We wish to join the optional postlude in Moscow

Hotel Room Preference  
☐ One bed  
☐ Two beds  
☐ Single

FORM OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to Arrangements Abroad)  
☐ Debit card  
☐ Credit card

Name on debit/credit card

Debit/credit card number

3- or 4-digit security code  
Expiration date

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

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