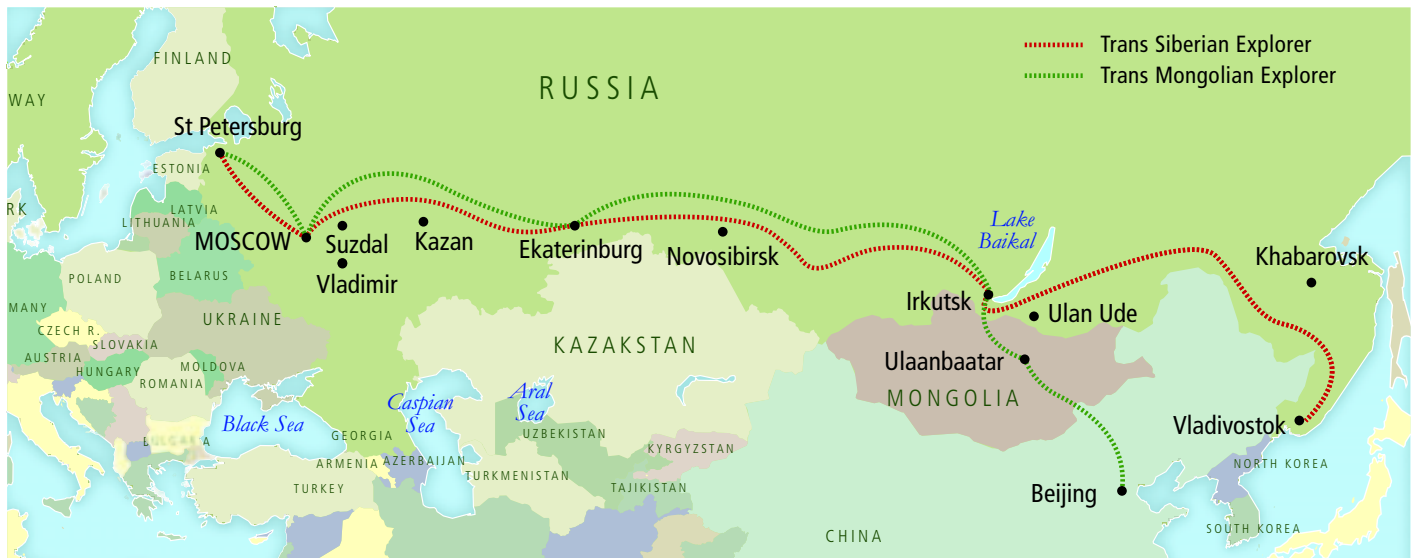


Independent Rail Journeys

Schedules



Travelling by train independently through Russia is a rewarding experience for travellers with an open mind and adventurous spirit. On board facilities are basic but adequate. Each carriage has a toilet with a wash basin at either end and showers on board are the exception rather than the rule. There is no segregation of the sexes in the sleeping compartments, so you may find yourself sleeping with fellow tourists or locals of the opposite sex. In Russia and Central Asia the 1st class compartments are 2-berth – with a small table between the beds. 2nd class sleepers are 4-berth – 2 up and 2 down. The upper berths can be folded away during the day to allow the lower beds to be used for seating. Luggage should be light and kept to a minimum as storage is below the bottom bunks or above the door.

The trains are heated during winter and cooled by ventilation during summer. Meals are not included, but, with the odd exception, (e.g. Ulaanbaatar-Irkutsk) there is a restaurant car on board. Unlimited hot water is available from your carriage attendant free of charge, so it is advisable to bring your own supply of coffee, tea, instant soup and noodles.

Eastbound

Route	Train #	Days of operation	Dep	Arr	Approx. cost in AUD	
					2nd	1st
Moscow – Ekaterinburg	16	Daily	16:50	18:17 +1	360	788
Moscow – Irkutsk	2	Odd dates	21:25	06:16 +4	659	1002
Moscow – Ulaanbaatar	4 or 6	Tue/Thu/Fri	21:35	06:30 +5	847	1289
Moscow – Beijing	4	Tue	21:35	14:04 +6	1348	2009
Moscow – Vladivostok	2	Odd dates	21:25	06:33 +7	1350	3034
Ekaterinburg – Irkutsk	2	Odd dates	01:31	06:16 +2	710	1080
Ekaterinburg – Ulaanbaatar	4	Thu	01:41	06:30 +3	847	1289
Ekaterinburg – Beijing	4	Thu	01:41	14:04 +4	1348	2009
Ekaterinburg – Vladivostok	2	Odd dates	01:31	06:33 +5	on req	on req
Irkutsk – Ulaanbaatar	362	Daily	21:50	06:10 +1	327	n/a
	4 or 6	Mon/Sat/Sun	05:18	02:25 +1	327	569
Irkutsk – Beijing	4	Sat (via Mongolia)	05:18	06:30 +1	595	937
	20	Tue (via Manchuria)	09:25	05:32 +3	671	1082
Irkutsk – Vladivostok	2 or 8	Daily	06:42	06:33 +3	908	1659
Ulaanbaatar – Beijing	4	Sun	07:15	14:04 +1	395	646
	24	Thu	08:05	14:31 +1	321	608

Westbound

Route	Train #	Days of operation	Dep	Arr	Approx. cost in AUD	
					2nd	1st
Beijing – Ulaanbaatar	3	Wed	07:45	13:20 +1	933	1508
	23	Tue/Sat	07:45	13:20 +1	458	657
Beijing – Irkutsk	3	Wed	07:45	15:38 +2	933	1508
Beijing – Ekaterinburg	3	Wed	07:45	13:12 +4	1348	2009
Beijing – Moscow	3	Wed	07:45	14:30 +5	1471	2352
Vladivostok – Irkutsk	1 or 7	Daily	22:20	17:57 +3	908	1659
Vladivostok – Ekaterinburg	1	Even dates	22:20	17:05 +5	on req	on req
Vladivostok – Moscow	1	Even dates	22:20	17:58 +6	1350	2639
Ulaanbaatar – Irkutsk	361	Daily	21:10	08:30 +2	278	n/a
Ulaanbaatar – Ekaterinburg	5	Tue/Fri	13:50	13:12 +3	847	1289
Ulaanbaatar – Moscow	5	Tue/Fri	13:50	14:28 +4	638	1033
Irkutsk – Ekaterinburg	1	Odd dates	18:32	17:05 +2	749	978
Irkutsk – Moscow	1	Odd dates	18:32	17:58 +3	808	1211
Ekaterinburg – Moscow	15	Daily	09:20	09:23 +1	360	788

■ Rail schedules and fares are subject to change without notice. Prices are expected to increase from Jun 2011.