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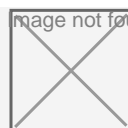
Odyssey offers an easy, convenient, and relaxed escorted small group tour across Asia to Europe on the world's longest rail journey.

For a small escorted group tour, we have structured the longest rail journey over a 56 nights program, with 20 multi night stops, typically of between 2 to 4 nights. A train route with a distance covered of just under

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19,000 kilometres, that starts in Singapore and concludes in Lisbon, Portugal.

This and more are all waiting to be explored on this small group tours from Singapore to Lisbon designed for the senior traveller, led by experienced tour leader, and joined with enthusiastic, like minded people.

The train journey commences in Southeast Asia in Singapore, from where this small escorted group of up to 10 travellers continues their train travel up through Malaysia. This train journey has the group changing trains three times in Malaysia, though we enjoy 2 nights in Kuala Lumpur after Singapore, before crossing into Thailand and onto Bangkok. There is a 4-night break in Bangkok, as the group explores the colonial history of the Dutch, Portuguese as well as Spanish, with visits to the UNESCO world Heritage site of Ayutthaya.

After Bangkok, we take the train service for the full day through the lush Southeast Asia landscapes across the Cambodian border and through to Siem Reap. The group spends time in the capital city, absorbing the blend of culture influences, before taking a boat up to Angkor Wat.

Angkor Wat, located in northwest Cambodia, is the largest religious structure in the form of a temple complex in the world by land area, measuring 162.6 hectares, bigger than Paris. At the centre of the temple stands a quincunx of four towers surrounding a central spire that rises to a height of 65 m above the ground. We spend 2 nights in Angkor Wat before returning to the capital and re-commencing our train travel onto Ho Chi Minh city. We are at day 13 on the longest train journey and already much has been seen and experienced as we travel through the landscape. The passenger train network in Vietnam carries through with stops and allows time to explore ancient and colonial pasts, for some 6 days, including a rest day. After Hanoi in the North, the landscape and climate changes, as we cross into China, enjoying the train service through to Beijing. Beijing is a transition point, as we pivot and head west after 3 nights exploring the capital, home to more than 20 million



people.

The groups train ticket for here is on the trans-Siberian express through China, Mongolia and Russia to Moscow. We pause in some of the best places along this route, which is one of longest train ride in the world, the trans-Siberian railway.

The distance covered on this section of the train ride is vast. We explore Mongolia and Russia's natural beauty, and heritage by rail, its World Heritage Sites, and world-famous cities, all with some truly spectacular scenery along the way to Moscow.

This train ride then traverses the world's largest landmass, the Euro-Asian Continental Plate, taking the traveller from Ulaan Baatar to Moscow via some of the world's most remote areas on the trans-Siberian railway. The small group travels across Western Mongolia to the Mongolian steppe and then to the vast expanse of the Siberian taiga and tundra; over the Ural Mountains (the divide between Asia and Europe) to Moscow. and the waterways of Russia's medieval Golden Ring. We also make a side trip to Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake. Discover the Russian capital on a train ride on the Moscow Metro and experience Siberia's traditions and culture while in Irkutsk. The group also stops at Krasnoyarsk, Omsk and Yekaterinburg for several nights each time before reaching Moscow.

After Moscow, our journey goes to Berlin, then South to Paris, for a 2 night break and we source tickets for an event for the evening. Changing Trains onto the TGV network onto the deep south of France to Hendaye. Then Bilboa for 2 nights, including time at the Guggenheim. Through to Madrid for 3 nights, before finally heading to Lisbon for 4 nights, where the tour concludes.

This is a long tour, with a lot of landscape to pass through. It is the longest train journey you can book taking in some of the best places, as countries are traversed. With some 20 multi night stops along the way, with typically one non group activity day per week to allow you to recharge, we think this is a great example of slow travel with learning. Odyssey has been offering and operating small group tours of the trans-Siberian express for many years, this as one of the longest rail journeys

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you can book is for us an extension building on our knowledge of the train travel experience that we have to date to support you.

Odyssey Traveller also offers this program from Lisbon to Singapore. This tour commences in July when the Arctic circle tour finishes.

Itinerary

Day 1

Locations: Singapore

Overview:

Group comes together in the afternoon in Singapore.

Welcome Dinner this evening.

Accommodation:

5 star min hotel TBA central location

Day 2

Locations: Singapore

Overview:

Today we explore the history of the settlement of Singapore its role in spice trade and then the colonial settlement through to the second world war.

Local guides assist in the the knowledge share as we travel and explore the island.

Accommodation:

5 star hotel min TBA - central location

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Day 3

Locations: Singapore to Kuala Lumpur

Overview:

Today we travel to Kuala Lumpur. There is one change on our way to KL.

Accommodation:

5 star min hotel Central location.

Day 4

Locations: Kuala Lumpur

Overview:

Today we have a full day with a local guide to show us Kuala Lumpur and the key sites of this bustling city.

Accommodation:

5 star min hotel Central location.

Day 5

Locations: Bangkok

Overview:

Today the group moves on crossing the border into Thailand and onto Bangkok.

We are based in a central hotel for the next 4 nights. There is a group evening meal.

Accommodation:

5 star city centre hotel.

Day 6

Locations: Bangkok

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Today we take an early morning train to the UNESCO World heritage listed Ayutthaya. The group is joined by a local guide for a tour of this former city. Once an important center of global diplomacy and commerce, Ayutthaya is now **an archaeological ruin**, characterized by the remains of tall prang (reliquary towers) and Buddhist monasteries of monumental proportions, which give an idea of the city's past size and the splendor of its architecture.

The group returns to Bangkok in the late afternoon by train.

The train takes approximately 80 minutes each way from the central station.

Group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

5 star city centre hotel

Day 7

Locations: Bangkok

Overview:

Today, we explore the ancient areas and the colonial history of central Bangkok including the museum. We include the imperial palace complex with some incredible Buddha's. We start early to avoid the crowds and the heat of the day enjoying the benefit of a local guide.

The group uses the river and local taxis to explore and learn.

Accommodation:

5 star city centre hotel

Day 8

Locations: Bangkok

Overview:

A planned rest day in Bangkok.

Accommodation:

5 star city centre hotel



Day 9

Locations: Siam Reap, Cambodia

Overview:

Today we depart Bangkok and take the open air train across the varied agricultural landscapes to cross the border into Cambodia. This is our 4th border crossing and likely to be hot and chaotic.

Local guides will assist once we have finished border formalities at Poipet as for all our border crossings. We travel by coach to Siam Reap.

Group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

A central 5 star hotel in the city

Day 10

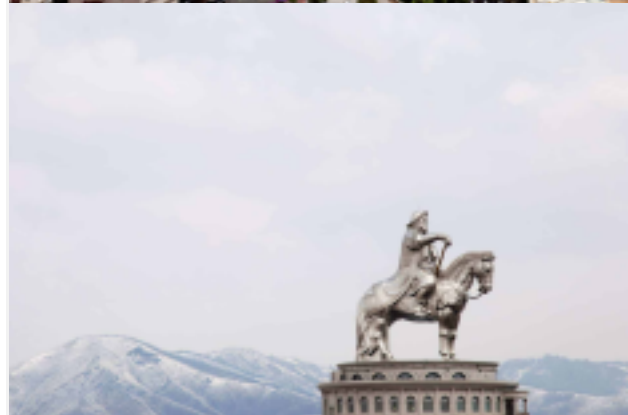
Locations: Siam Reap- Angkor Wat

Overview:

Today is a full day in the temple complex.

Angkor is one of the most important archaeological sites in South-East Asia. Stretching over some 400 km², including forested area, Angkor Archaeological Park contains the magnificent remains of the different capitals of the Khmer Empire, from the 9th to the 15th century. They include the famous Temple of Angkor Wat and, at Angkor Thom, the Bayon Temple with its countless sculptural decorations.

The group's day starts just before sunrise at Angkor Wat with your local guide. Then after breakfast we continue to visit key temples to build the story and understanding of this ancient city.



Day 11

Locations: Angkor Wat - Phnom penh

Overview:

Today we take if circumstances permit a river boat down to Phnom penh.

The group spends 3 nights in Phnom penh.

At the end of the day on the river we enjoy a group meal after checking in to the hotel.

Accommodation:

5 star central city hotel

Day 12

Locations: Phnom Penh

Overview:

Today our local guide shares their knowledge about Phnom penh. It is a full day exploring the city with an early start.

Accommodation:

5 star central city hotel

Day 13

Locations: Phnom penh

Overview:

Today is a free day to explore the city at your leisure.

Accommodation:

5 star central city hotel



Day 14

Locations: Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam

Overview:

Today we re-join the train and travel onto Ho Chi Minh.

We cross the border on the train between Cambodia and into Vietnam.

We spend 3 nights in Ho Chi Minh

After completing another border crossing today after settling into the hotel for the next 3 nights we enjoy a group meal.

Accommodation:

5 star centrally located hotel

Day 15

Locations: Ho Chi Minh

Overview:

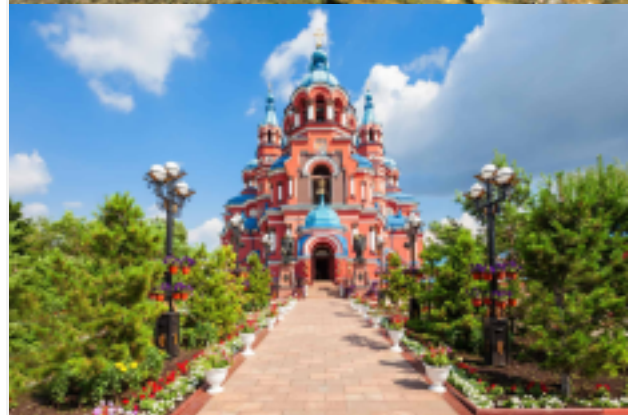
Today is about exploring and learning about French colonial imperialism and local culture. As well as an understanding around the Vietnam war.

In Ho Chi Minh, we stop by Notre Dame Cathedral and the Ho Chi Minh Central Post Office, two major French colonial landmarks. We also visit the War Museum – a stark reminder of the US-Vietnam War – and the old Reunification Palace.

We also take a speedboat along the Saigon river to take a tour of the man-made historic Cu Chi Tunnels.

Accommodation:

5 star central city located hotel



Day 16

Locations: Ho Chi Minh

Overview:

Today is a free day to explore the city.

Accommodation:

5 star centrally located hotel

Day 17

Locations: Ho Chi Minh

Overview:

We travel by train from Ho Chi Minh to Hanoi today.

After checking in to the Hotel, there is a group meal.

Accommodation:

Centrally located 5 star hotel

Day 18

Locations: Hanoi

Overview:

Hanoi, is the capital of Vietnam, is located in the Red River Delta in the center of North Vietnam. It is the political, economic, cultural, commercial, and tourist center of the country. It was founded in 1010 AD during the reign of King LyCong Uan.

Hanoi, located on the banks of the Red River, is one of the most ancient capitals in the world, where travellers can find well-preserved colonial buildings, ancient pagodas, and unique museums within the city centre. A great place to explore on foot, this French-colonial city is also known for its delectable cuisine, vibrant nightlife, silks and handicrafts, as well as a multi-cultural community that's made up of Chinese, French and Russian influences.

Our local guide spends the day with the group exploring the key features of this city, from culture, history, people and food.

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Day 19

Locations: Hanoi

Overview:

Today we continue exploring the city in the morning. Breaking in the early afternoon for free time to explore at your leisure.

Tomorrow we depart for Beijing.

Day 20-21-22

Locations: Hanoi- Beijing, China

Overview:

Today we cross the border into China on our way by train to Beijing. The landscape changes as we travel across China often in full view of the coast, this is a 30 hour train trip covering some 2,800 km. There are two nights on the train is sleepers.

We check in to the hotel we are booked in for the next 3 nights. There is a group meal tonight.

Accommodation:

Train for two nights, then 4-5 star centrally located hotel

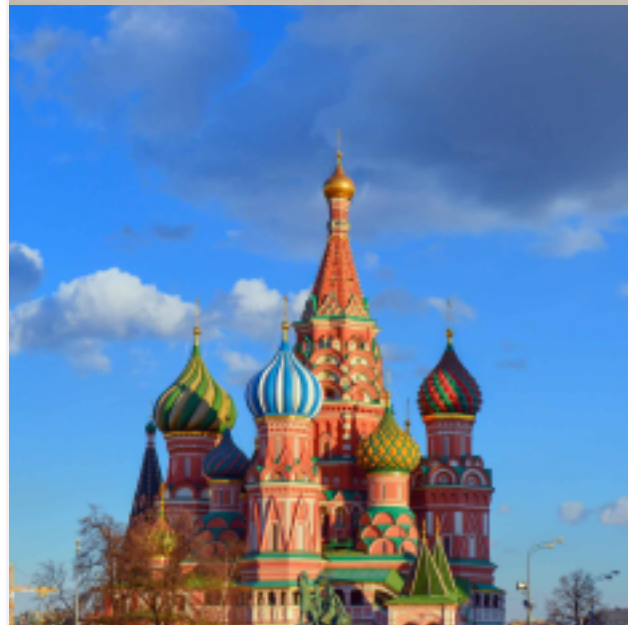
Day 23

Locations: Beijing

Overview:

We seek to allow travellers to discover the real Beijing, both modern and ancient, on a journey that explores the city's culture art and architecture. We visit leading museums and palaces to gain an insight into Beijing's traditional architecture. We also explore its more recent architectural icons. This educational tour allows us to experience the complex and ever-changing history of Beijing firsthand supported with local guides.

Beijing, is the capital of the People's Republic of China and one of the most populous cities in the world. This metropolis, located in northern China, is governed as a direct-controlled municipality under the national government, with 14 urban and suburban districts and two rural counties. Beijing is China's second largest city by urban population after



Shanghai, and is the country's political, cultural, and educational centre. It is home to the headquarters for most of China's largest state-owned companies. Beijing is a major transportation hub in the national highway, expressway, railway, and high-speed rail network.

Beijing

While in Beijing, we explore the Forbidden City, formerly the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming Dynasty to the end of the Qing Dynasty. The Forbidden city is right in the middle of Beijing, China, and now houses the Palace Museum. For almost 500 years, it served as the home of emperors and their households, as well as the ceremonial and political centre of Chinese government. Then in the afternoon, we take a walking tour of the Summer Palace. This is the largest and best-preserved royal park in China, which strongly influenced Chinese horticulture and landscapes. It has long since been known as "The Museum of Royal Gardens."

There is a group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel

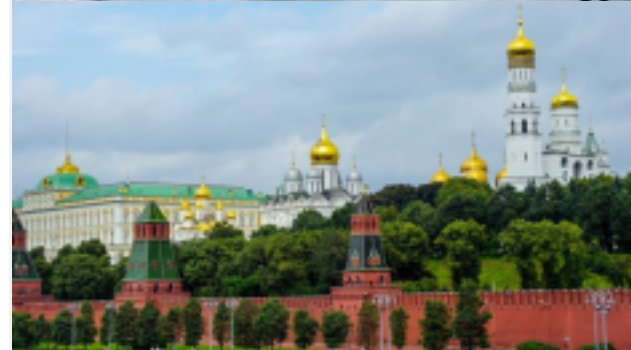
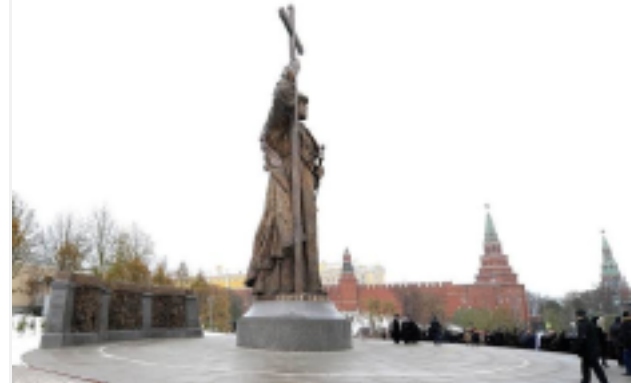
Day 24

Locations: Beijing

Overview:

This morning there is an early start to head out to visit the and learn about with our local guide the Great Wall of China.

We visit the Great Wall (Mutianyu Section). The Great Wall of China is a series of fortifications made of stone, brick, tamped earth, wood, and other materials. The Wall runs along an east-to-west line across the historical northern borders of China to protect the Chinese Empire against intrusions by various nomadic groups or military incursions. Several walls were being built as early as the 7th century BC. These walls were later unified and are now collectively referred to as the Great Wall. The wall built between 220–206 BC by the first Emperor of China,



Qin Shi Huang is especially famous.

This afternoon is has some free time to visit and explore the precincts around the hotel.

This evening if there are suitable performances we visit the National Grand Theatre, located in the heart of Beijing near Tiananmen Square. The theatre is a modern-style building which stands out from its surroundings. It is Beijing's new futuristic National Grand Theatre.

Day 25

Locations: Ulaan Baatar

Overview:

Today we take the overnight train through from Beijing through to the capital city of Mongolia, Ulaan Baatar. This is a 27 hour train ride.

The group check in to the hotel upon arrival.

Ulaan Baatar is the world's coldest capital situated in a basin surrounded by four mountains on the southernmost border of the great Siberian taiga and steppe. When Mongolia achieved independence from China in 1911, the city had become an important trading centre on the route between China and Russia, populated by Chinese, Russians and Mongolians.

In Ulaan Baatar we are introduced to [Mongolia](#) and will observe the Mongolian people possibly during any of the local colourful festivals. This afternoon our local guide provides an introduction to this city.

Accommodation:

Overnight on the train. Sleeper.

Day 26

Locations: Ulaan Baatar

Overview:

In the morning we'll visit the traditional Buddhist Gandan Monastery. The Mongolians are active followers of the Buddhist faith; one of the three incarnations of the living "Buddah" or "Dalai Lama" resided in [Ulaanbaatar](#). Our sightseeing continues with a visit the Central Museum



of Mongolian Dinosaurs where we get a chance to see some of the best dinosaur fossil collections in the world. The museum is housed inside the former Lenin Museum. It was constructed in 1974, with plans to be expanded. After lunch we visit Winter Palace, residence of Mongolia's eighth re-incarnation of the Living Buddha and last king.

we visit the Fine Arts Museum. In the evening we are treated to a concert of Mongolian Music and Dance, which includes a performance of the haunting Mongolian throat singing followed by dinner at a nearby restaurant.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel

Day 27

Locations: Ulaan Baatar

Overview:

Today the group continues to explore with a local guide the city its markets and people.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel

Day 28

Locations: Train to Ulan Ude

Overview:

The group departs Mongolia, crossing the border into Russia. The journey from Ulaan Bataar to Ulan Ude is some 17 hours with a late afternoon departure.

We arrange a late check out of the hotel for the group giving you the morning to explore the city at your leisure.

Accommodation:

Overnight on the train

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Day 29

Locations: Ulan Ude

Overview:

Our arrival in Russia is to the city of Ulan Ude, a city closed to foreigners until 1991.

Located to the East of Russia's popular tourist destination [Lake Baikal](#), Ulan-Ude is a city bustling with tourist activity and is the gateway for the Trans-Mongolian Railway that travel from Ulan-Ude to Beijing via Ulan Bator. The city's close proximity to the Mongolian border and well established transport links in to Asia have allowed the city to form a unique cultural identity as the center of Buddhism in Russia.

Ulan-Ude was originally a Cossack fort built in 1666, as a waypoint on the Chinese tea caravan route. It was renamed Ulan-Ude in 1934, and remained a closed city until 1980 due to its mysterious military facilities.

Ulan-Ude is now a sort of stepping-stone to Mongolia: a great many of its citizens are ethnic Mongols and the local Buryat culture and [cuisine](#) is similar to that of Mongolia. Its brand of Buddhism is even Tibetan by way of Mongolia.

We have a local guide share their knowledge with us as we explore the city and its history.

There is a group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located Hotel

Day 30

Locations: Ulan Ude

Overview:

Today we head to the explore the eastern side of Lake Baikal.

[Lake Baikal](#), designated a UNESCO [World Heritage site](#) in 1996 isn't any normal body of water. Along with being the deepest lake on earth and suppling the world with 1/5 of all it's fresh water – it is also the world's most ancient freshwater lake – originating some 20-25 million years ago. Baikal's coastline measures 1300 miles, with 27 islands dotted across the lake. More than half the species found on these

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islands and in Lake Baikal are unique only to this place.

There is we hope the opportunity to see Nerpas or Baikal seals, are one of the smallest true seals and the only seal who live exclusively in freshwater. They're timid and usually stick to just a few spots around the lake.

This afternoon there is time to explore at your leisure.

Group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located Hotel

Day 31

Locations: Irkutsk

Overview:

Today the 7 hour train journey takes us some 229km on to the city of Irkutsk.

Upon arrival we check in to our hotel for the next 2 nights.

There is a group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel

Day 32

Locations: Irkutsk

Overview:

Irkutsk, city and administrative centre of [Irkutsk oblast](#) (region), east-central [Russia](#). The city lies along the [Angara River](#) at its [confluence](#) with the Irkut River. It was founded as a wintering camp in 1652, during the first Russian colonization of the area; a fort was built in 1661, and Irkutsk rapidly became the main centre of Cisbaikalia and of the Russian trade route to [China](#) and [Mongolia](#). It acquired town status in 1686. Its importance grew after the coming of the [Trans-Siberian Railroad](#) in



1898.

Modern Irkutsk is one of the major industrial cities of [Siberia](#) and is especially noted for a wide range of engineering products. There are railway, aircraft, ship, and vehicle repair yards. The city of Irkutsk, with attractive embankments along the river and many surviving wooden houses on its tree-lined streets, is an administrative and cultural centre for Eastern Siberia and of the Russian Far East.

We spend the day with a local guide exploring and learning about the city.

Group evening meal.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located Hotel

Day 33

Locations: Irkutsk

Overview:

Today is at your leisure. At late checkout from the hotel will be requested as we wait for the afternoon departure of the overnight train to Krasnoyarsk.

Accommodation:

Sleeper berth on the train.

Day 34

Locations: Krasnoyarsk

Overview:

The city stands on both banks of the [Yenisey River](#) where the river is crossed by the [Trans-Siberian Railroad](#). One of the earliest Russian settlements in Siberia, it was founded as the fort of Krasny Yar in 1628 on the left bank of the Yenisey. The extension of the Great Siberian Post Road to this point in 1735 spurred Krasnoyarsk's development as the chief town of central Siberia. The discovery of [gold](#) in the area in the 19th century further accelerated its growth. After the arrival of the Trans-Siberian Railroad in the 1890s, Krasnoyarsk developed rapidly and



spread onto the right bank, where it now extends for more than 18 miles (29 km) along the river. Krasnoyarsk's industrial growth was further stimulated by the evacuation to the town of many factories from the west in [World War II](#). In the 1960s one of the largest hydroelectric stations in the world was constructed there on the Yenisey. During the 1980s a missile-tracking radar station was built near Krasnoyarsk. The Soviet government admitted in 1989 that the station was built in violation of the [Treaty on Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems](#) and in 1990 agreed to dismantle it.

We arrive in the morning and transfer to the hotel. There will a break and a room made available to freshen up in if our hotel rooms for the next 2 nights are not available.

We meet with our local guide to tour and learn about the city.

There is a group evening meal

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel

Day 35

Locations: Krasnoyarsk

Overview:

During our time in Krasnoyarsk the group spends time with local guides in the **Vasily Surikov Museums** (Lenina Str. 98 and Karla Marksa Str. 36) are the museums of the one of the greatest Russian painters who was born and lived in Krasnoyarsk until he moved to Moscow to become a member of the National Academy of Arts. The first is a two-story wooden house built in 1830 by the painter's father, Vasiliy Surikov was born and lived for many years in that house, the second is a later-built one-story house holding many of his works.

We also visit the **Krasnoyarsk Regional Museum** (Dubrovinskogo Str. 84) is a recently restored monumental building in an ancient Egyptian style. It holds a lot of good exhibitions on the history of the Krasnoyarsk Krai as well as many archeological artifacts. And include time in the **Culture and History Center** (former *Lenin Museum*) constantly presents various local and international exhibitions and events, all open to the public and sometimes free: fine art and photography by modern



artists, art-house and independent movie festivals, *museum nights* with performances by young local artists, wax figure exhibitions, moving exhibitions from other cities, etc. The very building of the center itself is an incredibly interesting place to visit due to its original and atmospheric inside architecture.

There is a group evening meal.

Accommodation:

5 star hotel

Day 36

Locations: Krasnoyarsk

Overview:

Today is a rest day. Tonight we take the overnight train to Omsk. We keep a hotel rooms for group day use.

There is a group evening meal tonight.

We catch the overnight train to Omsk.

Accommodation:

overnight berth to Omsk

Day 37

Locations: Omsk

Overview:

The group arrives in the early evening in Omsk.

Transfer to hotel and check in.

There is a group evening meal

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 38

Locations: Omsk

Overview:

Omsk is a city on the Irtysh River in the vast Russian region of Siberia. The central Vrubel Museum of Fine Arts, in 2 pastel-colored buildings, displays Fabergé creations, Russian paintings and porcelain. Nearby, the ornate facade of Omsk Drama Theater is topped with a winged sculpture. St. Nicholas Cossack Cathedral, dating from the 1840s, and the gold-domed Assumption Cathedral are holy landmarks.

Our knowledgeable local guide is with us for 2 days in Omsk. We spend out time touring the city.

Group evening meal.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 39

Locations: Omsk

Overview:

We continue to spend today exploring Omsk with our local guide.

Group evening meal.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 40

Locations: Omsk - Yekaterinburg

Overview:

This morning is at your leisure.

We catch the train in the early afternoon for the 12 hour train trip to Yekaterinburg.

Arriving in the early morning, we check into the hotel.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 41

Locations: Yekaterinburg

Overview:

A late start today. Our local guide takes out on tour of the city.

This home to the cossacks and the first city on the Eastern side of the Urals.

Yekaterinburg is famous for **its constructivist architecture** and is also considered the "Russian capital of street art".

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 42

Locations: Yekaterinburg to Moscow

Overview:

This morning is at your leisure. We catch the train heading west, gaining time to travel onto to Moscow. This is a 24 hour train trip

Accommodation:

Overnight sleeper.

Day 43

Locations: Moscow

Overview:

We meet and spend the first afternoon exploring by coach the city of Moscow.

Moscow, on the Moskva River in western Russia, is the nation's cosmopolitan capital. In its historic core is the Kremlin, a complex that's home to the president and tsarist treasures in the Armoury. Outside its walls is Red Square, Russia's symbolic center. It's home to Lenin's Mausoleum, the State Historical Museum's comprehensive collection and St. Basil's Cathedral, known for its colorful, onion-shaped domes.

Group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel

Day 44

Locations: Moscow

Overview:

A full day touring Moscow.

Group meal this evening.

Day 45

Locations: Moscow

Overview:

Today the day is yours to explore Moscow.

This evening after a group meal we catch the overnight train to Berlin from Moscow.

Accommodation:

overnight sleeper

Day 46

Locations: Berlin

Overview:

Arriving in the early evening. The group transfers to the hotel.

There is a group meal

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located Hotel

Day 47

Locations: Berlin

Overview:

The group has a local knowledgeable guide to share some off the beaten path experiences beyond the Brandenburg gate.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located Hotel

Day 48

Locations: Berlin

Overview:

Today the group continues to explore Berlin with your local guide.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 49

Locations: Berlin

Overview:

A free day to explore Berlin.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

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Day 50

Locations: Berlin to Paris.

Overview:

Today we go to Paris. A day trip on the train, a journey of some 8 hours.
There is a group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 51

Locations: Paris

Overview:

Our local guide is briefed to show Paris for Parisians, the parts tourists overlook. The quirky and unusual parts of the journey.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 52

Locations: Paris

Overview:

Continue to explore and learn about the different parts of Paris. A city in evolution.

Tonight we attend a concert as a group.

Accommodation:

4-5 star centrally located hotel.

Day 53

Locations: Paris

Overview:

A free day in Paris

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel.

Day 54

Locations: Paris to Hendaye

Overview:

Hendaye is the furthest point in the South West of France that you can go to: a frontier town with Spain and confined on the edge of both the Atlantic Ocean and Pyrenees Mountains.

This is a 5 hour train journey. There is a short tour and group evening meal.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 55

Locations: Bilboa

Overview:

The group takes the train to Bilboa our base for 2 nights.

This afternoon we visit the Guggenheim.

Group evening meal

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 56

Locations: Bilboa

Overview:

There is a full day guided tour of Bilboa today.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 57

Locations: Madrid

Overview:

Today we depart for Madrid by train. A journey of up to 5 and 1/2 hour by train

We check into the hotel.

Group evening meal

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 58

Locations: Madrid

Overview:

Today, our local guide shows us places and stories about Madrid.

Group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 59

Locations: Madrid

Overview:

We continue to explore Madrid. Today we include the museums and galleries.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 60

Locations: Madrid

Overview:

Day at your leisure in Madrid.

Tonight there is a group meal.

We catch the overnight train to Lisbon, arriving the following night.

Accommodation:

overnight sleeper

Day 61

Locations: Lisbon

Overview:

We arrive in the evening from Madrid.

Check into the hotel.

There is a group evening meal.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 62

Locations: Lisbon

Overview:

This morning we meet our local guide for a full day tour of Historic Lisbon.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 63

Locations: Lisbon

Overview:

Free day at your leisure to explore Lisbon

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 64

Locations: Lisbon

Overview:

Today the group comes together to continue to explore the history of Lisbon.

There is a farewell group meal this evening.

Accommodation:

4 star centrally located hotel

Day 65

Locations: Lisbon

Overview:

This tour concludes after breakfast.

Inclusions / Exclusions

What's included in our Tour

- 55 nights hotel accommodation.
- 1 nights aboard the Trans Mongolian from Ulaanbaatar to Irkutsk in 4 berth compartments, with exclusive use for 2 people or 3 people (depending on final group size).
- 3 nights travel aboard the Trans Siberian in 4 berth compartments, with exclusive use for 2 or 3 people (depending on final group size).
- 6 additional nights on the train
- 65 breakfasts, 20 lunches and 35 dinners.
- Transport and field trips as indicated.
- Applicable entry fees and services of local guides.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Invitation letter for Russian Visa.
- Services of an Odyssey program leader.
- Detailed Tour Information Booklet.

What's not included in our Tour

- International airfares and departure taxes
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance.
- Cost for Visas. Odyssey will assist in obtaining the invitation letters for visas where required.
- Meals not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature, such as telephone calls and laundry.

Level 2 - Moderate

Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, be in good health, mobile and able to participate in 3-5 hours of physical activity per day, the equivalent of walking/hiking up to 8 kilometres on uneven ground.

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