

China & Russia

Extend Your Mongolian Holiday

Mongolia lies between the two great nations of China and Russia. They themselves have so much to offer the adventurous traveller that one should not miss the opportunity to visit, if time allows. Wonders of man-made and natural origin are fantastic and numerous and will certainly make your visit to Central Asia the trip of a lifetime.

The cities of Beijing and Moscow actually owe much of their importance to the Mongols. Kublai Khaan, grandson of Chinggis Khaan, moved the capital of the Mongol Empire to Beijing in the thirteenth century, and in Russia, Moscow was just a small town when the Golden Horde passed through on their way to conquer Europe. Compare these cities nowadays with Ulaanbaatar.



Extension Tour In Russia

Day 1: Arrive Moscow. Transfer to Ukraina Hotel.

Day 2: Full day sightseeing tour, including the Kremlin and one of the cathedrals.

Day 3: Travel 80km from Moscow to Sergiev Posad where you can admire the fantastic church roofs.

Day 4: Transfer to railway station to board the Trans Siberian train to Mongolia.

Price available on request

Extension Tour In China

Day 1: Arrive Beijing.

Day 2: Sightseeing to the Great Wall and Ming Emperor's tombs.

Day 3: Sightseeing to the Forbidden City and the Summer Palace.

Day 4: Board the early morning train to Ulaanbaatar. Pass by the Great Wall and through Inner Mongolia.

Day 5: Train across the Gobi Desert and arrive in Ulaanbaatar in the afternoon.

Price available on request



Red Square in Moscow

As an extension to your holiday in Mongolia, we are able to arrange services in China and Russia. You can travel by plane or train, the famous Trans Siberian Railway, between the major cities.

If you decide to spend a few days in Beijing, we suggest that you visit the most important and exotic sights. These include the Forbidden City and Summer Palace where the Emperors lived for 500 years until the Communist era in China. Also, of course, you must go to the Great Wall, that magnificent structure which was started more than 2000 years ago in an attempt to keep out the "marauding nomads" from the north.

If you have a little more time, take the opportunity to travel to Xian, a short flight from Beijing or 12 hours by train, and see the amazing terracotta army, created to serve the Emperor in the afterlife. Xian itself is an exciting city, surrounded by an ancient wall and having a colourful market in the Arab quarter.

In Russia we can organize your hotels, transfers and sightseeing tours in Moscow. You must visit Red Square of course, but you might also be interested in the Cosmonaut Training Centre, or Sergiev Posad, the centre of the Russian Orthodox church.

Some people wish to travel to Lake Baikal on their way to or from Mongolia as it is only a few hundred kilometres from the border.

Alighting in the city of Irkutsk, travel by road to Listvyanka village. Here you can stay by the world's largest freshwater lake, either in a wooden chalet, or with a local family. There are great possibilities for hiking, riding or boating on the water.

All these extension tours are planned on an individual basis. We will discuss with you exactly what you want to do, and prepare a programme based on your ideal.



Highlights

» **St Basil's Cathedral**, the jewel of the Russian Kremlin in the centre of Moscow.

» **Lake Baikal** in Siberia contains 20% of the whole world's fresh water.

» **Temple of Heaven** in Beijing is considered to be the perfection of Ming dynasty architecture.

» **The Terracotta warriors** are a whole army of soldiers and horses created to guard the tomb of the Emperor.

