



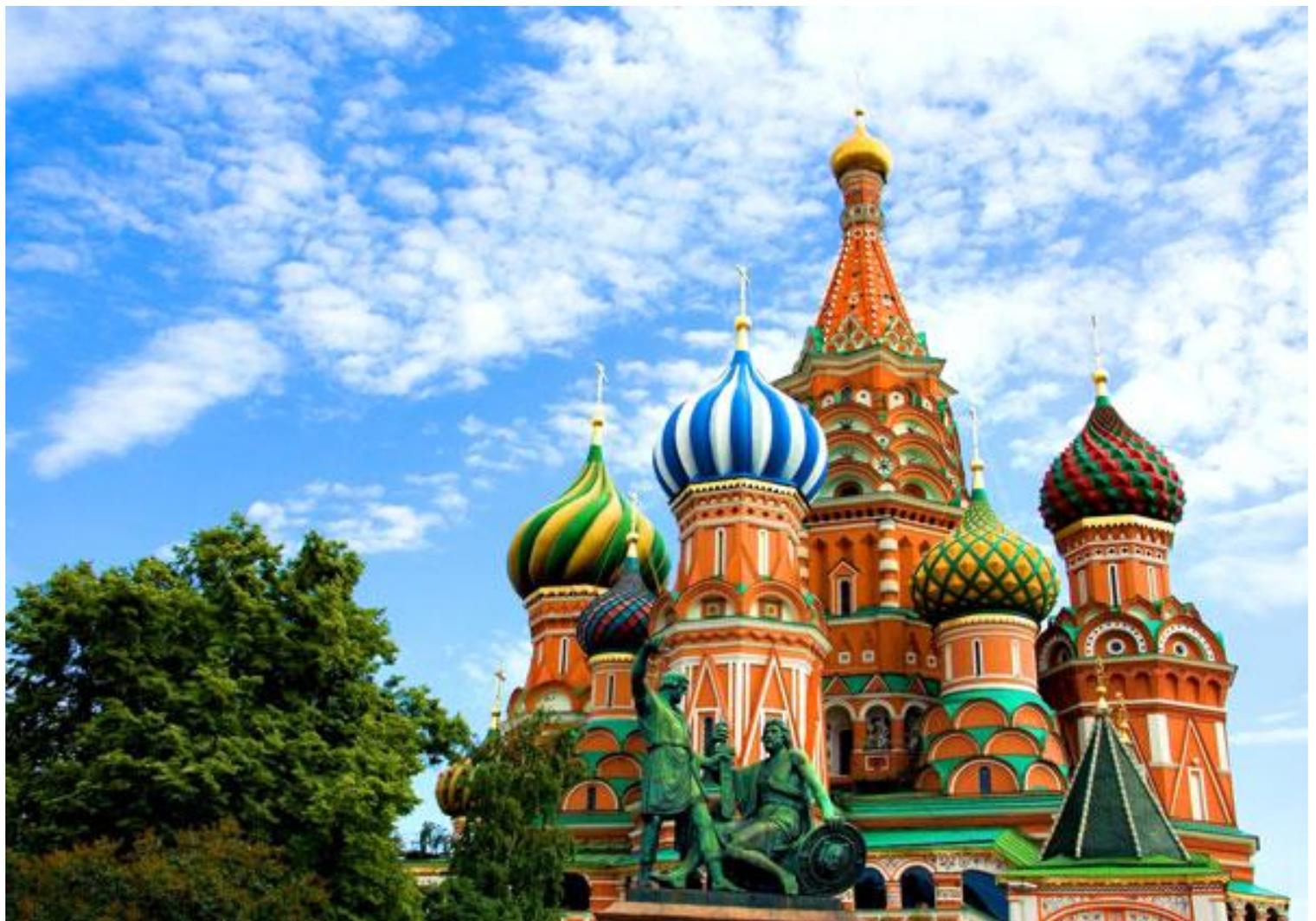
# **Trans-Siberian Rail Journey & Grand St Petersburg**

*Fully Escorted  
Bridge Players and Non-players all welcome!*

*Tsaren Gold Private Train from Beijing to Moscow 2019*

*5 July – 20 July (Beijing-Moscow); 20-23 July (Moscow-St Petersburg)*

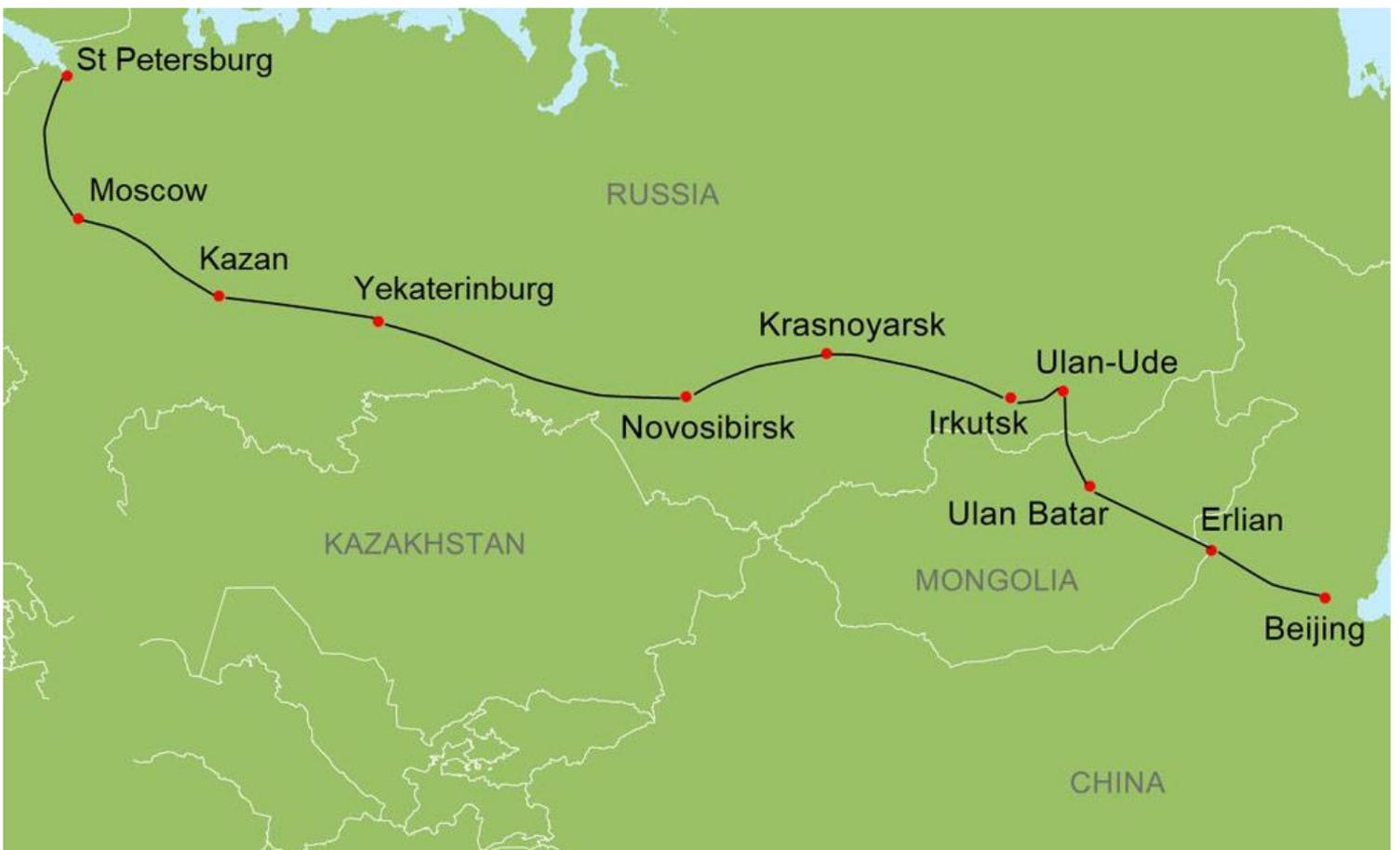




# TRANS-SIBERIAN RAIL JOURNEY & GRAND ST PETERSBURG

## Highlights of Your Journey

- Obtain profound insights into Chinese, Mongolian and Russian culture – in just one epic journey
- Dine in the lovingly designed restaurant wagons and enjoy the finest local cuisine and drinks served by courteous waiters
- More than 20 excursions and performances as well as entrances fees
- Extensive trip on the ancient rail lines of the Trans-Siberian Railway directly on the banks of Lake Baikal with photo stop
- Entertaining lectures on local culture, history and everyday life
- Sample a Peking Duck in China
- A visit to the Beijing Railway Museum
- Journey through the vast Gobi Desert
- Visit the lively market hall in Irkutsk
- Admire views of the mighty Ob River
- Caviar & Vodka tasting on board the train
- Doctor on board (from Chinese border to Moscow)
- Traditional Russian welcoming ceremony with bread & salt and Balalaika music
- Tour the Russian capital, Moscow





## China | Mongolia | Russia

### Fri 5 July ► Arrive Beijing

Arriving in Beijing, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. (D)

### Sat 6 July ► Beijing

You will be taken north today to pace the ramparts of China's famed **Great Wall**, originally constructed over 2000 years ago. Afterwards, visit the **China Railway Museum**, preserving locomotives built in the People's Republic of China since 1949. This evening a traditional **Peking Duck dinner** completes a very special day. (B D)

### Sun 7 July ► Beijing

This morning you will visit the **Forbidden City** as the former imperial palace is called. In the evening your rail journey begins, as you transfer to the train station and depart for Mongolia aboard a chartered Chinese train. You spend the night aboard the train. (B D)

### Mon 8 July ► Crossing the Gobi desert

Around noon you reach the Chinese-Mongolian border, where you transfer to the Tsar's Gold private train. In the growing city of Erlian, you have some time to explore the colourful local market before your Russian train sets off towards Mongolia. After crossing sections of the legendary Gobi Desert, the train travels through the vast green steppes of Mongolia. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

### Tue 9 July ► Ulaanbaatar

In the morning you arrive in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia. In the evening you have the unique chance to attend a performance of traditional **Mongolian folk arts**. You spend the night in the hotel in Ulaanbaatar. (B L D)

### Wed 10 July ► Ulaanbaatar

After breakfast you visit the **Gandan Monastery**, where it is

possible to observe a Buddhist religious ceremony. Your bus then takes you to the **Mongolian Alps** with their majestic scenery and bizarre rock formations. After a picnic lunch in a yurt camp, you watch a small **Mongolian horse-riding demonstration** and a traditional **wrestling match**. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

### Thu 11 July ► Ulan Ude

You travel through the valley of Mongolia's largest river, the Selenga, and are on the way to Ulan Ude, where your train reaches the main route of the Trans-Siberian Railway. Here you take an informative city tour. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

### Fri 12 July ► Lake Baikal

Explore the remarkable natural phenomenon of **Lake Baikal**. During two extended photo-stops, you explore and record the scenic beauty of the lake and its setting. Take a swim in the lake and visit a picturesque Baikal village. Dinner is a Baikal-style picnic on the lakeshore with a view of the incredible natural surroundings. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

### Sat 13 July ► Irkutsk

Morning arrive in Irkutsk, the capital of Eastern Siberia in tsarist times. During your city tour you see the **Okhlopkov Drama Theatre**, the new **memorial to Tsar Alexander III**, and the photogenic market hall. Around noon you pay a worthwhile visit to an **open-air museum** with a focus on life and work in Siberia in olden times. You spend the night in the hotel in Irkutsk. (B L D)

### Sun 14 July ► Trans-Siberia

Your train passes through the diverse landscapes of eastern Siberia. Talks on board inform you about the region and a **vodka tasting** with typical Russian snacks offers an





experience of Russian festive customs and hospitality. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

#### Mon 15 July ► Novosibirsk

Around noon, your train arrives in Novosibirsk. You are **greeted with bread and salt** in the customary Russian manner and taken on a tour of this most Soviet of cities, including a chance to see the mighty **Ob River**. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

#### Tue 16 July ► Yekaterinburg

Afternoon your train stops in Yekaterinburg, the capital of the Ural Federal District. During a tour you see the **Cathedral of the Saviour on the Spilled Blood**, built in 2003 on the site where the last Emperor and his household were shot. Back on board, your private train is rolling across the European continent. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

#### Wed 17 July ► Kazan

After breakfast you reach Kazan. On your city tour you see **Tartar mosques** and the most famous **Russian Orthodox cathedral**. You also take a tour of **Kazan's Kremlin**, where you learn about the turbulent history of the relationship between the Tartars, the Cossacks and the Russians. You spend the night aboard the train. (B L D)

#### Thu 18 July ► Arrive Moscow

Around noon you arrive in Moscow, Russia's capital and one of the world's richest and most dynamic cities. Your first stop is the **Kremlin** with its glorious cathedrals. It is the historic fortified complex at the heart of Moscow. You can also check out the interiors of some of the buildings. After dinner you go on a magical evening trip through the city. This special tour includes a stop at **Red Square**. (B L D)

#### Fri 19 July ► Moscow

After breakfast you go on a guided tour of Moscow to see the reconstructed **Cathedral of Christ the Saviour**, which dominates the skyline along the Moscow River, the **Lomonossov University**, the **New Virgin Monastery**, and **Red Square** with its colourful **St. Basil's Cathedral**. On the way to dinner, you will pass by the notorious former **KGB headquarters** and the **White House**. (B D)

#### Sat 20 July ► Moscow-St Petersburg

On arrival, be met and transfer to the airport for your onward flight. (B)

#### TOUR TO ST PETERSBURG STARTS

This morning, you transfer to the station for **Sapsan train** to St Petersburg. On arrival, met and transferred to hotel. (B L D)

#### Sun 21 July ► St Petersburg

Travel by coach through the city centre past the Mariinsky Theatre to the brilliant St. Nicholas Church. Visit Peter the Great's grand summer estate, **Petrodvorets** (Peterhof). A series of palaces and gardens – laid out on the orders of Peter the Great – is also situated there. After lunch visit the **Central Railway Museum**. This is the country's best museum concerned with railways. (B D)

#### Mon 22 July ► St Petersburg

Visit former imperial Winter Palace (**Hermitage Museum**), the foundation of the city at **Peter and Paul Fortress** and the incredible **Spilt Blood Cathedral**, **Catherine's Palace** and its mysterious Amber Room. In the afternoon visit the **Museum of Artillery**. Farewell dinner tonight. (B L D)

#### Tue 23 July ► Depart St Petersburg

Transfer to airport for your departure flight. (B)



# The Private Train Compartments on Tsar's Gold

## Cat. II Classic



In the Cat. II Classic, a compartment is shared by two guests. Berths are sized approx. 70 x 190cm and arranged facing each other. There is also a table under the window. Combined toilet/lavatory compartments are located at each end of this category's cars. In every second car there is a shower compartment.



## Cat. II Superior Plus



In Cat. II Superior Plus, there are 8 newly refurbished compartments per car. A compartment is shared by two guests. Berths are sized app. 70 x 190 cm and arranged facing each other. There is also a table under the window. Combined toilet/lavatory compartments are located at each end of this category's cars. 8 compartments share one refurbished shower room.



## Cat. III Nostalgic



The Cat. III Nostalgic Comfort Compartment offers two large berths approx. 80x185 cm and an armchair for an especially comfortable view of the changing landscapes. Each of two neighbouring compartments shares a semi-private lavatory with wash basin and simple shower located between them. Combination wash and toilet facilities are located at both ends of the wagons.



## Cat. IV Bolshoi



The Cat. IV Bolshoi compartment offers almost 5.57m<sup>2</sup> of space. It has two beds, with the upper measuring 80 x 176 cm and the lower 110 x 187 cm. This compartment also offers comfortable seating, a generous-sized table, and a small clothes closet. The Bolshoi category has its own lavatory equipped with a toilet, wash basin and integrated shower with a full shower curtain.





#### TOUR PRICE PER PERSON

Beijing – Moscow*	Twin share	Single supplement
Cat. II Classic	\$12,795	\$3,845
Cat II Superior	\$13,360	\$4,280
Cat. II Superior Plus	\$14,298	\$4,280
Cat. III Nostalgic Comfort	\$17,445	\$6,955
Cat. IV Bolshoi	\$22,220	\$9,855

Beijing - Moscow – St Petersburg**	Twin share	Single supplement
Cat. II Classic	\$14,980	\$4,530
Cat II Superior	\$15,545	\$4,965
Cat. II Superior Plus	\$16,484	\$4,965
Cat. III Nostalgic Comfort	\$19,630	\$7,636
Cat. IV Bolshoi	\$26,555	\$10,535

#### *Beijing – Moscow\**

The tour starts in Beijing and finishes in Moscow

#### *Beijing- Moscow-St Petersburg\*\**

The tour starts in Beijing and finish in St Petersburg

Due to limited availability of cabin types on board the train, we recommend you book early to secure your preferred cabin type. Cabin categories listed above are subject to availability at time of booking

#### INCLUSIONS

- Ten nights accommodation in 4-star and 5-star hotels with breakfast daily
- Eight nights on board the Tsaren Gold Private Train
- Arrival/departure transfers
- An exclusive train tour director with the group
- Private coach with local English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees and meals as stated in the itinerary
- All bridge games
- Visa fees for China, Mongolia and Russia
- **Special for Bolshoi guests:** two meals to choose from for lunch and dinner on board the train, 1 bottle of water per person every day in the compartment, 1 alcoholic or non-alcoholic drink included for meals on board the train

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

International flight from Australia, travel insurance, gratuities, personal expenses, anything not mentioned above.

#### FITNESS LEVEL

**FITNESS LEVEL - MODERATE:** Tour participants will need to carry their own luggage, board a bus unaided, walk a kilometre plus, and navigate uneven surfaces including stairs.

Please find more information on fitness level at [www.opulentjourneys.com.au/fitness\\_level/](http://www.opulentjourneys.com.au/fitness_level/)



Name of tour:  
**Trans-Siberian Journey by Private Train & Grand St Petersburg**  
 Please tick the tour you'd like to book  
 Beijing-Moscow 5-20 July  Beijing-St Petersburg 5-23 July

**BOOKING FORM**

**YOUR DETAILS:**

**PASSENGER 1**

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):  
  
 Your full name (as it appears on your passport):  
  
 Preferred first name:  Date of birth:   
 Postal Address:  
  
  
 State:  Postcode:   
 Email:  
  
 Phone:  
  
 Mobile:  
  
 Frequent flyer number:  Seating (Aisle or window)   
 Name of next of kin (not travelling with you):  
  
 Relationship to you:  Contact number:

**PASSENGER 2**

Your title (Ms, Mrs, Mr, Dr etc):  
  
 Your full name (as it appears on your passport):  
  
 Preferred first name:  Date of birth:   
 Postal Address:  
  
  
 State:  Postcode:   
 Email:  
  
 Phone:  
  
 Mobile:  
  
 Frequent flyer number:  Seating (Aisle or window)   
 Name of next of kin (not travelling with you):  
  
 Relationship to you:  Contact number:

Please provide a photocopy of the photo page of your passport together with this booking form.

**ROOMING PREFERENCES**

I am travelling:  on my own  with a friend or family member  
 I/we would like:  a single room  a twin share room  a double room  
 If single would you like us to organize twin-share on your behalf?  
 Are you a smoker?  Yes  No (Please note that Single Supplement will be payable if we are unable to arrange twin-share for you)  
 Compartment type:   
 Name of friend or family member (if not passenger 2)

**YOUR SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS/ALLERGIES**

Please indicate below if you have any special dietary requirements. Appropriate meals will be requested for you on all flights and group meals based on this information.

**PASSENGER 1**

**PASSENGER 2**

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS**

Please indicate below if you have any serious health issue that may affect your travel insurance coverage, your physical capacity to undertake some activities on tour or may otherwise need to be considered by the tour leader/manager during the tour.

**PASSENGER 1**

**PASSENGER 2**

**YOUR TRAVEL PLANS**

I/we wish Opulent Journeys to arrange air travel  
 Economy Class  Business Class  
 I/we plan to undertake additional travel before/after the tour and would like Opulent Journeys to organize this (please describe destinations and length of stay required below)

**TRAVEL INSURANCE**

Would like to receive a quote?  Yes  No

**HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS TOUR**

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Paid directly by cheque made payable to Opulent Journeys  
 Paid by credit card (Please complete details below)  
 MasterCard     Visa     American Express

Card Number:

Name on card:  Expiry Date:

Card Holders Signature:  Date:

(Payments by credit card will be subject to a Merchant Administration Fee as follows: 1.5% for Visa / MasterCard / American Express)

- Direct Deposit into the Opulent Journeys bank account  
Bank: Westpac                      Account Name: Opulent Journeys  
Bank BSB: 032 000                Account Number: 902713

Please list the payment description as per the following for Direct Deposits:

Reference: Your surname.

This will assist our office in locating your payment when we receive your completed booking form.

## YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF BOOKING CONDITIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND SIGN BELOW

### DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm your booking on a tour. Final payment of the tour fee, insurance and any additional travel will be due 90 days before departure.

### CANCELLATION FEES

If you decide to cancel your booking the following charges apply:

Over 90 days	Forfeit of deposit
89-42 days	45% of the tour cost
41-15 days	80% of the tour cost
14 days or less	100% of the tour cost

Cancellation fees for air tickets issued by or on behalf of Opulent Journeys will apply as determined by Airline Tariff Regulations, and may vary as to the type of ticket issued. Depending on the reason for your cancellation, these charges may be recoverable by the insurance policy you purchased.

### FORCED CANCELLATION

In the event that, due to failure to reach a minimum number of tour participants (excluding the tour leader), it is necessary to cancel the tour, you will receive a full refund of your deposit. If it is necessary to cancel the tour, we will advise you not later than 30 days prior to the tour departure.

### UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

Opulent Journeys requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. We offer a comprehensive policy with a reputable insurer if required.

### PASSPORT AND VISA

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that they possess the necessary travel documentation for the tour, such as a valid passport and any required visas. In general a passport should be valid at least 6 months beyond the end of your journey and have two clear pages for each country to be visited to allow for entry and exit stamps en-route or for any visas applicable for countries in your journey.

### PRICES

All prices are in Australian Dollars, on twin share basis, and based on costs and exchange rates applicable when this brochure was printed. Opulent Journeys reserves the right to adjust prices whether or not you have already made full payment. We will do everything within our control not to adjust prices and will generally only amend prices in the event of marked fluctuations in exchange rates, fuel costs and other operating costs on which prices are based.

### FITNESS

Most of our tours require a MODERATE level of fitness. However, in certain destinations or in certain seasons or because of the nature of travel, certain tours will require an ACTIVE level of fitness. Please find more information on fitness level at [www.opulentjourneys.com.au/fitness\\_level](http://www.opulentjourneys.com.au/fitness_level)

### RESPONSIBILITY

OPULENT JOURNEYS Pty Ltd act only in the capacity of agents for the passenger in all matters of transportation, tour operation and other services. The company itself is not a carrier or hotelier, nor do we own aircraft, hotels or coaches. We exercise every care in the selection of reputable airlines, coach operator, hotels and other suppliers or the various travel services which are used in the tour. Opulent Journeys Pty Ltd and/or its associated Companies or Agents assume no responsibility for loss, injury, accident, delay or damage or irregularity that may be caused to person or property, however caused or arising before commencement and/or during any tour under its management, sponsorship, procurement or otherwise. It is the responsibility of the passenger to make sure he/she is in possession of the proper visas and other travel documents and those they are in compliance with current government and transportation companies' regulations. The right is reserved to modify the itinerary in any way considered necessary or desirable, or to change any reservation, hotel feature and/or means conveyance, without allowance or refund but the extra cost, if any resulting there from, must be paid by the passenger. The right is also reserved to cancel or withdraw any tour, to replace any tour leader with another, to cancel or withdraw any booking made for a passenger, or to decline to accept any person as a member of a tour. The transportation companies or firms shall be exempt from all liabilities in respect of any detention, delay, loss, damage, sickness or injury however and by whomsoever caused and of whatever kind occurring of or to the passenger at any time when the passenger is not on board a carrier or conveyance used or operated by the transportation companies or firms. The contract of passage in use by the transportation companies or firms concerned shall constitute the sole contract between transportation companies or firms, and the purchase of these tours and/or passenger. All tickets, deposit tickets, coupons or orders are furnished and issued subject in all respects to those terms and conditions under which the means of transportation or other services provided there by are offered or supplied by owners, public carriers, or managing agents. The issuance and acceptance of receipts, tickets, vouchers, coupons, or exchange orders shall be deemed consent to the above conditions. The tour is based on flights as detailed in the itinerary, however any other IATA or non-IATA carrier may be used for tour co-ordination.

I/we accept the conditions on this booking form. I/we have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour and confirm that I/we are able to meet these requirements:

Signature:

Date:

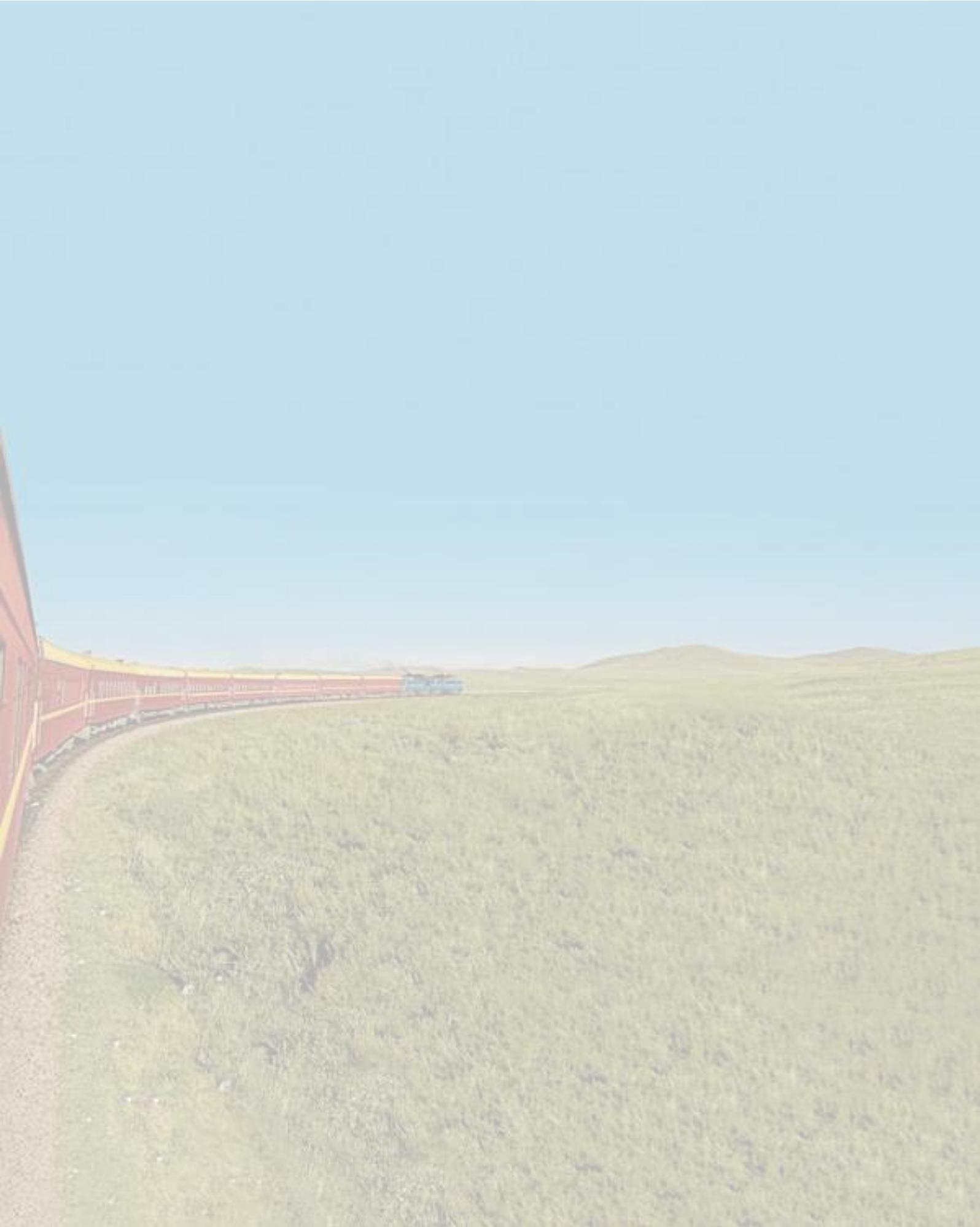
### SEND

Please send your completed booking form and passport copy to

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