

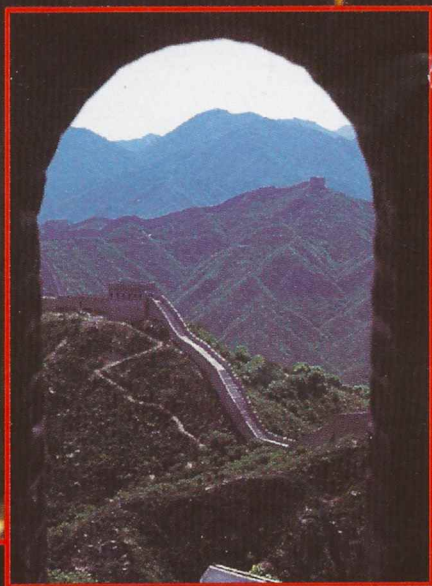


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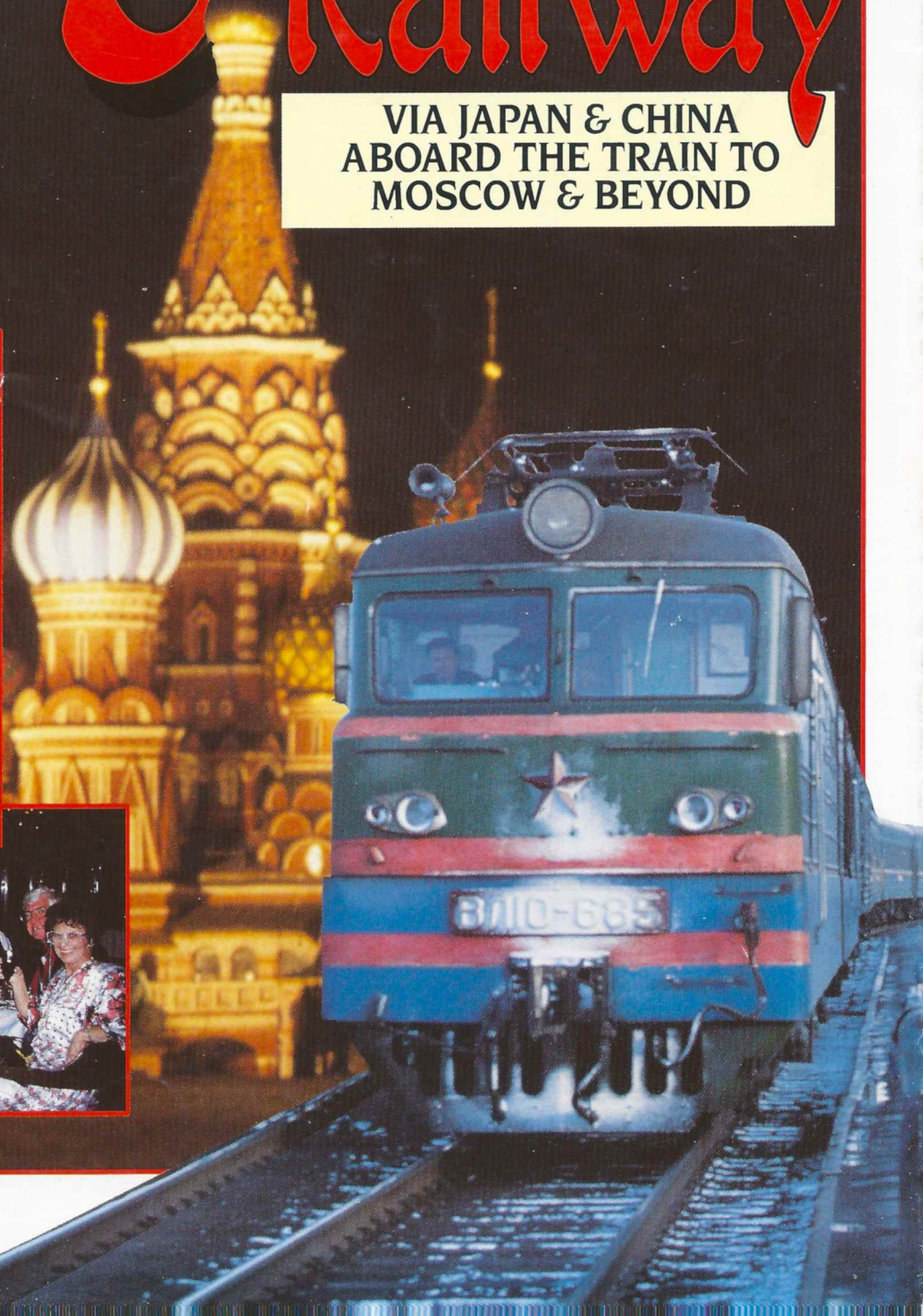
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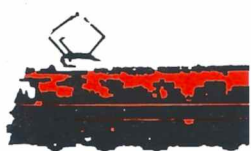
The Trans-Siberian Railway

VIA JAPAN & CHINA
ABOARD THE TRAIN TO
MOSCOW & BEYOND



1991





No Other Great Train Journey Comes Anywhere Near It



East to West aboard the train with Sundowners you will discover adventures that are literally the journey of a lifetime

For lovers of adventure and lovers of railways alike here's an incredible passing panorama across the dramatic landscape of the Soviet Union. A thread of metal, an engine at full power. The interplay and intrigue of an entire track-borne community on the train to the far side of the world.

Siberia: 'the sleeping land' - harsh and rugged. Green and beautiful in summer, silently white in winter. This vast land tempted travellers even before the train. Hunters, trappers, explorers, adventurers - characters all - in search of fame and fortune.

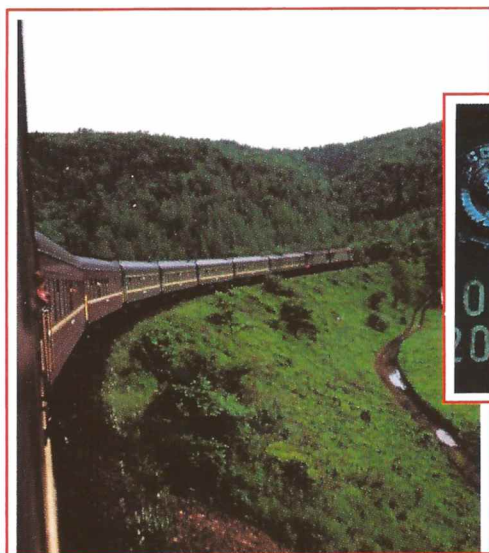
Life on board is ceaseless activity - hawkers working the corridors, new faces clambering aboard at the many halts along the way. Bass voices can be heard mournfully singing the songs of Mother Russia; and the animated discussion beside the Samovar; your convivial fellow traveller painstakingly pronouncing the Russian, not 'Glasnost' or 'Perestroika' (though they are there to be witnessed and experienced), but the familiar Russian toast: "**Nas-dar-ovya**" - **Cheers!**

Travel the Trans-Siberian, you surely should. But should you go via Japan? Or should you choose to go by way of Hong Kong and China; Beijing's Forbidden City, The Great Wall and the rolling Mongolian Steppes? Or do you decide to go first to the breathtaking Himalaya and over the Roof of the World to Tibet and only then by way of China and Mongolia?

And from Moscow do you want to travel directly to London or do you prefer to Add-an-Option - for here are three great optional ideas to end on?

These are indeed good questions and hard choices! But then this really is the journey of a lifetime Or if it isn't, I'd like to know what is!


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IRKUTSK



YOUR TOUR GUIDES

Your Trans-Siberian Railway tour with Sundowners will have the services of National Guides. National Guides in the USSR, China and Mongolia are well trained, helpful and friendly. They are competent in English

and well-informed. In most major cities detailed local knowledge is provided by a local guide. And your tour group will include a fully-briefed member of Sundowners' staff as the group's co-ordinator.



The Trans-Siberian

THE URALS TO MOSCOW

Via Novosibirsk and Omsk. Booming over the steel bridges spanning Siberia's nerve system of 5000 rivers. The climb through the Ural Mountains and, on the far side of the Volga, the flickering silvers and greens of the birch forests speed past. The train enters the suburbs and, slowing now, turns up almost casually on time in Moscow Central.



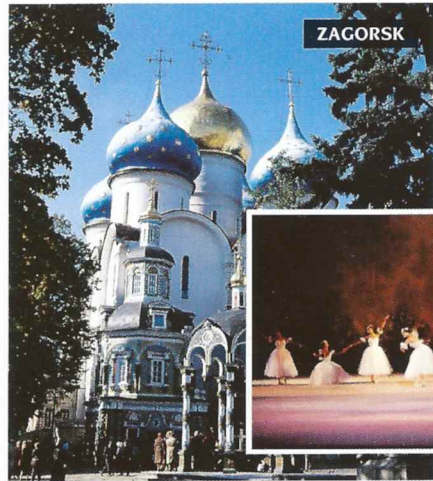
SIBERIA FROM IRKUTSK

The train sets off, all schedules - even meals - on Moscow time (four time-zones away!). We get organised, a jocular party spirit in the air. The long distorted shadows of a long summer evening, the first of three. A short night lulled by the ever mechanical rhythms of train and track, passes to expose a daybreak of fir forests and wild flowers - or, in winter, more of the snow blanket that has been laid on the world. Homely back gardens and a thousand and one signs of hardy lives and simple means.



MOSCOW

Capital of Communism since the Revolution in 1917, Moscow somehow embodies the Russian character and the Russian sense of destiny. Russia queues outside the Lenin Mausoleum at the Kremlin's outer wall in Red Square. Each hour the guard is changed. The crunch of boots and the slap of rifles. Otherwise a silent ceremony, short, precise, austere, impressive. The splendid twirled cupolas of St. Basil's across the cobbled square. The Kremlin itself - that fabled palace fort of gilded domes; the church of the Annunciation where the Tsars were crowned, the bell tower, the armoury, the Faberge jewels and the icons. The monastery of Zagorsk in the countryside beyond the metropolis. The amazing palatial, underground rail system draped in chandeliers, mosaics and Baroque bas relief. A gala night and cabaret and a magical evening at the ballet, the theatre or the State Circus - you won't forget Moscow.

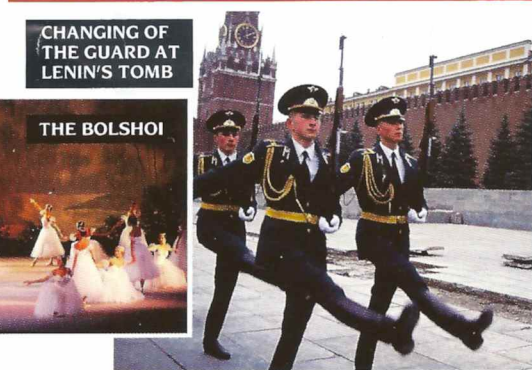


ZAGORSK



CHANGING OF THE GUARD AT LENIN'S TOMB

THE BOLSHOI



LENINGRAD

"The united magnificence of all the cities of Europe are but its equal" - so said the great Frenchman Voltaire speaking of Leningrad - or St. Petersburg as it was in his day. It is indeed a unique treasure house of 18th century architecture, a splendid lesson in urban planning and the city that best displays the Russian genius for museums. It is the city on the water, the Venice of the North. The Peter and Paul fortress, the Summer Palace, the Palace Square and the Hermitage. Gilded halls hung with the works of Leonardo da Vinci, Rembrandt and a hundred other great masters and sculptures by Michelangelo and Rodin. For all this, Leningrad's praises are not widely sung in the West and it remains one of Europe's best kept secrets.



SUMMER PALACE

THE WATERFRONT AND ST. ISAAC'S

BATTLESHIP AURORA



LIFE ON BOARD

We settle easily into the life on board, a relaxing buffet car, plentiful meals - Russian style - comfortable four berth compartments and manageable washing and toilet facilities and the ever-hot Samovar for own-made beverages. At Kiosks at short halts we can get strawberries in season or jacketed potatoes too hot to handle and even delicious ice cream, while other goodies are sold on the train. And there is time enough to get into a good book - Tolstoy, Solzhenitsyn, Harold Robbins, or you can even challenge the masters at chess!



Railway The Worlds Greatest Train Journey



IRKUTSK & LAKE BAIKAL

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NAKHODKA, Khabarovsk & EASTERN SIBERIA

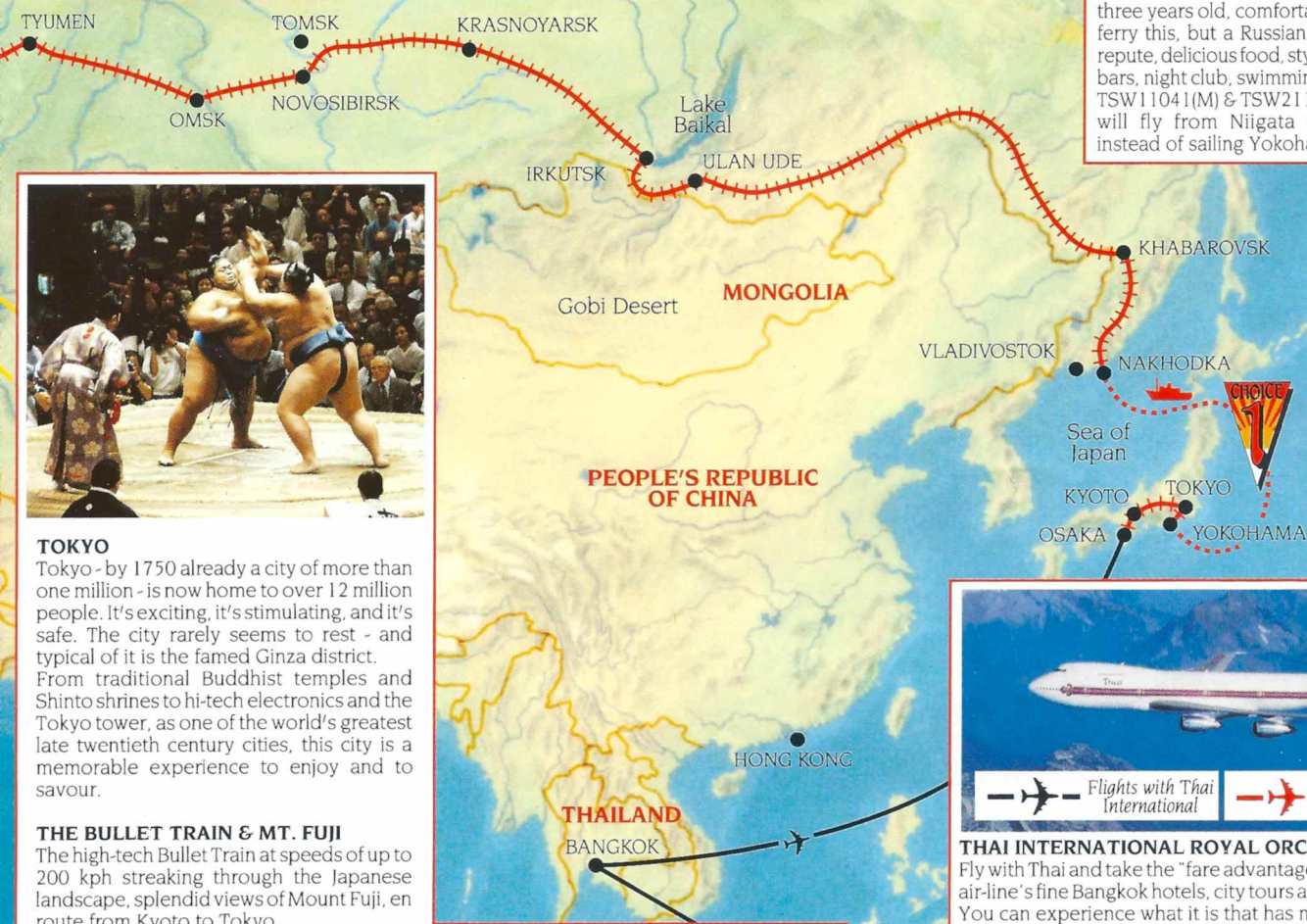
Then, on the Pacific shore, the Trans-Siberian rail journey begins, first hugging the border with China's Manchuria; already the sense of scale vast as we travel first to Khabarovsk then on to Irkutsk.



CRUISE THE SEA OF JAPAN

At Yokohama board the Ms Russ. She's just three years old, comfortable and elegant. No ferry this, but a Russian cruise ship of some repute, delicious food, stylish restaurants, cosy bars, night club, swimming pool, saunas. N.B. TSW11041(M) & TSW21121 (winter schedule) will fly from Niigata (Japan)-Khabarovsk instead of sailing Yokohama-Nakhodka.

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TOKYO

Tokyo - by 1750 already a city of more than one million - is now home to over 12 million people. It's exciting, it's stimulating, and it's safe. The city rarely seems to rest - and typical of it is the famed Ginza district. From traditional Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines to hi-tech electronics and the Tokyo tower, as one of the world's greatest late twentieth century cities, this city is a memorable experience to enjoy and to savour.

THE BULLET TRAIN & MT. FUJI

The high-tech Bullet Train at speeds of up to 200 kph streaking through the Japanese landscape, splendid views of Mount Fuji, en route from Kyoto to Tokyo.



MT. FUJI

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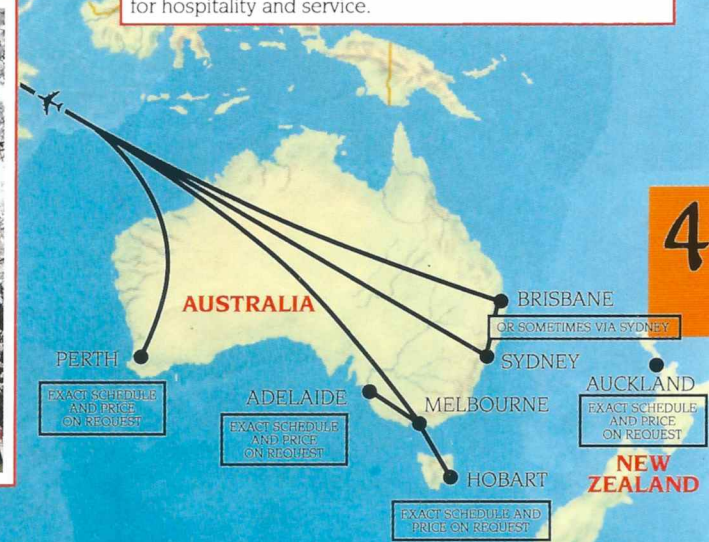
Ancient capital of Japan, city of charm and mystique. Palaces, temples, shrines and ornamental gardens, home of the Imperial family where Japanese art and culture have flourished for centuries.



KYOTO



THAI INTERNATIONAL ROYAL ORCHID SERVICE
Fly with Thai and take the "fare advantage" of this prestigious air-line's fine Bangkok hotels, city tours and local knowledge. You can experience what it is that has made Thai a byword for hospitality and service.



The History of a Railway

IMPERIAL RUSSIA was the largest land empire the world had known. No longer considered (by everyone) an empire, the USSR is non-the-less the largest nation in the world. These facts owe much to the Trans-Siberian Railway.

In the second half of the 19th century Russia was the major Eastern European power. Having had her designs southward thwarted in the inconclusive Crimean War (1857-1858) with Britain and France, she looked eastward to Siberia and the Pacific - just as the newly forged eastern United States of America after the Civil War (1864-67) looked westward to the prairies and the Pacific.

The Imperial Far East Fleet's home port was Vladivostok. Alaska was part of The Empire (until sold to the USA in 1867 for approximately £1,450,000). Japan was appearing for the first time on the World stage. And almost every European state, as well as the USA, had established an 'Enclave' on the Chinese mainland as part of the scramble for trade on easy terms with the effete Qing Dynasty.

Napoleon Bonaparte had reached and ransacked Moscow in 1812 but the Russian winter had allied with an indefatigable people to beat him back. Before then all threat and conquest had been from the East; Tartars, Mongols, Cossack hordes, from beyond the Urals.

NOW the massive heartland of Siberia must be secured for Mother Russia. What's more, with no warm-water ports - ice-free year round - in the west, how could the fleet in Vladivostok

be best supplied and how could trade with the Orient be conducted on terms at least as advantageous as those procured by the rival Europeans?

IN 1891 the enterprise was approved by the Tsar, Alexander III, and the ceremony of inauguration of the Trans-Siberian Railway was conducted in Vladivostok in the presence of the Grand Duke Tsarevich (his apparent), Nicholas II.

Built in phases, by employed, impressed and convict labour, first the Far Eastern Ussuri Section was begun, then the Western Sector east from the Urals to the River Ob, then the Mid-Siberian Sector from the Ob to Irkutsk on Lake Baikal.

BY 1904 the dream was realised; the entire journey to the Pacific Ocean from St. Petersburg via Moscow could be accomplished in 16 days. By taking this route an English engineer, an Austrian ambassador, a French family, could reach the Far East in less than half the time taken by steamer via the Suez Canal.

However, crossing Lake Baikal involved a transfer to an ice-breaking ferry. What's more, the Ussuri track was laid across Manchuria - ostensibly Chinese territory. The first of many re-routings was completed when, in 1916, the loop-route south around Lake Baikal was completed and the new track via Khabarovsk opened. Only then was there uninterrupted rail on Russian soil from this end of empire to that.

The following year (1917) - Revolution, Lenin in Moscow and the fall of the Royal House of Romanov.

The Complete Trans-Siberian Railway via Japan

Facts Box

28 DAYS SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE TO LONDON

TOUR CODE	TO LONDON			ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS		2 BERTH SUPP.	OPTIONS AVAILABLE		
	ONE WAY: \$6700 RETURN TRIP: \$7760	ONE WAY, KYOTO TO LONDON: \$5160	ONE WAY, TOKYO TO LONDON: \$4450	PRICE TO HELSINKI, DEDUCT \$300 FROM LONDON PRICES	PRICE TO BERLIN, DEDUCT \$350 FROM LONDON PRICES	(PRICE FOR TWO PERSONS): \$2900	A	B	C
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DAY 1	Arrive Bangkok	DAY 14	Trans-Siberian Railway
DAY 2	Bangkok	DAY 15	Irkutsk
DAY 3	Bangkok-Osaka-Kyoto	DAY 16	Irkutsk - overnight train
DAY 4 & 5	Kyoto	DAY 17 & 18	Trans-Siberian Railway
DAY 6	Kyoto - Bullet Train - Tokyo	DAY 19, 20, 21	Moscow
DAY 7 & 8	Tokyo	DAY 22	Moscow - overnight train
DAY 9	Tokyo-Yokohama - Cruise	DAY 23 & 24	Leningrad
DAY 10	Cruise	DAY 25	Leningrad - overnight train
DAY 11	Nakhodka - overnight train	DAY 26	Moscow - overnight train
DAY 12	Khabarovsk	DAY 27	Train
DAY 13	Khabarovsk - overnight train	DAY 28	Arrive London

To us Japan and the Japanese mean the oldness of Samurai values and the world-beating newness where product-efficiency is the main game in town. Thus here we will experience the two enigmatic faces of the orient. The peace and tranquillity of springtime in the palatial setting of Kyoto and, in striking contrast, the strident activity of downtown Tokyo.

Eleven time zones lie between here and London. At Yokohama we sail from Japan for the eastern seaboard of the USSR where we board the great train, first north to Khabarovsk and then through the spectacular scenery of eastern Siberia and westwards, always westwards to the southern shoreline of Lake Baikal and to Irkutsk. Aboard the train again, through the forests of Siberia using the massive bridges over the swollen rivers and over the Ural mountains to Moscow and Leningrad and Europe.

This is the rail link thrown across the world; it is both a thread striving to unify the Soviet peoples and, in the historic traditions of the world's great trade routes, a connection intent on linking cultures literally worlds apart.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- SERVICES of Sunders and national and local guides
- SIGHTSEEING in all cities as per this brochure's illustrated captions, except in Kyoto & Tokyo where arrangements are optional
- TRANSPORTATION - Thai International's Royal Orchid Service economy class to Bangkok & Osaka. All transfers in Bangkok, Japan (except Tokyo Station-hotel) & USSR. Bullet train Kyoto-Tokyo. Cruise Yokohama-Nakhodka. Trans-Siberian Railway and Rail Moscow/Leningrad-London (or Berlin etc). N.B: TSW11041(M) & TSW21121 (winter schedule) will fly from Niigata (Japan)-Khabarovsk instead of sailing Yokohama-Nakhodka - tour duration 27 days.
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: - First class twin share in Bangkok, Kyoto, Tokyo, Khabarovsk, Irkutsk, Moscow & Leningrad.
- RAIL/SHIP ACCOMMODATION: Four berth compartments (with private facilities on board ship).
- MEALS: Bangkok, Kyoto & Tokyo breakfast daily. On ship & throughout USSR including train (except Moscow-Berlin) 3 meals daily.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- MEALS: In Bangkok, Kyoto & Tokyo (except breakfast), and international train sector Moscow-Berlin-London.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Sightseeing in Kyoto & Tokyo, departure taxes, visas, insurance and items of a personal nature.

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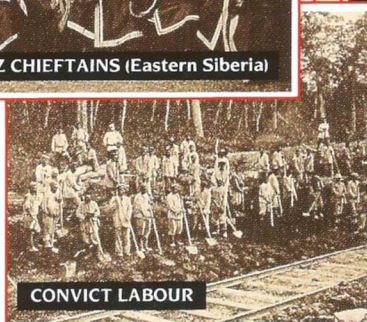


KIROIZ CHIEFTAINS (Eastern Siberia)

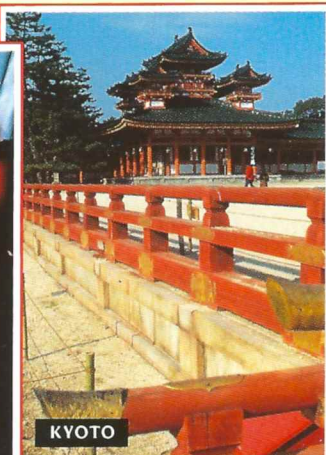
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BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER OB



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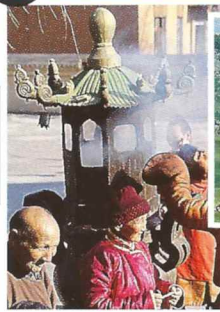
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& Trans-Mongolian Railway



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MONGOLIA

Bounded by Lake Baikal to the north and The Great Wall to the south is the Mongolian plateau and the Gobi Desert. This was the homeland of the brilliant, tough well-drilled horsemen who, for over 500 years from the 13th Century, plundered and occupied lands and cities from the Danube to the Yellow River. There is a history of incredible acquisition and of towering personalities thundering across Asia; among them Genghis Khan, founder of the Empire and Kublai Khan, overlord of China, convert to Buddhism, the great Khan, host to Marco Polo. We visit a Lama monastery and the National museum then out across the grasslands to Terelj to overnight at the Yurt encampment.

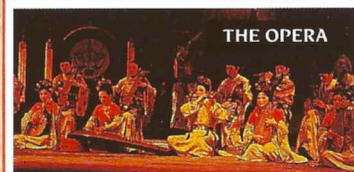
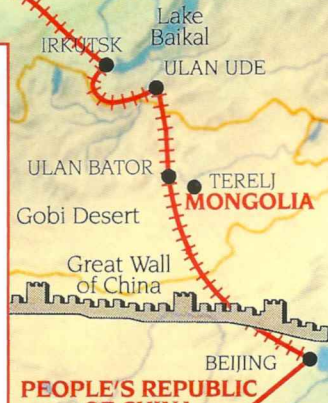
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XIAN

The great capital of ancient Cathay. The glittering city of fabled wealth at the end of the "Golden Journey", the silk road travelled by Marco Polo. Just one of the relics of more than 3,000 years of history is the incredible tomb of Qin Shuang, unifier of China, founder of the Qin dynasty (221-206 B.C.), builder of The Great Wall - and totally obsessed with death and immortality.

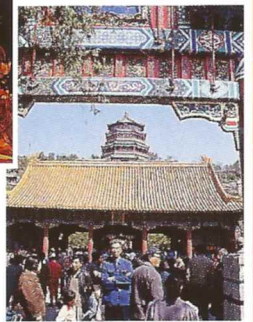
Surrounding the tomb the extraordinary buried army of some 6,000 life-sized pottery figures - soldiers, horses, chariots, weapons - has to be seen to be believed.



THE OPERA

BEIJING & THE GREAT WALL

10 soldiers marching abreast to be posted on the wall in defence of the civilised world and its capital, Beijing. To appreciate that claim we not only visit The Great Wall but the Temple of Heaven, the Ming Tombs, the Summer Palace, the Gate of Heavenly Peace and Tiananmen Square. And the fabulous Imperial Palace from which the Emperors of the Ming Dynasty governed China 500 years ago. "Then the admission price to "The Forbidden City" would have been instant death but this has dropped considerably to just 10 yuan".

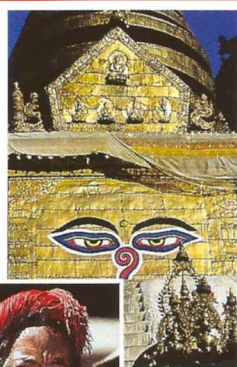


THE HIMALAYA - NEPAL TO TIBET (Choice 3 only)

Kathmandu, magical capital of the kingdom of Nepal and terraced paddy fields against a backdrop of the Himalaya. Pagodas topped in beaten gold and incredible panoramic views from Pokhara. Not only Kathmandu itself, but the other timeless cities of the valley, Bhaktapur and Patan. By air over 'the roof of the world' and high above the Tibetan plateau; huge vistas, turquoise lakes, villages minute in the valleys and village folk whose lives fuse the labour of a harsh existence with powerful spiritual forces which they perceive all around. And so to Lhasa, dominated by the Potala Palace, spiritual home of the Dalai Lama.

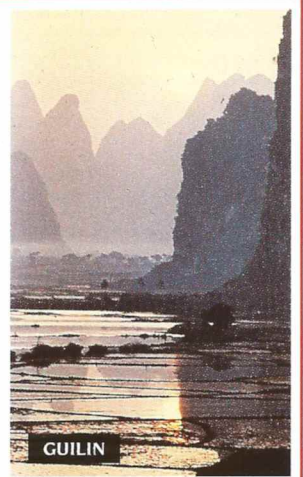


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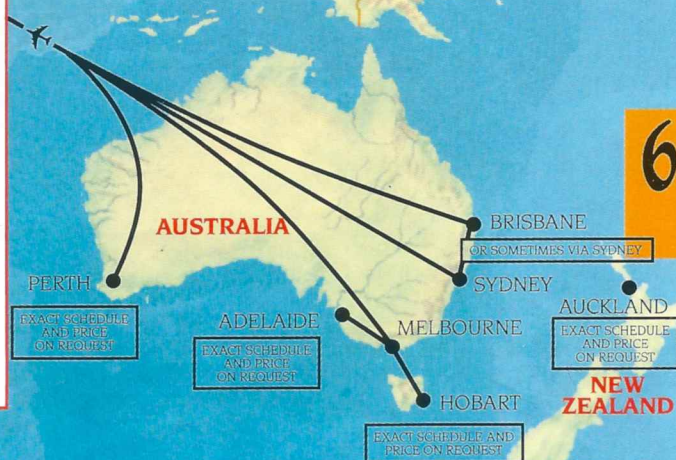


HONG KONG & SOUTH CHINA (Choice 2 only)

Hong Kong - the world's bazaar. Duty-free port, 300,000 people to every square mile. Buzz and entrepreneurial activity everywhere. Neon signs the size of the skyscrapers. Shop (it's what it's there for), master the subway, ride the Star Ferry, take the cable car to Victoria Peak. Beyond Kowloon and the New Territories lies the rest of China (to which H.K. reverts by treaty in 1997). Paddy fields either side of the track as we rattle the three hours across Guangzhong province to Guangzhou (Canton). By air to Guilin and the lovely statuesque landscape of the River Li.



GUILIN



CHOICE

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The Trans-Siberian Railway with China & Mongolia

TOUR CODE	TO LONDON			ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS		2 BERTH SUPP.
	DEPART MELBOURNE SYDNEY or BRISBANE	JOIN HONG KONG	JOIN BEIJING	PRICE TO HELSINKI, DEDUCT \$300 FROM LONDON PRICES	PRICE TO BERLIN, DEDUCT \$250 FROM LONDON PRICES	(PRICE FOR TWO PERSONS): \$1550
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CMW1107	11.07.91	13.07.91	19.07.91	09.08.91	10.08.91	11.08.91
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CMW1209	12.09.91	14.09.91	20.09.91	11.10.91	12.10.91	13.10.91
CMW1710	17.10.91	19.10.91	25.10.91	15.11.91	16.11.91	17.11.91

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32 DAYS SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE TO LONDON

DAY 1	Arrive Bangkok	DAY 17 & 18	Train
DAY 2	Bangkok-Hong Kong	DAY 19	Irkutsk
DAY 3	Hong Kong	DAY 20	Irkutsk-overnight train
DAY 4	Hong Kong-Guangzhou	DAY 21 & 22	Trans-Siberian Railway
	-Guilin	DAY 23, 24, 25	Moscow
DAY 5	Guilin	DAY 26	Moscow
DAY 6	Guilin-Xian		-overnight train
DAY 7 & 8	Xian	DAY 27 & 28	Leningrad
DAY 9	Xian-Beijing	DAY 29	Leningrad
DAY 10, 11, 12	Beijing		-overnight train
DAY 13	Beijing-overnight train	DAY 30	Moscow
DAY 14	Ulan Bator		-overnight train
DAY 15	Terelj-Mongol Yurt	DAY 31	Train
DAY 16	Ulan Bator	DAY 32	Arrive London

It was the end of the 1980's. Ahead, the final decade of the century and the world a fast changing place. Nowhere did this appear more apparent than in the People's Republic of China.

Were we here to witness the dismemberment of the uncompromising structures of China's Red Star Communism? Was this to be the final chapter in the saga of the world's oldest self-contained civilization finally taking its place in the one-world 21st century? Was this to be the bamboo curtain becoming as obsolete - if hardly as impressive - as the Great Wall? ...Or was this to be the time of tanks in Tiananmen Square?

Certainly that bright optimism of the late 80's is now heavily clouded; the Chinese mandarins having re-adopted a rather more familiar (and perhaps truer) self. An industrious people, perhaps somewhat inscrutable from a western perception and seriously, though not always humourlessly, interested in ensuring we come away with high regard for Chinese achievement both past and present. We are offered considerable service, our hosts wholly concerned with our comfort and well-being.

Beyond the Great Wall and out across the fringes of the Gobi Desert are the grasslands of Mongolia. This is the wild country of the wild raiding armies of Genghis Khan and Tamer the Lame (Tamerlane). And so into Siberia at Lake Baikal and on.... On by the great rail journey to Moscow and to the far side of the world.

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- SERVICES of Sundowners and national and local guides
- SIGHTSEEING in all cities as per this brochure's illustrated captions, except in Hong Kong - where arrangements are optional
- TRANSPORTATION - Thai International's Royal Orchid Service economy class to Bangkok and Hong Kong. Transfers airport/hotel/airport in Bangkok and Hong Kong. Train Hong Kong-Guangzhou. Economy class air Guangzhou-Guilin-Xian-Beijing. Rail Beijing-Ulan Bator and Ulan Bator-Irkutsk. Trans-Siberian Railway and rail Moscow/Leningrad-London (or Berlin etc). All transfers while in China, Mongolia and USSR.
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: - First class twin share in Bangkok, Hong Kong, throughout China, and USSR. Tourist class twin share in Ulan Bator. Accommodation in Yurts in Terelj (Mongolia).
- RAIL ACCOMMODATION: Four berth compartments.
- MEALS: Bangkok and Hong Kong full breakfast daily, on all national (not international) trains and at all hotels throughout China, Mongolia and USSR three meals daily.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- MEALS: In Bangkok and Hong Kong (except breakfast), on international train sectors Beijing-Ulan Bator, Ulan Bator-Irkutsk and Moscow-Berlin-London.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Sightseeing in Bangkok & Hong Kong departure taxes, visas, insurance & items of a personal nature.

CHOICE

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The Trans-Siberian Railway plus Nepal, Tibet, China & Mongolia

TOUR CODE	TO LONDON			ALTERNATIVE DESTINATIONS		2 BERTH SUPP.
	DEPART MELBOURNE SYDNEY or BRISBANE	JOIN KATHMANDU	ARRIVE HELSINKI	ARRIVE BERLIN	ARRIVE LONDON	(PRICE FOR TWO PERSONS): \$1550
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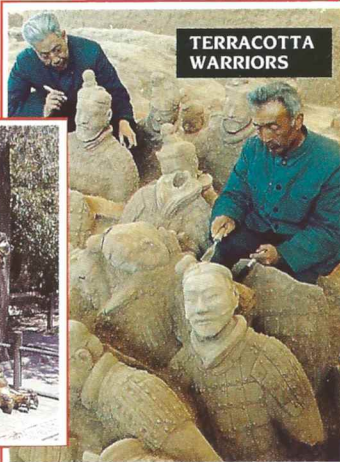
39 DAYS SYDNEY/MELBOURNE/BRISBANE TO LONDON

DAY 1	Arrive Bangkok	DAY 17, 18, 19	Beijing-overnight train
DAY 2	Bangkok	DAY 20	Beijing-overnight train
DAY 3	Bangkok-Kathmandu	DAY 21	Ulan Bator
DAY 4, 5	Kathmandu	DAY 22	Terelj
DAY 6	Kathmandu-Pokhara	DAY 23	Ulan Bator
DAY 7	Pokhara	DAY 24, 25	Train
DAY 8	Pokhara-Kathmandu	DAY 26	Irkutsk
DAY 9	Kathmandu	DAY 27	Irkutsk-overnight train
DAY 10	Kathmandu-Lhasa	DAY 28, 29	Trans-Siberian Railway
DAY 11	Lhasa	DAY 30, 31, 32	Moscow
DAY 12	Lhasa	DAY 33	Moscow-overnight train
DAY 13	Lhasa-Chengdu-Xian	DAY 34, 35	Leningrad
DAY 14	Xian	DAY 36	Leningrad-overnight train
DAY 15	Xian	DAY 37	Moscow-overnight train
DAY 16	Xian-Beijing	DAY 38	Train
		DAY 39	Arrive London

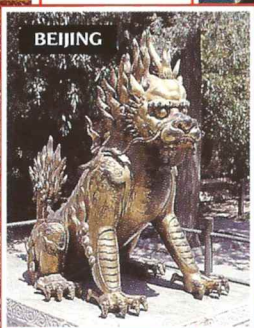
Superlatives are redundant here. This is not merely the longest of our Choices. Nor is it merely the most diverse. Here are the wildest parts of Asia unlikely ever to be tamed by the train. Here too is the train that tamed Siberia. And here they are combined.

Go by way of Nepal. Discover Kathmandu and its amazing valley presented to you like pages from the past. Fly high over the Himalaya, a veritable 'god's eye view'; below you now a violently crinkled world - the buttresses, faces, traverses and glaciers of the highest peaks in the world. Into the long forbidden land of Tibet - behind Everest itself, to mysterious Lhasa and so across China, historic Xian, Beijing and the Forbidden City, the Great Wall. Then Mongolia bound, then to Irkutsk, Lake Baikal, the Siberian heartland and Moscow, Leningrad and beyond.

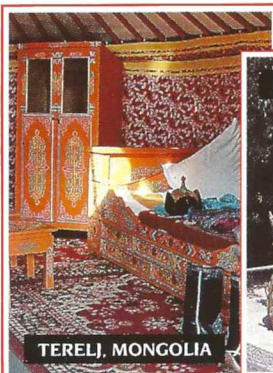
It is a journey best not under-estimated, this use of 'China's side door' is incredibly exciting.



TERRACOTTA WARRIORS



BEIJING



TERELJ, MONGOLIA

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- SERVICES of Sundowners and national and local guides
- SIGHTSEEING in all cities as per this brochure's illustrated captions
- TRANSPORTATION - Thai International's Royal Orchid Service economy class to Bangkok and Kathmandu. Transfers airport/hotel/airport in Bangkok and Kathmandu. Economy class air Kathmandu-Lhasa-Chengdu-Xian-Beijing. Rail Beijing-Ulan Bator and Ulan Bator-Irkutsk. Trans-Siberian Railway and rail Moscow/Leningrad-London (or Berlin etc). All transfers while in China (and Tibet), Mongolia and USSR.
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: - First class twin share in Bangkok, throughout China, and USSR. Tourist class twin share in Kathmandu, Lhasa and Ulan Bator. Accommodation in Yurts in Terelj (Mongolia).
- RAIL ACCOMMODATION: Four berth compartments.
- MEALS: Bangkok and Kathmandu full breakfast daily, on all national (not international) trains and at all hotels throughout China (and Tibet), Mongolia and USSR three meals daily.

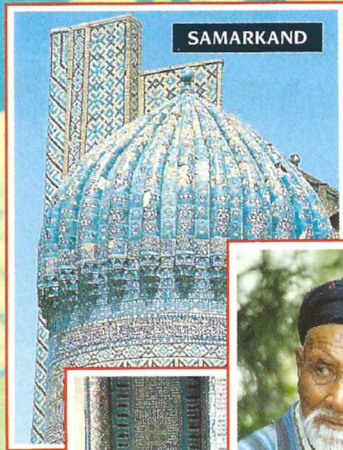
NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- MEALS: In Bangkok and Kathmandu (except breakfast), on international train sectors Beijing-Ulan Bator, Ulan Bator-Irkutsk and Moscow-Berlin-London.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Departure taxes, visas, insurance & items of a personal nature.

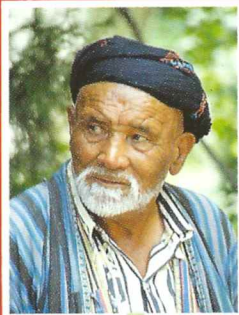


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Railway and the Ancient Silk Road, Eastern



SAMARKAND



OPTION A

Soviet Central Asia - land of fables & legends

Here in the south of the USSR are the Soviet republics of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Here, astride the ANCIENT SILK ROAD from Europe to Cathay which, like the Trans-Siberian Railway today, was once one of history's great highways - lie two of history's most romantic legendary cities. SAMARKAND and BUKHARA prospered and were plundered, were conquered by Tamerlane and described by an awestruck Marco Polo. They are dust-covered jewels that exemplified the heights of Islamic culture and architecture; fabled cities of great beauty and grace but also of internecine feuds, depravity and barbarous cruelty.

Samarkand is a city on history's crossroads. Destroyed in 329 BC by Alexander the Great in his sweep across Asia then rising like a Phoenix to become the centre of a brilliant Arab civilisation. Genghis Khan sacked the city in 1221 but again it achieved greatness under the Mongol Prince Tamerlane.

Set in the fertile valley of Zarafshan with the snow-clad Hissar range to the south, it is once more a fast-growing centre. But the footprints of these ancient civilisations remain... many of the great Mosques, palaces and forts have been restored - others still lie beautifully abandoned. Golden Samarkand - an inspiration to poets and dreamers down the ages.

The deserts and the historic cities of Samarkand, and Bukhara, and the republics' capitals, Tashkent and Dushanbe are today all vibrant and integral parts of the multi-racial, multi-cultural pastiche that is the Soviet Union.

Facts Box

DAY 1 Moscow-Tashkent	DAY 7 Samarkand-Dushanbe
DAY 2 Tashkent	DAY 8 Dushanbe
DAY 3 Tashkent-Bukhara	DAY 9 Dushanbe-Moscow
DAY 4 Bukhara	- overnight train
DAY 5 Bukhara-Samarkand	DAY 10 Train
DAY 6 Samarkand	DAY 11 Arrive London

OPTION COST: Add \$1900 per person to Tour Cost.
(Two berth supplement - add \$900 for 2 persons)

ARRIVAL IN LONDON: Your date of arrival into London will be eight days later than clients choosing the direct 'Leningrad-Moscow-London' schedule.

CAN BE ADDED TO: All Sundowners' Trans-Siberian Railway Departures.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- SERVICES of local guides.
- TRANSPORTATION: Economy class air Moscow-Tashkent-Bukhara-Samarkand-Dushanbe-Moscow. Transfers airport/hotel/airport. Rail Moscow-London (or Berlin).
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: First class twin share Soviet hotels.
- RAIL ACCOMMODATION: Four berth compartments.
- MEALS: Throughout USSR breakfast daily.
- PLUS: City tour in Tashkent, Bukhara, Samarkand & Dushanbe.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- MEALS: Throughout USSR (except breakfast) and on international rail Moscow-Berlin-London.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Additional sightseeing, Departure taxes, visas, insurance and items of a personal nature.

OPTION B

Poland, Hungary & Czechoslovakia

WARSAW, BUDAPEST, PRAGUE. Each is a feeling. Each speaks for a European tradition of individualistic regional differences now emerging from beneath a weighty oppression and each growing again in confidence.

WARSAW is a concerto. A ghetto. A wonderful old town. A famous market square, a Royal castle. It is passionate. It is a little erratic. And it will delight you.

BUDAPEST. Buda and Pest are twin cities astride the Danube, the lovely bridges, the churches, cobbled lanes to the castle on the hill, the bistros and the gypsy music tugging at the heart strings.

PRAGUE. The heart of Bohemia. The old city survived the ravages of world war and fine Gothic avenues lead to Wenceslaus Square. Here is the famous clock with its 12 apostles striking on the hour. Fine views of the city are from the defence tower and there lies the 14th century Charles Bridge spanning the Vltava River. This is the 'City of a hundred spires' to which, through the centuries, artists and musicians have been drawn and a city in which Mozart himself felt inspired and at home.

Facts Box

DAY 1 Arrive Warsaw	DAY 6 Budapest - overnight train
DAY 2 Warsaw	DAY 7 Prague
DAY 3 Warsaw	DAY 8 Prague
- overnight train	DAY 9 Prague
DAY 4 Budapest	- overnight train
DAY 5 Budapest	DAY 10 Arrive London

OPTION COST: Add \$1700 per person to Tour Cost.
(Two berth supplement - add \$680 for 2 persons)

ARRIVAL IN LONDON: Your date of arrival into London will be eight days later than clients choosing the direct 'Leningrad-Moscow-London' schedule.

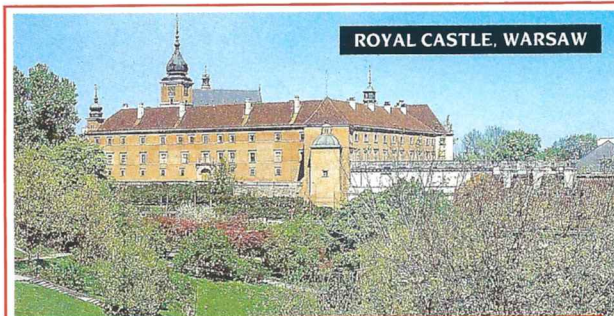
OPTION AVAILABILITY: The dates & prices panel of Choices 1, 2 & 3 specify thus ✓ which options are available in conjunction with each Trans-Siberian tour date.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- SERVICES of Sundowners (group of 10 or more) and local guides.
- TRANSPORTATION: Transfers in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague. Rail Warsaw-Budapest-Prague-London.
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: First class twin share in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague.
- RAIL ACCOMMODATION: Four berth compartments.
- MEALS: Half board in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague.
- PLUS: City tour in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- MEALS: Lunches in Warsaw, Budapest and Prague, and meals on international rail Prague-London.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Departure taxes, visas, insurance and items of a personal nature.



ROYAL CASTLE, WARSAW



OLD TOWN, PRAGUE



BUDAPEST

Railway

and the Ancient Silk Road, Eastern

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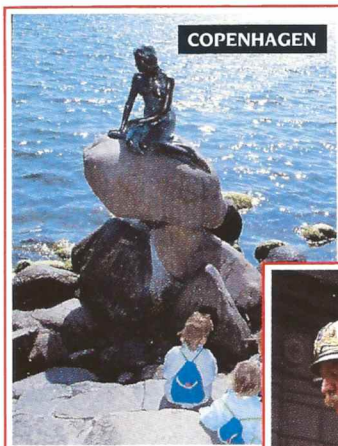
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UZBEKISTAN
TASHKENT
SAMARKAND
TADZHIKISTAN
DUSHANBE
BUKHARA

Add an Option

Moscow, western terminus of the Trans-Siberian Railway, and then Leningrad. But what then, on by rail by the direct Sundowners' itinerary to western Europe and London? Or adding an option to see even more - for when are you likely to be better placed to see Scandinavia, Central Europe or the cities of the Great Silk Road? Three great options at no great extra cost!

Europe & Scandinavia



COPENHAGEN



Finland, Sweden, Norway & Denmark

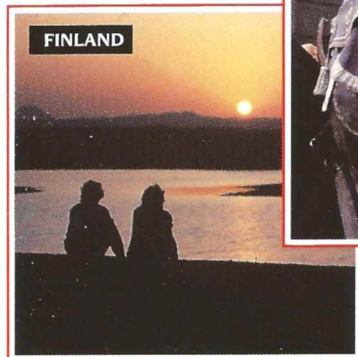
By train via lakes and pine forests to HELSINKI and a refreshingly capitalistic bonanza after the strictures of the USSR. Smart pedestrian malls lead down to the wharf and the ferry terminal. A modern city of chrome and stainless steel, an informed introduction to Urban Scandinavia.

Through the islands and across the Gulf of Finland in style fit for a modern Viking Chieftain; the smorgasbord a veritable Valhalla banquet.

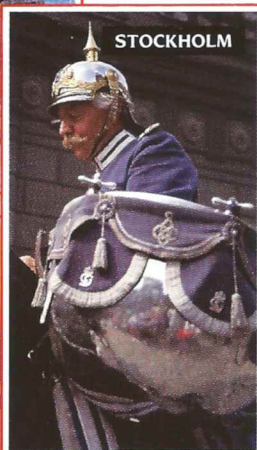
To STOCKHOLM with its fine palace and royal traditions. Old Town on Stadens Island, its beer and bearded folk singers and the Wasa, the 16th century royal galleon lifted from the mud of the Baltic.

There is a gentleness in OSLO. It's not large it's not busy, it's not rushed. It's friendly, it's modest, it's civilised. It has the laid-back self-confidence that is manifest in 'The Fram' that took Amundsen to the South Pole, and the 'Kon Tiki' that took Heyerdahl to Easter Island. Here is the finest collection of 9th century Viking Ships and the marvellous but unsettling Munch Collection of Nordic paintings.

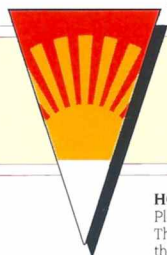
Thus to COPENHAGEN, home of 'probably the best lager in the world (!)' and of fine porcelain. Here is that quaint mix of vaudeville and romance; the Tivoli Gardens and the statue of Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid.



FINLAND



STOCKHOLM



Planning & organising your journey

HOW TO BOOK

Please carefully read our CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT. Then please complete the BOOKING FORM, and attach the required deposit(s) (and comply with any required medical reference, if applicable). Places with us on the Trans-Siberian Railway really are very limited. It is no 'sales pitch' to advise that, if you intend joining us, you should get your booking to us (via your chosen agent) ASAP. Your place with us will be confirmed promptly. Alternatively you will be advised of any difficulty.

TWO BERTH SUPPLEMENT

Two berth compartments on trains in the USSR (and Eastern European trains - Option B) and cabins on the ship Yokohama-Nakhodka (and cabins Helsinki-Stockholm and Oslo-Copenhagen - Option C) can be requested. However the chance of confirmation is only about 50/50. Considerable extra telexing and administration is involved whether or not efforts are eventually successful. Please note, no reasons are given for non-availability, nor are we advised if berths become subsequently available (due perhaps to an extra carriage added etc.) Please remember we will have done our experienced best to obtain two berth travel - and we cannot do more. Please refer to the supplementary booking conditions.

PLANNING & INFORMATION DOSSIERS

Below is a summary of the main points dealt with in the Trans-Siberian Railway Planning and Information dossier supplied by us to you on booking.

PERSONAL SPENDING MONEY

Apart from souvenirs, drinks and items of a personal nature there is little to spend one's money on once in China, Tibet, Mongolia or the Soviet Union. The one important exception is meals on international trains crossing frontiers when buffet cars are usually unavailable. Here you should expect to provide yourself with food available at station kiosks etc. We suggest you allow US\$10-15 per day for the whole journey. Advice regarding cash and Travellers Cheques is contained in the Planning & Information dossier.

PASSPORT & VISAS

Your passport must of course be valid for the duration of your planned stay overseas and have a clean page for each of the countries you intend to visit. Sorry - but no tour here is entirely free of visa requirements. Details applicable to your chosen tour come with your planning and Information dossier. Nearly all are obtained prior to departure by our visa service.

Facts Box

DAY 1	Arrive Helsinki	DAY 7	Oslo
DAY 2	Helsinki	DAY 8	Oslo - overnight cruise
DAY 3	Helsinki - overnight cruise	DAY 9	Copenhagen
DAY 4	Stockholm	DAY 10	Copenhagen
DAY 5	Stockholm		- overnight train
DAY 6	Stockholm - train - Oslo	DAY 11	Arrive London

OPTION COST: Add \$1900 per person to Tour Cost.
(Two berth supplement - add \$450 for 2 persons)

ARRIVAL IN LONDON: Your date of arrival into London will be eight days later than clients choosing the direct 'Leningrad-Moscow-London' schedule.

OPTION AVAILABILITY: The dates & prices panel of Choices 1, 2 & 3 specify thus ✓ which options are available in conjunction with each Trans-Siberian tour date.

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST:

- SERVICES of Sundowners (group of 10 or more) and local guides.
- TRANSPORTATION: Cruise Helsinki-Stockholm & Oslo-Copenhagen. Rail Stockholm-Stockholm & Copenhagen-London.
- HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: Good tourist class twin share in Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo & Copenhagen.
- RAIL/SHIP ACCOMMODATION: Four berth compartments.
- MEALS: Breakfast in Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo & Copenhagen
- PLUS: City tour in Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo & Copenhagen

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST:

- TRANSPORTATION: Transfers in Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo & Copenhagen.
- MEALS: In Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo & Copenhagen (except breakfast), on cruise Helsinki-Stockholm & Oslo-Copenhagen, and on international train sector Copenhagen-London.
- MISCELLANEOUS: Departure taxes, visas, insurance and items of a personal nature.

INSURANCE, MEDICAL & HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

We require you to be insured and there is good travel cover available. Specifically you require not less than \$50,000 of hospitalisation, medical and repatriation. You should also obtain cancellation and baggage insurance. All Sundowners agents can advise. Inoculation against cholera is advisable and a dental and medical check-up before departure is a sensible added protection. In respect of persons 70 years or more (and persons of 60 years or more for Choice 3 - Tibet) we require a doctor's letter confirming that the traveller is of the physiological disposition called for by a journey of this demanding nature.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Take only what is necessary. The listed suggestions regarding clothing and personal equipment are, as you would expect, in our Planning & Information dossier. All should fit into a medium size suitcase (or rucksack) and a generous overnight bag. The total weight should conform to the airline allowance of 20 kgs (44 lbs).

LONDON ACCOMMODATION ON ARRIVAL

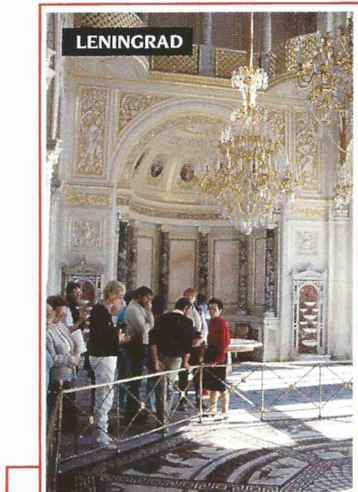
Most Trans-Siberian Railway journeys arrive into London's Victoria Station at approximately 1900 hours. If you require accommodation in London we will be happy to arrange this for you. Our hotel, the Henry VIII, is approximately 5 km from Victoria Station, and can be easily reached by taxi or the London 'Underground'. The cost per person per night on a bed/breakfast basis is \$85 Twin Room, \$115 Single (subject to change). The Henry VIII is a clean, friendly tourist class hotel and it is close to transport, shops and museums.

NB: HOTELS & HELPFULNESS

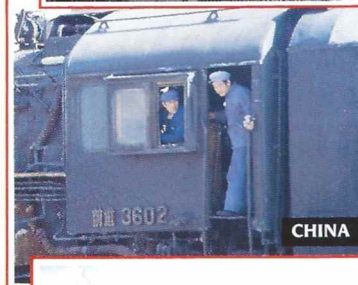
- JAPAN & BANGKOK: As you might expect, Sundowners' hotels here are to a very high 'western' standard and, we have no doubt, will be entirely to your liking.
- HONG KONG, CHINA & NEPAL: Here we can be sure you will be made to feel either very much at home or regally looked after in palatial surroundings.
- THE USSR & MONGOLIA: We have to say that you may encounter something of a 'take-it-or-leave-it' attitude on occasions and - typically but not always - the service and the standard of Soviet style '1st class' accommodation leaves a little to be desired. Though concepts of 'service' are not yet really 'part of the equation' in the USSR, it is the human touch that often shows through and is appreciated.

'ALL ABOARD'

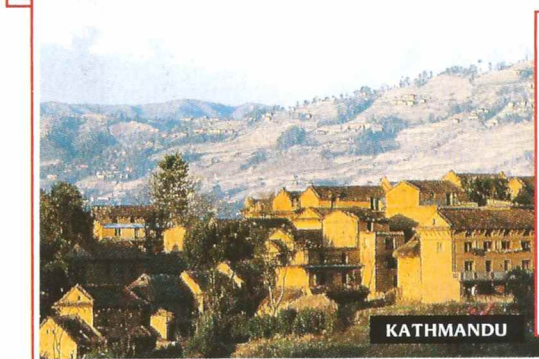
A journey aboard the Trans-Siberian Railway is not a deluxe holiday. What's more, not always does everything go exactly according to plan. That said, the Trans-Siberian Railway is, without a doubt, the greatest railway journey the world has to offer! Come aboard with Sundowners - you will certainly be most welcome!



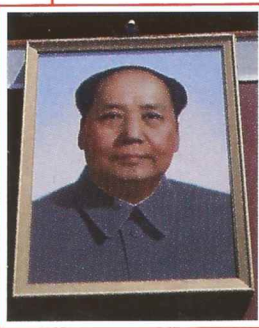
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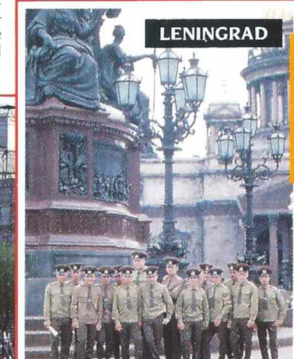
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Conditions of Contract

1. MAIN CONDITIONS:

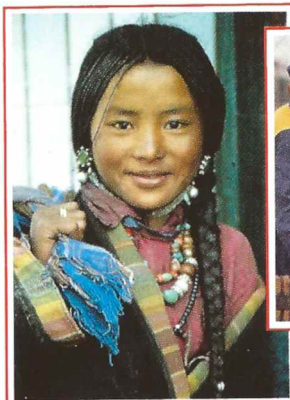
- 1a.** A deposit of \$400 per person must be paid at the time of booking. The deposit is accepted as a first installment of the inclusive fare and will be returned only if a place cannot be offered. Otherwise deposits cannot be refunded under any circumstances.
- b.** The balance of all monies due to Sundowners is to be paid not less than 60 days before departure, otherwise Sundowners may treat the booking as cancelled.
- c.** A transfer fee from one tour to another will be charged as follows:
Over 60 days before departure: \$200.00
Less than 60 days before departure transfers cannot generally be accepted.
- d.** In the event of cancellation by the client - and in addition to the loss of the deposit - the following cancellation fees shall apply:
Cancellation within 60 days of departure: 50% of tour cost. Cancellation within 20 days of departure: 75% of tour cost. Cancellation within 7 days of departure: 100% of tour cost. Any intention of cancellation by the client should be advised to Sundowners as early as possible.
- e.** In the event of Sundowners having to cancel a tour for whatever reasons, all monies paid to Sundowners will be refunded in full. This shall be the full extent of Sundowners' liability. Sundowners reserve the right to cancel for whatever reason or reasons Sundowners considers necessary or advisable.
- f.** The client undertakes to effect adequate travel insurance including provision for cancellation, hospitalisation and medical expenses, repatriation and baggage.
- g.** Tour itineraries are subject to readjustment without prior notice due to changes, including, but not limited to, influences beyond the control of Sundowners (eg: alterations in shipping, rail and air schedules, disturbances, political influences, etc).
- h.** It is the responsibility of the client to comply with legislation, visas, immigration, customs, and foreign exchange regulations for the countries visited. Should there be any non-compliance the Company shall have the right to require the client to leave the tour without any recourse to refund.

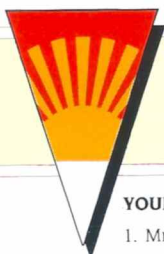
2. ADD-AN-OPTION SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS:

- 2a.** A supplementary deposit of \$200 per person is required at the time of booking.
- b.** The supplementary conditions apply as well as, not instead of, the main booking conditions.

3. TWO BERTH SUPPLEMENTARY CONDITIONS:

- 3a.** A supplementary deposit of \$300 per person is required at the time of booking. (total deposit of \$700 per person).
- b.** If, despite every reasonable competent effort, two berth travel is not available, the client agrees to accept four berth travel at the published rate. A full refund of the two berth supplement is the full extent of Sundowners' liability.
- c.** If two berth travel is available in part only, the client agrees to accept that part available and to accept a refund for the unavailable part.
- d.** The supplementary conditions apply as well as, not instead of, the main booking conditions.





Booking Form

YOUR NAME(S)

1. Mr/Mrs/Miss Surname _____
 Given names _____
2. Mr/Mrs/Miss Surname _____
 Given names _____

YOUR TOUR (please tick)

Choice 1 ☐ 2 ☐ or 3 ☐

Tour code _____ Departure date _____

From _____ To _____

'Add-an-Option'

Do you want to 'add-an-option'? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, Option A ☐ B ☐ or C ☐

(Please check the "Add-an-Option" facts box to ensure this option is shown as available and that it can be added to the particular Trans-Siberian departure of your choice).

YOUR DETAILS

	Nationality	Date of birth	Marital Status	Occupation
1				
2				
	Passport No.	Place of issue	Date of Issue	Date of Expiry
1				
2				

Main contact address _____

Post Code _____

Telephone (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Deposit(s) enclosed \$400 per person ☐ (please tick) \$ _____

Optional tour (A, B or C) deposit \$200 per person ☐ \$ _____

Optional two berth supplementary deposit \$600 per two persons ☐ \$ _____

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the brochure and the booking conditions printed overleaf and I join with Sundowners Travel Centre Pty Ltd (Sundowners) in agreeing to abide by these conditions on behalf of myself and other persons for whom this is a joint booking.

Further to the Conditions of Contract, I appreciate that the organisers cannot guarantee that the standard of comfort will always be uniformly high and I recognise that different attitudes to customer service (to that which we understand in 'the west') can prevail.

Signed _____ Date _____

Your local agent is:



Sundowners



Main Agents

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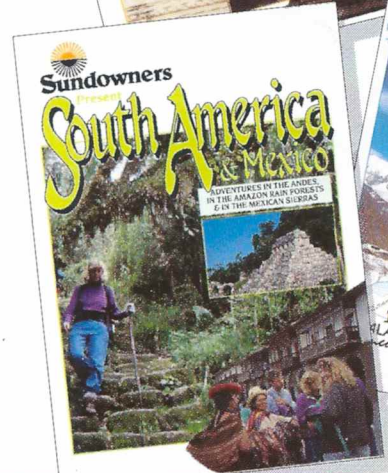
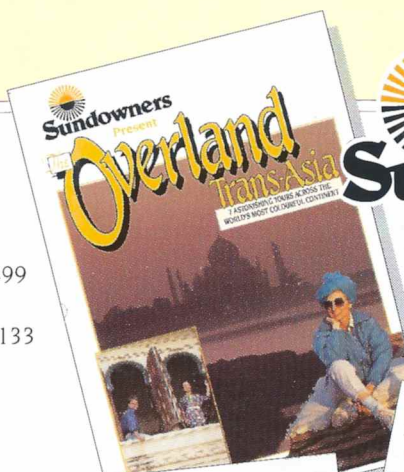
Auckland, Suntravel,
P.O. Box 12 424, 407 Great South Road,
Penrose, Auckland Phone: (09) 525 3074

ENGLAND

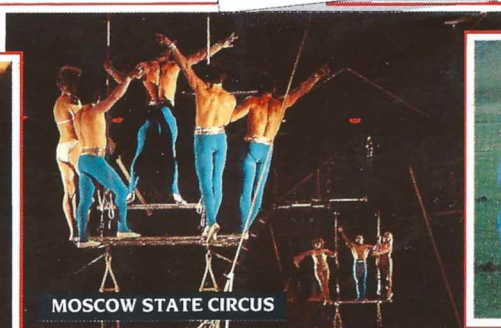
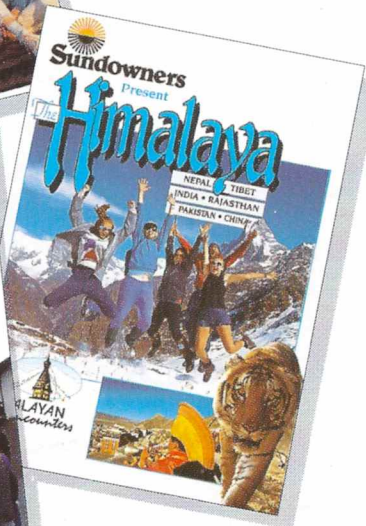
London, Sundowners International,
267 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 9JA
Phone: (071) 370 1482



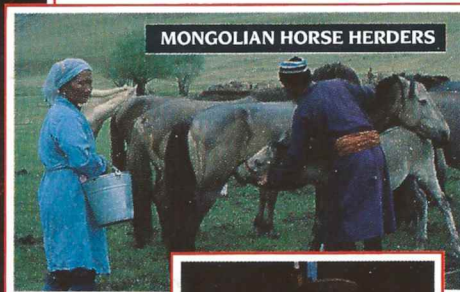
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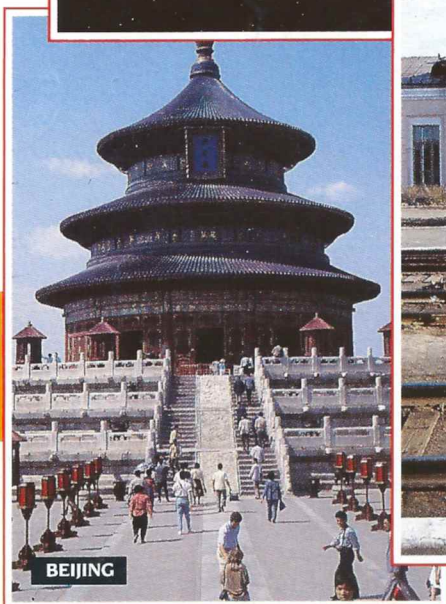
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MOSCOW STATE CIRCUS



MONGOLIAN HORSE HERDERS



BEIJING



ST. BASIL'S, RED SQUARE



PAYMENT

To secure any flight arrangement a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 per person is required. FULL PAYMENT must be with us no later than SIXTY (60) DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TICKETING

Airline tickets are only issued on receipt of full monies and will be held at our offices for collection unless you notify us otherwise.

Telephone (071) 373 1433 - 267 Old Brompton Road, LONDON SW5 9JA
Contact: Trish

3 MINUTES WALK FROM EARLS COURT TUBE STATION:
PICADILLY/DISTRICT LINES

PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES & ITINERARIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

<u>PROJECT NAME</u>		<u>FLIGHT ROUTING</u>	<u>AIRLINE</u>	<u>SEASON & PRICE</u>			<u>COMMENT</u>
				HIGH	MID	LOW	
CHOICE 1 -)						
CHOICE 2 -	)	Round trip London - London	Thai	Sundowners' Programme Fares			Included in 'Roun
CHOICE 3 -	)						Trip' Tour Cost
<u>ALTERNATIVE JOINING POINTS</u>							
KYOTO (Osaka Airport)	)	London - Osaka	Korean	£525	£505		Via Soul
TOKYO	)	London - Tokyo	KLM	£520	£470	£430	Via Amsterdam
HONG KONG	)	London - Hong Kong	KLM	£405	£360	£335	Via Amsterdam
BEIJING	)	London - Beijing	SAS	£350	£325		Via Copenhagen
KATHMANDU	)	London - Kathmandu	RNAC	£386.00	£359.00	£348.00	Direct
			PIA	£315.00	£315.00	£315.00	Via Karachi

HIGH SEASON: Jul - Aug/Dec - Feb

MID SEASON: Apr - May/Sep - Oct

LOW SEASON: Jan - Mar/Nov - Dec

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