

Magadan-Novosibirsk Tour (Road of Bones) 2019

Day	DOW	Date	From	To	Activity
0	Tue	10-Sep	Vladivostok	Magadan	An Airport transfer to the Magadan hotel will be provided. A stop over in Vladivostok is optional and recommended
1	Wed	11-Sep	Magadan	Magadan	A guided city sightseeing tour of Magadan takes places in the morning followed by a tour briefing and welcome dinner. This interesting city has a lot of surprises for a first time visitor.
2	Thu	12-Sep	Magadan	Susuman	We depart from Magadan early am to head north west on the M60 to Palatka before turning left on to the scenic inland route to Ust Omchug crossing spectacular mountain passes Susuman is our welcome nightstop.
3	Fri	13-Sep	Susuman	Ust Nera	The scenery is dotted by expansive gold mines, the roads are basic and land is baron and weather worn. We pass alongside fast flowing rivers and regions known to be some of the coldest in the world during the winter months.
4	Sat	14-Sep	Ust Nera	Khandyga	This day provides us with the biggest challenges road wise. If wet its difficult and progress is slow. Mountain passes. River crossings and different road conditions all make for an exciting day in the Yakutian countryside.
5	Sun	15-Sep	Khandyga	Yakutsk	This is one of the most challenging days of road travel. It starts with a crossing of the massive "Lena River" by ferry and then the going gets tough, especially if it's wet. We finish the day with yet another ferry crossing to arrive into the remote Yakutian city of Yakutsk.
6	Mon	16-Sep	Yakutsk	Yakutsk	This city is built on permafrost experiencing extreme cold temperatures in the winter. Access to the city is by ice road in the winter months and ferry in the summer. Attractions in Yakutsk include ice caves, mineral, gem and diamond exhibitions. Here you can get up and close to examples of the per historic Woolley Mamouth.
7	Tue	17-Sep	Yakutsk	Yakutsk	Today is a rest day to enjoy our luxury accommodation and vehicle maintenance.
8	Wed	18-Sep	Yakutsk	Aldan	After crossing the vast Aldan River by ferry we head south on better roads through the countryside to the small town of Aldan.
9	Thu	19-Sep	Aldan	Tynda	Our destination today is a major rail and road junction and a lively and busy city.
10	Fri	20-Sep	Tynda	Skovorodino	This morning we visit the local BAM (Baikal Amur Mainline) museum. The construction of this amazing rail road through inhospitably contryside is well recorded in Tynda. The drive to Skovorodino and the main east - west M58 highway is just 200km this afternoon.
11	Sat	21-Sep	Skovorodino	Chernyshevsk	We are now rapidly heading west through the "Russian Far East". The road was only totally opened in 2008 and is an engineering masterpiece. It's a long but interesting drive through the "Taiga" and a true feeling of the history and remoteness of this region of Russia is evident.
12	Sun	22-Sep	Chernyshevsk	Chita	We stay in the town of Chernyshevsk, a true example of a Trans-Siberian railway settlement. It would be rare for foreigners to stay in this local town. Its wonder opportunity to experience a Russian town and its inhabitants at work. It's a relatively short distance to the city of Chita but we have a couple of interesting diversions to make on the way to Chita.
13	Mon	23-Sep	Chita	Chita	We have a self drive sightseeing tour of Chita but the main attraction is the "Decembrists" church and museum. Its all part of the interesting history and culture of this remote city.
14	Tue	24-Sep	Chita	Ulan-Ude	It's a long but interesting drive to Ulan-Ude and Siberia. The scenery changes often during the day.

15	Wed	25-Sep	Ulan-Ude	Irkutsk	Ulan-Ude and its proximity to the famous Lake Baikal hails a lot of changes. The locality is Buryatia and the faces are Asian, the religion is predominately Budhist and it's different! Today's drive to Irkutsk is along the shores of Lake Baikal and following the Trans Siberian rail line.
16	Thu	26-Sep	Irkutsk	Irkutsk	Irkutsk is located at the western end of the 600km long lake. It's a lively city and a true example of a previously remote Siberian city. Excursions on Lake Baikal are available on our rest day here.
17	Fri	27-Sep	Irkutsk	Tulun	Now we head west into remote Siberia and our nightstop is a typical basic small town hotel that exists in a huge coal mining region.
18	Sat	28-Sep	Tulun	Krasnoyarsk	Still following the M58 highway sections of this road have only been sealed in the last few years. The vast Siberian pine forests dominate the scenery for most of the day and we may divert to pass through a town that hosts huge oil and gas facilities and not often visited by foreigners. Our destination is the large city of Krasnoyarsk located on the huge Yenisei river.
19	Sun	29-Sep	Krasnoyarsk	Novosibirsk	The last leg of the journey takes us to the Siberian capital of Novosibirsk. It's a long day and we cross yet another time zone today gaining an extra hour. The River "Ob" splits Novosibirsk's geography. It's our last day on the road and our comfortable hotel welcomes us.
20	Mon	30-Sep	Novosibirsk	Novosibirsk	A city sightseeing tours of Novosibirsk is a must. It's major stop on the Trans Siberian Rail link and a visit to the train museum is a must for train enthusiasts. The Opera house and the zoo are also must do activities while in Novosibirsk.
21	Tue	1-Oct	Novosibirsk	Hong Kong	Some time during the day flights to all destinations will leave Tolmachevo airport and transfers can be arranged.
22	Wed	2-Oct	Hong Kong	Auckland (or any other city)	Flights to NZ, Australia and other countries from Hong Kong are regular.

COSTS per person: \$USD 7255 or \$NZD 10,500 or \$AUD 10,335

Inclusions: *Services of a tour leader / driver and Russian speaking guide.
4x4 Transport from Magadan to Novosibirsk. (Alternative transport may be used for city sightseeing).
Accommodation from Magadan to Novosibirsk with breakfast daily.
Evening meals and as per final itinerary. Daily Lunches on the travel days excluding rest days.
Sightseeing tours and excursions as per final itinerary.
Evening meals and as per final itinerary. Daily Lunches on the travel days excluding rest days.*

Not included: *Flights to Magadan and ex Novosibirsk.
Personal Travel Insurance.
Gratuities, and personal expenses including beverages and taxi transport.
Meals not included in the final itinerary.*