



THE LEGENDARY SILK ROAD BY PRIVATE TRAIN

Unforgettable Journeys Through Central Asia

Kazakhstan · Kyrgyzstan · Tajikistan · Turkmenistan · Uzbekistan





KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Travel in style on board your private train with classic Silk Road sleeper cars
- Explore 3 remote, unique countries: Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan
- Discover historic hidden gems, medieval and ancient sites—including 7 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Meet real locals and learn about their culture, heritage and history
- Enjoy delicious cuisine, regional food and drink with local families on board and along your route

ITINERARY

- DAY 1. KAZ** Almaty
- DAY 2. KAZ** Almaty
- DAY 3. KAZ** Turkistan
- DAY 4. UZB** Tashkent
- DAY 5. UZB** Shahrissabz
- DAY 6. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 7. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 8. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 9. UZB** Khiva
- DAY 10. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 11. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 12. TKM** Merv
- DAY 13. TKM** Ashgabat
- DAY 14. TKM** Ashgabat

- **7 NIGHTS** on board
- **6 NIGHTS** in hotels
- **DAYS INCLUDE** breakfast, lunch and dinner, excluding the first and last

Reverse journey also available

THE LEGENDARY SILK ROAD: FROM ALMATY TO ASHGABAT

The 14-day journey through Kazakhstan (KAZ), Uzbekistan (UZB) and Turkmenistan (TKM) has been part of the Silk Road route since ancient times. From stunning architecture to wondrous landscapes and everything in between, this unforgettable journey is your gateway to adventure.

A SAMPLING OF YOUR EXPERIENCE



MEDIEVAL ARCHITECTURE

Mausoleum of Khawaja Ahmed Yasawi (UNESCO) In a city once ruled by ancient kings, Turkistan, visit the pilgrimage site of the unfinished medieval mausoleum for one of the Silk Road's most famous poets.



CENTERS OF SCIENTIFIC LEARNING

Ulugh Beg Observatory (UNESCO) Built by 15-century Persian astronomer Ulugh Beg, this observatory in Samarkand has been home to many scientific discoveries.



RUINS OF ANCIENT CITIES

Itchan Kala Historic Center (UNESCO)

The Silk Road is full of opportunities to visit archaeological sites. Itchan Kala is tucked away in the modern-day city of Khiva.



TRADITIONAL SILK ROAD CRAFTS

Traditional craftsmanship is alive and well on the Silk Road. In Samarkand, observe demonstrations of **traditional silk carpet and paper making**.



KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Enjoy private train travel, and explore Uzbekistan’s Silk Road easily and safely
- Focus on one country, Uzbekistan, and delve deep into its character... and its secrets
- Visit historic treasures and architectural wonders—including 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Get an inside look into Uzbek daily life and the heritage and history of a nation
- Enjoy delicious Uzbek cuisine with local families on board your private train and along your route—including wine tasting!

HEART OF THE SILK ROAD: ROUND-TRIP FROM TASHKENT

Uzbekistan (UZB) lies in the heart of the ancient Silk Road and is filled with some of the world’s most ancient treasures. The sights and sounds of the past come alive on this unique 10-day adventure that begins and ends in the Uzbek capital, Tashkent. Let this ultimate journey through Uzbekistan wow and inspire you.

A PREVIEW OF YOUR JOURNEY



RUINS OF THE MONGOLIAN EMPIRE Shahrisabz Historic Center (UNESCO)

Known as the birthplace of the medieval Mongol ruler Timur, Shahrisabz is one of the most iconic and visited locales on the Silk Road.



ICONIC PERSIAN ARCHITECTURE Samanid Mausoleum

Hidden in a public park near the Bukhara historic center, this Persian mausoleum is one of the most revered architectural works in Central Asia.



MEDIEVAL BURIAL SITES Shah-i-Zinda necropolis

In the great Silk Road city of Samarkand, you can feast your eyes on the elaborate mausoleums of historic Arab kings.



MASSIVE MEDIEVAL FORTRESSES Ark of Bukhara

This imposing 5th-century fortress was still in use up to the 20th century and is now home to several museums dedicated to its history.

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- DAY 1. UZB** Tashkent
- DAY 2. UZB** Tashkent
- DAY 3. UZB** Shahrisabz
- DAY 4. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 5. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 6. UZB** Khiva
- DAY 7. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 8. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 9. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 10. UZB** Tashkent

- **3 NIGHTS** on board
- **5 NIGHTS** in hotels
- **DAYS INCLUDE** breakfast, lunch and dinner (BLD), excluding the first and last



KEY ATTRACTIONS

- Stay ahead of crowds, and travel in ease and comfort on your private train, your home on rails
- Uncover the mysteries, the histories, and the heritage of 4 fantastic Central Asian countries
- Experience a wealth of wonders, both natural and human-made, including 4 UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Discover new cultures and mingle with the locals while learning their history and heritage
- Taste the adventure! Enjoy local and international food and drink on board your private train and at select spots on your route

ITINERARY

- DAY 1. KAZ** Almaty
- DAY 2. KAZ** Almaty
- DAY 3. KGZ** Lake Issyk-Kul
- DAY 4. KGZ** Bishkek
- DAY 5. UZB** Tashkent
- DAY 6. UZB** Kokand
- DAY 7. UZB** Shahrisabz
- DAY 8. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 9. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 10. UZB** Samarkand
- DAY 11. TJK** Khujand
- DAY 12. UZB** Khiva
- DAY 13. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 14. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 15. UZB** Bukhara
- DAY 16. UZB** Tashkent

- **8 NIGHTS** on board
- **7 NIGHTS** in hotels
- **DAYS INCLUDE** breakfast, lunch and dinner, excluding the first and last

THE GREAT SILK ROAD ADVENTURE: FROM ALMATY TO TASHKENT

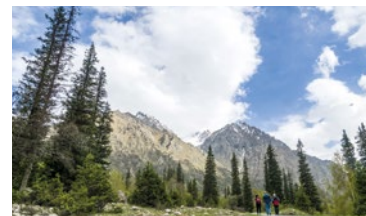
This epic, 16-day journey takes you through four ancient Silk Road countries, Kazakhstan (KAZ), Kyrgyzstan (KGZ), Uzbekistan (UZB) and Tajikistan (TJK). Covering thousands of miles, this adventure of a lifetime leaves no stone unturned. Encounter the legacy of the Silk Road on this remarkable trip through the ancient world.

A SNAPSHOT OF WHAT'S TO COME



PALACES OF PERSIAN KINGS

Timur's White Palace (UNESCO) The remains of Mongol ruler Timur's empire give much of the Silk Road its unique character. The ruins of his summer palace are a monument to his power.



DIVERSE NATURAL BEAUTY

Kyrgyzstan doesn't lack when it comes to idyllic scenery. The **Ala Archa National Park** is home to diverse flora and fauna.



IMMENSE CENTRAL ASIAN MARKETS

It's not certain that **Panchshanbe Bazaar** is the largest market in Central Asia, but it certainly feels like it when you're there.



SILK ROAD TRADITIONS UP CLOSE

Traditional bread baking demonstration Bread has been a part of human culture since the dawn of civilization. In Kokand, Uzbekistan, you can witness the art of bread making passed down through generations.



BENEFITS OF TRAVELING WITH LERNIDEE

For decades, Lernidee has guided adventurous travelers along the Silk Road, but we provide more than just once-in-a-lifetime journeys.

- **CHOOSE** from a wide selection of train compartments
- **RELAX** and let our experts guide you on the tour of a lifetime
- **DON'T WAIT** on long lines or travel by bumpy buses
- **CUSTOMIZE YOUR EXPERIENCE** with us, and feel right at home on the adventure of your dreams!
- **ENJOY** our detailed service, including delicious local cuisine



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FIRST-CLASS SERVICE

- **5 train compartment categories** to choose from
- **No long waits** or exhausting bus tours
- **Alternating overnights** on private trains and in hotels
- **Luggage storage** on board trains
- **Shuttle service** between hotel and airports on first and last days
- **Traditional welcomes** in Bukhara and Samarkand train stations
- **Porter service** at train stations
- **Entrance fees and sights** included according to itinerary

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EXPERT STAFF

- **Threefold** tour guide system
- **Multilingual** Lernidee tour director
- **Experienced local guides** for a maximum of 26 guests per group
- **Informative** and entertaining talks about lands, culture and history
- **Doctor on board**, available for the entire train journey
- **Friendly and attentive** train crew on call to meet and exceed your needs
- **Polite and professional** restaurant and bar staff, serving your meals with a smile



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FRESH FLAVORS

- **Daily meals** according to route description
- **Delights** of regional and international cuisine on board
- **Tastings** of regional wine and vodka
- **Family meals** with Uzbek and Turkmen families

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EVERYTHING ELSE

- **Visa support** as needed
- **Log book** with information about the journey
- **Whatever else it takes** to make your journey enjoyable, pleasant and unforgettable!





SILK ROAD SIGHTS: A SNEAK PEEK

The stunning sights pictured below are what make your Silk Road journey unforgettable. Enjoy this preview of your once-in-a-lifetime adventure, but remember—nothing compares to actually being there.



ALMATY, KAZ Kazakhstan's largest city, with its mix of Russian and modern architecture, sits at the foot of the Kok-Tobe mountain and is the perfect prologue to a Silk Road journey.



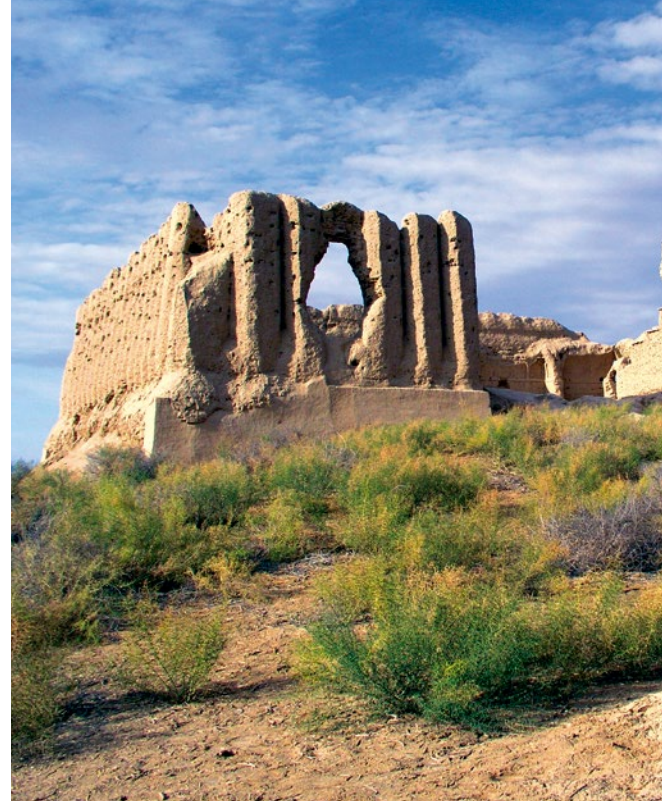
TURKISTAN, KAZ This historic city is widely known as a Muslim spiritual center. The mausoleum of revered poet Khawaja Ahmed Yasawi is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



TASHKENT, UZB Uzbekistan's capital is the most populated city in Central Asia and is home to many medieval and modern highlights, including the Kukeldash Madrasa and the Navoi Theater.



BUKHARA, UZB Bukhara's historic center is filled with so many stunning architectural monuments that today it is known as the City of Museums, and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



MERV, TKM This UNESCO World Heritage Site is no longer a populated city, and its most ancient part—Erk Gala, a Persian fort—is more than 2,000 years old.



ASHGABAT, TKM Turkmenistan's capital is a modern city surrounded by gorgeous desert and mountain scenery. The nearby ancient Persian fortress of Nisa is a UNESCO World Heritage Site



SAMARKAND, UZB One of Central Asia's oldest cities, its many historic monuments, like the magnificent Registan Square, earned it a spot on the UNESCO World Heritage List.



LAKE ISSYK-KUL, KGZ One of the world's most unique bodies of water, Lake Issyk-Kul is one of Kyrgyzstan's beloved jewels. It is both a popular vacation spot and a UNESCO biosphere reserve.



KHIVA, UZB A truly biblical city, Khiva possibly dates back to the time of Noah from the Old Testament. Its historic center, Itchan Kala, is Uzbekistan's first UNESCO World Heritage Site.



YOUR SILK ROAD HOTELS

Every Silk Road adventure includes overnights on your private train and in well-appointed hotels along your route. The hotels below are normally included. Similar quality hotels rarely may replace those listed.

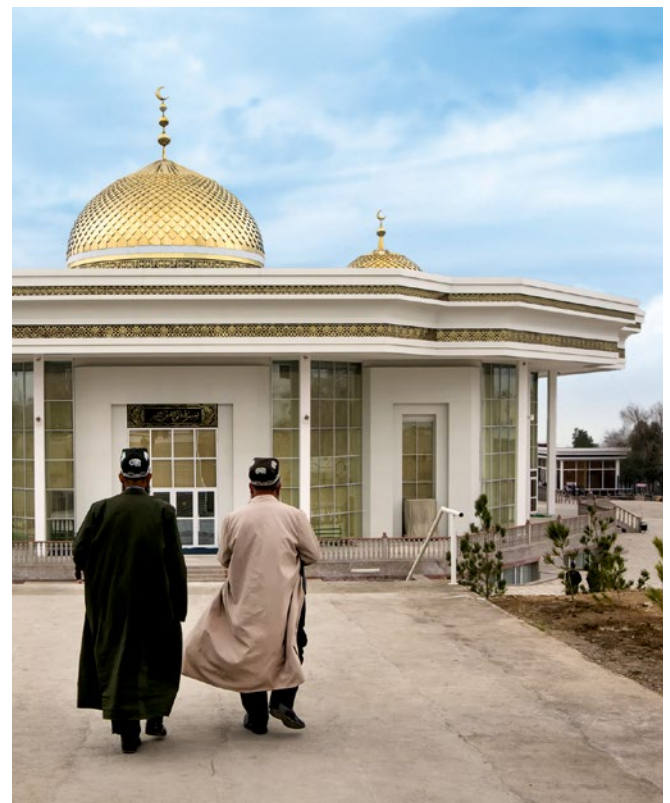
ALMATY	Rahat Palace Hotel
TASHKENT	Grand Mir Hotel
SAMARKAND	Registan Plaza
BUKHARA	Asia Bukhara
ASHGABAT	Ak Altyn Hotel



KOKAND, UZB As the former capital of the Kokand Khanate, the last Uzbek kingdom, Kokand is home to many architectural wonders, including the eighteenth-century Khan's Palace.



SHAHNISABZ, UZB Known as the birthplace of Mongol ruler Timur, the city's historic center became a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its well-preserved monuments, like Timur's White Palace.



KHUJAND, TJK More than 2,000 years old, Khujand has long been a Silk Road city. The Historical Museum of Sughd and the immense Panchshanbe Bazaar are illustrations of its rich heritage.

THE ORIENT SILK ROAD EXPRESS

GET TO KNOW YOUR PRIVATE TRAIN

The **Orient Silk Road Express** private train is your ticket to an unforgettable journey. Travel in style and comfort on what will be your home away from home in Central Asia. Come on board and enjoy a wide selection of compartments, stellar service, amazing food, and the most comfortable way to experience the legendary Silk Road!



STANDARD CATEGORIES

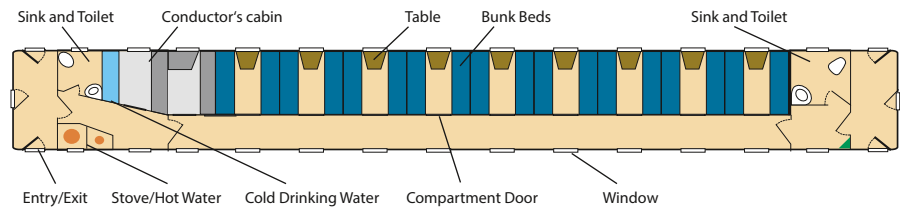
Habibi compartments feature 2 shared bathrooms with sink and toilet per car, and 4 beds sized 27.5 x 74.8 in/67 x 184 cm.



HABIBI

→ 2 upper and 2 lower beds

→ 9 compartments per car



COMFORT CATEGORIES

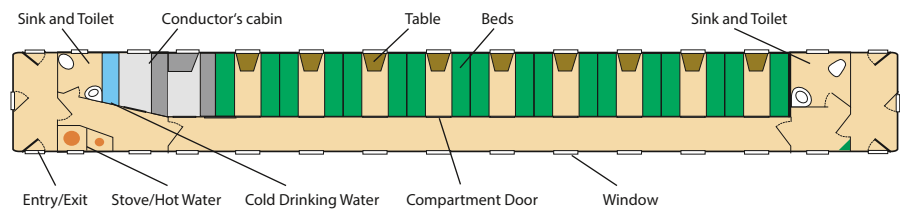
Ali Baba and Aladdin compartments feature 2 shared bathrooms with sink and toilet per car, and 2 beds sized 27.5 x 74.8 in/67 x 184 cm.



ALI BABA

→ 2 lower beds

→ 9 compartments per car



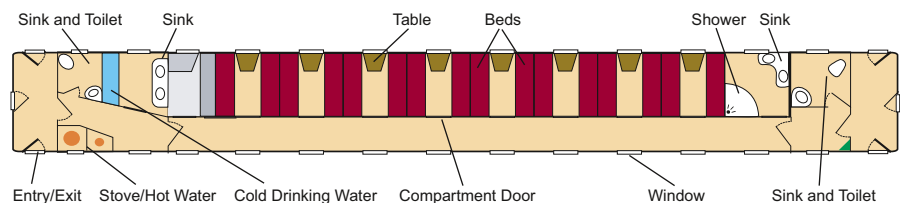
ALADDIN

→ 2 lower beds

→ 1 bathrobe per compartment

→ 1 shared, separate shower per car

→ 8 compartments per car



CLASSIC TRAIN TRAVEL AT ITS BEST

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WIDE SELECTION OF COMPARTMENTS

CHOOSE

between 5 compartment categories, ranging from standard (Habibi) to premium (Kalif).

2

WORLD-CLASS SERVICE

ENJOY

best-in-class service from friendly and knowledgeable staff, always ready to take care of your needs.

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DELICACIES OF THE SILK ROAD

TASTE

a new world of flavor, served in cozy restaurant cars, offering nightly bar service.

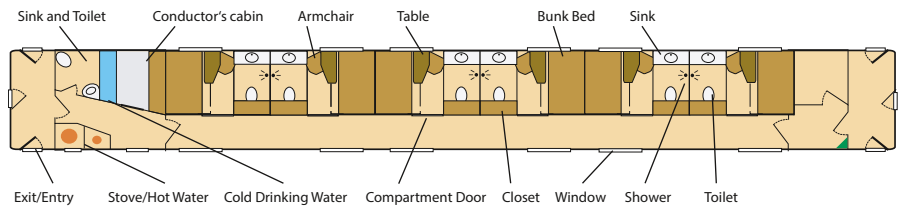
PREMIUM CATEGORIES

All premium compartments feature larger beds, private bathrooms with sink and toilet, larger tables and more storage space.



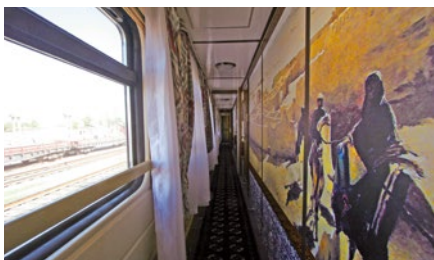
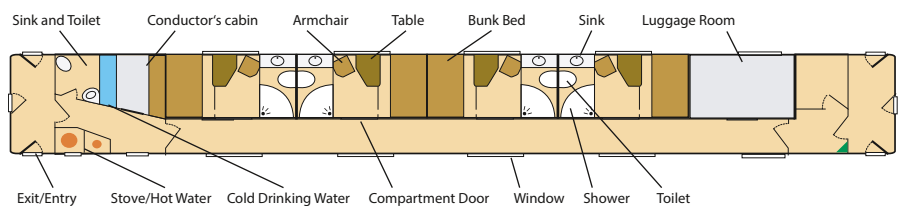
SULTAN

- 1 upper bed (31.6 x 68.5 in/80 x 174 cm)
- 1 larger, lower bed (43.3 x 72.4 in/110 x 184 cm)
- Private bathroom with integrated shower
- Large table
- Small closet
- 6 compartments per car



KALIF

- 1 upper bed (31.6 x 68.5 in/80 x 174 cm)
- 1 larger, lower bed (44 x 72.4 in/110 x 184 cm)
- Private bathroom with enclosed shower
- Large table
- Closet
- Safe
- 4 compartments per car



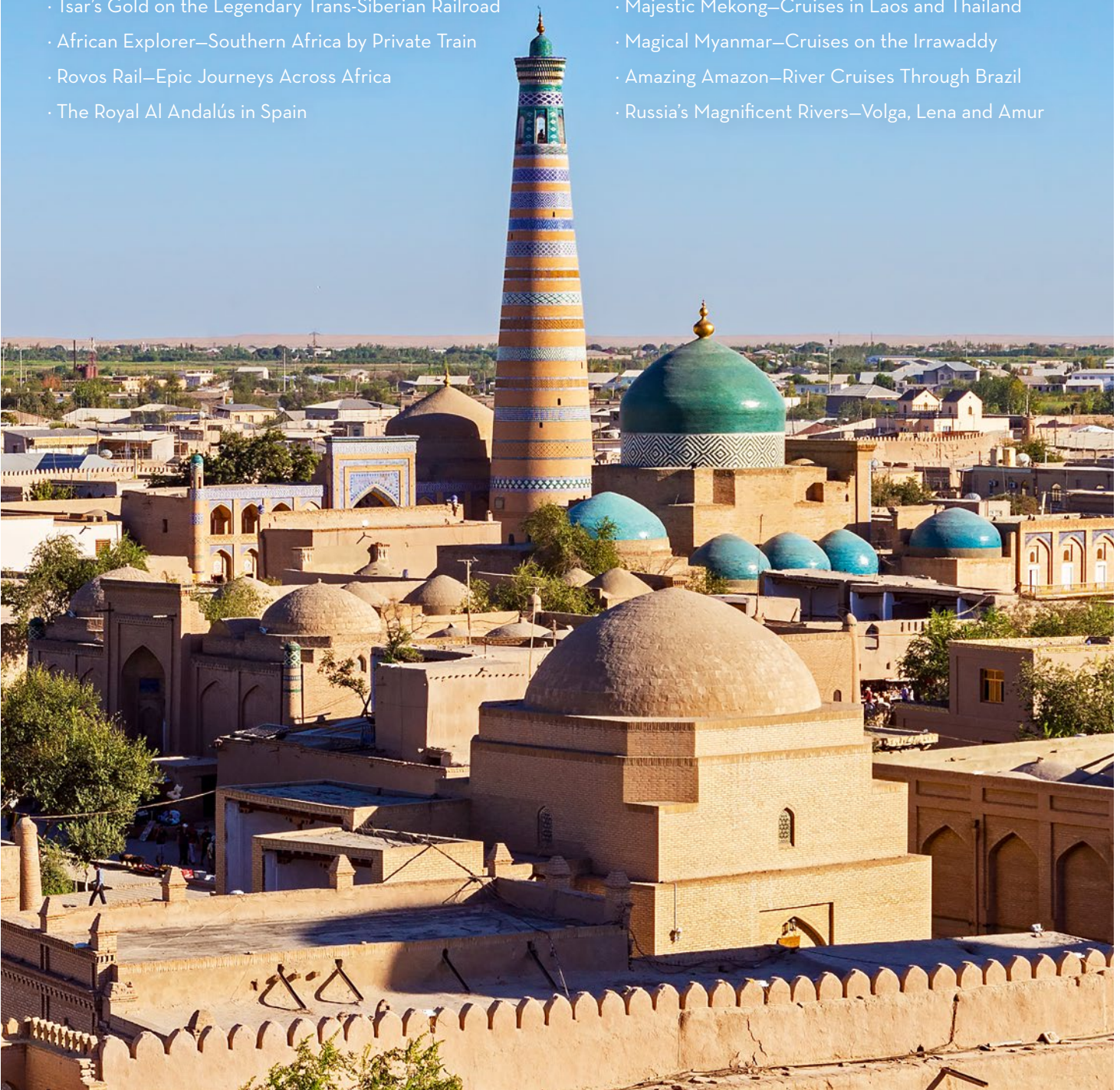
All train cars feature one compartment category. All compartments feature a window, a table and storage. OSRE has air-conditioning when not stopped.

FURTHER TRAIN JOURNEYS

- Tsar's Gold on the Legendary Trans-Siberian Railroad
- African Explorer—Southern Africa by Private Train
- Rovos Rail—Epic Journeys Across Africa
- The Royal Al Andalus in Spain

UNIQUE CRUISE JOURNEYS

- Majestic Mekong—Cruises in Laos and Thailand
- Magical Myanmar—Cruises on the Irrawaddy
- Amazing Amazon—River Cruises Through Brazil
- Russia's Magnificent Rivers—Volga, Lena and Amur



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