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Travel to the historic Trans Siberian Railway from Mongolia to Moscow with author and art historian Olivier Bernier.

The 16-day journey begins July 8 in Seoul. The group arrives in the Mongolian capital, Ulan Bator, in time for the annual Naadam Festival.

"It's like the Mongolian Olympics", said Jim Friedlander, whose company Academic Arrangements Abroad, is organizing the trip for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. "All the clans gather in the capital to compete in horse racing, archery and wrestling."

The group spends four days in the capital, then boards the train for Russia, stopping in Ulan Ude in east-central Russia, and at Lake Baikal, the world's deepest lake. Participants cross Angara Inlet by boat, and continue to Irkutsk and the Ural Mountains before arriving in Moscow.

Along the route, Bernier will lecture on the history and art of the region.

**Cost:** \$13,450 per person, double occupancy (single surcharge \$5,350), including hotel and train accommodations, meals, ground transportation, lectures, entrance fees, transfers, gratuities, taxes and portage fees. Airfare from Los Angeles is not included.

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