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**TRANSIT VISAS IN BEIJING**

☺ All Info supplied by the friendly people at Monkey Business in Beijing! ☺  
Correct as of Spring 2012, we accept no responsibility if the rules change, which they often do!

The Russian embassy in BEIJING have very strict visa application restrictions. They only issue Russian Tourist visas if you have an official residence visa for China, (with a few exceptions, e.g. if you have a long term visa for China the visa processing time is extended to two weeks for some nationalities). You will likely need the original visa invitation documents to support the tourist visa application as well.

Alternatively, the Russian Transit visa is still fairly easy to arrange yourselves in Beijing. Because of this we do not normally offer a Russian Transit Visa Service. We can offer a transit visa service if you book a tours and accommodation with us as well. A transit visa is valid for a maximum of **10 days** if you travel by train.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO DO**

Take your tickets (or copies) for the whole route through Russia together with your passport to the Russian Embassy and apply for the transit visa. Once you have this visa apply for Mongolian and Belarus visas as necessary.

\* Officially you are not allowed to get off along the route to Moscow. If you want to stop in Mongolia the Russian Embassy in Beijing may tell you to make the transit visa application in Ulanbaatar. This embassy is notoriously difficult to deal with. If you have all tickets for the route, ULB-IRK-MOS-HEL for example, the Russian Embassy (at the time of writing were issuing visas).

**WHAT YOU WILL NEED**

- Your actual train tickets (not a ticket reservation) and a copy of this ticket. They normally also ask for a copy or proof of the onward ticket out Russia as well.
- Your PASSPORT
- TWO PHOTOS passport sized (1 for Russia and 1 for Mongolia)
- A PHOTOCOPY of your passport details for Russian Visa application
- Photocopy of valid MEDICAL INSURANCE for Shengen member states may be requested.

**COSTS OF THE TRANSIT VISAS**

**RUSSIAN EMBASSY** is open 09:30 to 12:00. Must apply before 10:30 for express visa. Pay in RMB

from ¥315	- Transit visa (6 working days), exact charge depends on your nationality
¥280	- Urgent Visa (3 working days) available for some nationalities only
~¥ double	- Express charge (1 working day)

**MONGOLIAN EMBASSY** is open from 09:00 to 11:00. Pay at Bank of China (+¥5) in local currency only.

¥ 315	- Transit visa standard charge (next working day)
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**WHEN THE DIRECT TRAINS LEAVE**

Chinese train #3 departs Beijing every Wednesday at 08:05. Arrives Moscow Monday at 14:18.

Travel via Mongolia and a Mongolian transit visa is required.

Russian train #19 departs Beijing every Saturday at 22:56. Arrives Moscow Friday at 18:13.

Travel via Harbin and Manchuria and no Mongolian visa required.

**USEFUL ADDRESSES**

CITS Ticket Office	建国门国际饭店	International Hotel, Jianguomenwai.
Main Railway Station	北京火车站	Trans-Siberian trains leave from here!
Russian Embassy	俄罗斯 白中街 4 号	North-west of Dongzhimen Subway
Mongolian Embassy	蒙古 秀水北街 2 号	South-east of Ritan Park, close to Jianguomen
Belarus Embassy	白俄罗斯 北京建国门外大街	East of Ritan Park.

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