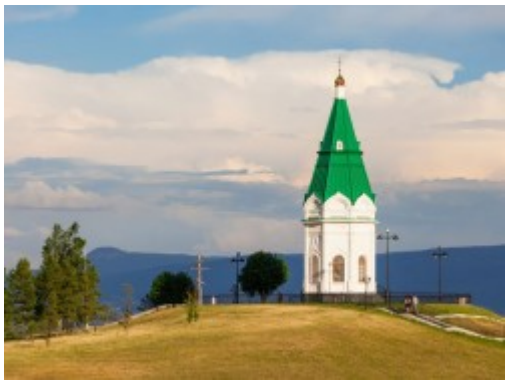
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Private tour "The road of nomads of the XXI century"

Day 1. Krasnoyarsk

Arriving in Krasnoyarsk, transfer to the hotel Novotel 4*.
Rest time.



14:00 Meeting with the guide. Lunch in the restaurant.

15:00 Your acquaintance with Krasnoyarsk begins with a visit of the main city symbol - the Paraskeva Pyatnitsa Chapel. During the Krasnoyarsk city tour you will visit the historical part of the city with its 18th - 19th century architectural monuments, mansions of Siberian merchants and philanthropists, you will also visit the monument to Andrey Dubensky, the founder of the city, Teatralnaya Square and many other places.

Afterwards you will have an excursion to **the Krasnoyarsk Regional Local Lore Museum**, widely regarded as one of the best historical and ethnographic museums in Siberia. The excursion is not exhausting but fascinating and it will give you the first insight into what you are going to see on your tour.

Dinner on own.

Accommodation in Novotel Hotel 4*

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch at the restaurant, dinner on own

60 km

Day 2. The legendary "Krasnoyarsk Stolby"

This day you are going to take a walk along the taiga trails of the well-known the Reserve Stolby!



The shape of each pillar is so unique that almost every pillar has its own name - Ded (Grandfather), Pervy (The First) Pillar, Perya (Feathers) (the most famous rocks of the Stolby), Takmak, Slonik (Elephant), Pervenets (The First Born), Predplechie (Forearm), Lviniye Vorota (Lion's Gate), Kapella, Manskaya Baba, Krepost (Fortress) and others. The Stolby tourist and excursion area covers almost 1,500 hectares.

Locals consider the pillars to have a strong energy and to be a place of power. The hiking part of the tour through the park is 3 kilometres.

After lunch you will visit the **National Center "Russia".**

Dinner on own.

Accommodation in Novotel Hotel 4*

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch at the restaurant, dinner on own

20 km, 3 km on foot

Day 3. Valley of the Kings of Khakassia

After an early breakfast you will say goodbye to Krasnoyarsk and start heading south via the city of Divnogorsk. Along the way you will observe one of the world's greatest dams - Krasnoyarskaya Hydroelectric Power Station.



On arriving in the Republic of Khakassia you will visit the **the Siberian Valley of the Kings**. It is a location with more than 50 large burial mounds, where the Tagar chieftains

are buried.

The highlight of the excursion is **the Great Salbyk barrow**. It is a 30-metre-high ground-stone mounds - the burial place of one of the mightiest Dinlin kings and his family members. The monument testifies to the might and wealth of the Tagar state (4th century B.C.). Around each barrow is characterised by the presence of powerful vertical slabs of stone fence. The Great Salbyk barrow has slabs weighing from 20 to 60 tones. According to ancient legends, this is the "road of spirits", which guided the dead souls through the ridge of hills at the rising of the sun to Heaven.

Check-in to the hotel Asia 4*. Dinner on own.

Accommodation in Asia 4* hotel

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch picnic on the way, dinner on own

480 km

Day 4. Museum-Reserve "Kazanovka"

After breakfast you will go on a excursion to **the Khakasian museum and archeological reserve "Kazanovka".**



"Kazanivka" is an example of the proper way to treat historical and cultural heritage, it is a demanded brand for scientists and tourists from all over the world.

You will see 3-5 thousand years old cave paintings, will learn how to print them on paper, and you will be able to bring these rare souvenirs home. Besides, you will find out the purpose of mysterious vertical stones sticking out of the ground all over the territory of the Republic of Khakassia.

During the excursion you will visit **Khurtuyakh-hol**, namely the "Valley of the sacred old woman". For more than 4 thousand years this valley was used by local people for religious ceremonies. You will see and immerse yourself in the secrets of long-vanished tribes. The surrounding scenery, rocky mountains and taiga will give you an undoubted pleasure.

Lunch of national cuisine.

Returning to Abakan. Dinner on own.

Accommodation in Asia 4* hotel

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch in yurt camp, dinner on own

280 km

Day 5. Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric power station

After the breakfast we depart to Minusinsk.



Arriving to Shushenskoye village, check-in to the New Village. This night you stay in **the Shushenskoye Heritage Museum**, where you will observe the customs and traditions of the Siberian village of the late 19th century. The manors of the hotel complex are recreated with preservation of cultural styles of the Angara region and the south of the Krasnoyarsk Region. The traditions of rustic life are successfully balanced with modern comfort of accommodation.

Lunch with Siberian cuisine, followed by an excursion to Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric power station (external sightseeing).

Dinner with traditional Russian cuisine.

In the evening you can visit a banya*.

By prior arrangement, it is possible to organize an excursion to the territory Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric power station*.

Accommodation in guest houses of the museum-reserve "Shushenskoye"

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch and dinner in guest houses

240 km

for extra charge

Day 6. Mystical Tuva

After breakfast you will have an excursion to **the Shushenskoye Heritage Museum.**



The history of the museum is closely connected with Vladimir Lenin, who was exiled to Shushenskoye in 1897-1900. You will visit a real Siberian rural village at the turn of the 19th - 20th centuries. This piece of antiquity is located on the bank of the Shush River, nearby its inflowing into the Yenisei River.

Numerous monuments of rural architecture are situated on a 7 hectare area: farmhouses, a trading store, a prison, a pub, in total about 200 wooden buildings. The atmosphere of this amazing place is breathtaking even for those who are hardened sceptics. You will visit a tavern, a real merchant's shop and observe the craftsmanship of the craftsmen.

After lunch you will travel through the mountains of the Western Sayan to the Republic of Tuva, observing fascinating landscapes along the way. You will meet the master of these places - Sleeping Sayan. If you look closely, you can see Him in the outlines of the mountains: He is lying on his back with His hands folded on His chest. The road to Tuva takes us along the famous **Ergaki Nature Park.**

Lunch at the museum cafe.

Towards evening we arrive in the Republic of Tuva. Amazingly, as soon as the car crosses the border of the republic, even the landscape dramatically changes. It seems that you get to other world and other time. Most of the territory of Tuva is almost devoid of any evidence of modern civilisation, steppes stretching for hundreds of kilometres, punctuated by mountains with sharp ridges.

Check-in to the Kyzyl Grand Hotel and SPA 5*. Dinner on own.

Accommodation at the hotel Kyzyl Grand Hotel and SPA 5*

Breakfast, lunch in guest houses, dinner on own

KM 330 km

Day 7. Buddhist Monastery "Thubten Shedrub Ling"

This day you will have a tour of Kyzyl, the capital of the Republic of Tuva.



You will visit **the geographical center of Asia**, which is symbolically located at the confluence of two rivers - the Biy-Khem (Bolshoy Yenisei) and the Kaa-Khem (Malyy Yenisei). The well-known Great Yenisei, which crosses the whole Siberia from south to north, flows further on.

Further visit of the largest Buddhist monastery in Russia "Tubten Shedrub Ling".

Lunch in the restaurant.

Visit of the **local craftsmen.**

After lunch you will travel to the south to meet Tuvinian pastoralists. A master class on cooking traditional Tuvan cuisine is waiting for you.

Spare time in the city, visiting souvenir shops and a mineral spring in the outskirts of Kyzyl.

Dinner on own.

Accommodation at the hotel Kyzyl Grand Hotel and SPA 5*

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch at the restaurant, dinner on own

120 km

Day 8. Collection "Gold of the Scythians"

This day your discovery of Tuva continues.



You will visit **the National Museum of Tuva** (an exhibition Scythian Gold). The excursion is dedicated to the famous Arjaan-2 barrow, excavated in 2000-2003 by Hermitage Museum specialists in cooperation with the German Archaeological Institute. The treasures found in the barroiw (over 20 kg of gold items in total) became a real sensation in the archaeological world.

Lunch with national cuisine.

After the lunch you will enjoy a performance of **traditional Tuvan throat singing** called Khoomei. Throat singing is a fantastic skill of Tuvinians and some other nationalities of Siberia to produce two or three musical sounds of different heights simultaneously and at the same time to pull them for 25-30 seconds without taking a breath. If you listen with your eyes closed, you cannot believe that these sounds are made by a human and not by a musical instrument.

In the evening you will see the mesmerising spectacle of a **shaman's kamlanie**. This is a ceremony of communication between the shaman and the spirits by the fire, accompanied by extended sounds and beating of a tambourine.

**You will be able to visit a shaman to find out your future, undergo a purification ritual or ask questions about your health (extra fee).

Returning to Kyzyl. Dinner on own.

Accommodation at the hotel Kyzyl Grand Hotel and SPA 5*

Breakfast at the hotel, lunch at the restaurant, dinner on your own

KM 40 km

* for extra charge

Day 9. End of the tour

Transfer to Kyzyl airport, departure to Moscow.

