



Moscow to Yekaterinburg

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Route Info

- » Distance: 1814km
- » Duration: 26 hours
- » Time zones: Moscow, Moscow +2

Best Places to Stay & Eat

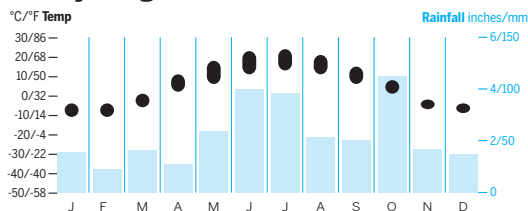
- » Jouk-Jacques hotel (p134)
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Why Go?

For travellers, this section of the journey across European Russia will often be accompanied by the excitement of departure from the capital. It is a relatively densely populated section that has three main routes. One veers northeast via Yaroslavl and a second (used by Yekaterinburg's flagship *Ural* train 16) goes southeast via multicultural Kazan. The most common route, however, passes through the ancient town of Vladimir and at Nizhny Novgorod crosses the Volga – a geographic highlight of this leg – before continuing to Perm, a city that is reinventing itself as a modern cultural capital. Kungur, set in rolling hills, has a spectacular ice cave, and finally the train rattles sublimely across the Europe–Asia border and into Yekaterinburg.

When to Go

Nizhny Novgorod



Feb Much of the Volga River will be frozen over and draped in a winter landscape.

late Apr–late May A spring sun warms the air and life moves onto the streets.

late Jul–Sep The navigation season is in full swing on the Volga and hiking is excellent in the Urals.

Moscow to Yekaterinburg Highlights

1 Exploring the museums

(p134) of Nizhny Novgorod

2 Focusing on the lively eating and drinking

(p135) scene in Nizhny Novgorod

3 Strolling through the cave of Kungur

(p142) and enjoying a moment of pitch darkness

4 Sailing the Volga on a short excursion in Nizhny

Novgorod (p131) or Kazan (p140)

5 Strolling through multicultural Kazan

(p140), one of Russia's most

dynamic cities and home to a picturesque kremlin

6 Checking out the shock of the new at PERMM

(p137), Perm's museum of modern and contemporary art

7 Taking a tour through

Perm-36 (p142), the haunting Gulag camp memorial

