

Across a continent *by train* and *by road*

Russia is a very big country. It's 9,000 kilometers from Moscow to Vladivostok. You can travel by train and by road.

BY TRAIN: THE TRANS-SIBERIAN RAILWAY

Trains Moscow almost every day. Buy your tickets before your trip— until you get to Moscow. There are two kinds of trips:

You can travel non-stop in seven days. You and eat on the train. You can talk to other passengers. You can learn some words in Russian. You can look at beautiful .

You can stop and stay in hotels. You can visit the big cities. In Novosibirsk—the main city in Siberia—there are museums, art galleries, and theaters. There's also a famous opera house. From the towns of Irkutsk or Ulan-Ude, you can take a bus

or train to Lake Baikal. This is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lake Baikal is 636 kilometers long. only four or five towns near it. The lake is a great place for sports activities.

BY ROAD: THE TRANS-SIBERIAN HIGHWAY

Do you like exciting trips? Then the Trans-Siberian Highway. Some people drive cars and some people travel with Russian drivers.

When you finally get to Vladivostok, you can fly home or continue your journey— a boat from Vladivostok to Japan every week.

3 Read the article again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

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| 1 There's a road from Moscow to Vladivostok. | T | F |
| 2 You can leave the train and visit the cities. | T | F |
| 3 There are eight towns near Lake Baikal. | T | F |
| 4 The Trans-Siberian Highway ends in Novosibirsk. | T | F |