



JOANNA LUMLEY'S TRANS-SIBERIAN ADVENTURE

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Hot on the heels of the UK premiere, **Joanna Lumley's Trans-Siberian Adventure** will air on ABC from Tuesday 14 July, 8.30pm ABC.

In this epic three-part series, Joanna Lumley embarks on the world's greatest train journey, travelling nearound 10,000 kilometres across Asia and Europe, through seven time zones, taking in an immense panorama of vistas and cultures, people and places.

The dynamic and varied route encompasses two immense super powers which, while steeped in evocative history, are also nations still in the throes of radical change. Joanna explores, with her signature charm, intelligence and humour, vibrant cities, life affirming open spaces and natural wonders and along the way meets a remarkable range of extraordinary characters.

PRODUCTION DETAILS:

A Burning Bright production for ITV. Series Producer/Director Michael Waldman. Executive Producer Clive Tulloh.

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Joanna Lumley starts her epic train journey to Moscow in Hong Kong, which she last visited when she was four. She hasn't visited Moscow since 1966 when she travelled there as a model, at the height of the Cold War. The first episode sees her on the peak above Hong Kong harbour, before jumping on the underground to Shehzing where she catches the bullet train to Beijing. In Beijing, she discovers that they sell more Rolls Royces there than anywhere else in the world. She visits a bizarre restaurant dedicated to Chairman Mao and encounters an old lady who knew the last Emperor's favourite concubine. Then Joanna joins the Trans-Siberian Railroad, and her first stop is Datong where she visits a wild stretch of the Great Wall. From there it is an overnight train to Mongolia where she passes through the Gobi desert and visits a Mongolian shaman.

Episode 2 – Tuesday 21 July, 8.30pm ABC

Joanna Lumley is in Mongolia on her Trans-Siberian Railroad adventure that sees her travel from Hong Kong to Moscow by train. This week she spends time with some Mongolian nomads, visits a giant statue of Genghis Khan and a gold mine. She spends time in the capital Ulan Bator where she tracks down the amazing Mongolian throat singers before catching the train to Putin's Russia. She meets Mongolian tradesmen on the train and experiences a spot of bother at the border before she enters Siberia.

Episode 3 – Tuesday 28 July, 8.30pm ABC

Joanna Lumley is in deepest Siberia heading for Moscow, which she last visited in 1966, on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Her first stop is Lake Baikal one of the deepest lakes in the world. She drinks vodka with a local fisherman before getting back on the train for Krasnoyarsk where she meets an oligarch. From there it's across the vast expanse of Siberia to Yekaterinburg, a city with a dark history. It's where the Russian Royal family were murdered. She pushes on for Moscow, where she discovers a very different city from the one she saw in the '60s. She visits Stalin's nuclear bunker, encounters Russian models, and then finds the place she was photographed in 1966, that inspired the whole adventure.