

RUSSIA -My dream destination

I choose Russia.

Russia is the biggest country in the world and was for a time its second most political and economic superpower. For most of my childhood I grew up thinking there'd be a nuclear war one day between the Soviets and the Americans. It would be nice to see if there was anything to that by getting behind the old Iron Curtain.

I've also always been captivated by the Trans-Siberian Railway - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trans-Siberian_Railway – running from Moscow in the Far West to Vladivostok in the Far East. I enjoy long distance journeys. I think they bring about a feeling of growth and expanding personal experience.

Being quite a fan of architecture it would be nice to see a different style of building from the Western European countries I've visited and some of the globalised cities here in Australia.

So there you go: the cold war, train journeys and architecture. A peculiar mix of interests, I think, but then again, Russia itself is famously contradictory. As the oft cited quote by Winston Churchill states: Russia is “a riddle, wrapped up in a mystery, inside an enigma.”