

Russian Train Driver Suspended After Picking Up BlaBlaCar Passengers on the Job

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We've all had our share of strange experiences with ride-sharing apps like Uber — but few can say they've been picked up by a train.

A Russian train driver has been suspended for picking up passengers via the BlaBlaCar ride-sharing app.

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News of a Moscow–St. Petersburg train engineer giving rides in his cabin through the app [sparked](#) a state-run Russian Railways company probe last week. The French startup has [blocked](#) the train engineer's account.

“Disciplinary sanctions have been issued to the engineer and his assistant who had violated

official instructions. The engineer is currently suspended,” Russian Railways [told](#) the state-run TASS news agency Monday.

Local media reported that at least one passenger paid 1,300 rubles (\$20) for the ride.

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