

## 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 ridesharing app.

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News of a Moscow-St. Petersburg train engineer giving rides in his cabin through the app <u>sparked</u> a state-run Russian Railways company probe last week. The French startup has <u>blocked</u> 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  $\underline{\text{told}}$  the staterun TASS news agency Monday.

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

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