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Encounters On and Off the Trans-Siberian Train

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Можно? How do you approach a stranger on the streets? How do you ask to take a photograph without speaking the language? What seem to be barriers at first make it easier in the end. You just ask. It's easier to speak a few words, but it works just as well without. You show the camera. They gesture to go ahead. There's only a single exposure. Nobody can see it, because its an analog camera and there's nothing to talk about, since we don't share a common language. A handshake. No words needed. Можно (mozhno) is Russian for "may I?"



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