

Siege of Leningrad 8 days



Visit the iconic sites of Moscow and St Petersburg whilst also exploring the infamous 900 day Siege of Leningrad. During World War II St Petersburg was blockaded giving civilians two options: to surrender, or starve. The Russians chose to fight for their sovereignty and against the odds defeated the German soldiers. This tour commemorates this David & Goliath encounter and celebrates the victory of the people.

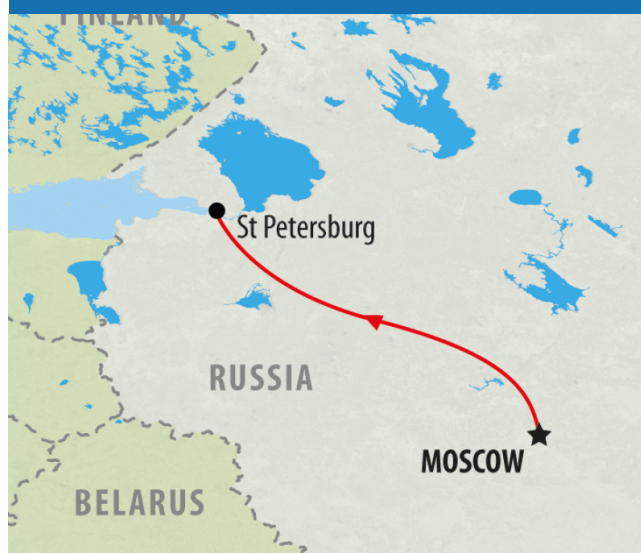
TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Moscow / Ends in: St Petersburg
- Departs: 3rd May 2015
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:7, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

TOUR MAP:



QUICK WEB LINKS

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Day 1:

Sunday. Welcome to Moscow and the start of your holiday! Upon airport arrival you will be transferred to your hotel for a welcome meeting. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 2:

Today we embark on a walking tour of Moscow taking in some of the city's most famous sites, from the legendary Red Square and the iconic St Basil's Cathedral to the headquarters of the KGB in Lubyanka Square and the pedestrian Arbat Street. Following a break for lunch we head to Russia's political powerhouse, the might Kremlin, for a guided walk through the grounds. Here we will see government buildings, gold-domed cathedrals and the famous tsar bell. Enjoy the rest of the day exploring the city at your own leisure. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 3:

Making our way back to Red Square in the morning we stop in at the Lenin Mausoleum, where you can see the embalmed remains of the Communist leader. Later we head underground into the Moscow Metro for a tour of some of the city's grandest and most opulent stations. The remainder of the day is free time, or you can opt to see Inside a Soviet Bunker with our Bolt-On. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 4:

Setting off early in the morning we hop on board a fast train to St Petersburg, and upon arrival embark on a tour of the city. Driving along Nevsky Prospekt, we pass the museum and university district with stops to see the Church of Spilled Blood, the Bronze Horseman and the Peter and Paul Fortress.

Next we visit the Siege of Leningrad Museum, which offers intriguing insight into the 900 day stand-off between the German Nazi soldiers and the civilians of St Petersburg – then called Leningrad. During the Second World War the city was blockaded giving the civilians two options: to surrender, or starve. The Russians chose to fight for their sovereignty and against the odds, and with the loss of between 500,000 and one million lives, they defeated the Nazi soldiers and walked out of their city in-tact. This small museum commemorates this David & Goliath encounter and celebrates the victory of the people of St Petersburg.

Later we enjoy a tour of the incredible Hermitage Collection at the Winter Palace. This former home of the Tsars now houses a collection of fine art, collected from the far reaches of the world. View masterpieces from throughout the ages and marvel at the lavish reception halls. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

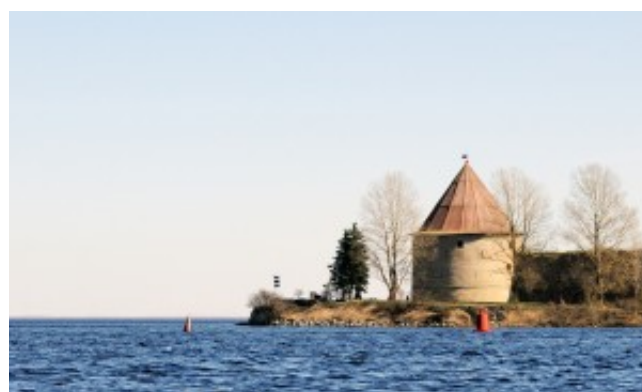


Day 5:

Spend the day traversing the Road of Life, an iconic road that was used to bring supplies to the blockaded city of Leningrad, and also to help women and children escape the starving conditions. The road wended from just north of St Petersburg to the shores of Lake Ladoga, which would be crossed via boat in summer months and over the ice in winter. Today the road is scattered with numerous stone markers and other monuments including the famous Broken Ring, which marks the spot where the ice road across the lake would have begun.

Along the road we stop in at the Road of Life Museum, where you can see numerous wartime relics and follow the story of those who risked their lives working on the ice road or driving supplies into the city. We also visit the shore of Ladoga Lake where we can see a view of Oreshek fortress. Set on a tiny island in the middle of the lake, this fort was bravely defended by Soviet troops throughout the siege.

Following a break for lunch we visit the small Diorama Museum, set in the exact location where one of the most critical battles took place that resulted in the end of the siege. The museum houses a diorama depicting some of the most important events that took place during this crucial battle. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 6:

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Explore the city at your own pace today or opt for the Pukka Pass, a bolt-on option that includes fully guided sightseeing and entrance fees to some of the city's most famous sights. There is also a complimentary lunch with the Pukka Pass taken traditional Russian restaurant. Try local favourites such as Borsh soup, Beef Stroganoff and sweet pancakes. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 7:

We start the morning by attending a military parade celebrating the victory of Leningrad. Later we visit the Piskariovskoye Memorial Cemetery, a poignant reminder of the lives that were lost during the Second World War and siege of Leningrad. By the entrance of the cemetery you will find an eternal flame, and inside there are numerous tombs and monuments as well as two pavilions with photographs and documents from the siege.

In the evening we will march in a candle light vigil with veterans along the main Nevsky Street, followed by a fantastic fire-works display to celebrate their ultimate victory, bringing a close to the day. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 8:

Sunday. Today our tour comes to an end. An airport transfer can be arranged locally upon request.

WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

Trip Highlights

- Moscow - Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, Lubyanka Square, Arbat Street, Kremlin, Lenin's Mausoleum, and Moscow Metro
- St Petersburg - Nevsky Prospekt, museum and university district, Church of Spilled Blood, the Bronze Horseman and the Peter and Paul Fortress
- Siege of Leningrad Museum - offers insight into the 900 day stand-off between German soldiers and the civilians of St Petersburg
- Road of Life - an iconic road that was used to bring supplies to Leningrad, and to help women and children escape
- Road of Life Museum - houses numerous wartime relics and tells the story of those who risked their lives during the siege
- Diorama Museum - depicts the events of one of the most crucial battles of the siege
- Piskariovskoye Memorial Cemetery - a sobering reminder of the lives that were lost during the Second World War and siege of Leningrad
- Military parade and fireworks - to honour those whose lives were lost during this tragic time

What's Included

- 7 nights accommodation in a selection of 3 star hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- Escorted by English speaking guide (for groups of 6 or more)
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Airport arrival transport to hotel
- Day train from Moscow to St Petersburg
- All relevant entrance fees

What's Not Included

- International flights and visas
- Departure transfer from hotel to airport - however can be arranged upon request
- Tips for your tour leader and guide
- Entrance Fees: \$25-30 USD

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,299

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require

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their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, (if another solo traveller of the same sex is already booked upon the tour), thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our scheduled tour departures are guaranteed subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
03 MAY - 10 MAY	USD \$2,299	USD \$999

HOTELS:

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

Izmailovo Gamma Delta - Moscow

Formerly part of the Olympic Village at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, Divided into two wings, Gamma and Delta - the Izmailovo Gamma Delta is part of one of the biggest hotels in the world. The rooms are comfortable and with modern amenities and there is also a number of excellent restaurants plus a gym and swimming pool. On arrival to the hotel guests are often welcomed with chocolate and still bottled mineral water. Well located with good access to transport links.



Andersen Hotel - St Petersburg

This 3 star hotel is located in St Petersburg's Petrogradskaya District, within 10 minutes walk from the metro station 'Petrogradskaya.' With a cozy bar open round the clock, this hotel caters for business and leisure guests.



POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

Dear On the Go, I wanted to share some feedback from my the Go "Siege of Leningrad" tour that I went on earlier this year. The tour, that included 4 days in Moscow and 4 days in St Petersburg, was the best tour I have ever been on. Not only is Russia a spectacular country, with an amazing history, sensational food and beautiful people, our tour guides Katya and her associate Natasha were absolutely fantastic!! They were so enthusiastic and knowledgeable and it made our holiday all the more enjoyable. I would like to specially mention the effort they put in to assisting us when our luggage didn't make our flight transfer to Russia and then the difficulty we had with customs when our luggage did arrive. They never hesitated to make calls for us, organize extra trips out to the airport to collect our luggage and always with a smile and a comforting word. I have said it before, and I will say it again, Katya and Natasha were the best tours guides I have had the experience of touring with. They really catered to our areas of interest, were super friendly and a pleasure to spend time with. In the end it was sad to say goodbye to them and to a country we well and truly fell in love with. I wouldn't hesitate to recommend On The Go to my friends and family! And we will certainly be going on other tours in the future.

[Sherredan Nuthall, Jul 2014](#)

I cannot speak highly about my experience. The country is beautiful, the people were lovely, the history is interesting and our guides Katya + Natasha were above and beyond the call of duty to help us with lost luggage, extra information and facilitating extra visits whenever possible. They are both a credit to the company and the country.

[Liesl Pacher, May 2014](#)