

Back in the USSR 7 days



Check out two of Russia's most striking cities. Explore the sights of Moscow - Russia's lively capital, before continuing on to rural Pskov and Pechory for a local banya experience and capping off the adventure in St Petersburg, the jewel in Russia's imperial crown.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Moscow / Ends in: St Petersburg
- Departs: Saturdays - March to October
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 1, 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: Moscow

Saturday. Welcome to Russia and the start of your holiday! Meet and greet arrival transfer from airport to hotel and check in. Tonight, our tip-filled Welcome Meeting takes place, afterward head to the bar with your tour leader and fellow passengers. Remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 2: Red Square

To legendary Red Square for a guided walk of the Kitay-Gorod and Lubyanka area. In Red Square, feast your eyes on the intensely coloured, turban domed St Basil's Cathedral, the subject of countless postcards. Along one side runs the elegant façade of the illustrious GUM department store, once the only choice for shopping in the Communist era. Also on Red Square is Lenin's Mausoleum. If open, we can pay our respects to the father of Communism for free! Rest of the day is free. Cultured out? Moscow's restaurants and clubs are open until very late! Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 3: The Kremlin

Today, we journey back to Red Square via the Metro underground to undertake a guided tour inside the grounds of the mighty Moscow Kremlin. Highlights include the Assumption Cathedral, Ivan the Great Bell Tower and Tsar Bell. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to explore on your own or join us for a tour Inside a Soviet Bunker. Head 65 meters underground to explore a Stalinist-era bunker that up until recently was a top secret symbol of Soviet Power. Cleverly hidden beneath an ordinary apartment building, on a busy street in the heart of Moscow, 18 floors below ground level, this mighty 75,000-square-foot facility was constructed in secret in the 1950's, to protect a select few against a US nuclear attack. Join us on an interactive tour of this bunker turned museum.

Later this evening, we travel by comfortable overnight train (open sleeper cabin) to Pskov. Overnight - Sleeper Train



Day 4: Pskov and Pechory

Pskov - St Petersburg. As our train bounds into Pskov, we are just 30km away from the Estonian border. Pskov is historically rich, having played host to a stream of Baltic invaders for 700 years. A short drive brings us to the beautiful 14th century Pechory Monastery, where we explore the peaceful grounds and if monastic law permits, an exploration of the burial caves of this fascinating and still-working cloister. Steaming up at a local Russian banya (sauna) will work our appetites up for a vodka and lunch. Later this afternoon we travel by road to St Petersburg arriving late evening. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 5: St Petersburg

This morning, we embark on a city tour driving along Nevsky Prospekt, through the museum and university district and Admiralty End, with stops to view the outside of the Church on Spilled Blood, The Bronze Horseman and take a tour of Peter and Paul Fortress. This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the incredible Hermitage Collection at the Winter Palace. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



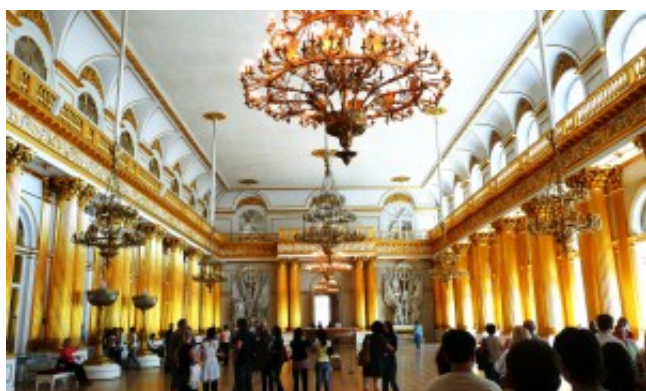
Day 6: Pukka Russia

Today offers free time for you to explore grandiose St Petersburg - designed around an intrinsic network of canals and rivers. Known as the cradle of Revolution, in the 20th century the city underwent three name changes, three revolutions and a 900-day siege.

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With more than 90 museums, many of which are housed in imperial palaces, plus flamboyant galleries and churches, there is plenty to see and do.

Alternatively opt to bolt-on our Pukka Pass. Our Pukka Pass is inclusive of guiding, transport, entrance fees, lunch and visits to see the interior of the Church on Spilled Blood and the Summer Gardens at Peterhof in summer or Catherine's Palace in winter as well as lunch. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 7: St Petersburg

Friday. Our tour concludes after breakfast and hotel check out at 12 noon.



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** - UNESCO-listed Red Square, Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral
- **Pskov** - ancient town near Estonian border

- **Pechory** - ancient monastery
- **St Petersburg** - UNESCO-listed city area including: Nevsky Prospekt, Museum and University districts, Peter and Paul Fortress, Church on Spilled Blood, The Bronze Horseman and Admiralty End
- St Petersburg Hermitage at the Winter Palace
- St Petersburg Vodka Museum
- Other sites of St Petersburg included on the optional pukka pass

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- 5 nights 3 star hotels
- 1 overnight train Moscow to Pskov (open sleeper cabin) including bed linen
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Guided sightseeing - Moscow city, Red Square and Kremlin, Pechory monastery, St Petersburg city tour, Peter and Paul Fortress and Hermitage at Winter Palace
- Russian banya (sauna) experience
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- Guided tour and tasting at the Vodka Museum
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour leader
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation
- Note: In Russia on the go use 3 star accommodation as classified by the Russian Ministry of Tourism. However, please be aware that the 3 star standards throughout Russia vary greatly and cannot be compared to hotels of a similar standard in Western Europe or, and in particular, the United States.

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$50-60 USD

BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

Pukka Pass - USD \$149

Start the day with a visit to either the gardens of palatial Peterhof, overlooking the Gulf of Finland in the summer OR Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo in the winter (Pavlosk Palace is viewed if Catherine Palace is closed). We stop for lunch at the popular restaurant, where we enjoy a hearty meal, before exploring inside the beautiful Church on Spilled Blood.

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Catherine Palace or Peterhof - USD \$89

Take a step back in time - enjoy a guided tour of the stunning Royal Residences of the Russian Tsars, located in the outskirts of St Pete's and admire the beautiful Russian countryside on the way. Our Catherine Palace (winter) or Peterhof Gardens (summer) bolt on is available on all tours visiting St Petersburg.

Inside a Soviet Bunker - USD \$109

Head 65 meters underground to the Underground Cold War Museum - a Stalinist-era Soviet Bunker that up until recently was a top secret symbol of Soviet Power. This mighty 75,000-square-foot facility was constructed covertly in the 1950s, to protect the select few against a US nuclear attack. Step back in time to the clandestine and tense era of the Cold War and enjoy an interactive tour of this bunker turned museum, followed by a tour of the most luxurious and extravagant of the Stalinist era metro stations with their marble columns and chandeliers all with an English speaking guide.

Novgorod Countryside Stay - USD \$549

Escape the bustling city of St Petersburg with an overnight stay in a country house in ancient Novgorod. Your visit begins with a tour of the historic Kremlin (Fortress) grounds and the open air museum of Russian wooden architecture. You've free time to admire Novgorod - listed by UNESCO as one of the top 100 cities of the world. Why not soak up the views from a leisurely walk along the Volkhov river, visit one of the great medieval abbeys, or wander round the quaint shops and bars.

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,569

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 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, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our group tours are guaranteed to depart subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
26 MAY - 01 JUN	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
23 JUN - 29 JUN	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
07 JUL - 13 JUL	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
04 AUG - 10 AUG	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
25 AUG - 31 AUG	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
15 SEP - 21 SEP	USD \$1,569	USD \$679

13 OCT - 19 OCT	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
24 NOV - 30 NOV	USD \$1,569	USD \$679

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
30 MAR - 05 APR	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
20 APR - 26 APR	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
25 MAY - 31 MAY	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
22 JUN - 28 JUN	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
06 JUL - 12 JUL	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
03 AUG - 09 AUG	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
24 AUG - 30 AUG	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
14 SEP - 20 SEP	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
19 OCT - 25 OCT	USD \$1,569	USD \$679
16 NOV - 22 NOV	USD \$1,569	USD \$679

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
4 Berth Sleeper Train Upgrade Moscow - Pskov	USD \$109	USD \$0

POSTCARDS:

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

Many thanks to Natasha + guides + drivers for a smooth, well organised and very enjoyable trip. Natasha is very knowledgeable and enthusiastic and a credit to your company. Russia is a wonderful country made all the better with a reliable guide - I've learned a lot! Thanks =)

Nicole Hadlow , Apr 2012

We have now done 2 On THE Go tours and both have been once in a lifetime experience.

Callum Bradburn , Mar 2012

We both thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Russia, it exceeded all our expectations. No words can express the magnificence of Moscow and St Petersburg. We found the bolt on to "Pukka Pass" simply wonderful. Our tour leader Eugene was amazing, a really pleasant, helpful person who's knowledge about his country was immense. Thank you Charlie for your help and thank you "onthegotours" for a memorable holiday.

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Arthur & Beryl Forbes, Oct 2011

Hi Charlie, We both thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Russia, it excelled all our expectations. No words can express the magnificance of Moscow and St Petersburg. We found the bolt on to "Pukka Pass" simply wonderful. The hotel (Vega) in Moscow was far better than we expected equally as good as 3 hotels in Europe that we have stayed at. Our tour leader Eugene was amazing, a really pleasant, helpful person who's knowledge about his country was immense. Thankyou Charlie for your help and thankyou "onthegotours" for a memorable holiday.*

Arthur & Beryl Forbes, Jul 2011

I had a great time. Really ineteresting place & different from mainstream Europe - although I imagine we barely scratched the surface as its such a big country. Our guide Eugene was knowledgeable & funny, everyone on the tour was fun. Had Vodka withdrawl on my return though, it seems everywhere we went there was vodka shots on offer. Cheers

Kane Batzloff , Jun 2011

Excellent trip - well paced. Very supportive and professional staff.

Margot Johnson , Apr 2011

Eugene was an exellent guide, always considerate to everyone and their individual needs during the tour.

Jodie Martin , Mar 2011

A throughly brilliant trip. I would highly recommend Vika as a tour leader, she made evening ran really smoothly. I amreally impressed and will go on another trip with on the go in the future.

Ms Rowena Evans , Oct 2010
