

Route of the Romanovs 10 days



Follow in the footsteps of Russia's last ruling aristocrats - the Romanovs. Starting in St Petersburg - the city of the Tsars, head down to Russia's mighty capital city - Moscow and then ride the Trans-Siberian railway to Yekaterinburg, crossing the Ural Mountains, bound for Siberia.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: St Petersburg / Ends in: Yekaterinburg
- Departs: Tuesdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast: 8, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 1
- 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:



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Day 1: St Petersburg

Tuesday. Welcome to Pukka Russia! Arrival transfer from St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport to your hotel and check in. Tonight, our Welcome Meeting takes place. Rest of evening free. Your tour leader will recommend some local bars and restaurants for you to try out. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

Day 2: The Hermitage

A city tour gives us an overview of St Petes. Stopping to see the facade of the beautiful Church on Spilled Blood, which was built on the spot where Tsar Alexander II was murdered in 1881 and to tour Peter and Paul Fortress. Built on the orders of Peter the Great, at the Peter and Paul Fortress is SS Peter and Paul Cathedral - housing the tombs of the Romanov monarchs, including the murdered Tsar Nicholas II and his family whose remains were interred here after being discovered outside Yekaterinburg.

We later enjoy a guided tour of the incredible Hermitage. Once a royal residence of the tsars, the Winter Palace now houses one of the biggest art collections on earth. The rest of the day is free. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

Day 3: Free Day or Pukka Pass bolt-on

St Petersburg - Moscow. A free day to explore alternatively opt for our pukka pass. Our Pukka Pass offers guided sightseeing inclusive of transport, with visits to the Church On Spilled Blood, the Summer Gardens and stunning Grand Cascade fountains at Peterhof during summer months, or in winter Catherine Palace or Pavlovsk Palace before enjoying a hearty lunch overlooking Groboyedov Canal. Later this evening we board our overnight sleeper train bound for Moscow. Overnight - Sleeper Train



Day 4: Red Square

Today, we ride the underground Metro to Red Square and enjoy a guided walk of the prominent sights. Remainder of the day at leisure. Consider hopping from station to station using your Metro pass. Be sure to take the circle line to fully view and absorb the opulence of Stalin's marble clad, chandelier lit underground

stations. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 5: The Kremlin

Today, we tour Russia's powerhouse - the mighty Kremlin, with a specialist local guide. Entering the grounds we'll see numerous government buildings, gold-domed cathedrals and the tsar bell - the largest bell that never rang! Later you can visit St Basil's Cathedral, commissioned by Ivan IV (also known as Ivan the terrible) in 1555 to commemorate the capture of the Khanate of Kazan. The multi-tented cathedral with brightly coloured onion shaped domes is distinctively iconic Russia.

Afterward there is free time. If open, you can pay your respects to the grandfather of Communism at Lenin's mausoleum. The city offers amazing galleries, museums, plenty of cafes, shops (including the GUM department store for high rollers) and bars all within walking distance. Overnight - [Moscow](#)



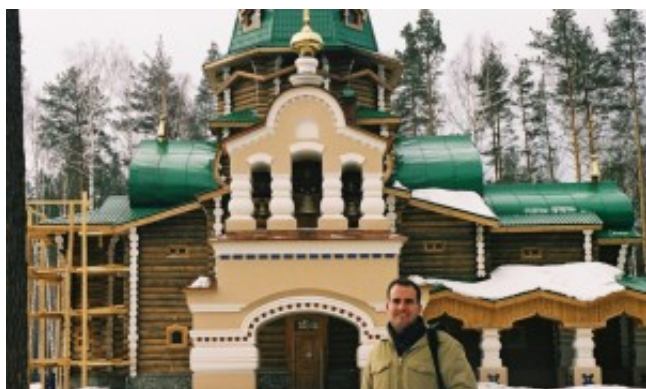
Day 6: Free Time in Moscow

Moscow - Yekaterinburg. Today is yours to enjoy as you please. Considering this tour runs in conjunction with other tours, today we bid farewell to those not continuing on to Yekaterinburg and to our tour leader who has escorted us thus far. Hotel check-out is at 1100hrs. However, the hotel has a luggage storage facility which you can use (nominal cost). This afternoon we start our east bound journey on the Trans-Siberian line. Overnight - Trans-Siberian train to Yekaterinburg

Day 7: All Aboard

The train continues across the Ural Mountains. Pulling in this evening, we're met and transferred to our hotel for dinner and relaxation. Overnight - [Yekaterinburg](#)

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Day 8: Yekaterinburg

Founded in 1723 to exploit the mineral riches of the surrounding Urals and Siberia, is Yekaterinburg. It was here in the cellar of a house, where now the beautiful Church on the Blood stands, that Tsar Nicholas Romanov II and his family were executed in 1918. Our tour takes us to the Church where you'll see a sculpture dedicated to the Tsar and his family and the area of execution. Out of town, we visit Ganina Yama - the monastic complex set in Taiga forest, where the Romanov family remains were unceremoniously dumped and later discovered. After breaking for lunch, we then continue to the Mineral or Railway Museum and out to the famous Europe/Asia border marker where you can stand with a foot on either side of the boundary marker! Overnight - [Yekaterinburg](#)

Day 9: Explore Yekaterinburg

Today it's outdoor action! Choose from a range of exciting options available locally (at a personal cost). In the summer there's rafting, hiking and a visit to Koptelova (a traditional Siberian village). In the winter dog-sledding and ice fishing and more! Please contact us for further details. Overnight - [Yekaterinburg](#)



Day 10: Yekaterinburg

Thursday. Our tour concluded after breakfast, hotel checkout and onward departure transfer to the railway station or airport.

Flights from Yekaterinburg Yekaterinburg is served internationally by British Airways (direct to London), Lufthansa Airlines (via Frankfurt) and Czech Air (via Prague), and domestically with Aeroflot, who offer direct flights to Moscow. In terms of an international carrier choice, all three airlines serve St Petersburg, so consider purchasing an 'open-jaw' ticket allowing you to fly from your point of origin to St Petersburg, make your own way (via surface means on land - i.e. on tour) to Yekaterinburg and then exit at Yekaterinburg to fly back to your point of origin. Alternatively, If you'd like to return to Moscow, we can arrange one-way transportation aboard the train. The choice is yours! Call us for further information.

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

- **St Petersburg** - UNESCO-listed city area including: Nevsky Prospekt, Museum and University districts, Church on Spilled Blood, The Bronze Horseman and Admiralty End
- St Petersburg Hermitage at the Winter Palace
- Other sites of St Petersburg included on the optional pukka pass
- **Moscow** - UNESCO-listed Red Square, Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral
- Siberian countryside aboard the Trans-Siberian
- Yekaterinburg - city sights, route of the Romanovs' tour, Europe/Asia border marker and countryside of the Urals

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- 7 nights 3 star hotels
- 2 overnight trains St Petersburg - Moscow (open sleeper cabin) and Trans-Siberian Moscow - Yekaterinburg (4-berth sleeper cabin). Both including bed linen.
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1 and departure transfer on day 10
- Guided sightseeing - St Petersburg city tour, Hermitage at Winter Palace, Moscow city and Kremlin, Yekaterinburg 'Route of the Romanovs' tour.
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour leader (days 1 - 6)
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights including Yekaterinburg
- All relevant transfers and transportation on tour
- Note: In Russia on the go use 3 star accommodation as classified by the Russian Ministry of Tourism. However,

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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.

be arranged whilst travelling from St Petersburg to Moscow, however a single supplement will apply for touring arrangements in Yekaterinburg (days 6 - 10). Please contact us for the relevant cost. All our group tours are guaranteed to depart subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

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.

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.

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 \$2,769

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'single supplement' below applies for single travellers who would like their own room for the entire tour 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

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
05 JUN - 14 JUN	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
03 JUL - 12 JUL	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
17 JUL - 26 JUL	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
31 JUL - 09 AUG	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
21 AUG - 30 AUG	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
11 SEP - 20 SEP	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
09 OCT - 18 OCT	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
16 OCT - 25 OCT	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
13 NOV - 22 NOV	USD \$2,769	USD \$969
04 DEC - 13 DEC	USD \$2,769	USD \$969

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
12 FEB - 21 FEB	USD \$2,769	USD \$969
12 MAR - 21 MAR	USD \$2,769	USD \$969
26 MAR - 04 APR	USD \$2,769	USD \$969
09 APR - 18 APR	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
07 MAY - 16 MAY	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
04 JUN - 13 JUN	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
02 JUL - 11 JUL	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
16 JUL - 25 JUL	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
30 JUL - 08 AUG	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
20 AUG - 29 AUG	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
10 SEP - 19 SEP	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
08 OCT - 17 OCT	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
15 OCT - 24 OCT	USD \$2,889	USD \$969
12 NOV - 21 NOV	USD \$2,769	USD \$969
03 DEC - 12 DEC	USD \$2,769	USD \$969

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
4 Berth Sleeper Train Upgrade St Petes - Moscow	USD \$99	USD \$0
4 star upgrade Route of Romanovs	USD \$749	USD \$379

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POSTCARDS:

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

Perfect pace of the tour - good balance of organized activities and free time. I loved every minute of it! Russia is an incredible country definitely worth visiting.

Robert Grey, Feb 2010

Hi Janet, We had such a good time in Russia - thanks for recommending Route of the Romanovs. We loved St Petersburg and Moscow and the train from Moscow to Yekaterinburg was very entertaining with the locals. Would love to do it all again but there's more of the globe to see. Take care, Alice

John & Alice, Nov 2009

Stunning trip, the scenery was beautiful! We just wished we'd booked all the way to Beijing!

Erin & Bex, Jul 2009

Hello Ryan, First of all, let me say thank you for everything. The "Route of the Romanovs" tour turned out to be a fantastic experience. All of our guides were top-notch and very fun. I will definitely consider On the Go the next time I get the itch to travel. I do very much want to go to Turkey... Cheers,

Benjamin Prentice, Jun 2009