

# Vodka Shot 6 days



St Petersburg and Moscow in one short blast. Enjoy Pukka Russia, seeing the best of these two legendary cities, from the incredible Hermitage and Church on Spilled Blood to brightly coloured St Basil's Cathedral and the mighty Kremlin. It's the most fun you can have in under a week!

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: St Petersburg / Ends in: Moscow
- Departs: Tuesdays - year round
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:5, 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

[Russia Prices](#) ::: [Russia - Why Us?](#) ::: [Russia Reviews](#) ::: [Our Russia Blog](#) ::: [Russia Top Spots](#) ::: [Festivals & Events](#) ::: [Hotels in Russia](#) ::: [Russia Useful Info](#) ::: [FAQs on Russia](#) ::: [Russia Visas](#) ::: [Russia Gallery](#)

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## Day 1: St Petersburg

Tuesday. Welcome to Russia and the start of your holiday! Arrival transfer from St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport to your hotel and check in. Tonight, our tip filled 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

Stunningly grandiose St Pete's - founded by Peter the Great in 1703 is built around a series of bridge-connected canals and rivers. We start the day with a city tour, driving along Nevsky Prospekt, we stop to see the outside of the Church on Spilled Blood and explore Peter and Paul Fortress, giving us a solid introduction of this beautiful city. At one time a gruesome prison within the Peter and Paul Fortress compound is SS Peter and Paul Cathedral - housing the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. Later, we enjoy a guided tour of the treasure-filled Hermitage at the Winter Palace. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

## Day 3: Free Time to Explore

A free day to explore, alternatively jump on board with our optional Pukka Pass! The Pukka Pass includes entrance fees and guiding, with visits to the Church On Spilled Blood, Peterhof in summer or Catherine or Pavlovsk Palace in winter and lunch. Later this evening we board our overnight sleeper train bound for Moscow. Overnight - Sleeper Train



## Day 4: Moscow's Red Square

Moscow. The city that kept Bond busy. At Red Square, we enjoy a guided walk of the Kitay Gorod and Lubyanka area. Discover the delights of Red Square, home to St Basil's, the GUM department store and Lenin's Mausoleum. The rest of the day is free for you to further explore. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

## Day 5: The Kremlin

Today, we tour Russia's powerhouse - the mighty Kremlin, with a guided walk through the grounds where 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. Alternatively, hop 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 6: Moscow

Sunday. Our Vodka Shot tour ends 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

- **St Petersburg** - UNESCO-listed city area including: Nevsky Prospekt, Museum and University districts, Church on Spilled Blood (exterior only), The Bronze Horseman, Admiralty End, St Petersburg Hermitage at the Winter Palace
- **Moscow** - UNESCO-listed Red Square, Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral
- Other sites of St Petersburg included on the optional pukka pass

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## What's Included

- 5 breakfasts
- 4 nights 3 star hotels
- 1 overnight train St Petersburg - Moscow (open sleeper cabin) including bed linen
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Guided sightseeing - St Petersburg city, Hermitage at Winter Palace, Moscow's Red Square and Kremlin
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour leader
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- 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, 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

- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- International flights and visa
- 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.

### 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 \$1,089

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.
05 JUN - 10 JUN	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
03 JUL - 08 JUL	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
17 JUL - 22 JUL	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
31 JUL - 05 AUG	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
21 AUG - 26 AUG	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
11 SEP - 16 SEP	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
09 OCT - 14 OCT	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
16 OCT - 21 OCT	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
13 NOV - 18 NOV	USD \$1,089	USD \$489
04 DEC - 09 DEC	USD \$1,089	USD \$489

### 2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
12 FEB - 17 FEB	USD \$1,089	USD \$489
12 MAR - 17 MAR	USD \$1,089	USD \$489
26 MAR - 31 MAR	USD \$1,089	USD \$489
09 APR - 14 APR	USD \$1,199	USD \$599

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07 MAY - 12 MAY	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
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02 JUL - 07 JUL	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
16 JUL - 21 JUL	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
30 JUL - 04 AUG	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
20 AUG - 25 AUG	USD \$1,199	USD \$599
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## Supplementary Prices

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

## POSTCARDS:

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

*Kate was an exceptional guide with all her informatonvery helpful, nothing was a problem, very well organized lady.*

[Murray John Guise , Aug 2011](#)

*Moscow dancing concert - amazing. Olga was wonderful Very energetic!*

[Rebecca Talbot , Aug 2011](#)

*Hi Emma, Just wanted to let you know I had a fantastic time on my Russia Vodka Shot tour. Eugene the guide we had in St Petersburg was fantastic, his tour of the Hermitage in particular was amazing, his knowledge and passion for the works of art there was very impressive to say the least. A fantastic trip but of course not long enough :) Thanks again for giving me the chance to visit Russia!!*

[Lauren Chaberka, Jun 2011](#)

*Had a brilliant time and would recommend this tour and on the go tours to anyone.*

[Toni Eather , Mar 2011](#)

*This was my first overseas trip and it was an experience I will never forget. The tour guide was fantastic and extremely knowledgeable in both historical, cultural and party issues!!! I would not hesitate in recommending not only On The Go as a tour company but also the specific trips I did through Russia and Croatia. Will definitely be calling on you for my next trip.*

[Mr Denton Sandlant, Jan 2011](#)

*What a brilliant trip. So many fun memories. Our guide was very informative on all the Russian arts and culture. Trully great experience.*

[Mr Lukasz Panek, Dec 2010](#)

*Onthego's Vodka Shot tour is a brilliant trip for all of those who want a taste of Russia in an action packed itinerary. My partner and I flew into St Petersburg and were picked up and taken directly to our hotel without delay. Two days followed in what is probably one of the more stunning cities in Europe, with distinctly Russian architecture and some great history lessons from our tour leader. Moscow is a huge, trendy and full on city which is colossal and full of history on the same level as cities such as London or Paris. Apart from some great historic spots including the Red Square, we visited numerous bars, cafes and had some great weather. On the conclusion of our 6 days we were totally sold by Russia and we hope to return. I would fully recommend this tour to anyone who thinks Russia is inaccessible or difficult – Vodka Shot proves that it isn't.*

[Mr Richard Crowe, Oct 2010](#)

*We had an amazing time visiting Moscow and St. Petersburg with On-The-Go. The tour was very well organised, and we were especially pleased they organised our visas (usually an arduous process). The local tour guide was excellent - not only did she provide ample information on the historical sites we were visiting, she also provided a very interesting perspective on her life growing up in Russia. It was an amazing set of cities to see and glad we also had the opportunity to enjoy an excellent range of bolt-ons and cultural performances (very good seats!).*

[Mr Carlos Ubeda, Sep 2010](#)