

St Petes & the Baltics 5 days



VISA FREE RUSSIA TOUR! Travelling by ferry, combine the finest cities of Russia, Estonia and Finland in an exciting 5 day tour. Visit St Petersburg - City of the Tsars, with its fine arts and museums, exquisite palaces and historic fortresses. Then discover Baltic beauty Tallin, the charming maritime capital of Estonia, before heading to Finland's capital Helsinki, our last port of call, with its 450 years of history, stunning neo classical architecture, wonderful museums, markets and gardens.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Tallinn / Ends in: Helsinki
- Departs: May - Oct
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes - for included sightseeing

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: Tallinn

Welcome to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia and the start of your holiday! Sparkling with kaleidoscopic history, culture and architecture, Tallinn, the northernmost and the smallest of the Baltic states, hugs the Gulf of Finland. Upon arrival at your hotel the rest of the day is free for you to explore the city. Overnight - [Tallinn](#)

Day 2:

Tallinn - St Petersburg. Steeped in Maritime tradition, Tallinn is a pedestrian-friendly city and offers an enchanting mix of church spires, medieval turrets and cobblestone streets in its UNESCO Listed Old Town. On a guided walking tour today you'll discover this picturesque area, where you'll stroll along the fascinating narrow streets and alleyways, which give way to medieval towers, churches and shop fronts that were once the preserve of wealthy merchants.

Touring continues to the upper part of the Old Town known as Toompea, where you'll see Toompea Castle and the impressive Alexander Nevsky Cathedral with its lofty church spires. Here you will also see the austere Lutheran Dome Church, which was once a burial place for those of wealth and nobility. The interiors of both churches are filled with colourful mosaics and delicately carved icons. After free time this afternoon you'll board the Princess Anastasia ferry bound for St Petersburg, Russia. Overnight - Princess Anastasia Ferry



Day 3:

Wake up this morning to the sights of St Petersburg - city of the Tsars. Upon arrival you'll be met by your tour guide. You'll then set off on a guided sightseeing tour of the city. A visit will be made to Admiralty End and the Bronze Horseman as well as to Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral - once used as a political prison, containing the likes of Dostoevsky and Lenin's older brother, Alexander.

Later you'll embark on a guided tour of the stunning Winter Palace - which was home to the Tsars for almost two centuries, to view

the world famous Hermitage collection. As one of the world's largest art collections, the Hermitage offers a broad range of exhibits including Asian and European art, pre-historic art and the awe-inspiring treasury collection. There are also countless works from the Masters such as Van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse.

Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 4:

St Petersburg - Helsinki. The next two days are free for you to independently explore St Petersburg. On day 3 there's the option book a half day tour of either Catherine Palace at Tsarkoe Selo (in winter) or the gardens of Peter the Great's Peterhof, which overlooks the Gulf of Finland (in summer). Book and pay locally.

Often referred to as Russia's 'Versailles', the gardens of Peterhof are a wonderland of greenery and flowers, sweeping vistas and ornate architectural decorations. The real highlight are the spectacular gold fountains. At Catherine Palace its the exterior and the interiors of this lavishly decorated building that really catch the eye - and the lavish Amber room is a real highlight.

In the early evening of day 4, make your own way to the St Petersburg ferry port to board the Princess Maria ferry, returning to Helsinki. Overnight - Princess Maria Ferry

Day 5:

This morning you will arrive into Helsinki, and after disembarkation and immigration your tour comes to an end. Helsinki, resting on the shores of the Gulf of Finland, a branch of the Baltic Sea, is both historic and modern. In contrast to the city's 450 years of history, historic architecture and unique Finnish design, the beauty of the city blends seamlessly with high-tech achievements. It is here where old traditions mix with the latest contemporary trends.

Helsinki's rhythm is laid back yet at the same time refreshingly active in terms of both the number and quality of restaurants and nightclubs as well as things to see and do. In Helsinki, everything is nearby, it's a pocket-sized metropolis easily explored on foot. Today you could opt to visit the Helsinki Cathedral with its rich

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architecture designed by Carl Ludvig Engel in neoclassical style, Suomenlinna Fortress with its old cannon and submarines, market stores and arty stalls - or perhaps have a coffee at Market Square followed by a scoop of ice cream at Esplanade park.



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

- Tallinn - UNESCO listed Old Town, Old Thomas (Vana Toomas), Council Pharmacy, Toompea Hill, Palace Square, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Toomkirik (the Lutheran Dome Church).
- Crossing the Gulf of Finland by ferry on the Baltic Sea
- St Petersburg - **St Petersburg** - UNESCO-listed city area including: Nevsky Prospekt, Museum and University districts, Peter and Paul Fortress, The Bronze Horseman, Admiralty End and the Hermitage at the Winter Palace
- Helsinki - free time. Choose to independently visit Helsinki's Suomenlinna Fortress, Parliament House, Hakaniemi Market Square and Esplanadi Park
- No Russian Tourist Visa is required for this tour. A saving of more than USD\$150 for most nationalities.

What's Included

- 3 breakfasts (2 at hotels, 1 on board the ferry on day 3)
- 2 nights 3 star hotels and 2 night onboard a ferry (four berth single sex cabin). Upgrade to a private two berth cabin is available.
- Guided sightseeing walking tour of Tallinn
- Guided sightseeing tour of St Petersburg with visits to Peter and Paul Fortress and the Hermitage
- Entrance fees to Peter and Paul Fortress and the Hermitage
- All transfer and transportation on day 3

What's Not Included

- International flights, airport transfers, Finnish and Estonian visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,449

This tour is semi-independent in style, ie it is not escorted by a tour leader or guide. Guided sightseeing is included as part of your arrangements on day 2, at all other times, free time is offered. Prices shown are per person travelling based upon 2 people sharing a twin/double hotel room. On the ferry the price is based upon single sex 4 berth cabins. Therefore if you are travelling with a partner of the opposite sex and wish to stay in the same cabin on the ferry you will need to upgrade to a private two berth cabin, prices are below. 'Single supplement' applies to solo travellers who require a single hotel room and needs to be added to the 'Per Person' price. Please note 4 berth single sex cabins will still be reserved on the ferry. If you would like a private single cabin on the ferry or if you are a party of three wanting to share a private ferry cabin please contact us for rates. Please note: On the ferry you are likely to be sharing a cabin with general members of the public, not On The Go travellers.

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
10 MAR - 14 MAR	USD \$1,449	USD \$239
03 APR - 07 APR	USD \$1,449	USD \$239
13 MAY - 17 MAY	USD \$1,699	USD \$359
06 JUN - 10 JUN	USD \$1,699	USD \$359
12 JUL - 16 JUL	USD \$1,699	USD \$359
28 JUL - 01 AUG	USD \$1,699	USD \$359
13 AUG - 17 AUG	USD \$1,699	USD \$359
25 AUG - 29 AUG	USD \$1,699	USD \$359
06 SEP - 10 SEP	USD \$1,449	USD \$239
20 OCT - 24 OCT	USD \$1,449	USD \$239

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
St Pete's & the Baltics 2-berth ferry upgrade	USD \$219	USD \$0

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.

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Andersen Hotel - St Petersburg

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

