

New Years Red Square 9 days



Where will you be celebrating on New Year's Eve? Ring in the New Year in Moscow's Red Square, journey through Russia's heartland for some alpine fun and a steamy banya in Pskov before heading north to beautiful St Petersburg.

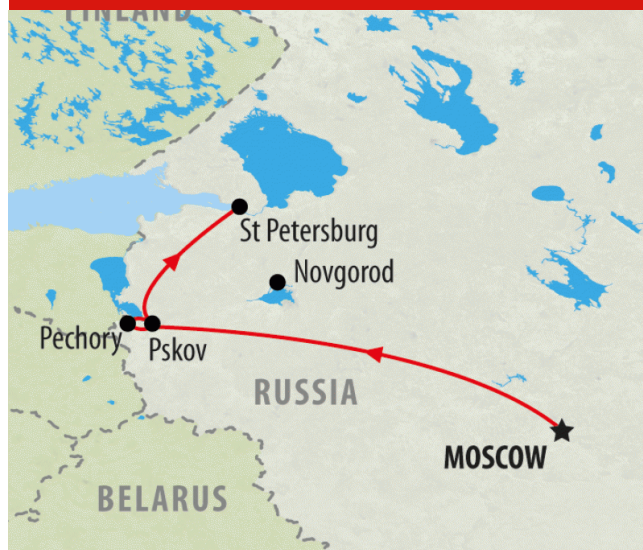
TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Moscow / Ends in: St Petersburg
- Departs: 29 Dec 2015
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:8, Lunch: 3, Dinner: 1
- Hotel Rating: 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes - For groups of 6 or more

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

29 Dec 2015. Welcome to your New Year's holiday in Russia! Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in. This evening our welcome meeting takes place, where you'll meet the rest of your group and tour leader. Enjoy free time for the rest of the evening - perhaps go for a drink at the bar or a coffee in the lounge. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 2: City Tour & Ice Skating

First thing this morning we will hop on the Moscow Metro and make our way to legendary Red Square. As the historical, political and social heart of Moscow, this famous square is home to some of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Within the Red Square we will find the iconic domes of St Basil's Cathedral, the imposing red brick walls of the Kremlin and the glitzy Neo-Russian facade of the GUM shopping mall.

Also in Red Square, housed within a red and black marble building, is Lenin's Mausoleum. If open, we can enter the mausoleum free of charge and pay our respects to the grandfather of Communism whose embalmed body has lain in state here since his death. Later in the day, we can take a journey on the Stalinist-era Metro, to view some of the gold gilded frescoes that adorn many of the stations or go ice skating with your tour leader in Gorky Park.

During our stay in Moscow there will be the chance to join one of our optional evening excursions, such as a traditional Cossack Show or a Moscow by Night coach tour. Overnight - [Moscow](#)



Day 3: New Years Eve

Today we'll enjoy a guided tour inside the grounds of the mighty Kremlin. Highlights include the Assumption Cathedral, Ivan the Great Bell Tower and monumental Tsar Bell. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to explore on your own or there is the opportunity to join us for an optional tour inside a formerly top secret Soviet Bunker (book locally).

Tonight is New Year's Eve and time to celebrate, Russian-style!

Venturing back to Red Square we will join the crowds - locals and travellers alike, to ring in the New Year. With an electric atmosphere and a spectacular firework show illuminating the distinctive turrets of St Basil's Cathedral above the frosty square, this will be a party to remember! Overnight - [Moscow](#)



Day 4: New Year's Day

Moscow - Pskov. Enjoy a free day to relax in Moscow and do as you please. Later this evening, we will travel by overnight sleeper train to Pskov. Overnight - Sleeper Train

Day 5: Pskov

Good morning, Pskov! Arriving early in the morning we will embark on a day of alpine fun. Go ice-skating on a frozen lake, or perhaps try your hand at cross-country skiing - a more horizontal approach to the downhill ski. In the afternoon we will defrost in a local banya - the Russian equivalent of a sauna. After steaming up in the banya, the brave among you can run outside to cool down with a roll in the snow! Later we will indulge in a home cooked lunch with a vodka or two. Relax at the hotel in the evening and tuck into a warm dinner. Overnight - [Pskov and Pechory](#)



Day 6: Pechory Monastery

Today, a tour of Pskov takes in the riverside kremlin, cathedral and other sights. Later a short drive will bring us to the beautiful 14th

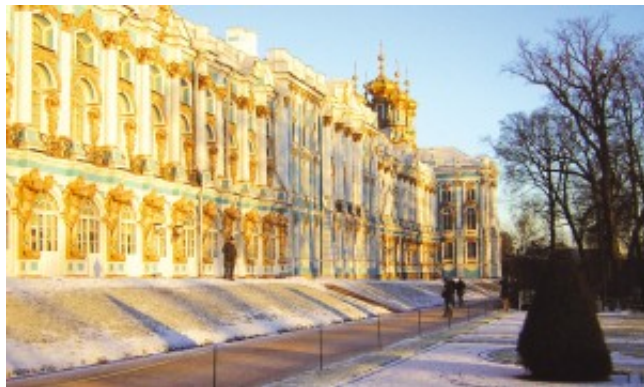
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century Pechory Monastery, where we will explore the peaceful grounds and if monastic law permits, head underground for a tour of the burial caves of this fascinating and still-working cloister. This afternoon we will travel by road to St Petersburg arriving in the late evening. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

Day 7: The Hermitage

This morning a driving tour will give us an introduction to the city of St Petersburg. We will make our way along the famed Nevsky Prospekt, past the museum and university districts and a few photo stops will be made along the way at places such as the magnificent St Isaac's Cathedral and The Bronze Horseman. Later, we will enjoy a guided tour of the Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - which houses one of the biggest and best art collections on earth. The rest of the day is free for you to further explore. Most of the city sights are dotted along and just off the main thoroughfare - Nevsky Prospekt. It's an easy city to find your bearings and get around. St Petersburg has a spirited restaurant, bar and jazz club scene, plus some of Russia's best beers.

During our time in St Petersburg there will be the chance to join one of our optional evening excursions, such as a traditional Cossacks performance or a night at the Russian Ballet. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 8: St Pete's Sightseeing

We start today's touring with a visit to Peter & Paul Fortress and the Peter & Paul Cathedral, which houses the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. Then we'll head out to city to explore the beautiful Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo (or Pavlosk Palace if Catherine Palace is closed). At Catherine Palace its the exterior and the interiors of this lavishly decorated building that really catch the eye - and the spectacular Amber room is a real highlight! After stopping for a hearty traditional lunch at a local restaurant, we'll continue on for a guided tour of the exquisite interior of The Church on Spilled Blood. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

Day 9: Last day in St Pete's

06 Jan 2016. Our tour ends after breakfast and hotel check-out.

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, St Basil's Cathedral and Gorky Sculpture Park
- **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's palaces** - the Hermitage Museum at the Winter Palace and St Catherine's Palace

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 1 dinner
- 7 nights 3 star hotels
- 1 overnight train Moscow - Pskov (open sleeper cabin) including bed linen
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Guided sightseeing - Moscow and St Petersburg
- Russian banya (sauna) experience
- Winter pursuits - ice skating, cross-country skiing in Pskov
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour leader (for groups of 6 or more)
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation on tour

What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$70-80 USD

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$2,199

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.

2015

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Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
29 DEC - 06 JAN	USD \$2,199	USD \$799

2016

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Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
4 Berth Sleeper Train Upgrade Moscow - Pskov	USD \$169	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.

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.



Dvor Podznoeva - Pskov and Pechory

Set in two buildings, the Dvor Podznoeva is a comfortable modern hotel perfect for exploring Pskov. Rooms are spacious and well equipped. The hotel boasts a number of good restaurants including a beer house style one with lots of excellent local specialities. The hotel also offers guest Wi-Fi. Well located just a short walk from the best parts of Pskov.



Hotel Moscow - St Petersburg

The spacious rooms at Hotel Moscow are simply furnished, with modern amenities and en suite facilities. Many of the rooms boast wonderful views of the Neva River and Alexander Nevsky monastery. Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and there are five restaurants on site to enjoy delicious International and Russian cuisine. While the Panorama Bar on the 8th floor offers tasty beverages and incredible views of St Petersburg's historic centre. The Hotel Moscow is centrally located just off Nevsky Prospekt. The hotel is just 2 minutes walk from Alexander Nevsky Square Metro Station.



POSTCARDS:

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

Had the most amazing trip to Russia, would definitely visit again!

Daniel Jones, Jan 2014

Tatyana, our tour guide was amazing - helpful, friendly, knowledgeable, she was worth her weight in gold :-)

Laura Pritchard-Jones, Jan 2014

Both tour guides were excellent. Very knowledgeable, kind & friendly. Great trip - very good impressions of Russia.

Jodie Lieftring, Jan 2013

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I just want to say that Katya was an excellent guide. Her knowledge and passion for Russia is undeniable. She made my Russian experience more memorable than I could have ever imagined!

Carrie Maracle , Jan 2013

Tatiana and Katya have been incredible. They made us feel so welcome, looked after us and are very knowledgeable about the history of Russia. I loved it!

Adele Thain , Jan 2013

Katya is an excellent guide. Well organized, friendly, warm & knowledgeable. Red Square at New Years was very well managed. Wonderful job! I also enjoyed the train journey with very friendly Russians :)

Peter Dickson, Jan 2010

Our guide, Katya, was very kind, easy going, her english was fantastic! She went out of her way to make the trip as comfortable and stress free as possible. The tour was ran smoothly and itinerary was great - especially Banyan!!! Thank you

Lauren P, Jan 2010

Most important part of a tour is the guide. Katya was excellent and went above and beyond throughout the tour. Her knowledge of Russian history was really impressive as well as her command of English language. She is the best tour leader I've ever had (and I have been on quite a few tours now!) I really enjoyed the tour and had a great New Year's Eve! Cheers

Kate Ford, Jan 2010
