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.

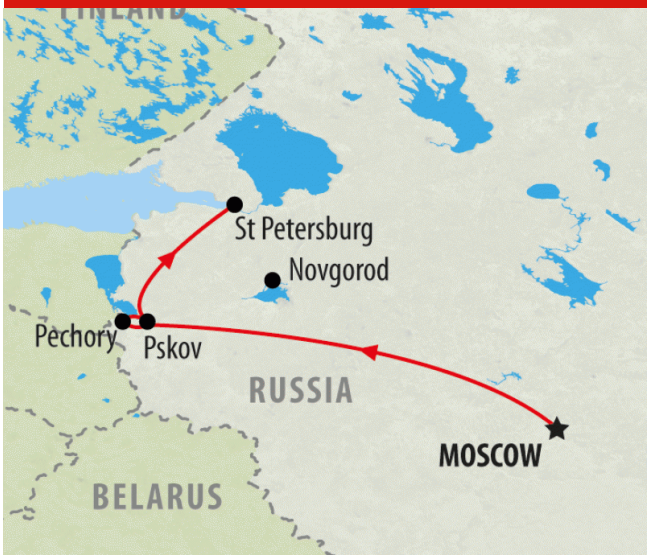
TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Moscow / Ends in: St Petersburg
- Departs: 29 Dec 2013
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:8, Lunch: 2, 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:



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Day 1: Moscow

29 Dec 2013. Welcome to your New Year's holiday in Pukka Russia! Wanting more time in Moscow? This is the trip! Arrival transfer from the airport to hotel and check in. This evening our Welcome Meeting takes place. Remainder of the evening at leisure, maybe go for a drink in the bar or a coffee in the lounge. Overnight - Moscow

Day 2: Walking Tour & Ice Skating

Walking tour of Kitay-Gorod and Lubyanka area where visits can be made to St Basil's Cathedral, the impressive GUM department store or Lenin's Mausoleum. 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. Overnight - Moscow

Day 3: New Years Eve & Kremlin Tour

Today, we enjoy a guided tour of Red Square and the mighty Moscow Kremlin. The fortified stronghold, built in the 11th century was home to the campaigns of Ivan IV, Stalin, Lenin, Napoleon and more recently Gorbachev, Yeltsin and Putin. The remainder of the afternoon is free for you to explore on your own, or you can opt to head underground with our Inside a Soviet Bunker Bolt-on. There's loads of eateries and bars in the immediate area - a good choice for your own private Moscow New Year's celebration! Overnight - Moscow

Day 4: New Year's Day Explore Moscow

Moscow - Pskov. Free day to relax and do as you please. Later this evening, we travel by comfortable overnight sleeper train to Pskov. Overnight - Sleeper Train

Day 5: Pskov & a Steamy Banya

Good morning, Pskov! Today we enjoy a day of alpine fun - ice-skating on the frozen lake or crosscountry skiing. *There are no mountains in the region, so a special type of ski is used for cross-country skiing. If the weather is inclement, we may need to alter our itinerary. Early this afternoon we steam up at a local Russian banya (sauna) and also indulge in a home cooked lunch with a vodka or two. Back at our hotel tonight we relax and tuck into dinner. Overnight - Pskov and Pechory

Day 6: Pechory

Today, a tour of Pskov takes in the riverside kremlin, cathedral and other sights. A short drive brings us to the beautiful 14th century Pechory Monastery, where we explore the grounds and if monastic law permits, an exploration of the burial caves of this still-working cloister. Evening coach to St Petersburg. Overnight - St Petersburg

Day 7: The Hermitage

Today a city tour of the sights, including Peter and Paul Fortress, followed by a guided visit at the Hermitage - which houses one of the biggest and best art and antiquity collections on earth, the bulk of which was amassed by Catherine the Great. Remains of day at leisure. Overnight - St Petersburg

Day 8: Free Time to Explore

Free day. If you purchase the pukka pass, today will include guided sightseeing transportation, lunch and entrance fees. Highlights will include Peter and Paul Fortress, Pavlovsk Palace or Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo. Overnight - St Petersburg

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Day 9: Last day in St Petes

06 Jan 2013. Our 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

- **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, Church on Spilled Blood, The Bronze Horseman, Peter and Paul Fortress and Admiralty End
- St Petersburg Hermitage at the Winter Palace
- Other sites of St Petersburg included on the optional pukka pass

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 2 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 city, Red Square and Kremlin, Pskov, Pechory monastery, St Petersburg city tour, Peter & Paul Fortress and Hermitage at Winter Palace
- 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
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- All relevant transfers and transportation on tour
- NOTE: In Russia On The Go use 3 star and 4 star accommodation as classified by the Russian Ministry of Tourism. However, please be aware that 3 star and 4 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.

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 $1,639

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.

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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.

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
29 DEC - 06 JAN	USD $1,639	USD $659

2014

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
29 DEC - 06 JAN	USD $1,639	USD $659

2015

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
29 DEC - 06 JAN	USD $1,639	USD $659

Supplementary Prices

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

Ibis St Petersburg Centre - St Petersburg

From the popular hotel chain, the Ibis St Petersburg Centre is a modern, comfortable hotel. Guest rooms are stylish with sleek wooden flooring and bright spacious interiors. Wi-Fi is available in both the rooms and the rest of the hotel. The hearty all you can eat Russian and International breakfast is a great way to start your day. The hotel is located in the centre, close to Nevsky Prospekt (the main shopping avenue of the city) and only 500 metres from St Petersburg railway station.

POSTCARDS:

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

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

Jodie Lieffring , Jan 2013

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 Banya!!! 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

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our tour guide was excellent, so confident and full of information, well organised and fun. It was great not to have to stress about organisation, knowing it was all under control!

Joanne Plumtree, Dec 2008

I was surprised by the comfort level of the hotels we stayed at. They were super clean and really comfortable. Excellent food as well, and a great party on New Years in Red Square!! Those Russians know how to have a good time .. I thought it was great we got to mix with them all!

Kathy Lowry, Dec 2008