

White Russian 7 days



For a truly unique new year's break, celebrate in Russia's thriving capital city. Take in Moscow's Kremlin and Red Square before travelling onwards to beautiful St Petersburg, exploring delights such as The Hermitage and Catherine Palace.

TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: Moscow / Ends in: St Petersburg
- Departs: 29 Dec 2015
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:6, Lunch: 1, Dinner: 0
- 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 December 2015. Welcome to Russia and the start of your winter holiday! Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in. This evening our welcome meeting will take place, where you'll meet the rest of your group and tour leader. Spend the remains of the evening at leisure. Perhaps enjoy a few drinks in the bar and get to know your new travelling companions. Overnight - [Moscow](#)

Day 2:

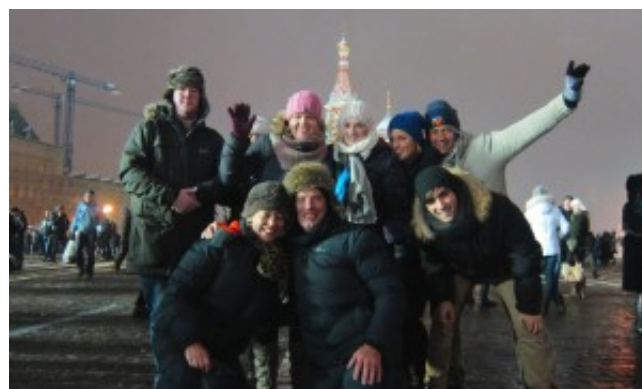
First thing this morning we will hop on the Moscow Metro and make our way to legendary Red Square. As the historical, political and social heart of Moscow, this famous square is home to some of the city's most recognisable landmarks. Within Red Square is the iconic St Basil's Cathedral, the imposing red brick walls of the Kremlin and the glitzy Neo-Russian facade of the GUM shopping mall. Also in Red Square is Lenin's Mausoleum. If open, we can enter the mausoleum free of charge and see Lenin's embalmed body which has lain in state here since his death. This afternoon we will embark on a guided tour of the Moscow Kremlin - Russia's bastion of power. Walking through the grounds we'll see numerous governmental buildings, gold-domed cathedrals and the tsar bell.

During our stay in Moscow there will also be the chance go ice skating in Gorky Park with your tour leader and 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 Year's Eve

Today is free for you to explore Moscow on your own. Alternatively you can book our Inside a Soviet Bunker bolt-on locally and head 65 meters underground to explore a Stalinist-era bunker that up until recently was a top secret symbol of Soviet Power. See the giant tunnels and enjoy a guided tour of the rooms and secret paraphernalia.

For your New Year's Eve celebrations head to Red Square with your guide to join the crowds 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, you'll be guaranteed to see in the New Year with a bang! Overnight - [Moscow](#)



Day 4: Moscow to St Pete's

Happy New Year! Spend New Year's Day at leisure exploring Moscow. Why not get some shopping done at the extravagant GUM department store, or head to Izmailova Market. It may not look like it from the outside, but behind the whimsically decorated walls of Izmailova you'll find one of the best markets in Moscow. Whether you want to pick up some tacky souvenirs, genuine fur hats or some traditional handmade crafts this is the place to go. Plus don't forget to bargain! This evening we board our overnight sleeper train, bound for St Petersburg. Overnight - On board train

Day 5: Explore St Pete's

This morning see some of the sights of St Petersburg on a driving tour of the city. We will make our way down Nevsky Prospekt - the main thoroughfare and stop for photos at iconic sights such as the Bronze Horseman and St Isaac's Cathedral. Later we will enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Hermitage Collection at the Winter Palace. Housing some 2.8 million pieces of art, with collections ranging from Egyptian mummies to Greek vases and a vast and dazzling array of Old Masters, we'll view the highlights.

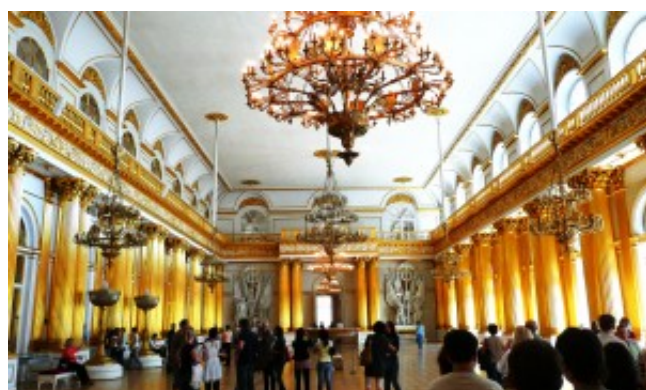
During our time in St Petersburg there will be the chance to join one of our optional evening excursions, such as a traditional Cossacks performance or a night at the Russian Ballet. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



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Day 6: Catherine Palace

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 drive out of town to explore the lavish Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo (or Pavlosk Palace if Catherine Palace is closed), an ornately decorated building that really catches the eye - the lavish Amber room is a real highlight. Returning to the city we will enjoy a traditional Russian lunch at a local restaurant, and continue with a tour of the exquisite Church on Spilled Blood. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 7: St Petersburg

04 January 2016. Our tour comes to an end 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

- **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's palaces** - the Hermitage Museum at the Winter Palace and St Catherine's Palace
- Moscow - Russia's hedonistic capital, Red Square, Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral
- New Years Eve in UNESCO-listed Red Square
- Guided tour of the Moscow Kremlin

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- 5 nights 3 star accommodation

- 1 night sleeper train (open sleeper cabin) - Moscow to St Petersburg
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Guided sightseeing - St Petersburg and Moscow
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour leader (for groups of 6 or more)
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- Relevant transfers and transportation on tour
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys

What's Not Included

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

PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$1,499

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

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
29 DEC - 04 JAN	USD \$1,499	USD \$549

2016

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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.

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Colin Gough , Jan 2013

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.

Olga is an outstanding tour leader. She is entertaining, charming, intuitive. Her enthusiastic, considerate and humorous manner made the tour very special for us.

Greg Lawrence , Jan 2013

Well organized tour, especially with two groups in St Petes and five in Moscow. Thank you, I loved getting to see Russia.

Samantha Gemmell , Jan 2013

I really enjoyed doing a tour with On the go. It was also my first time in Russia and I loved the experience.