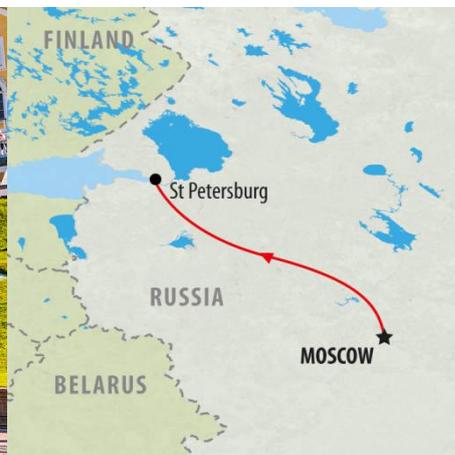
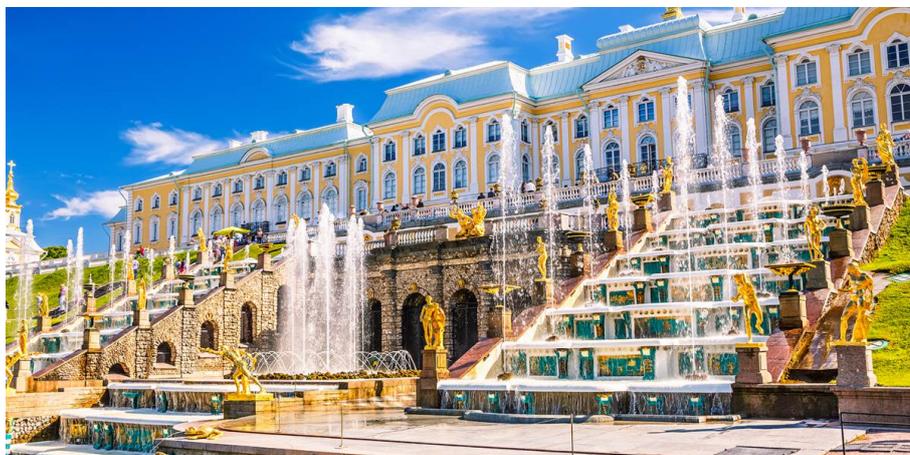


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7 days | Moscow to St Petersburg



Explore Red Square, the Kremlin and opt to go inside a Soviet Bunker in Russia's lively capital Moscow before taking the express train to St Petersburg, the City of the Tsars home to the Hermitage and Catherine Palace

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Moscow - Discover Russia's capital on a guided tour, including Red Square, The GUM Department Store, Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral (exterior). Optional Inside a Soviet Bunker tour.
- St Petersburg - Explore the city on a guided tour, including the Church on Spilled Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Nevsky Prospekt and the Bronze Horseman
- The Kremlin - Explore Russia's political power house
- Explore the incredible Hermitage Museum at the Winter Palace in St Petersburg
- Take a day trip to Catherine Palace at Tsarkoe Selo (winter: mid-October to April) or Peterhof Palace and gardens (summer: May to mid-October)

- St Petersburg's palaces - The Hermitage Museum at the Winter Palace and St Catherine's Palace (visited in winter) or the gardens of Peterhof (visited in summer)
- Visit a Soviet era Communal Apartment Exhibition in St Petersburg
- Take the high speed train from Moscow to St Petersburg

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner
- 6 nights 3 star hotels
- 1 high speed train from Moscow to St Petersburg
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour guide
- Guided sightseeing - Moscow and St Petersburg
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- All relevant transfers and transportation

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: USD\$70-80pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$3 - 5 per day, per

traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture

ITINERARY

Day 1 : Moscow

Sunday. Welcome to Russia and the start of your holiday! You will be met at the airport in Moscow upon arrival and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Later tonight you'll be treated to dinner with the rest of your group at the hotel, followed by an informative welcome meeting. Remainder of the evening at leisure.

Overnight - Moscow (D)

Day 2 : Red Square & The Kremlin



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

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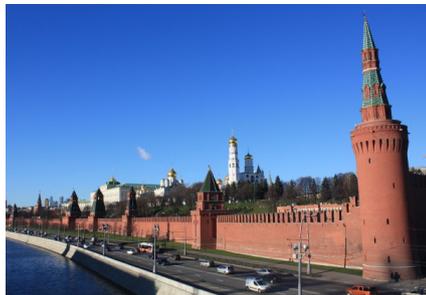
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Basil's Cathedral, the imposing red brick walls of the Kremlin and the glitzy Neo-Russian facade of the GUM shopping mall. Highlights of the day include a guided tour inside the grounds of the mighty Kremlin, touring Assumption Cathedral, Ivan the Great Bell Tower and monumental Tsar Bell.

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. The rest of the day is free for you to further explore the area. Cultured out? Moscow's restaurants and clubs are open until very late!

During our stay in Moscow there will be the chance to join one of our optional evening excursions, such as a night at the famous Moscow Circus (Oct - May), a traditional Cossack Show or a Moscow by Night coach tour. **Overnight - Moscow (B, L)**

Day 3 : Inside a Soviet Bunker



Today offers free time for you to further explore this exciting city, or you can opt to head down into a Soviet Bunker, by purchasing our Inside a Soviet Bunker add-on. Heading 65 metres below ground you'll have the opportunity to tour this Underground Cold War Museum - a Stalinist-era Soviet Bunker that up until recently was a top secret symbol of Soviet Power. Hidden beneath an ordinary apartment building in the heart of Moscow, 18 floors below ground level, this mighty 75,000-square-foot facility was constructed covertly in the 1950s, to protect the select few against a US nuclear attack. The site was in operation throughout the 1970s. In the 1990s with the

death of communism, this bunker came off the top secret list and is now open to the public. The rest of the day is free to explore. **Overnight - Moscow (B)**

Day 4 : St Pete's City tour & Church on Spilled Blood



Moscow-St Petersburg. This morning we take a high speed train to St Petersburg. Upon arrival we embark on a city sightseeing tour by vehicle which will travel along Nevsky Prospekt, past the museum and university district and Admiralty End, with stops to view the exterior of magnificent St Isaac's Cathedral and The Bronze Horse. After lunch we tour the exquisite Church On Spilled Blood, Peter and Paul Fortress and the beautiful SS Peter and Paul Cathedral which houses the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B, L)**

Day 5 : Fountains of Peterhof or Catherine Palace



This morning we head out of the city to explore the beautiful Peterhof Palace located on the Gulf of Finland in the summer or visit Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo in winter (or Pavlosk Palace if Catherine Palace is closed).

Often referred to as Russia's 'Versailles', the gardens of Peterhof Palace are a wonderland

of greenery and flowers, sweeping vistas and ornate architectural decorations. The real highlight are the spectacular gold fountains. At Catherine Palace it's the exterior and the interiors of this lavishly decorated building that really catch the eye - and the lavish Amber room is a real highlight! This evening offers free time. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B)**

Day 6 : Hermitage Tour & Soviet era Communal Apartment tour



Today's sightseeing includes a guided tour of the treasure-filled Hermitage at the Winter Palace which houses one of the biggest and best art collections on earth.

Later, we visit a Soviet era Communal Apartment - a fascinating exhibition of a former communal apartment retained in its original layout with four rooms, a narrow corridor and common kitchen. To help ease the burden of Russia's housing problem in the 1920s they transformed city apartments owned by one person into these communal dwellings with factory workers, military personnel and members of Soviet institutions moving in.

Overnight - St Petersburg (B)

Day 7 : St Petersburg



Saturday. Today our tour comes to an end. If you would like to extend your time in Russia,

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we are able to book post-tour accommodation should you require.(B)

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

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.



Harbor Club Hotel

Well-located in St Petersburg, the Harbor Club Hotel can be found on a quiet street, yet only a short walk from the bustling city centre. Its guestrooms feature modern décor, with spacious ensuite bathrooms and modern amenities including air conditioning. You'll also find a shared lounge and bar, as well as an on-site restaurant serving tasty European cuisine. Here, guests can enjoy a continental or buffet breakfast or, if you'd prefer, there is also the option of dining in the comfort of your hotel room.



PRICES / DATES INFO

Departure dates noted with a 'G' are guaranteed to operate. All other departure dates are guaranteed with a minimum of 2 persons. 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.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
26 May	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
16 Jun	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
07 Jul	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
28 Jul	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
11 Aug	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
25 Aug	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
15 Sep	USD 1,695	USD 2,145

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
08 Mar	USD 1,595	USD 2,045
12 Apr	USD 1,595	USD 2,045
03 May	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
17 May	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
14 Jun	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
28 Jun	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
12 Jul	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
26 Jul	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
09 Aug	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
23 Aug	USD 1,695	USD 2,145
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