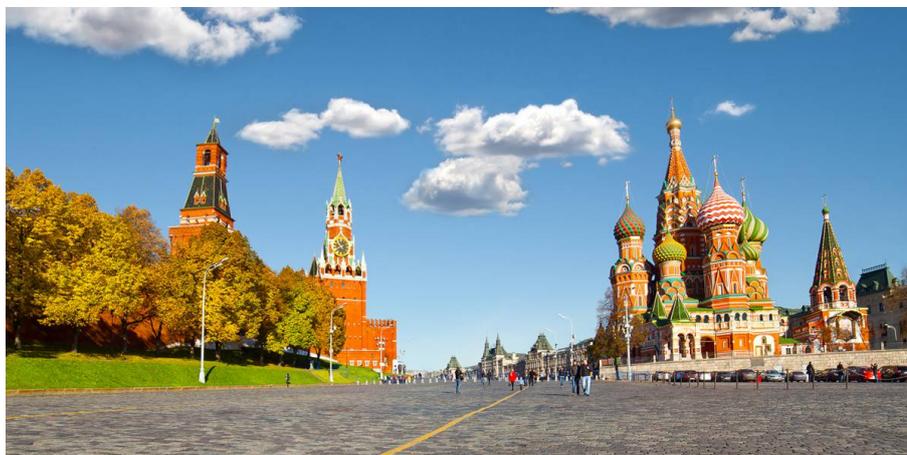


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6 days | St Petersburg to Moscow



This short and sweet 6 day tour of Russia takes in the must-see sights of St Petersburg and Moscow in one short blast. From the masterpieces of the Hermitage and colourful Church on Spilled Blood in the City of the Tsars, to the whimsical turrets of St Basil's Cathedral and the mighty Kremlin in the capital – this is the best of Russia in under a week.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

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
- Moscow - UNESCO-listed Red Square, Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral. Optional Inside a Soviet Bunker tour.
- 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)

What's Included

- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner (including a Welcome Dinner on day 1)
- 1 overnight train from St Petersburg - Moscow in a 4-berth cabin including bed linen
- 4 nights 3 star hotels
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour guide
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- Guided sightseeing - Moscow and St Petersburg
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- All relevant transfers and transportation on tour

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: USD\$50-60pp, paid in local currency
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$3 - 5 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature
- International flights and visa

ITINERARY

Day 1 : St Petersburg

Tuesday. Welcome to Russia and the start of your holiday! Arrival transfer from St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport to your hotel and

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 - your tour guide can recommend some local bars for you to try out. **Overnight - St Petersburg (D)**

Day 2 : Peterhof or Catherine Palace



St Petersburg is known as the 'City of Tsars' and today we head out of the city to explore one of the tsars' lavish palaces. We visit Peterhof Palace and its beautiful gardens on the Gulf of Finland in the summer (May to mid October) and in the winter we visit Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo (or Pavlosk Palace if Catherine Palace is closed). Often referred to as the 'Russian Versailles', Peterhof is famous for its beautiful gardens which are a wonderland of greenery and flowers, sweeping vistas and ornate architectural decorations, with spectacular gold fountains. At Catherine's Palace it's the exterior and lavishly decorated interior that

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is the highlight and the famous Amber room is simply spectacular, bedecked in gold and amber.

This evening you have the opportunity to join in on some optional excursions including a night at the ballet or a Cossack show. All optional excursions are subject to availability, and are booked and payable locally. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B)**

Day 3 : St Petersburg City Tour



St Petersburg – Moscow. Today we take in the highlights of the beautiful city of St Petersburg. Travelling by bus we make our way along the famed Nevsky Prospekt, past the museum and university districts and a few stops will be made along the way to see the magnificent St Isaac's Cathedral and The Bronze Horseman. We then visit the Peter and Paul Fortress and the ornate Peter and Paul Cathedral which houses the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. We also pay a visit to the spectacular Church on Spilled Blood. After a hearty lunch we enjoy a guided tour of the Hermitage Museum in the beautiful Winter Palace - which houses one of the biggest and best art collections on earth.

This evening we board an overnight sleeper train bound for Moscow. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, L)**

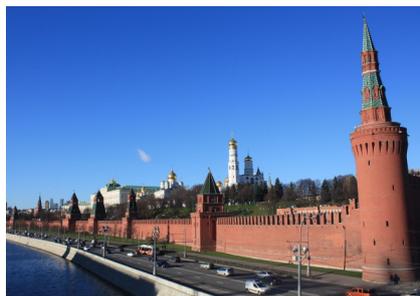
Day 4 : Red Square & Kremlin



This morning we arrive into Russia's capital. Taking the metro, we will make our way to the legendary Red Square for the start of our walking tour. Here we will take in sights such as the epitome of Russian power – the Kremlin, Lenin's Mausoleum and the ritzy GUM department store. At the south end of the square, feast your eyes on the iconic St Basil's Cathedral. We also tour the mighty Kremlin, with a guided walk through the grounds to see numerous government buildings, gold-domed cathedrals and the Tsar Bell - the largest bell that never rang! If open, you can pay your respects to the grandfather of Communism at Lenin's mausoleum. Remainder of the day is at leisure.

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

Day 5 : Optional Bunker Tour



This morning those who have booked our optional Inside a Soviet Bunker add-on will head 65 metres underground and explore the fascinating Underground Cold War Museum - a Stalinist-era Soviet Bunker that up until recently was a top secret symbol of Soviet Power. The rest of the day is free to explore

the capital. There are plenty of great galleries, museums, cafes, shops and bars all within walking distance in the city centre.

Overnight - Moscow (B)

Day 6 : Moscow

Sunday. Our tour comes to an end after breakfast and hotel check out.(B)

HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.

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.



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.

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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 when there are 2 persons (or 3 persons if you wish to book a triple) sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same gender, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement.

PRICES / DATES 2019

Date	Twin Share	Single
01 Oct	USD 1,395	USD 1,395
22 Oct	USD 1,395	USD 1,745

PRICES / DATES 2020

Date	Twin Share	Single
25 Feb	USD 1,295	USD 1,295
17 Mar	USD 1,295	USD 1,295
07 Apr	USD 1,295	USD 1,645
28 Apr	USD 1,295	USD 1,645
19 May	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
02 Jun	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
16 Jun	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
30 Jun	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
14 Jul	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
28 Jul	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
11 Aug	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
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29 Sep	USD 1,395	USD 1,745
20 Oct	USD 1,395	USD 1,395

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