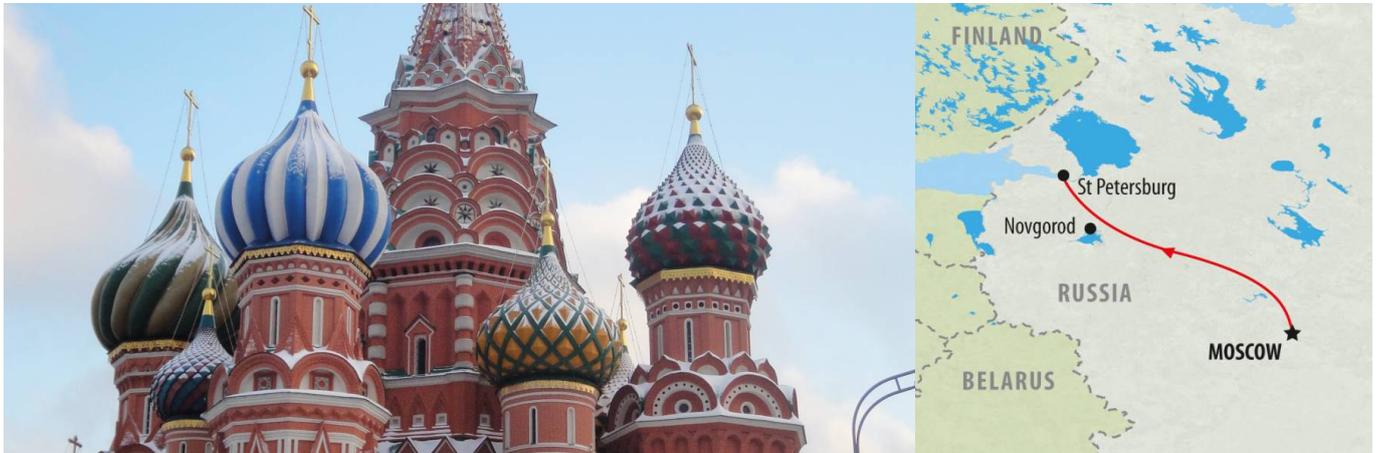


White Russian

7 days | Moscow to St Petersburg



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 north to beautiful St Petersburg, exploring delights such as The Hermitage and Catherine Palace.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- St Petersburg - City of the Tsars. 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
- Take the high speed train from Moscow to St Petersburg
- Moscow - Russia's capital city. UNESCO-listed Red Square, the Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum, and St Basil's Cathedral (exterior). Optional Inside a Soviet Bunker tour.
- Ring in the New Year in Russia's hedonistic capital
- Guided tour of the Moscow Kremlin

What's Included

- 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner (including a Welcome Dinner on day 1)
- 1 high speed train from Moscow - St Petersburg
- 6 nights 3 star accommodation
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour guide
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- Guided sightseeing - St Petersburg and Moscow
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- Relevant transfers and transportation on tour

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: USD\$40-50pp, 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

29 December 2019. 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 at 7pm

enjoy dinner with the rest of your group at the hotel, followed by an informative welcome meeting. **Overnight - Moscow (D)**

Day 2 : Red Square & 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 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 (B)**

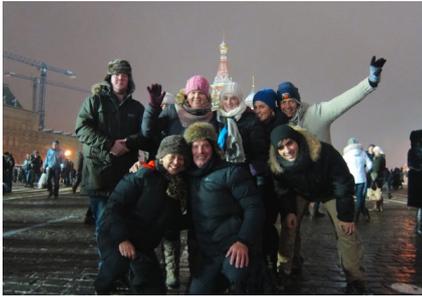
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Day 3 : New Year's Eve



Today is free for you to explore Moscow on your own. Alternatively you can book our Inside a Soviet Bunker add-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.

This evening we head into the city to ring in the New Year among the crowds. While Red Square is certainly one of the most popular places to count down to midnight, it can also get extremely busy making it often difficult to get it. But fear not, there are plenty of other exciting activities happening around Moscow' capital city, whether it's watching the fireworks as they light up the night sky over Christ the Savior Cathedral from Patriarchy Bridge, heading to one of the concerts on Tverskaya Ulitsa or dancing in the New Year in one of the city's trendy bars or clubs.

Overnight - Moscow (B)

Day 4 : Moscow to St Pete's

Moscow - St Petersburg. Happy New Year! The morning is free to relax after your New Year's Eve celebrations or perhaps stroll to the Izmailova Market for a spot of souvenir shopping. 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 afternoon we travel by high speed train to St Petersburg, arriving early evening. After hotel check-in spend the rest of evening at leisure. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B)**

Day 5 : St Pete's sightseeing



This morning we take in the sights of St Petersburg on a driving tour. 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 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 (B)**

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 (B, L)**

Day 7 : St Petersburg

04 January 2020. 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.

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.

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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 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

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