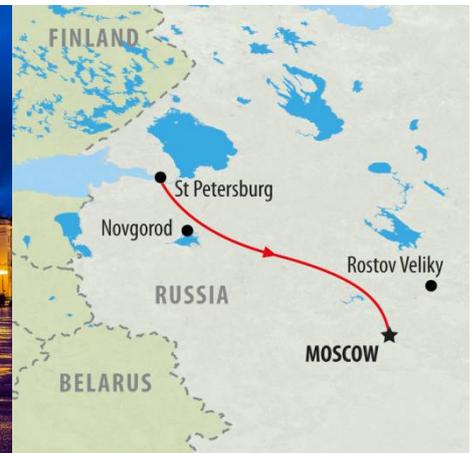


White Nights and Museums

6 days | St Petersburg to Moscow



Are you a lover of the arts and fascinated by history books? If the answer is yes then you'll want to head to Russia for the annual Long Night of Museums event which takes place every May, when St Petersburg offers free entry to its leading museums and art galleries for those who want to browse its collections until the early hours of the morning. Couple this with a few days in the capital city of Moscow and you've got an unbeatable 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
- Night At The Museums event - More than 30 museums will open their doors for the night. We will possibly visit the Museum of Political History, Planetarium, Geological Museum, Gallery of Modern Art & St Isaac's Cathedral
- 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)
- Moscow - UNESCO-listed Red Square, Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum and St Basil's Cathedral. Optional Inside a Soviet Bunker tour.

What's Included

- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 dinner (including a Welcome Dinner on day 1)
- Night At The Museums Event: Transportation and guided tour of a selection of museums (entrance fees included)
- High speed train from St Petersburg - Moscow
- 5 nights 4 star hotels
- 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
- All relevant transfers and transportation on tour

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 : St Petersburg

Friday 14 May 2021. Welcome to Russia and the start of your holiday! Upon arrival you will be met at St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport 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 - your tour guide can recommend some local bars for you to try out.

Overnight - St Petersburg (D)

Day 2 : Night At The Museum



Often referred to as Russia's 'Versailles', the gardens of Peterhof Palace which we

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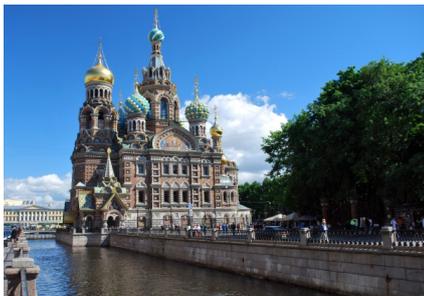
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visit from May through to mid-October are a wonderland of greenery and flowers, sweeping vistas and ornate architectural decorations, with spectacular gold fountains.

Tonight at approximately 9pm we set off to spend the night touring the Museums of St Petersburg, accompanied by our guide, with private transportation and inclusive of entrance fees. Over thirty of St Petersburg's most respected museums and art galleries will stay open from 9pm on Saturday 16th May 2020 until 6am the following morning for this wonderful annual event, which is accompanied by unique exhibitions, street art and performances around the city. The city of the Tsars becomes a hive of late night activity as people flock to see some of the St Petersburg's finest cultural offerings and take advantage of the wonderful Russian 'White Nights' when the sun barely sets!

In previous years at this event we visited the following museums: The Museum of Political History, the Planetarium, the Geological Museum, The Gallery of Modern Art and St. Isaac's Cathedral where we enjoyed a classical music performed by the city Symphony Orchestra. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B)**

Day 3 : St Pete's Sightseeing



St Petersburg – Moscow. This morning a driving tour provides an introduction to the beautiful city of St Petersburg. Travelling by bus we will 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 beautiful Peter and Paul Cathedral which houses much of the tombs of the Romanov

monarchs. We will also pay a visit to the impressive Church on Spilled Blood. Later, we will enjoy a guided tour of the Hermitage - which houses one of the biggest and best art collections on earth.

This evening we board a high speed train bound for Moscow. Upon arrival we'll be transferred to our hotel for the night.

Overnight - Moscow (B, L)

Day 4 : Moscow's Red Square



Taking the metro, we will make our way to the legendary Red Square this morning 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 : Free time in Moscow



If you have booked the optional Inside a Soviet Bunker Tour Bolt On then we will head 65 metres underground and explore the 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 amazing galleries, museums, plenty of cafes, shops (including the GUM department store for high rollers) and bars all within walking distance. 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. All optional excursions are subject to availability, and are booked and payable locally.

Overnight - Moscow (B)

Day 6 : Moscow

Wednesday 19 May 2021. Our Night at the Museums 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

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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 Delta Hotel

The 4 star Izmailovo Delta Hotel forms part of the huge Izmailovo Gamma Delta complex, which was built to accommodate guests and participants of the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow. Offering comfortable guest rooms with modern amenities, the complex also boasts 16 restaurants and bars serving Russian and international cuisine, a SPA, gym and swimming pool, in addition to shops, a bank and post office. Conveniently located with the Partizanskaya Metro Station just 350 yards away, it's a quick 10 minute metro ride to Red Square where you can take in the highlights of the capital. The hotel is also ideally located for souvenir shopping, with the famous Izmailovo Market just a short stroll away.



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.

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| Date | Twin Share | Single |
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| 14 May | CAD 1,895 | CAD 2,345 |

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