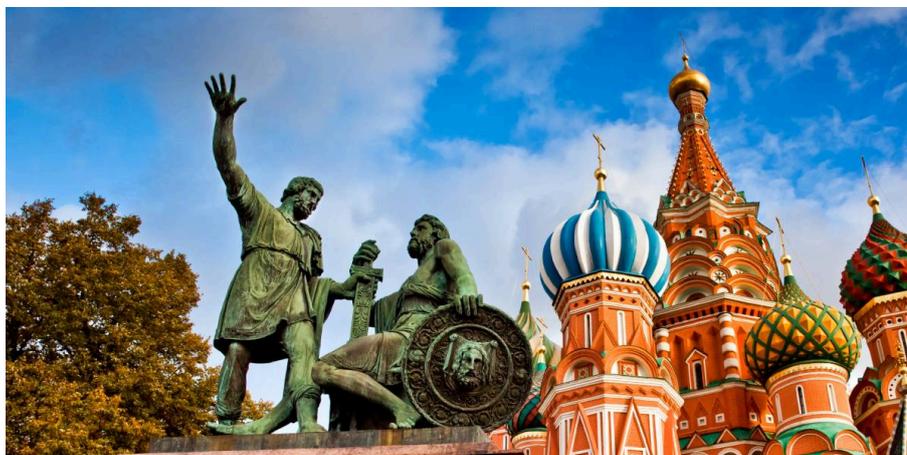


Russian Revolution

9 days | St Petersburg to Moscow



From the exquisite palaces of the tsars in St Petersburg to legendary Red Square and the mighty Kremlin in Moscow. Take in the best of Russia's biggest cities and visit beautiful and historic Novgorod, which straddles the Volkhov River, on this 9 day tour.

HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

Trip Highlights

- Visit historic Novgorod, an ancient city which straddles the Volkhov River. Explore the attractive riverside kremlin and experience a traditional Russian banya (sauna)
- Explore the beautiful city of St Petersburg, including the exquisite Church on Spilled Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress and Nevsky Prospekt
- Marvel at the dazzling array of art and exhibits in the world-famous Hermitage Museum, at the Winter Palace in St Petersburg
- Discover a lavish residence of the tsars on a day trip to Catherine Palace at Tsarkoe Selo (winter: mid-October to April) or Peterhof Palace and gardens (summer: May to mid-October)
- Take in the highlights of the capital on a walking tour, visiting Moscow's famous

Red Square, home to the historic GUM Department Store, Lenin's Mausoleum and spectacular St Basil's Cathedral

- Take a guided tour of the Moscow Kremlin, Russia's political power house. Stroll around the grounds of this fortified complex, visit the Kremlin's cathedrals and see the mighty Tsar Bell

What's Included

- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners (including a Welcome Dinner on day 1)
- 1 overnight train from Novgorod - Moscow in a 4-berth cabin including bed linen (upgrade to 2-berth cabin available upon request at time of booking)
- 7 nights 3-4 star hotels
- Escorted by an English speaking Russian tour guide
- Specialist Russian guides at local sights
- Guided sightseeing - St Petersburg, Novgorod and Moscow
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Moscow Metro travel card - 6 journeys
- All relevant transfers and transportation on tour
- Russian banya (sauna) experience

What's Not Included

- Entrance Fees: USD\$70-80pp, paid in local currency
- International flights and visa

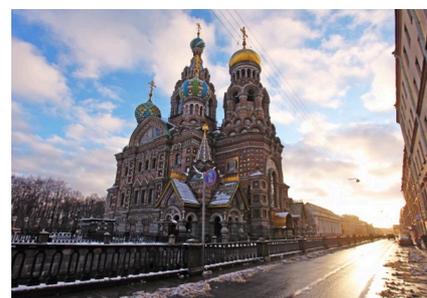
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$3 - 5 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture.

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Day 1 : St Petersburg

Saturday. Welcome to Russia and the start of your holiday. There's an arrival transfer from St Petersburg Pulkovo Airport to your hotel and check in. At 7pm meet your guide and the rest of the group for dinner at the hotel and an informative welcome meeting. **Overnight - St Petersburg (D)**

Day 2 : St Petersburg City Tour



Today we explore the beautiful city of St Petes. Travelling by coach we make our way along the famed Nevsky Prospekt, past the museum and university districts. A few photo stops will be made along the way to see the magnificent St Isaac's Cathedral and The

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Bronze Horseman. Then we visit Peter and Paul Fortress and the beautiful Peter and Paul Cathedral, which houses the majority of the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. We also pay a visit to the exquisite Church on Spilled Blood.

After a hearty Russian lunch we enjoy a guided tour of the Hermitage Museum in the striking Winter Palace. The museum houses one of the biggest and best art collections on earth.

During our time in St Petersburg there will be optional excursions available such as an evening at the ballet or a boat trip along the canals. All optional excursions are subject to availability - book and pay locally. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B, L)**

Day 3 : 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).

Located in the Gulf of Finland, Peterhof was the summer residence of the tsars and the spectacular gardens are referred to as the Russian Versailles, with sweeping vistas and incredible gold fountains which form a Grand Cascade. In winter we visit magnificent Catherine Palace which is bedecked in gold and it's the lavishly decorated interiors that really catch the eye here. The legendary Amber room is the real highlight, golden from floor to ceiling.

The rest of the day is free for you to spend at leisure in St Petes. Most of the attractions are dotted along and just off the main thoroughfare - Nevsky Prospekt and it's an easy city to navigate.

Overnight - St Petersburg (B)

Day 4 : Free time in St Petersburg

St Petersburg – Novgorod. Enjoy a leisurely morning in St Petersburg, giving you the opportunity to simply relax or perhaps shop for some souvenirs. Lots of Russian memorabilia can be found at the canal side market near the striking Church on Spilled Blood. This afternoon we drive to Novgorod, arriving in time for dinner and a steamy Russian banya (sauna) remember to pack your swimwear. **Overnight - Novgorod (B, D)**

Day 5 : Veliky Novgorod



Novgorod – Moscow. Historic Novgorod (aka Veliky Novgorod) is one of Russia's oldest cities. Straddling the Volkhov River this beautiful city dates back to the 10th century and is often referred to as the Birthplace of Russia. A guided tour of city takes in the ancient Kremlin, the cathedral and other sights of interest. Located on the west bank of the Volkhov River, the Novgorod Kremlin fortress was mentioned in chronicles as early as 1044 and today's walls and towers, despite being re-built in the 14th century, are impressive all the same. Tonight we have dinner and there's time to relax before travelling by overnight sleeper train from Novgorod to Moscow. **Overnight - Sleeper Train (B, D)**

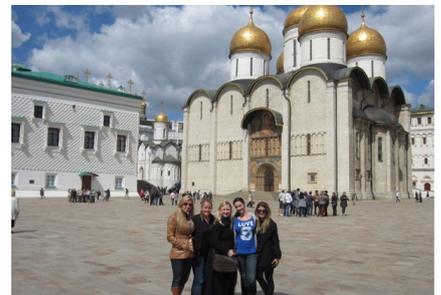
Day 6 : Moscow's Red Square



Early this morning we arrive into Moscow - the capital that spawned dozens of spy novels. After dropping off our luggage at the hotel we ride on the city's efficient Metro to Red Square, where our guided walking tour begins, taking in the jewels of Russia's capital. At the southern end of Red Square, feast your eyes on the wildly coloured, turban domed St Basil's Cathedral, an enduring Russian symbol commissioned by Ivan IV (aka Ivan the terrible) in 1555. Flanked on one side by the walls of the Kremlin, this famous square is also home to Lenin's Mausoleum and the ritzy and historic GUM department store. After our walking tour the rest of the day is free to spend at leisure in the capital. Moscow has a wealth of amazing galleries, museums and shops to explore.

During our stay in Moscow there will be the chance to join one of our optional evening excursions, such as the Kostroma Folk Show and a Moscow by Night coach tour and cruise. All optional excursions are subject to availability, and are booked and paid for locally. **Overnight - Moscow (B)**

Day 7 : The Kremlin



This morning we head back to Red Square to pay our respects to Vladimir Lenin - the famous Russian revolutionary, at his eerie mausoleum. It is here that his embalmed body

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has lain in state since his death in 1924. Then we continue to the Kremlin - Russia's bastion of political might, where we enjoy a guided walk through the grounds, seeing numerous government buildings, gold-domed cathedrals and the tsar bell. **Overnight - Moscow (B, L)**

Day 8 : Optional Soviet Bunker tour



Today offers free time for you to continue exploring this exciting city, or you can book our Inside a Soviet Bunker add-on. 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. This optional excursion also includes a tour of Moscow's magnificent Soviet-era metro. With its beautiful mosaics and sculptures the metro is known as Stalin's finest architectural achievement.

For those wanting to shop for some last minute souvenirs, the wonderful Izmailovo Market is just a short stroll from our hotel. This sprawling market lies behind the walls of an ancient kremlin and sells everything from matryoshka dolls to fur hats. Don't forget to bargain! **Overnight - Moscow (B)**

Day 9 : Moscow

Sunday. Our tour ends 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.

Grand Hotel Tchaikovsky

Grand Hotel Tchaikovsky is conveniently located on a quiet street in the Tsentralny District of St Petersburg, just 650m from Chernyshevskaya metro station and 3km from the city centre. With a beautiful historic facade and a modern interior, this comfortable 4 star hotel offers 70 spacious guest rooms which overlook the city. Rooms are fully equipped with a jacuzzi bathtub, minibar, fridge, flat screen cable tv and free WiFi. A tasty and generous buffet breakfast is served daily in the hotel restaurant and guests can relax with a drink at the hotel bar after a busy day of sightseeing.



Yurievskoe Podvorie Boutique Hotel

Yurievskoe Podvorie is a traditional Russian farmstead hotel, located in one of the most picturesque corners of Novgorod, surrounded by lush forest. This charming boutique property has 20 guest rooms, which are spacious and comfortable, with en suite bathrooms, tv and mini bar. Guests can enjoy hearty Russian cuisine at the hotel's two restaurant halls and let off some steam in the traditional Russian banya (sauna).



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 are guaranteed with a minimum of 4 persons. 'Twin Share' prices are per person when there are 2 people sharing a room. 'Solo Room' prices are applicable to all solo travellers, or if your booking party cannot reach the minimum of 2 persons in a room. Solo Rooms can also be booked by any other person wanting the comfort and privacy of their own room.

PRICES / DATES 2021

Date	Twin Share	Single
24 Jul	GBP 1,295	GBP 1,715
07 Aug	GBP 1,295	GBP 1,715
18 Sep	GBP 1,245	GBP 1,615

PRICES / DATES 2022

Date	Twin Share	Single
26 Mar	GBP 1,245	GBP 1,615
16 Apr	GBP 1,245	GBP 1,615
14 May	GBP 1,245	GBP 1,615
04 Jun	GBP 1,295	GBP 1,715
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