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- “Malta” club
- Russian Tourism Union
- League of tour operators in Saint-Petersburg

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Our staff understands the various mentality about and preferences of guests from different countries. We have experience of working with guests from Italy, Spain, Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, USA and UK, China, Germany, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Romania, Scandinavia and Baltic States, Portugal, Japan, Greece, Korea, Vietnam and Arab countries. Among our clients are a lot of travel companies, individual travellers and corporate customers. We provide in accordance with every need the wide range of services for any kind of trips, cruises and events:

- Accommodation at hotels of all categories all over Russia
- Licensed guides and interpreter's services, including rare languages in Russia as Estonian, Serbian, Dutch, Croatian, Danish, Turkish, Thai, Hebrew, Norwegian.
- Transportation by coaches, minivans and cars of any category for excursions and transfers
- Tours all over Russia:
  - o St. Around Golden Ring, Baikal Lake and Siberia, Kazan, Karelia and other good-known places.
  - o Full-days excursions from Moscow and St. Petersburg for Pskov, Vyborg, Novgorod Veliky, Valaam, etc.
- Comfort services for VIP-tours and Business-class tours in St. Petersburg and Moscow
- Pilgrimage tours and excursions
- Tours for people with disabilities
- MICE:
  - o Organizations of theme events, corporate training and team-building, corporate receptions, parties
  - o Conference venues, facilities and equipment for workshops, conferences, seminars
- Unique variety of tours and original excursions for groups and individual travelers
- Rail and airway tickets services
- Visa Support

We are pleased to offer the best decision for any kind of inquiries. Regardless of the number of guests or their financial capacity and age, we provide quality, punctuality and especial service to every person o every person who applies to us.

Thanks for the choice of Art-Travel DMC to our current and future client! Welcome to Russia!

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## ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg is quite young of a little more than three hundred years old, but it has long been included in the list of cities “must to visit”.

Time for visits to St. Petersburg is divided into two periods: White Days (from the end of April to early October) and White nights (October – April).

Tourists come to St. Petersburg in the summer most massively. The peak time is on mid-June. The sun is hiding behind the horizon for a couple of hours and it is normally a pleasant period.

From April to October lasts navigation along the Neva river and bridges are opening every night for passage of large vessels. First bridge opens around 1.30a.m. and all bridges boil down about 5 a.m. Every the bridge in the center is illuminated and open one by other, so, you will enjoy of the show several times from the embankment or from the water, in a comfortable ship. Sightseeing boats in summer go almost around the clock.

During the White Nights, guests are also invited to see another Northern miracle, the Lower Park of fountains in Peterhof. It also starts working from the end of April and close for winter in the middle of October.

Advantages of a trip to St. Petersburg during White Days is a great opportunity to visit museums without crowds of tourists around you. Various exhibitions, theatres and concert halls invite to different concerts, much more than in summer. And most importantly reason of the low season is hotels accommodation at pleasant and affordable prices.

Good news for travelers to Saint Petersburg from the Schengen area is Free Electronic Visa. It starts working from the 1st on October, 2019. Visa applications must be submitted no later than four days prior to the beginning of one's trip. The electronic visa will be valid for a period of 30 calendar days, however visitors will only be allowed to remain in Russia for up to eight days

### **What you need to have:**

Have a valid passport

To get a health insurance

Make your photo in JPEG format  
(width to height ratio 35x45)

We will assist you in applying for an electronic visa





# Tours to St. Petersburg



## Tours to St. Petersburg (October – April) “White days”

“White days” in St. Petersburg is the time when the city is resting from the tourist flow and you can see the city in its natural rhythm of life. This is the time of theatrical premieres and museum exhibitions. A time when you can enjoy the interiors of palaces and museum displays calmly and without a crowd of tourists around. In autumn, numerous parks are painted in many shades of yellow and burgundy. Winter gives snow-white snowdrifts, festive lighting and decoration of buildings and streets.

### Suggestions of the itineraries from 1 to 8 days (days and excursions could be changed on your request) a free e-visa is possible for this tour

#### Day 1

Arrival in airport. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in hotel.

#### Day 2

09,00 – 13,00 City tour “Brilliant Petersburg”

13,00 – 14,00 lunch.

14,00 – 15,30 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille». Visit to the Cathedral of Peter and Paul, where all Russian emperors from Peter the Great to the family of Nicholas II are buried.

#### Day 3

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to The Russian Museum, which contains a rich collection of Russian art (icons, paintings, ceramics, etc.) from the 11th century to the 20th century. Including Malevich's black square, paintings by Kandinsky, Roerich, etc.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

15,00 – 17,00 Excursion to the Faberge Museum. The richest collection of works of Russian jewelry, including Faberge eggs

#### Day 4

10,00 – 12,00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - home to one of the biggest and best art collections in the world.

12,00 – 13,00 Guided tour of the Impressionist exhibition located at the General Staff Building

13,30 – 14,30 Lunch

15,00 – 16,00 Excursion to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, whose interiors are covered with mosaic icons

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee

Electronic visa assistance or visa support for a standard visa

#### Day 5

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Tsarskoye Selo. Visit to the Catherine Palace (Amber Room).

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 17,00 Excursion to Pavlovsk - a cozy country residence built for Emperor Paul the First

#### Day 6

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Peterhof (Petrodvorez) – “Russian Versale”. Visit to the Grand Palace

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 18,00 Excursion to Oranienbaum - the 18th century beautiful countryside ensemble that was not captured by the Nazis, therefore genuine interiors and items can be seen today. The Chinese palace is famous for its unique room whose interiors are made of beads.

or

14,00 – 17,00 Excursion to Kronstadt. You can see the famous Dam and the Naval Cathedral, built in the image of Sophia of Constantinople

#### Day 7

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Yusupov Palace - one of the most beautiful in Russia, where was Rasputin killed

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 15,00 Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral

#### Day 8

Transfer to the Airport

#### Extra, you can order:

Dog sledding

Visit to the Mariinsky or Mikhailovsky Theater (backstage or performance)

Vodka tasting

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# Tours to St. Petersburg

## Tours to St. Petersburg (April – October) “White Nights”

“White nights” in St. Petersburg this is the most attractive time for tourists from all over the world: open bridges, boat trips, fountains... These pleasures are available only in the summer.

### Suggestions of the itineraries from 1 to 8 days (days and excursions could be changed on your request)

a free e-visa is possible for this tour

#### Day 1

Arrival in airport. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in hotel .

#### Day 2

09,00 – 13,00 City tour “Charming Petersburg”

13,00 – 14,00 lunch.

14,00 – 15,30 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille». Visit to the Cathedral of Peter and Paul, where all Russian emperors from Peter the Great to the family of Nicholas II are buried.

#### Day 3

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to The Russian Museum, which contains a rich collection of Russian art (icons, paintings, ceramics, etc.) from the 11th century to the 20th century. Including Malevich's black square, paintings by Kandinsky, Roerich, etc.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

15,00 – 17,00 Walking tour Nevsky Prospect - the main street of St. Petersburg, on which temples of various faiths are located. Visit Kaanskiy Cathedral.

#### Day 4

10,00 – 12,00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - home to one of the biggest and best art collections in the world.

12,00 – 13,00 Guided tour of the Impressionist exhibition located at the General Staff Building

13,30 – 14,30 Lunch

15,00 – 16,00 Excursion to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, whose interiors are covered with mosaic icons

Service: Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee

Electronic visa assistance or visa support for a standard visa

#### Day 5

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Tsarskoye Selo. Visit to the Catherine Palace (Amber Room).

Attention: In case of closing the palace, the excursion to Pavlovsk is replaced.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

15,00 – 16,00 Boat trip along the central rivers and canals

#### Day 6

10,00 – 14,00 Excursion to Peterhof (Petrodvorez) – “Russian Versailles”. Visit to the Park with fountains and Grand Palace

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

An excursion to Peterhof is possible on a high-speed boat (Meteor) or a private boat on the Gulf of Finland. In just half an hour you will arrive in the Lower Park of Peterhof

00:40 – 02:40 Night-time boat tours and trips. You will see the opening of bridges and beautiful panoramas of embankments

#### Day 7

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Yusupov Palace - one of the most beautiful in Russia, where was Rasputin killed

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 15,00 Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral

For a surcharge, you can climb to the colonnade of the cathedral and view the panorama of the city center

#### Day 8

Transfer to the Airport

Extra, you can order: Visit to the Mariinsky or Mikhailovsky Theater (backstage or performance)

Vodka tasting

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Unusual excursions (page 26)

Continue the journey to Moscow or another city in Russia





# Tours to St. Petersburg and Baltic Countries



**8 day/ 7 nights**

**Riga – Rundale – Sigulda – Tallin – St.Petersburg**

a free e-visa in St.Petersburg is possible for this tour

## **1 day RIGA**

Arrival in Riga. Transfer to the hotel.

## **2 day RIGA**

10,00 – 13,00 Panoramic tour of the Riga

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

15,00 – 17,30 Latvian Ethnographic Open-Air Museum. One of the oldest and largest outdoor museums in Europe is located on the shores of Lake Jugla, just a 30-minute drive from the center of Riga.

## **3 day RIGA - RUNDALE**

Departure for Rundale

10, 30 – 12, 00 Excursion to Rundale to visit the homonymous palace (entrance), it was the summer residence of the Duke of Courland. The Palace of Rundale (XVIII) is the most beautiful Baroque palace in Latvia. It was the summer residence of the Dukes of Courland.

Return to Riga

## **4 day RIGA - TALLIN**

10, 30 – 13, 00 Visit of Sigulda - national park "Gauya", is called "Latvian Switzerland", nature reserve with the shore, grotto and Sigulda Castle.

13,00 - 14,00 Lunch

18,00 Arrival in Tallinn.

## **5 day TALLIN - HELSINKI - ST. PETERSBURG**

10, 00 - 13, 00 Panoramic tour of the Tallinn: Old city, the Toompea Castle, the Old Town Hall, the Cathedral.

13, 00 - 14, 00 Lunch

14, 00 - 16, 00 Visit to the Kadriorg park and Palace. Visit to Art gallery.

16,30 – 23,25 Tallinn – Petersburg by bus (for FIT – bus Ecolines, for groups - a tourist bus)

## **6 day ST. PETERSBURG**

09,00 – 13,00 City tour "Charming Petersburg"

13,00 – 14,00 lunch.

14,00 – 15,30 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille». Visit to the Cathedral of Peter and Paul, where all Russian emperors from Peter the Great to the family of Nicholas II are buried.

## **7 day ST. PETERSBURG**

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Peterhof (Petrodvorez) – "Russian Versailles". Visit to the Park with fountains and Grand Palace

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 17,00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - home to one of the biggest and best art collections in the world.

18,00 – 19,00 Boat trip along the central rivers and canals

## **8 day ST. PETERSBURG**

Transfer to the hotel.

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee

Electronic visa assistance or visa support for a standard visa

**Extra, you can order:** Visit to the Mariinsky or Mikhailovsky Theater (backstage or performance)

Vodka tasting

Folk-show in every city

This program is a standard classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request. You can add any other directions in Russia to this program: the Golden Ring, Karelia, Nizhny Novgorod, Baikal, etc.





# School and student tours to St. Petersburg

a free e-visa is possible for this tour

Cost-effective tours for groups of students of all ages with accommodation in hostels or hotels and an educational program



## Day 1

Arrival in airport. Transfer to the hotel.

## Day 2

09,00 – 13,00 City tour “Petersburg - imperial city” you will see the main attractions, you will learn about the history of the founding of the Russian Empire, the role of Peter the Great, the development of art, science and culture after the construction of St. Petersburg

Visit to the House of Peter the Great - the first imperial “palace” of St. Petersburg  
13,00 – 14,00 lunch.

14,00 – 15,30 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille». Visit to the Cathedral of Peter and Paul, where all Russian emperors from Peter the Great to the family of Nicholas II are buried.

## Day 3

10,00 – 13,00 A visit to the Piskarevsky Memorial Cemetery, where the victims of the Siege of Leningrad are buried and a monument is erected. The story of the Great Patriotic War and the Siege of Leningrad - a huge tragedy for both Petersburg and all of Russia

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 16,00 Excursion to the Museum of the Siege of Leningrad or

10,00 – 16,00 A tour of the “Road of Life” - the road that was the only way into or out of the besieged city of Leningrad for almost 900 days. The historic road is included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will see a lot of memorials and visit the museum.

## Day 4

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Tsarskoye Selo. Visit to the Catherine Palace (Amber Room).

Attention: In case of closing the palace, the excursion to Pavlovsk is replaced.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 18,00 Excursion to Peterhof (Petrodvorez) – “Russian Versailles”. Visit to the Park with fountains and Grand Palace

20,00 – 21,30 Dinner with a folk show

This program is a standard classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request.



## Day 5

10,00 – 12,00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - home to one of the biggest and best art collections in the world.

13,00 -14,00 Excursion to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, whose interiors are covered with mosaic icons or Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,00 – 16,00 Boat trip along the central rivers and canals

## Day 6

10,00 – 12,00 Follow in the footsteps of Dostoevsky's. Visit to the so-called “Dostoyevsky Zone”, a collection of streets and buildings close to Sennaya Square where a lot of the action in his novels took place, especially many scenes from The Idiot and Crime and Punishment

12,00 – 13,00 Excursion to the Dostoyevsky Museum

13,30 – 14,30 Lunch

15,00 – 17,00 - Excursion to The Pushkin Apartment Museum.

## Day 7

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to The Russian Museum, which contains a rich collection of Russian art (icons, paintings, ceramics, etc.) from the 11th century to the 20th century. Including Malevich's black square, paintings by Kandinsky, Roerich, etc.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

15,00 – 17,00 Walking tour Nevsky Prospect - the main street of St. Petersburg, on which temples of various faiths are located. Visit Kasanskiy Cathedral.

## Day 8

Transfer to the Airport

**Service:** Accommodation in hostels and hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee

Electronic visa assistance or visa support for a standard visa





# Students' tour of St.Petersburg and Moscow

Cost-effective tours for groups of students of all ages with accommodation in hostels or hotels and an educational program



## Day 1

Arrival in airport. Transfer to the hotel.

## Day 2

09,00 – 13,00 City tour “Petersburg - imperial city”

Visit to the House of Peter the Great - the first imperial “palace” of St. Petersburg

13,00 – 14,00 lunch.

14,00 – 15,30 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille» and Cathedral of Peter and Paul, where all Russian emperors from Peter the Great to the family of Nicholas II are buried.

## Day 3

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Tsarskoye Selo. Visit to the Catherine Palace (Amber Room).

Attention: In case of closing the palace, the excursion to Pavlovsk is replaced.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 18,00 Excursion to Peterhof (Petrodvorez) – “Russian Versailles”. Visit to the Park with fountains and Grand Palace

20,00 – 21,30 Dinner with a folk show

## Day 4

10,00 – 12,00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - home to one of the biggest and best art collections in the world.

13,00 -14,00 Excursion to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, whose interiors are covered with mosaic icons or Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,00 – 16,00 Boat trip along the central rivers and canals

21,55 – 06,06 Night train to Moscow (or evening high-speed train

17,10 – 21,02 and night in the Moscow hotel)

## Day 5

09,00 – 12,00 Sightseeing tour of Moscow.

12,00 – 14,00 Visit Poklonnaya Gora and the Museum of the Great Patriotic War

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15:30 – 17:00 Tour of VDNH

## Day 6

09,00 – 10,30 Excursion to Moscow Metro — palace underground.

11,00 – 13,00 Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin (territory and three cathedrals)

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,30 – 16,30 Visit St. Basil's Cathedral – a symbol of the Russian capital.

16,30 – 17,30 Red Square Tour and Zaryadye Park with a visit to a unique “floating bridge”

Option: Excursion to Armory room

## Day 7

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Tretyakov State Gallery – you can see the quality collection of traditional Russian painting in the world.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

15,00 – 16,00 Excursion to the Cosmonautics Museum

17,00 – 18,30 Bout Trip

## Day 8

Transfer to the Airport

## Service:

Accommodation in hostels and hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee

Electronic visa assistance or visa support for a standard visa





## Russian Language Courses

Learn Russian in charming St. Petersburg or stately Moscow.

- the best qualified Russian language Schools with an experienced teaching staff

School validated by EQUALS and IALC; all teachers are native Russian speakers; the school is located in the city center, it is equipped with a cafeteria and areas for recreation and independent work; All educational materials are included in the price. The duration of training depends on your desire, from one week to a year.

- courses of all levels (beginner, Standard or Intensive group courses, individual courses, specialized courses (business, tourism, culture, etc.)
- round-the-clock support of managers
- visa support
- hostel and hotel reservation
- organization of a cultural program
- airport transfers

Gift: a city tour with a Russian-speaking guide (the guide also speaks your language)!

Special: Classic guided tour and Russian language lessons 2 hours a day.

## Holidays for families with children

Visiting a foreign country should be interesting not only for adults. For family trips, we offer visits not to classical museums only, but also to various entertainment and educational spaces where children and parents can make models work on the layout, participate in physical and chemical experiments, touch the exhibits or climb on them!

### MOSCOW

- **Space Museum** - satellites, spacesuits and space equipment
- **Zoo** - a variety of animals - rodents, reptiles, mammals from all over the world
- **Circus** - a luxurious show with unique costumes and the world's best acrobats, jugglers, riders and gymnasts
- **Planetarium** - you will learn to read the book of heaven
- **Water Parks** - ocean waves, fast slides and fun fountains massage

### SAINT PETERSBURG

- **Planetariums**. They are two here: informative & educational and entertaining
- **Museum of Railway Transport** - you can get on the train, stay the driver and see the railcar carrying people 100 years ago
- **"Peter's Water Area" museum** - model of the City of the 18th century with moving carriages, bridges and boats
- **Grand Layout of Russia** - factories, cranes, trains, cars, ships, houses, people, change of day and night on the area of 800 sq m
- **Museum of Art "Erarta"** - painting, graphics, sculpture, installations, video art of moderns authors
- **Water Parks** - lazy rivers, pools, baths and SPA, different slides
- **"LabirintUm" museum** - participation in physical and chemical experiments, learn different natural phenomena and laws

Programs and excursions are designed for children of all ages, from the youngest (6-7) to high school students.





## Services for people with disabilities

In today's world, guests with disabilities have the opportunity to travel. Our company also has experience of working with such people. We will offer for you:

- specialized transport
- escort during all the tour
- hotels of different categories, which have equipped rooms
- comfortable cafes with ramps and special menu at your request also
- unfortunately, not all museums are equipped with convenient access and necessary equipment yet, but we will help to make the program in such a way that special guests get full and interesting information



## Shore excursions for cruise ship passengers

From May to October in St. Petersburg come a huge number of travelers on cruise ships with a stop for one or two days. During this time, guests can have time to get acquainted with the main attractions of the city and suburbs.

The driver and guide will pick up guests at the pier at any time, starting early in the morning even, and take them back on schedule.

Note, please:

- if you arrive on a cruise ship and spend the night on it, **you don't need a visa**. To pass customs control you only need to send us passport details in advance!
- service is provided by **two people**.

Tour options that can be arranged in different combinations during the trip:



### Duration Itinerary

2-3h	<b>City Tour.</b> You will go along the most popular sights of our beautiful city with stops to photos.
1-1,5h	<b>Boat trip</b> (private or by public boat) along Neva river and channels
2h	<b>Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace.</b> There are several million exhibits here, from Egyptian mummies and Renaissance sculptures to tsar's jewellery and impressionist paintings
1h	<b>Visit Peter and Paul Fortress.</b> Walk around territory or/and excursion to the Peter and Paul Cathedral.
1h	<b>Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral.</b> The Golden roof of the Cathedral is visible from many points of the city
1h	<b>Excursion Church on the Blood</b> to learn mosaic interior and icons
1-1,5h	<b>Yusupov palace.</b> Tour of the main halls and ballrooms. Perhaps with a visit to the exhibition of the murder of Rasputin
5-6h	<b>Tour to Peterhof</b> to see Low Park with fountains and Grand Palace
5h	<b>Pavlovsk.</b> Excursion to the chamber Palace and short walk around the Park
5h	<b>Pushkin.</b> Excursion to the Palace of Catherine the Great for the rooms of state and Amber Room
6-6,5h	<b>Pushkin + Peterhof / Pavlovsk + Pushkin</b>
2h	<b>Night Boat trip</b> (private or by public boat) to see the show of opening bridges
2-4h	<b>Theatre performance</b> (opera, ballet, folklore show)
2h	<b>Dinner on a boat with live music</b> - 2-deck motor ship-restaurant with panoramic windows

Of course, during the trip you can organize a lunch or dinner, in a democratic cafe or in a luxury restaurant with local, European or national cuisine.



# MOSCOW



Moscow is the capital of Russia, its political, economic and cultural center. Its population counts more than 12 million residents within the city limits and over 16 million people within the urban area.

It's a giant metropolis where life doesn't stop for a minute. So you can safely go outside late at night and walk to a cafe or bar.

There are many different hotels in Moscow, and on weekends the cost is cheaper than on weekdays, but this rule does not work during world exhibitions.

There are 5 airports in Moscow which carry out passenger transportation, 3 river ports, 2 river passenger stations and 9 railway stations. Therefore, it is possible to reach the Capital in any way from anywhere in the world.

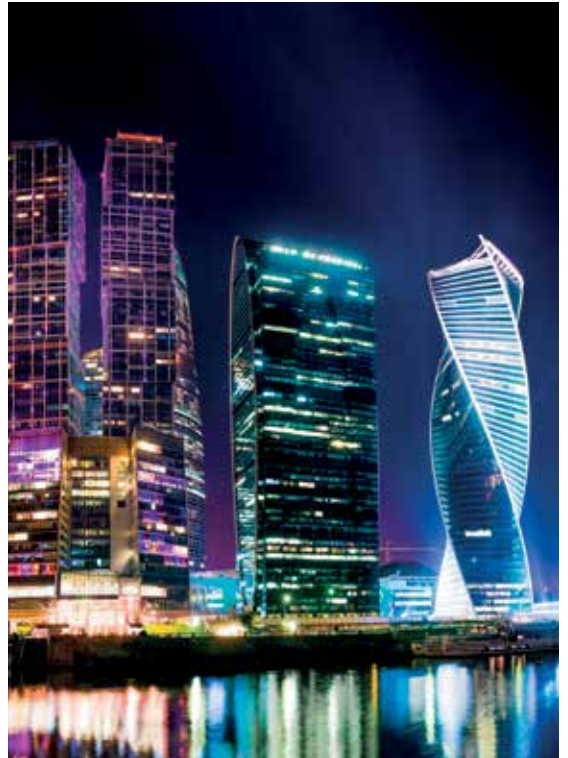
Muscovites move around the city on the metro. Despite the utilitarian importance of this type of transport, most of the stations can be compared with museum objects - they are decorated with mosaics, sculptures, marble, arches. Therefore do not forget to include in the program excursion on a subway.

With a rare exception, during very severe frosts, the Moscow River is navigable all year round, so you can take a trip on a comfortable boat at any time.

"Must Visit" places and excursions in Moscow are:

- Kremlin. It is a complex of majestic structures that took several centuries to build.
- Red Square. The name didn't come about because of the color, but because "red" meant "beautiful" in ancient Russia.
- Next to the area there is zero kilometer. It is a mark signifying the beginning of distance measurements in Russia. It is necessary to make a wish here
- GUM (State Universal Store), the largest shopping mall in the former Soviet Union. It situated near Red Square. For this store make a special ice cream. You will not eat it anywhere else
- Pedestrian street Old Arbat. If you weren't on Old Arbat, you weren't in Moscow!
- Vorobyovy Gory and observation deck. From this place you can see skyscrapers "Moscow-City", Stalin's high-rise buildings (twin houses), TV tower, embankments of the Moskva River, towers of the Kremlin and a huge monument of Peter the Great - one of the highest monuments in the world!
- The Museon Art Park. This is the only real open-air sculpture museum in Russia. Here are about 700 sculptures.
- "Evening lights in Moscow" – excursion by bus: truthfully and legends about underground bunkers and Stalin's high-rises, as well as the stunningly beautiful panoramas of the city.

When planning your tour to Russia, start with taking a tour to Moscow!





# Tours to Moscow



## Capital of Russia

### Suggestions of the itineraries from 1 to 9 days (days and excursions could be changed on your request)

#### Day 1

Arrival in airport. Transfer to the hotel.

#### Day 2

09,00 – 13,00 City tour “Moscow melody”

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,30 – 16,00 Visit of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

#### Day 3

09,00 – 10,30 Excursion to Moscow Metro — palace underground.

11,00 – 13,00 Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin (territory and three cathedrals)

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,30 – 16,30 Visit St. Basil's Cathedral – a symbol of the Russian capital.

16,30 – 17,30 Red Square Tour and Zaryadye Park with a visit to a unique “floating bridge”

Option: Excursion to Armoury room

#### Day 4

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to the Tretyakov State Gallery – the world's largest museum of Russian art.

13,00 – 15,00 Moscow River Cruise with Lunch

16,00 – 18,00 Excursion to the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts

#### Day 5

9,00 – 16,00 Sergiev Posad is home to the Troitse-Sergieva Lavra (Trinity Lavra of St Sergius) - the main monastery in Russia. Lunch

The excursion can be extended to include Abramtsevo - the estate where many Russian artists worked.

#### Day 6

10,00 – 12,00 Tour to the Chambers of the Romanov Boyars. This is Russia's only museum introducing visitors to Moscow boyars' ways of life in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Excursion to one of the former estates: Kuskovo / Kolomenskoye / Tsaritsyno

#### Day 7

##### MILITARY HISTORY

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to Poklonnaya hill including visiting The Museum of the Great Patriotic War

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,30 – 16,00 Excursion to the secret nuclear Bunker of the the Cold War times

or

09,00 – 19,00 Tour to Borodino (War 1812) Sightseeing tour on Borodino Battlefield (there are more than 200 monuments and memorial

places). Visit to the House-museum of General Tuchkov's widow and to the military-historical village Doronino.

#### Day 8

##### SOVIET MOSCOW

10,00 – 13,00 Excursion to The former soviet Exhibition of Achievements of the National Economy (VDNKH).

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,30 – 16,00 Excursion to the GULAG museum – the history of Soviet-era labor camps and the terrible system of exploiting and destroying people's lives from the 1930's to the 1950's.

or

10,00 – 16,00 Day trip to Leninskie Gorky - where Vladimir Lenin spend his last years, where he died and where his body was first embalmed.

Extra: “Evening lights of Moscow”.

#### Day 9

Transfer to the Airport

Service: Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee

Visa support for a standard visa



# Tour Moscow + St. Petersburg

**7 days / 6 nights**

From the Grand Duchy to the Great Empire

## **Friday// Moscow.**

Arrival in Moscow airport. Transfer to the Hotel.

Extra: "Evening lights of Moscow".

## **Saturday// Moscow.**

09:00 – 13:00 Sightseeing tour of Moscow.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Visit of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

## **Sunday//Moscow.**

09:00 – 10:30 Excursion to Moscow Metro – palace underground.

11:00 – 13:00 Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch

15:30 – 16:30 Visit St. Basil's Cathedral – a symbol of the Russian capital.

16:30 – 17:30 Red Square Tour

Option: Excursion to Armory room

## **Monday// Moscow – St. Petersburg.**

Transfer to the railway station.

09:10 you will take the Sapsan high speed train to St Petersburg, which takes only 4 hours to get to St. Petersburg.

13:00 Meeting with the guide at the railway station .

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

15:00 – 19:00 City tour accompanied by our guide.

Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille».

Extra: Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral or Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood

## **Tuesday// St. Petersburg.**

10:00 – 12:00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 19:00 Tour to Tsarskoie Selo (Pushkin)

Extra: Night-time boat tours and trips. Available from late April to October

## **Wednesday//St. Petersburg.**

09:00 – 13:00 Tour to the Peterhof (Petrodvorets) - a magnificent complex of palaces, gardens and fountains is called the Russian Versailles.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

15:00 – 16:00 Cruise along rivers and canals by private boat (Available from late April to October) or Excursion to the Yusupov Palace

## **Thursday // St. Petersburg.**

Transfer to the Airport.

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

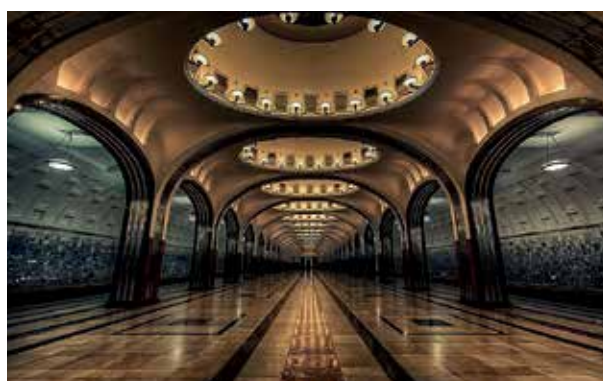
Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee, trans tickets

Visa support

This program is a standard classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request. You can add any other directions in Russia to this program: the Golden Ring, Karelia, Nizhny Novgorod, Baikal, etc.





# GOLDEN RING



Tours around province is a great opportunity to enjoy the quiet life in the heart of the Russia. These towns formed of the Russian Orthodox Church and preserve the history of Russia with unique monuments of Russian architecture of the 12th–18th centuries

Traditionally Golden Ring Tours start from Moscow. All towns close to each other, and the circular Golden Ring route makes it possible to easily pass from one place to another. For the trip and moving among the sights it is possible to take a bus or a car trip or go by train to some towns.

There are no luxury hotels on the Golden Ring route, the best you can expect is 4\* hotels in Yaroslavl. In some small towns you can only find a Soviet-style hotel.

Also, can taste traditional Russian food, but in some cities there are Western brand fast-food outlets.

VLADIMIR founded in 995, in the 12th century used to be the capital of Russia and its political, cultural and religious center. It is located 179 km from Moscow.

SUZDAL. A calm ancient town at 38 km north to Vladimir is referred to as an open-air museum with old buildings that have been preserved. Here you can enjoy of beautiful views, old monasteries and churches. Several sights fixed by UNESCO. Highlights include the Spaso-Yefimiev Monastery.

IVANOVO. It is located between Suzdal (70 km) and Kostroma. It is both the youngest and the most industrial of all Golden Ring cities by textile trade.

KOSTROMA. A surprisingly calm and inviting town, located on Volga river, 120 km north to Ivanovo. The city is most famous for its Ipatievsky Monastery which has links with the Romanov Dynasty as the first Romanov tsar – Tsar Michael – was here when he was made a tsar.

YAROSLAVL has got its name from the Prince Yaroslav the Wise, who founded the town in the beginning of 11th century. Now it is a large industrial city, the biggest along the Golden Ring and considered the unofficial capital of the Golden Ring, it is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The city's main attractions are the Spaso-Preobrazhensky Monastery, St. Elijah the Prophet's and the John the Baptist's Churches, both of which are beautifully decorated with frescos.

ROSTOV VELIKIY or Rostov the Great, named so to distinguish it from the larger Rostov-on-Don. Its history started 4 thousand years B.C. Its most impressive sight is the white-stone kremlin which stands on Lake Nero and is now a museum-reserve. The city also has three monasteries and museums dedicated to the art of painting on enamel for which the city is famed.

PERESLAVL-ZALESSKIY famous for its monasteries, four of which are still active. This place is the birthplace of a celebrated Russian hero – prince Alexander Nevsky, proclaimed saint. Pereslavl-Zalesskiy also links with Peter the Great, who built his first toy flotilla here on Lake Pleshevo.

SERGIEV POSAD is the main attraction is the UNESCO-protected. Troitse-Sergieva Lavra – a monastery founded in the 14th century by St. Sergius of Radonezh, which is one of the most revered Russian saints. At present the Lavra is one of the most important religious sites in Russia

## Tour to Golden Ring 3 days/ 2 nights

### Day 1 Moscow – Sergiev Posad – Rostov Veliky

Moscow. Meeting with guide

Transfer to Sergiev Posad (65 km)

11.00-13.00 Tour in the famous for the Trinity Monastery of Saint Sergius. Icon painters Andrey Rublev and Daniel Chorny worked here, decorating with frescoes the main church

13.00-16.00 Lunch and transfer to Rostov Veliky

City tour & Overnight in a hotel

### Day 2 - Rostov Veliky - Yaroslavl

Breakfast

Visit to Rostov Kremlin.

13.00-15.30 Lunch and transfer to Yaroslavl (57 km)

City tour around Yaroslavl & Overnight in a hotel Day 3 Yaroslavl – Kostroma –Moscow/ St.Petersburg

Breakfast

Transfer to Kostroma (76 km)

City tour with excursion to the Ipatiev Monastery (Hypatian Monastery)

Lunch during the excursion

Transfer to railway station for train to Moscow or St.Petersburg

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other language speaking guide

All taxes, entrance fee, train tickets & Visa support

This program is a standard. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request.





# Tour to Moscow – Tula (Retro train) - St. Petersburg - Golden Ring

8 days / 7 nights

## Day 1 Moscow - Suzdal

19,05 Arrival in Moscow airport. Transfer to the Suzdal. (230 km)

## Day 2 Suzdal – Vladimir - Bogolyubovo

10,00 – 13,00 Suzdal sightseeing tour: Suzdal Kremlin and Spaso-Yevfimiev Monastery.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 18,00 Vladimir sightseeing tour. You will see the 12th century white stone monuments of the Golden Gate, St Demetrius' Cathedral, and the Dormition Cathedral with frescoes by the great 15th century Russian icon-painter Andrey Rublev. Trip to Bogolyubovo to see the famous 12th century Intercession Church on the Nerl.

## Day 3 Sergiev Posad – Moscow

09,00 Transfer to Sergiev Posad (180 km)

11,30 – 13,30 Tour in the famous for its spectacular fortress monastery, the Trinity Monastery of Saint Sergius, an important center of Orthodox Christianity. Icon painters Andrey Rublev and Daniel Chorny worked here, decorating with frescoes the main church of the monastery, the Trinity Cathedral.

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,00 – 17,30 Transfer to Moscow (78 km)

17,30 – 20,00 Moscow tour "Evening lights of Moscow".

## Day 4 Moscow.

09:00 – 10:30 Excursion to Moscow Metro — palace underground.

11,00 – 12,00 Visit of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

12,00 – 13,30 Red Square Tour

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

16,00 – 18,00 Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin

## Day 5 Moscow – Tula – Yasnay Polyana by a retro train of the early XX century – St. Petersburg

07,20 Departure train

11,00 – 13,00 Tour of Tula with a visit to the Kremlin or the Museum of weapons

Shopping for the famous Tula gingerbread

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 19,00 A trip to Yasnaya Polyana - the family estate of the writer Leo Tolstoy.

21,00 - Departure to St. Petersburg (Train 2 class, 4 or 2 seaters closed compartments)

## Day 6 St. Petersburg.

09,10 arrival. Early Check-in and Breakfast.

11,00 – 14,00 City tour "Charming Petersburg"

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,30 – 17,00 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille».

17,30 – 18,30 Cruise along rivers and canals by private boat

## Day 7 St. Petersburg.

10:00 – 12:00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 19:00 Tour to Tsarskoe Selo (Pushkin) or Tour to the Peterhof (Petrodvorets) - a magnificent complex of palaces, gardens and fountains is called the Russian Versailles.

Extra: Night-time boat tours and trips. Available from late April to October

Day 8 St Petersburg.

Transfer to the Airport

This program is a standard classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request.

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee, trains tickets

Visa support





# Tour to Moscow + St. Petersburg + Golden Ring + Karelia



8 days / 7 nights

## Day 1 St.Petersburg

Arrival in airport. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation in hotel .

## Day 2 St.Petersburg

09,00 – 13,00 City tour “Charming Petersburg”

13,00 – 14,00 lunch.

14,00 – 15,30 Visit Peter and Paul Fortress – «Russian Bastille». Visit to the Cathedral of Peter and Paul, where all Russian emperors from Peter the Great to the family of Nicholas II are buried.

16,00 – 18,00 Tour of the incredible Hermitage Museum in the Winter Palace - home to one of the biggest and best art collections in the world.

## Day 3 St.Petersburg – Karelia

09,00 –13,00 Excursion to Peterhof (Petrodvorez) – “Russian Versailles”. Visit to the Park with fountains and Grand Palace

13,30 – 14,30 Lunch

15,30 – 16,30 Boat trip along the central rivers and canals

18,00 –22,57 train St.Petersburg - Petrozavodsk

## Day 4 Karelia

10,15 – 17,15 A meteor tour of Lake Ladoga to the island of Kizhi. You will see a 22-domed church, rising up on an island in an enormous lake among beautiful unspoilt natural surroundings.

17,30 – 19,00 Excursion to the Kivach reserve. You will see the most famous waterfall of Karelia - Kivach and the arboretum of Karelian birch.

21,00 – 08,53 Night train to Moscow (2 class, 4 or 2 people per compartment)

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee, train tickets

Visa support

This program is a standard classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request.

## Day 5 Moscow

09,00 – 10,30 Excursion to Moscow Metro — palace underground.

11,00 – 12,00 Visit of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

12,00 – 13,30 Red Square Tour

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

16,00 – 18,00 Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin

Transfer to the Suzdal (230 km)

## Day 6 Suzdal – Vladimir - Bogolyubovo

10,00 – 13,00 Suzdal sightseeing tour: Suzdal Kremlin and Spaso-Yevfimiev Monastery.

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 18,00 Vladimir sightseeing tour. You will see the 12th century white stone monuments of the Golden Gate, St Demetrius' Cathedral, and the Dormition Cathedral with frescoes by the great 15th century Russian icon-painter Andrey Rublev. Trip to Bogolyubovo to see the famous 12th century Intercession Church on the Nerl.

## Day 7 Sergiev Posad

09,00 Transfer to Sergiev Posad (180 km)

11,30 – 13,30 Tour in the famous for its spectacular fortress monastery, the Trinity Monastery of Saint Sergius, an important center of Orthodox Christianity. Icon painters Andrey Rublev and Daniel Chorny worked here, decorating with frescoes the main church of the monastery, the Trinity Cathedral.

14,00 – 15,00 Lunch

15,00 – 17,30 Transfer to Moscow (78 km)

17,30 – 20,00 Moscow sightseeing tour “Evening lights of Moscow”

## Day 8

Transfer to the Airport





# One-day trip from St. Petersburg

## Velikiy Novgorod

We invite you to visit a city named the 'Birthplace of Russia'. Here in Velikiy Novgorod Prince Rurik declared the Russian state in 8th century. It was the most important trade and cultural center of medieval Rus. With its beautiful churches and monasteries Velikiy Novgorod was also a center for Orthodox spirituality. Tour is possible by high-speed train or by bus

Velikiy Novgorod by train:

08,00 – 10,55 train St.Petersburg – Velikiy Novgorod

11,00 – 13,00 Sightseeing tour

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 15,00 Visit Kremlin. There you will see the famous Cathedral of St. Sophia (XI c) with its miracle making icon.

15,00 – 17,00 Excursion to the Yuriev Monastery and an open-air museum "Vitoslavlitsi"

17,33 – 21,01 train to St.Petersburg

## Pskov

Pskov is one of the most ancient cities of Russia. For the first time it is mentioned under 903 year («the Story of time years»). Pskov has not lost its charm. Its ancient kremlin, known as the Khrom, and other fortifications still surround the historical center where many ancient churches still stand.

Tour is possible by high-speed train or by bus

Pskov by train

06,55 – 10,25 train

10,30 – 12,00 Transfer to Stary Izborsk (30 km). Walking tour of the fortress of the 14th century

12,30 – 13,00 Transfer to Pechory (20 km).

13,00 – 14,00 Lunch

14,00 – 15,00 Walking tour of the Pskov-Pechersky Monastery, which is located in a 16th-century fortress. The monastery is more than 600 years old; in its history it has never been closed.

15,00 – 15,30 Transfer to the Pskov (50 km)

16,00 – 18,00 Sightseeing tour and walking tour of the Pskov Kremlin with a visit to the battle course and Trinity Cathedral, inspection of the fortress walls and towers.

18,30 – 22,35 train to St. Petersburg

## Valaam

Valaam is the famous Russian Monastery, which represents the combination of church architecture open-air museum and natural park. The island is known worldwide as a unique and holy place. 06,15 -10,20 train from St. Petersburg to Sortavala

11,00 - 12,00 Transfer: Sortavala – island Valaam, Monastic Bay by boat

12,00 -13,00 Sightseeing tour with a guide: "Central Homestead",

13,00 - 14,00 lunch

14,00 -14,30 Transfer Monastic Bay - Nikonov Bay

14,30 - 17,00 The walking tour with a visit to the Church of the Resurrection Skete, a tour of the Gethsemane Skete, the Assumption Church and the Ascension Chapel on Mount Eleon

17,00 - 18,00 Transfer back to Sortavala

18,42 - 22,30 Train Sortavala-St. Petersburg





# One-day trip from Moscow

## Travel “Noble estates”. (8 h)

In Dubrovitsy you will visit an unusual temple combining a variety of architectural styles from Gothic to traditional Orthodox architecture. And then with a guided tour we will go around several noble estates where we will find out how lived Russians in the 18-19th century.

We will visit Church of Dubrovitsy, Manor Ostafyevo, Manor Ivanovskaya

## “New Jerusalem. Travel to Russian Palestine”. (10 h)

Stavropigialny Voskresensky Novo-Ierusalimsky monastyr is one of the most famous monasteries in the Moscow Region. It is a unique and sacred place, marvellous in its design, having been crafted by architects from several epochs. It reproduces the layout of key religious sites in Jerusalem

We will visit the New Jerusalem Museum and Exhibition Complex, the Museum of Wooden Architecture in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Resurrection Cathedral, the Malt Chambers.

## Excursion “World of Russian estate” (11 h)

Excursion to the estates of one of the most famous poets of the Silver Age Alexander Blok in Shakhmatovo and Tarakanovo. You are waiting for a boat trip along the largest in the suburbs and rare in beauty Lake Senezh. A historic lunch with dishes from the famous Beketov's notebooks.

## Excursion “Borodino” (10 h)

Museum reserve “BORODINSKY FIELD”. Excursion, including the Museum of the War of 1812, acquaintance with the monuments to Russian soldiers and the great army, Shevardinsky redoubt, Rayevsky battery and Bagrationovy flushes; Spaso-Borodinsky monastery;

Mini-reconstruction of the battle of Borodino





# Pilgrimage Tour: great monasteries of Russia

## Moscow – Sergiev Posad - Diveevo – St. Petersburg

8 days / 7 nights

### Moscow.

Arrival at Moscow. Meet and assist at the airport. Transfer to the Hotel.

### Moscow.

09:00 – 12:00 Sightseeing tour of Moscow.

12:00 – 14:00 Excursion to the Novodevichy Convent & Cemetery – probably, the best known as the place where Peter the Great imprisoned his half-sister Sofia. Novodevichy is also famous for the cemetery where lie many famous writers, artists and politicians, including Bulgakov, Mayakovsky, Stanislavsky etc

Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Excursion in the Andronikov Monastery and Andrei Rublev Museum - one of Moscow's oldest monasteries, is home to Andrei Rublev Museum of Old Russian Art and Culture. The museum's collection hosts 11th-19th-century Old Russian artifacts, with a special focus on icons.

### Moscow - Sergiev Possad.

09:00 – 13:00 Excursion in Sergiev Posad (73 km away from Moscow) It is famous for its spectacular fortress monastery, the Trinity Monastery of Saint Sergius, an important center of Orthodox Christianity. Icon painters Andrey Rublev and Daniel Chorny worked here, decorating with frescoes the main church of the monastery, the Trinity Cathedral. Lunch. Transfer to Suzdal (180 km, 3 h)

### Moscow - Diveevo

09:00 – 11:00 Guided tour of Suzdal. In this small ancient city there are 4 operating monasteries and one monastery - museum

Departure to Diveevo

13:00 – 15:00 Stop in the town Murom. Lunch. Visit The Transfiguration Monastery, it is one of the oldest monasteries in Russia. Here is kept the Miraculous icon of Our Lady of the Skoroposlushnitsa, which was brought from the holy mountain Athos

18:00 Arrival at Diveevo.

### Diveevo – Nizhniy Novgorod

07:00 Excursion to Diveevo to Seraphim-Diveevo monastery - the holiest site in the Orthodox world. Visit the Divine Liturgy Inspection of existing churches: Trinity Cathedral, Transfiguration Cathedral, Kazan Church, Holy Mother of God groove. Visit the Holy sources in the village Diveevo.

Lunch

14:00 Moving to Nizhny Novgorod. Sightseeing tour.

19:06 departure train to St. Petersburg 2th class (4-bed or 2-bed coupe, air conditioning, bed linen)

Night on the train

### St.Petersburg

09:05 arrival in St.Petersburg

Breakfast in a city restaurant

10:00 – 12:00 Visit to the Smolensk Cemetery with the chapel and relics of St. Xenia of St. Petersburg

12:30 – 13:30 Visit to the St. Isaac Cathedral

14:00 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 – 17:00 Excursion to the Hermitage Museum.

### St. Petersburg

10:00 – 13:00 Tour to the Peterhof (Palace + Park)

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00 Excursion to Kronshtadt and Visit Naval Cathedral, built in memory of the dead sailors in the image of Sophia of Constantinople.

### St. Petersburg

09:00 – 11:00 Tour to Holy Trinity - St. Alexander Nevsky Monastery (Lavra) where the relics of St. Alexander Nevsky lie.

12:00 – 13:00 Excursion to Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan - the main functioning Russian Orthodox church of St. Petersburg built in early 19th century to house one of the most sacred images of the Mother of God in Russia.

Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Excursion to Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood. It was built as a memorial to the Russian Emperor Alexander II on the very spot where he was mortally wounded by a terrorist (museum).

15:00 – 17:00 Excursion to St. John of Kronshtadt Nunnery where the relics of one of the most esteemed Saints in Russia – a St. Petersburg priest of the 19th century, Saint Righteous John of Kronshtadt

### St. Petersburg

Breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to the Airport

Service: Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee, train tickets

Visa support

This program is a familiarization classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request. We can add other Holy places of Russia to this program: Optina Deserts, Valaam, Solovetsky Monastery, etc.





# NORTHERN LIGHTS



**Northern lights** is a dance of thousand lights in the sky on dark night. Lights come in all shapes and colors: blue, yellow, red, green. For a second, the dark sky turns into bright colors and becomes visible around for many kilometers as if by day.

**WHEN YOU CAN SEE:** from the end of September up until the end of March, and it usually appears from 9 p.m. to midnight. The evening should be frosty and the sky without clouds.

Northern lights is a natural phenomenon, and in spite of forecasts, no one can guarantee its presence and brightness. Therefore, to see the Northern Lights it is better to come to Murmansk for at least 3 days. In the East, believe that one will see the Northern Lights will live happily ever after for the rest of my life!

## **Aurora hunting tour in Murmansk Suggestions of the itineraries from 1 to 7 days (days and excursions could be changed on your request)**

### **1 day Murmansk**

Arrival in Murmansk. Murmansk is called the Russian capital of the Northern Lights, where you can see it 7 months a year  
Sightseeing tour of Murmansk (4 h: highest memorial monument behind the Polar circle, the first-ever nuclear power icebreaker and etc.)  
Dinner at the hotel.

In the evening we will go hunting for the Northern Lights about 9 p.m. - 01 a.m. You will go to some place in the Murmansk region to find a clear sky. Be ready to go for 100-150 kilometers from Murmansk.

### **2 day Tour to the Arctic Ocean coast, Teriberka village**

(120 km from Murmansk, duration of the tour is 9-10 h)

You will see tundra (northern deserts), Cemetery of old fish boats, Arctic Ocean. Snowmobile sledging trip to the Arctic Ocean coast with big rocks.

Come back to Murmansk.

### **3 day Tour to Khibiny Mountains, Kirovsk city**

(230 km from Murmansk, duration tour 10-11 h)

Visiting the top of the mountain (890 meters) by ski elevator, the 'Snow Village' (town made of snow) and the 'Magic Forest' with snow sculptures. Come back to Murmansk.

### **4 day Tour to the Sami village with reindeer ( 4-5 h)**

Sami (or Lapi) are indigenous people of Northern Europe.

In the program: Sami dances and rituals, Sami house with reindeer skins, small farm to feed reindeer, snowmobile sledging trip to the forest, souvenir shop. Come back to Murmansk.

### **5 day Tour to husky park in Lovozero**

(170 km from Murmansk, duration tour 10-11 h)

Feeding reindeers, reindeers sledging, You will get dog sledging with real Siberian Huskies (1000 meters), lunch with salmon fish and reindeer meat. Come back to Murmansk.

### **6 day. Husky sledging in tundra (4 h)**

Welcome to Husky sledging trip for distance 400-500 meters for each person.

### **7 day. Departure from Murmansk**

!Take warm clothes in winter: warm winter jacket, winter waterproof pants, thermal underwear, gloves, scarf, hat and high winter boots.

**Service:** Accommodation in hotels 3-5\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus with Wi-Fi

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee, train tickets

Visa support

We can add visits to Moscow and Petersburg to this program.

Flights Moscow-Murmansk: daily, travel time is 2 hours 30 minutes

Flights St. Petersburg - Murmansk: daily, travel time is 2 hours





# BAIKAL

Lake Baikal is often called the Well of the Planet or the Pearl of Siberia. With its pure water, unique nature, abundant flora and fauna and original culture of the indigenous peoples Baikal has it is one of the world's renowned wonders attracting thousands of tourists. We have sightseeing itineraries based on staying at comfortable hotels, Baikal cruises, and a wide range of adventures on Baikal.

## Tour program (for example) to Baikal

### 1 day arrival to Irkutsk

#### 2 day

A trip to Lake Baikal, in the tourist village of Listvyanka on the lake; Sightseeing tour, a walk along the shore of Lake Baikal; Souvenir market; Fish market; Excursion to the Taltsy Museum - This is a recreated Siberian village

#### 3 day

Departure to the pier "Rocket";

Travel by boat along the Circum-Baikal Railway. An amazingly beautiful monument of engineering at the beginning of the 20th century. It is called the "Golden buckle of the steel belt of Russia." Interesting is the shore of Lake Baikal and the taiga approaching the lake, rock structures resembling medieval castles in which tunnels are broken. During the journey, a stop is provided, time for a walk, the opportunity to take pictures on the background of Lake Baikal.

#### 4 day

Departure from the hotel to Lake Baikal (by bus, travel time about 5-6 hours).

Departure to the island of Olkhon - the largest island on Lake Baikal. Even in its form, it resembles the outlines of Lake Baikal. Olkhon is located in the national park and is considered one of the most beautiful places in Lake Baikal.

Ferry crossing to Olkhon island, travel to the island's capital - Khuzhir village.

#### 5 day

Breakfast.

Sightseeing tour of Khuzhir. Excursion to the sacred "Cape Burhan" (Shaman Rock), this is one of the nine shrines of Asia. There is a through cave in the rock. According to legend, the spirit of the owner of the island lives in this cave. Having visited this place, you will be charged with Baikal energy for a long time.

#### 6 day

Breakfast

Travel by UAZ to the northernmost point of the island - Cape Khoboy.

A place of extraordinary energy and beauty. The beautiful high rock at Cape Khoboy, looks like a sharp fang, resembles the profile of a female head. During the tour, you can see the stunning natural difference between the rocky eastern shore and the flatter west. In fine weather, from Cape Khoboy a view of the widest place of Lake Baikal (80 km) opens.

#### 7 day

Excursions by boat: to the island of Ogoi, to the Buddhist Stupa or to the islands of the Small Sea;

#### 8 day

Return to Irkutsk at the evening

Service: Accommodation in hotels 3-4\* BB or HB

Air-conditioned bus

English or other speaking guide according to the itinerary

All taxes, entrance fee, trans tickets

Visa support

This program is a standard classic tour. We can increase and reduce the number of days and excursions at your request. You can add any other directions in Russia to this program: the Golden Ring, Karelia, Nizhny Novgorod, Baikal, etc.





# Trans-Siberian Railway Tours

If you have some time available and you would like to experience an extraordinary journey crossing the whole Russia, you can take a tour by usual train along the Trans-Siberian Railway.

You can choose 2 options for travel.

The first is by branded train "Russia". The train has number 001 and departs from Vladivostok to Yaroslavl station in Moscow all year-round scheduled departures through the day more than 50 years, since 1966!

The train in the opposite direction has number 002 and passes the same route through major cities of Russia: Vladimir, Nizhny Novgorod, Kirov, Perm, Yekaterinburg, Tyumen, Omsk, Novosibirsk, Krasnoyarsk, Irkutsk, Ulan-Ude, Chita, Belogorsk and Khabarovsk.

During the route the train makes 63 stops. There are 87 cities in total lying the way.

The length of its entire route is 9,259 km and crosses two continents, Europe and Asia and 8 time zones. Also, the train crosses 16 major rivers. Among them is the largest river in Europe — the Volga, and rivers, which are among the ten largest rivers in the world: the Ob with its tributary Irtysh, Yenisei.

The train for more than 207 km runs along the deepest lake in the world — lake Baikal, which contains one fifth of the fresh water on the planet.

If you choose this way to travel it takes 6 days to get to the final station directly. Stops according to the schedule last for 2-45 minutes depending on the city.

Doors in the compartment of the train "Russia" are equipped with electronic locks. Here is a shower, but in a separate car.

The train has compartments for disabilities persons and special space for kids with toys and books.

**The second way** is a trip on the same route, but with access and stops at hotels in the most important cities at your request. During the stops we can offer a sightseeing tour in the desired language (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian, German or Chinese speaking guides, etc).

Of course, this option will be longer if you follow the entire route.

**Yekaterinburg** is a "Capital of the Ural Mountains". The city was founded in 1723 by Tsar Peter I as the center of metallurgical industry. By the 20th century it had become one of the largest and the most important financial, industrial and cultural centers of Russia.

**Novosibirsk** is the third largest city and the biggest of Siberia. It was founded in 1893 as the future site of the Trans-Siberian railway bridge crossing the Siberian River Ob. Despite some distance from the Central part of Russia, there are well-equipped medical centers and research institutes. Around the city grows a real Siberian forest" Taiga. You can go there by excursion.

**Krasnoyarsk** used to be a "closed city" during Soviet times — closed to foreigners and also to most Soviet citizens at that time. It is located along the Yenisei River. A sightseeing tour shows you several view points and the main shopping street which is fascinating as the local mayor decided to decorate it with palm trees in summer time — in the middle of Siberia!

**Irkutsk** called "Paris of Siberia" because of its colorful life style during the time of the Tsars. You can visit the old town with its large quarters still consisting of wooden houses only, before invited to the cultural highlight of the tour, a private classical concert in a palace of historical background.

**Lake Baikal** holds the biggest fresh water reserves in the world. It stretches up to 42km from east to west and more than 595km from north to south. If you do the stop for Baikal, you can walk through the village Listvyanka shows you to St Nicholas church, on a great Siberian lunch you can taste the famous Omul fish which lives only in Lake Baikal and a boat takes you on a short cruise to the small village to visit the typical wooden houses of local people.





## Wedding & Honeymoons tours



**We invite you to St. Petersburg to spend a honeymoon or to celebrate an important anniversary!**

Russian wedding traditions are full of romanticism and sentimental ceremonies. Some of places of the city are the traditional for stops of wedding processions for breaking of champagne glasses, setting free a pair of pigeons and bringing flowers. Some symbolic acts of touching the toes of certain statues, for example, are fun but if you believe it, your life will be happy and full of prosperity, it will be so! You can have a great time on any important anniversary or romantic date.

You will see in St. Petersburg the famous places as Bronze Horseman, Vasilevsky Island, Pushkin monument and on summer time will walk along the most beautiful park of fountains in Peterhof. Also, in the summer, one of the most memorable moments will be the trip by yacht around the Neva river or show of open bridge. Also, it is possible to take a ride on the carriage on the Palace square

Honeymoon involves the comfort, convenience and positive emotions only. We will provide you the opportunity to spend these happy days carefree and will try to fulfill your every wish. We will arrange for the most happy people ride in a carriage or car, accommodation in a hotel of a decent category, support of positive guide, and of course, photos from professional. Be sure, we will not forget the champagne & fruits and the romantic dinner in a cozy restaurant about. If you travel not along but want to impart the happiness to your best friends or relatives we invite you to arrange a banquet in a restaurant or spend time in a Crazy-Party Bus.

### **We offer Standard and Luxury package with:**

- Hotel accommodation
- Romantic breakfast in the room (at any time)
- Guide service
- Car of A-class/E-class/Limousine/Carriage/ Mini-van or Minibus for groups more then 3 pax
- A bottle of champagne & fruits
- Banquet or Romantic Dinner
- Professional photo session
- VIP-yacht trip (from May till September)
- Excursions
- Theater and philharmonic tickets
- Professional photo shoot





## MICE

The reason of MICE tourism in Russia is the rich possibilities to combine of learning of cultural and natural aspects with team-building and training activities. Basis directions of MICE as exhibitions or events, meetings, conferences and incentive have committed all over Russian provide not to improve the professional level and new experience only, but also to get acquainted with the traditions of the country. Main job of "Art-Travel" is to select the venue and offer the special theme for your event, select the best options for different programs and services for your choice as well as provide effective management of the project to have the best and fruitful result to the end of it.

Our mission and services to organize your event, conferences, business meetings, corporate training and team-building:

- Professional interpreters and guides
- Transportation
- Hotels booking
- Rent of equipment and conference venues
- Gala companion programs, parties and cocktails
- Corporate training and team-building;
- Special arrangements such as Visa Support, security, police escort

According to MICE services as a unifying principle we recommend to get special excursions for groups and business-guests not having enough time for standard trips in a group. These options will provide an opportunity with maximum comfort to get acquainted with interesting facts from the life of the Cities and to see places that are not viewable in the usual way in a mode convenient to You personally.

### VIP SERVICES IN ST.PETERSBURG and MOSCOW

**Hotels 5\*, transportation of business class, museum entrances without lines, private boats premium class, caviar tasting, highly qualified guides. We will take care of every detail of your trip!**

- **Individual Boat trip by yacht**, from May to October, along the Neva river and channels will create a romantic mood or **Night individual Boat trip** for opening bridges. This option is a one of the "business card" of St. Petersburg. Also, you can get a yacht for transfer to Peterhoff for Low park of fountains.

- Tours **"By the bird's eye"** over the Center of Saint-Petersburg or flight in the direction to town Petershof by a helicopter. Stunning panorama of the city, boundless space of the Finnish Gulf and Neva river will open for you as on the hands!

- Special opening of the **State Hermitage** or **Grand Palace** in Peterhof are the best chance to learn the Russia's unique museums during off hours without the crowd.

- We invite you to spend a time in the role of guests of the President in the **excursion around Konstantinovsky Palace** with a visit to the vine cellars.

- **"Behind the scene"** at excursion to the **Bolshoy theatre** is the best chance to learn about the inner workings of the theatre, visit to the auditorium, Royal Lodge and the Foyer of the dress circle.

- **"Zaryadje" park** is unique project and during the special engineering excursion you will know some secrets of building.

- Also, we invite you to visit the beautiful **Antique Shop** to choose watch, jewelry, figurine, Russian samovar or even an icon. You will be provided with the necessary documents for transporting your purchase across the border.





## Unusual excursion

If you have already visited classical museums or want to travel along a non-standard route, you can include unusual excursions in the program. In addition to any tour we can offer:

**“Putin in St. Petersburg”.** You will learn some nuances of biography of the actual President of Russia since his childhood. During this excursion you will see the places as maternity house where he was born, areas where his school's and student's years were held and gyms of his sports school of Judo, legendary KGB office in Liteiny prospect, etc. He even took part in the film shooting at Soviet movie studio “Lenfilm” as a stuntman! So, the President of Russia is a politician who has gained incredible popularity over the period of his activity. Putin is a figure, which is debated in all countries of the world and books are written about, so he is quite worthy of a separate excursion theme in Saint Petersburg!

Are you a fan of football? So then, excursion to the one of **stadiums in St. Petersburg** is for you especially! The stadium “Petrovsky” of football team “Zenit” is situated in the one of numerous islands in the City, in the Petrovsky island, another named “St. Petersburg Arena” and was built to Championship –2018. You will learn the technology of preparation of the fields for the game and maintenance, visit VIP-zone and commentator boxes.

**“Welcome to Red Leningrad”** is the memory-story of life in USSR. Excursion around the City will include an inspection of samples of Stalinist architecture and the places connected with reality and life in Soviet Union. You will see building of old shops, cinemas, clubs, cafes, discos, hotels, Palaces of Creativity and Youth, the traditional meeting place of “underground and illegal” people and rock-musicians in Leningrad and other typical places of city life until the mid 80-ies and Lenin monuments, too.

To return to childhood or to know whether the ghosts roam in the Opera, the tour **“Behind the scene”** to the Mariinsky or Mikhailovsky theatre in St. Petersburg is the best chance to do it! We invite you to walk along the areas of the scene and orchestra pit are traditionally inaccessible. You will pass the artists way the scene, visit the sham shop and decorative manufacture and hear stories about the architectural complexes theatre.



**“Patriot tour”** in Moscow or in St. Petersburg is for you if you are brave and like a good adventures! Let's go to the range where you can feel yourselves like a soldier or paratrooper to riding on the armor of an APC or IFV. You will try to shoot a gun, to throw a grenade, to collect the “Kalashnikov” for time-limit. This event is for Real Men, of course, but... not for manly and strong only. Dear ladies! After shooting you can take the target home to your family members know, who they are dealing with now! By the way, women are more well-directed than men... Our statistics show that. If you never been a Scout but just want to try, you can participate in the game with the “hostages”, to read military maps or to protect important military construction with “mines”, “grenades”, and “rescue” the wounded are included in the program.

So that literally with a head plunge into the atmosphere of Rus, we invite you to visit a **Russian thermae**. Comfortable rooms for any numbers of people, steam room, sauna, swimming pool or barrel with ice water and, of course, a broom made of natural leaves, will give pleasure to both soul and body.

**“My house is my fortress”.** Visit to one of the finest examples of urban private housing. Family houses of the best aristocracy and Russian merchants are different with interior refinement, comfort and prosperity. On the moment each residence is the state establishment as the house of creativity or club of science, or art mainly. So, often the interior is intact and well preserved. We invite you for the tour around the one of family private residence in St. Petersburg and learn the story of its owners.

Journey to Petersburg (from Moscow, for example) or from Petersburg in an individual car Super-luxury class with all convenience and private service of a 5 star hotel with bedroom, living room, bathroom with heated floors, Internet, Butler service.



# Russian Wars

Wars have hardened Russia and made it what it is. The memory of wars is woven into the DNA of a Russian person, which is reflected in his lifestyle, in his character. If you are interested in the military history of Russia, then in Moscow and St. Petersburg there are many museums preserving the memory of all important historical events.

## The best military museums in Moscow

### Central Museum of the Great Patriotic War

Including in the building there are several magnificent dioramas: "Blockade of Leningrad", "Kursk Bulge" and "Forcing the Dnieper".

### Central Air Force Museum

The museum has a very large area - the real combat helicopters, planes and other air vehicles are presented here.

### Central Museum of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

This military museum, existing since 1919, is the most important in Russia. Here you can see about fifteen thousand samples of armored heavy equipment, aircraft and missile launch facilities.

### State Museum of Defense of Moscow

The museum talks about the defense of Moscow from the soldiers of Nazi Germany.

### Museum complex "History of the T-34"

In the museum you can not only see, but also get into one of the eight presented T-34 tanks.

### Museum of German Anti-Fascists

The museum is located on the territory where the prisoner of war camp previously operated.

### Tank Museum "Kubinka"

The museum is the largest of its kind. Here you can see many Russian and German tanks.

## The best military museums in St Petersburg

### Monument to the heroic defenders of Leningrad

The monument was opened on May 9, 1975, on the 30th anniversary of the Victory. In the center of the huge podium is a 48-meter obelisk.

### Museum of the Russian Submarine Forces named after Alexander Marinesko

The museum shows the whole history of the submarine fleet from the time of Peter I to the present day.

### Central Naval Museum

The huge museum contains over 700,000 items. These are breadboard models of ships, objects of marine life, instruments, navy uniforms, sea flags and a collection of weapons of the imperial family.

### Military Medical Museum

The museum is dedicated to the development of military medical service

### Museum of Defense and Siege of Leningrad

The collection of the Museum of Defense and the Siege of Leningrad is dedicated to the immortal feat of the inhabitants of the city on the Neva.

### Museum of Artillery, Engineering and Signal Corps

To date, the museum has a rich collection of Russian and foreign weapons, which were brought from 54 countries.

### Submarine D-2 "Narodovolets"

The appearance and internal structure of the submarine is fully consistent with the state of the Second World War.

### Museum-Diorama "Breakthrough of the blockade of Leningrad"

One of the largest panoramas in the world (600 square meters)

