

# Moscow and St Petersburg Tour

Journey to Russia and discover the wonders of the Russian capitals: the mighty Moscow and St Petersburg, city of the Tsars! This tour will allow you to immerse yourself in the hectic and majestic life of Moscow for several days, and then relax and admire the architectural splendor of St Petersburg. You will have the chance to experience the breathtaking sights and the incomparable atmosphere of places such as the Red Square, the Kremlin and the Novodevichy Convent in Moscow and the Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress and the summer residences of the Tsars in St Petersburg. The classic 7 days city break in Moscow and St Petersburg is the best choice for first time visitors to explore all Russia's most iconic places in one fell swoop.

## Classic 7 days group city break: Moscow and St Petersburg

**Moscow and St Petersburg Group Tours** are made up of travelers from many different cities or countries who join together to experience a journey through Russia's most iconic locations enjoying special group rates: discover the marvels of Russia and make new friends traveling for an affordable price! Guaranteed departures, the package holiday includes accommodation for 6 nights in Moscow and St Petersburg central 4\* hotels and city sightseeing tours and visits with the support of an English-speaking guide. For detailed information on the tour's itinerary, dates and prices please refer to the table below.



Moscow and St Petersburg holidays available all year round!

You can visit Russia any time of the year! When planning a travel to Russia, many first-time travelers tend to limit their options to the summer months, missing the opportunity to experience the unique charm of the other seasons!

## Autumn and Winter in Russia

Travel to Russia in September, October, November and December and discover the bright colours of the Russian autumn and the breathtaking landscapes of the Russian winter! Visit Moscow a St Petersburg's top attractions enjoying budget rates!

## [New Year in Moscow and St Petersburg](#)

Experience the unique atmosphere of Russia's most beloved and iconic holiday with this 7 days group city break: spectate the unforgettable firework shows over the Red Square and celebrate New Year's Day in St Petersburg's Palace Square with Ded Moroz and Snegurochka!

## Easter Holidays and spring in Russia

Russian Tour offers Moscow and St Petersburg travel packages including visa support, accommodation in the city center, transfer service and full support from a professional English-speaking guide for all the tours included!

## [The White Nights](#)

Every year, From late May to early July, the city of St Petersburg lights up with glaring colours because of the phenomenon commonly known as "White Nights": during the few weeks following the summer solstice the sun shines each day for up to 19 hours straight, from 3 or 4 a.m. to almost midnight. After midnight the sun crosses the line of the horizon and dusk comes at last, leading to a bright and nonfading twilight that glosses a warm, glittering red light over the elegant façades of the imperial palaces and the opulent aristocratic mansions. It is during this time elapse that the northernmost metropolis in the world gains his unique and magical appearance, praised and chanted about by Russia's most celebrated artists in dozens of novels, poems and songs.

## Summer in Russia

Visitors from all over the world come to Russia to enjoy the cool climate and the bursting atmosphere that engulfs the country during summer! Discover the astounding variety and the gargantuan proportions of the Russian capital walking along the roaring avenues of Moscow and take a break from the busy city life taking a calm stroll along St Petersburg's charming canal and avenues!



## Dates and Prices of the Moscow - St. Petersburg Tours

Prices per person, based on minimum 4 people sharing 2 double rooms

10% discount for bookings made in 2017 (paying 30% in advance) for tours starting in 2018.

**GRR: Golden Ring of Russia - on these dates is possible to add the Golden Ring of Russia Tour**

**4 STARS COMFORT:** Vedensky, Park Inn Nevsky, Sokos or similar in St. Petersburg; Novotel Center, Holiday Inn or similar in Moscow. In the category are included hotels that have quality standards similar to the 4 star European hotels.

**4 STARS STANDARD:** Dostoevsky or similar in St. Petersburg; Izmailovo Vega or similar in Moscow. In the category are included hotels that are officially 4 stars in Russia, but with standard comparable to the European 3 stars.

10% discount for bookings made in 2017 (paying 30% in advance) for tours starting in 2018.

Reduction for children: from 1 to 3 years 70%; from 3 to 11 years 30%

### Included:

- Accommodation in Moscow: 4\* or 3\* hotel DBL/twin room, 3 nights

- Accommodation in St Petersburg: 4\* or 3\* hotel DBL/twin room, 3 nights
- Meals: Breakfast in your hotels
- High speed express train “Sapsan” one way from Moscow to St Petersburg (4 hours), 2nd class
- Transfers: Airport – hotel – train station – hotel – airport
- Moscow city tour including the Novodevichy Convent, visit to the Kremlin
- St Petersburg city tour including the Peter and Paul Fortress, visit to the Hermitage
- Private English-speaking guide for all the included excursions per itinerary
- Visa support/tourist invitation
- Entry tickets: Moscow Kremlin, Novodevichy Convent, Cathedral of the Saviour on the spilled blood, Hermitage

### Not Included:

- Over 65 travel insurance supplement: €16 per person
- Half board: €150 per person (included on request)
- Full visa service
- International airfare (included on request)
- Optional tours and services

The order of the included excursions may change. Because of the unstable conditions of the EUR/RUB exchange rate, the price published on this website may be subject to changes.

\* During the final phase of the Russia 2018 soccer world championship, tours do not include excursions and guides in English. Packages include only hotel + transfers, with a minimum stay of 3 nights in Moscow or St. Petersburg. Excursions and additional services can be quoted individually. For the 2018 World Cup, there is no 10% discount for those who buy the package in 2017. More details on the packages here: [www.russiantour.com/eng/fifa-world-cup-russia-2018](http://www.russiantour.com/eng/fifa-world-cup-russia-2018)

On the dates of the group tour, it is possible to book only the Moscow portion or only the part relating to St. Petersburg. The program of 4 days in two cities is the same as in Moscow and St Petersburg itinerary. In addition, it is possible to request a quote for extra nights and services, including also a full 2, 3 or 4 days Golden Ring city tour for all itineraries in Moscow and a full-day tour to Veliky Novgorod or a multiple days personalized tour to Karelia for all itineraries in St Petersburg. It is also possible to ask for a quote for fully customizable Moscow and St Petersburg city breaks for groups and individuals.



## Itinerary

### **DAY 1: Arrival in Moscow**

On arrival at Moscow International Airport our driver will take you to your hotel: once arrived you will have time to settle in and explore the surroundings of the hotel. Coming out today as the political and preeminent economic centre of Russia, the city of Moscow was founded in 1147 by the prince Yuri Dolgurukiy. Visitors from all over the world travel to Moscow and take the chance to admire its astounding mix of architectural shapes and styles. Enjoy the atmosphere of the biggest metropolis in Europe and visit its main attraction: walk along the Old Arbat and take a break in the majestic Red Square to admire the breathtaking colours of the cupules of St Basil's Cathedral and the imposing view of the Kremlin's red walls and one-of-a-kind towers! In addition to the included tours, we offer various optional visits such as the excursion to the Trinity Lavra of San Sergius and the Old Arbat and Moscow Metro walking tour.

### **DAY 2: Guided city tour of Moscow, visit to the Novodevichy Convent and the Kremlin Grounds**

Breakfast at the hotel. City sightseeing tour with stops in Moscow's top locations: the Red Square, the central square of Moscow and all Russia; the Bolshoy Theatre, one of the most celebrated and famous temples of classical ballet; Tverskaya Street and Moscow's financial district, the buzzing heart of the city life; the Boulevard Ring; the panoramic

point on the Sparrow Hills, next to the famous Moscow State University (Lomonosov University); the Novodeviciy Convent, Moscow's best known cloister dating back to the sixteenth century. Free time for lunch. In the afternoon, visit to the Kremlin (grounds and main cathedral). The Moscow Kremlin is a fortress located in the historic center of the city, on Borovickiy Hill. It is the oldest part of the city and one of the most important artistic and historical complexes in the country. Today the Kremlin is the seat of Russia's national governmental institutions.

### **DAY 3: Optional Excursions: Sergiev Posad or the Arbat Street and Moscow Metro**

Breakfast at the hotel. On your third day in Moscow you will have the chance to either participate in various optional guided tours or to take on Russia's big capital by yourself, enjoying a full free day in the city. Recommended optional guided tours: Excursion to Serghiev Posad (Trinity Lavra of San Sergius, monastery grounds and cathedrals), Old Arbat and Moscow Metro walking tour. The Trinity Lavra of San Sergius is the most important Russian monastery and the spiritual centre of the Russian Orthodox Church. The monastery is situated in the town of Sergiyev Posad, about 70 km to the north-east from Moscow by the road leading to Yaroslavl, and currently is home to over 300 monks. The complex is been listed as World Heritage Site by the UNESCO since 1993. The Arbat is one of the oldest street surviving in the contemporary Moscow, dating back to 15th century. In 17th and 18th century the street became the core of Moscow's most prestigious living area, the Arbat District: in the following century the Old Arbat would become the residence of choice of the muscovite nobility and his entourage, including some of the city's most famous artists and academics.

### **DAY 4: Departure to St Petersburg**

Free time in the morning. Our guide will meet you in the hotel lobby and escort you to the train station. High-speed train to St Petersburg (Sapsan, 2nd class). Upon arrival, our driver will take you to the hotel. St Petersburg, once the opulent capital of the Tsarist Empire conceived and created by the Emperor Peter I the Great, is today regarded as Russia's foremost cultural and artistic centre and is renowned for its architecture, his charming canals and monumental landmarks: Nevsky Prospekt, the Ostrovskij Square and the statue of Catherine II, the Church of the Saviour on Blood and the Kazan and St Isaac Cathedrals, the Alexandrinsky Theatre, the Square of the Arts, the Admiralty, The Senate Square and the "Bronze Horseman", the Field of Mars and the Summer Gardens.

### **DAY 5: Guided city tour of St Petersburg, visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress and the Hermitage State Museum**

Breakfast at the hotel. City tour of St Petersburg with stops at Saint Isaac's square, the Church of the Savior on Blood, which was erected on the place where the Tsar Alexander II of Russia had been killed, Art Square, which owes its name to the numerous museums and theaters in the vicinity, the cruiser Aurora, which is now a floating museum, Nevsky Prospekt, the Smolny Cathedral, built and designed by Bartolomeo Rastrelli, and finally,

the Field of Mars. Then a visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress, founded in 1703, where the city's history initially began. Visit of the State Hermitage, one of the most important art collections in the world; the building was originally a part of the imperial palace, the residence of the Romanov dynasty for 2 centuries until 1917, the year of the beginning of the October Revolution. Return to the hotel.

#### **DAY 6: Optional Excursions: the summer residences of the Tsars, Pushkin, Peterhof and Pavlosk**

Breakfast at the hotel. Free day. Recommended optional excursions to the summer residences of the Tsars: Pushkin (Catherine's Palace and the Amber room), Peterhof (with its beautiful park and fountains), Pavlovsk (palace and park of Paul I). The modern town of Pushkin, named after the most famous and recognized poet of Russian literature's Golden Age, who here received his education and wrote his first verses, encompasses the grounds of the marvelous summer estate of Catherine I: visit the Baroque Palace and his awe-inspiring interiors, including the world famous Amber Room, and walk along the beautiful alleys of the Gardens à la française. The first Russian Emperor Peter I the Great decided to build on the shores of the Gulf of Finland a suburban residence of such majesty and opulence that could match the fabulous architectural achievements of the western monarchies. The palace complex of Peterhof, often regarded to as the "Russian Versailles", is the result of such ambition: you will have the chance to admire the Great Palace (Exteriors), visit the gardens laid out with more than 150 monumental fountains and visit the interiors of the favorite, intimate corner of Peter I, the Monplaisir Palace.

#### **DAY 7: Departure form St Petersburg**

Breakfast at the hotel. After the check-out our driver will meet you in the lobby and take you to the airport. Departure from St Petersburg. End of our services. Comes to and end a fantastic journey through Russia's most iconic locations: the imposing proportions of the Kremlin and the Hermitage, the unforgettable shapes and colours of St Basil Cathedral and the Church of the Saviour on Blood, the majestic sights on the Red Square and the Nevsky Prospekt.



## Fully customizable tours

We offer **fully customizable Moscow and St Petersburg tours** for group and individual travelers. Feel free to choose the option most suitable to your needs choosing the dates, the accommodation and the services that you prefer: we will provide you with a quote and a custom itinerary matching your request!

**travel to Russia, whenever you want** Our services are available 365 a year, even on very short notice (min 1 week for tour bookings, min 24h for excursions and transfers) and during Russian public holidays!

**Plan your perfect itinerary** we offer a wide selection of guided tours in Moscow, St Petersburg and various other Russian cities and popular touristic attractions: our experts can help you craft a custom itinerary including all the places you want to see, with connections by plane, train, boat, bus or private car (transportation options are subject to availability).

**Choose from a vast array of accommodation options** Select your favorite solution from top quality through to great value accommodations and the full range in between, including recommended 3\*, 4\* and 5\* hotels, serviced and non-serviced apartments.

**Complement personalized services** guides, personal interpreters, car and coach rental, transfers and much more! Thanks to our wide experience and the support of selected partners we can provide a solution for every need.

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