

# «MOSCOW SUMMER»

## 5 days/4 nights

### 1st day

- A guide will meet you at the airport.
  - Transfer to the hotel accommodation. Check-in starts from 2pm and check-out is at 12:00.
  - **Moscow sightseeing tour (bus)**. You will see all the major sights of the capital of Russia; such as a panoramic view of the city from the Vorobiev Hills, Bagration bridge with lots of shops, you will also see Moscow City's new skyscraper business district (from the window of the bus), the memorial complex of Poklonnaya Gora as well as all the major squares and streets of the city.
  - Arrive back at the hotel. Then you'll have some free time.
- (A guide and transport will be with you for 7 hours in total).

### 2nd day (walking day)

- **Breakfast at the hotel**. A guide will meet you in the hotel lobby.
- Transfer to the metro station Okhotny Ryad.
- **Walking excursion through the centre of Moscow**: Red Square: Where you will see one of the world's most exclusive shopping centres: we are of course talking about the world famous GUM; Also - Vasilievsky Spusk, ultimate Pokrovsky Cathedral which is also known as St Basil's Cathedral; Teatralnaya (theatre) Square; Okhotny Ryad; After a short walk we will visit the magnificent Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

**For an additional fee:** climb the stairs to the observation platform of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, to enjoy the beautiful views of Moscow city centre.

- **Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin** (territory + cathedral): the Sobornaya square is the central square of the Moscow Kremlin, where all of its streets used to converge in the 15th century. Cathedral Square is famous as the site of solemn coronation and funeral processions of all the Russian tsars, patriarchs, and Grand Dukes of Moscow. Even today, the square is used in the inauguration ceremony of the President of Russia. You will see the Assumption Cathedral, Archangel's Cathedral, Annunciation Cathedral, bell tower of Ivan the Great (also known as Ivan the Terrible) and you will see famous Tsar-Bell and Tsar-Cannon.

**For an additional fee:** Excursion to the Armoury Museum of Moscow Kremlin which has a fantastic collection of priceless and luxurious items include Alexey Romanov's 17th century throne covered with a mosaic of turquoises and 900 diamonds, a phelonion of Metropolitan Platon decorated with 150,000 pearls and the famous Faberge eggs. (we recommend that you verify the price while booking).

- Walk to the Tretyakovskaya Gallery through beautiful Zamoskvoretsky bridge.
  - **Excursion to the Tretyakovskaya gallery** which was founded in 1865 by a famous merchant called Pavel Tretyakov. The Gallery contains one of the biggest collections of Russian drawings and paintings in the world. You will have a tour around the museum so you can see the artworks of many great Russian artists.
  - Travel back to your hotel by yourself.
- (A guide will be with you for 7 hours in total).

### 3d day (walking day)

- **Breakfast at the hotel**. A guide will meet you in the hotel lobby.
  - **Excursion on the Moscow metro called "The Underground Castles"**. You will visit the most beautiful and famous stations of Moscow metro. Some of them look like real castles (hence the name of the tour). Stations such as Komsomolskaya-Koltsevaya show all the major breakthroughs of the soviet people. At the Novoslobodskaya metro station you will see a panoply of mosaics and gorgeous back-lit stained glass on the walls.; Novokuznetskaya station is best known for its 32 stained glass panels, which are the work of Latvian artists E. Veylandan, E. Krests, and M. Ryskin. Each panel, surrounded by an elaborate brass border, is set into one of the station's pillars and illuminated from within. Both the pillars and the pointed arches between them are clad in pink Ural marble and edged with brass moldings. At the end of the platform is a beautiful mosaic by Pavel Korin entitled "Peace Throughout the World." The station Ploschad Revolutsii opened in 1938. The station features red and yellow marble arches. The spaces between the arches are partially filled by decorative ventilation grilles and ceiling tracery. Each arch is flanked by a pair of bronze sculptures depicting the people of the Soviet Union. There are a total of 76 sculptures in the station. You will see the whole city that lies beneath the main city above – non of the Moscow metro stations are alike; they are all original works of art!
  - We will finally get off the metro at the **farmstead-museum Kolomenskoe**. There will be an excursion to the **Alexey Mikhailovich Castle**. During the excursion you will visit the castle's big halls and tsar's bedrooms. A guide will tell you about the reconstruction of the castle as well as interesting facts about how Tsars used to live in Russia in XVII century.
  - Free time in Kolomensky park.
  - Travel back to your hotel by yourself.
- (A guide will be with you for 5 hours in total).

#### **4th day**

**-Breakfast at the hotel.** A guide will meet you in the hotel lobby.

- Transfer to **Sergiev Posad**. Sergiev Posad is a town which encompasses the sacred place – Trinity-Sergius Lavra. Lavra was founded in 1337 by Ven. Sergy Radonezhsky. You will visit Trinity-Sergius Lavra and see Troitsky Cathedral with magnificent icons made by Andrey Rublev, Uspensky Cathedral and refectory with baroque interior.

**For an additional fee:** Master class in painting on the wood. You can paint on matreshka or any other wooden toy you like and take it home as a souvenir. (Master class costs 7 euro per person).

- Arround the Trinity-Sergius Lavra you cal always find lots of souvenir shops.

- Transfer to Moscow.

(A guide and transport will be with you for 8 hours in total).

#### **5th day**

- **Breakfast at he hotel.** Check out. Meet with a guide in the hotel lobby.

- Transfer to the place where the excursion starts.

- **Excursion to the Stary Arbat street:** you well see the memorial of the famous Russian poet Aleksander Pushkin and his wife Natalia Goncharova, «The house of the third millennium» of architect Melnikov situated on Krivoarbatsky street. This house is an outstanding example of constructivism. Also you will see a beautiful fountain called “ The Golden Turandot” at the Vakhtangov theatre and «Spaso-house» - which used to be the house of the merchant Vtorov. Currently this is the residence of the US ambassador.

- If you would like to buy some souvenirs, Arbat street is a perfect place.

- Transfer to the **Novodevichy Monastery**. Excursion to the one of the oldest and beautiful convent, which was established by the Great prince Vasily the 3d in 1524 to celebrate the victory in battle. This monastery is on UNESKO list of the world heritage.

- Transfer to the airport.

(Guide and transport will be with you for 7 hours in total).

#### **Price of the tour per person. (prices are in rubles):**

Hotel	Group of 10+1 people	Group of 15+1 people	Group of 20+1 people	Group of 25+1 people	Supplement for SNGL room in the hotel
Hotel 3*	29500	24500	22300	20900	7000
Hotel 4*	32000	26900	24700	23500	9000
Hotel 5*	38700	27300	30700	29700	10000

#### **Included:**

- stay at your chosen hotel for 4 nights. Check-out time 12.00. Check-in time 2pm;

- 4 buffet breakfasts;

- Guide (English, French, German, Italian, Spanish language)/translator during all excursions (the cost of the tour may change if you will order a guide with other languages);

- Transport: according to the tour programme (for a group of 10 +1 person and 15+1 person service bus with 18 seats in the saloon);

- tickets to the museums as stated in the tour programme.

#### **Not included:**

- all the additional services (please check the prices for all the additional services while booking!);

- a typical meal for one person costs approximately 10-12 euro;

- for extra usage of the transport: 25 euro per hour for the bus (44 seats in the saloon, for 4+2 hours minimum) and 15 euro per hour for the bus (18 seats in the saloon, for 4+1 hours minimum)

- guide escort extra hours – 20 euro per hour;

- 2 hour boat ride on the river Moscow costs 13-14 euro per person (with no guide, navigation period is from May to October).

- visit the «Izmailovo Kremlin» - link to the website: <http://www.kremlin-izmailovo.com>;

- visit an exclusive show «Amazing Russia», link to the website- <http://amazing-russia.com> Tickets need to be ordered in advance – please check the price!!!!

- tickets to one of the Moscow circuses cost approximately 11 to 80 euro per person.

#### **We ask to clarify the cost when booking the tour!**

**WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU ORDER ALL THE ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS WELL AS LUNCHES AND DINNERS IN ADVANCE.**

**Attention!**

In spring and summer you can visit various Moscow parks to free. Such as Gorky park, Hermitage garden, Neskuchny garden, VDNKH, Sokolniki park, Tsaritsyno park (additional charge for museum and castles within the parks).

*We reserve the right to make minor changes to the tour programme according to the traffic and other unexpected circumstances.*