

«Moscow-St Petersburg»

6 days/5 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.
 - **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 – none of the Moscow metro stations are alike; they are all original works of art!
 - We will finally get off the metro at Okhotny Ryad metro station (which is right next to Red Square and the Kremlin).
 - **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 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 felonious of Metropolitan Platon decorated with 150,000 pearls and the famous Faberge eggs. (we recommend that you verify the price while booking).
 - Travel back to your hotel by yourself.
- (Guide will be with you for 6 hours in total).

3rd day

- **Breakfast at the hotel.**
 - Transfer to the prestigious Tretyakovskaya gallery.
 - **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.
 - Transfer to the **open-air museum Kolomenskoe.**
 - **Excursion to the Tsar Alexy Mikhailovich's 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.
- (Guide and transport will be with you for 7 hours in total in Moscow)

4th day

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel.**
 - Check out. Meet with a guide in the hotel lobby.
 - Transfer to the Leningrad railway station (or in airport). Guide will show you to the train Sapsan and help with boarding.
 - Arrival in St. Petersburg
 - **St. Petersburg's city-bus tour**, during which you will meet with many world-famous attractions.
 - **Visit St. Isaac's Cathedral** - is a remarkable monument of Russian architecture. This grand structure filled up the space of the Senate Square, and created a new square as well. Alongside with the Peter and Paul's Cathedral and the Admiralty it became an important architectural landmark in the city outline. The golden dome of St. Isaac's can be seen from any part of the city.
 - Transfer to hotel. Accommodation at the hotel.
- (Guide and transport will be with you for 7 hours in total)

5th day

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel.**
 - Visit the largest museum in Russia - **the Hermitage**, brought together in their collections the best works of art from around the world, which is, indeed, "the face" of St. Petersburg.
 - **Tour along rivers and canals.** St. Petersburg initially was under construction on water - on the river Neva, its sleeves and channels. Historical quarters of Petersburg are located on numerous islands in delta of Neva at its confluence of Gulf of Finland of Baltic Sea. From water the city is perceived unusually: palaces, cathedrals, houses as if float towards, and granite quays make impression, that the city is lifted on a high pedestal. All quays of Petersburg have the special color.
- (The transport and guide is not more than 7 hours)

6th day

- **Buffet breakfast at the hotel.**
 - Check-out. Meet the guide in the hotel.
 - **Excursion to Peterhof** - is a jewel of the Russian art, a town of parks, palaces and fountains. The Upper and the Lower Parks are the masterpieces of art of gardening numbering over 170 fountains, 5 monumental cascades. The Grand Cascade, which goes downhill from the palace towards the Baltic Sea, is one of the largest fountain ensembles in the world.
 - **Tour to Peterhof includes visit Grand Palace.**
 - Transfer to the airport or railway station.
- (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	Extra payment for an extra days stay in the hotel
Hotel 3*	46900	40800	38300	36000	11250
Hotel 4*	61700	55000	52500	50500	24750
Hotel 5	85100	78000	74500	71900	by request

Included:

- stay at your chosen hotel for 3 nights in Moscow and 2 nights in St Petersburg. Check-out time 12.00. Check-in time 2pm;
- 5 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:

- Train or plane ticket from Moscow-St Petersburg. Please check the price of the tickets while booking!
- all the additional services (please check the prices for all the additional services while booking!);
- visa registration at the hotel from 0 to 250 rub per person (visa registration is required by law).
- a typical meal for one person costs approximately 10-12 euro;
- for extra usage of the transport:
in Moscow: 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);
in St Petersburg: 34 euro per hour for bus (44 seats in the saloon, for 3+1 hours minimum, and 17 euro per hour for the bus (18 seats in the saloon, for 3+1 hours minimum);
- guide escort extra hours – 20 euro per hour;

- 2 hour boat ride on the river Moscow costs 15 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.
- folklore program in St Petersburg – from 2500 rubles per person.
- tour of the Leningrad Porcelain factory + master-class on painting on porcelain – 110 euros 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.

