

MOSCOW-VLADIMIR-SUZDAL

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).

2d day

- **Breakfast at the hotel.**
- Transfer to Vladimir city. On the way to Vladimir, a guide will give you information about the city and all the interesting facts and legends. .
- **You will reach Vladimir at approximately 12:00.**
- City observation excursion: Golden Gates, The Building of Public places, Dvoryanskaya street, you will see a beautiful panoramic view of Klyazma river from the observation platform.
 - **Dmitrievsky Cathedral** (can't go inside), which is devoted to St Dmitry Solunsky the warrior. The walls of the cathedral are decorated with intricate white-stone openwork carvings.
 - Excursion to the Uspensky Cathedral. Uspensky Cathedral is a perfect sample of Russian architecture of XII century. The most outstanding creation of Vsevolod 'the Big Nest period'. The Cathedral contains murals drawn by the world famous artist Andrey Rublev.
 - Excursion to the Bogolubskymonastery which was founded in 1158 by prince Andrey Bogolubsky. If the weather is nice, we will walk to Pokrova-Na-Nerly church through the beautiful reserved meadow.
- Transfer to Suzdal town.
- Accommodation in the hotel..
- Free time.
(A guide and transport will be with you for 14 hours in total).

3d day

- **Breakfast at the hotel.** Check-out of the hotel.
- Suzdal is the undisputed capital of the Garden Ring. There is no other place in middle Russia which has fully preserved the spirit of middle-ages Russia. People call Suzdal "Russian Hollywood" as there were more than 150 historical movies filmed there.
 - **Observation excursion through the town.** You will walk through the historical centre of the town, will visit the trading square which has not change it's purpose for the last 200 years. There are still lots of souvenir shops as well as food, clothes and "bits and bobs" stores. Along the Kremlevskaya street you will see horse drawn carriages taking tourists around the city.
It really seems that time has stopped in Suzdal. XIX century houses which used to belong to rich merchants are built along the narrow and crooked streets. The historical centre is surrounded by the ramparts, from the top of which you can enjoy a beautiful panoramic view.
 - **Excursion to the Museum of Wooden Architecture.** Like in a real traditional Russian village you will see and explore huts, churches, mills, barns, swings etc. Everything is made of wood, everything is original, delivered to the museum from many different places of the Vladimir region.
 - **Excursion to the Suzdal Kremlin.** Here you can feel the atmosphere of a middle-ages prince's residence. You will see the grand Cathedral of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary which was built in 1220. Also you will visit the Phillips House which used to be the residence of the Metropolitan (bishop) of Suzdal.
 - **Excursion to the Spaso-Euthymius monastery.** This monastery is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Nowadays there are many exhibitions on the territory of the monastery. You will visit the Transfiguration Cathedral. Every hour, all the bells of the monastery peal.
 - Visit Pocrovsky: an active female monastery.
- Transfer back to Moscow.
- **We will get back to Moscow at approximately 22:00**
- Accommodation at the hotel.
(Transport will be with you for 14 hours in total).

4th 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 worlds most exclusive shopping centres: we are of course talking about the world famous GUM; Also - Vasilievsky Spusk, oltimate

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 **Tretiakovskaya Gallery** through beautiful Zamoskvoretsky bridge.

- **Excursion to the Tretiakovskaya Gallery** which was founded in 1865 by a famous merchant called Pavel Tretiakov. 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.

5th 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!

- **Excursion to the Stary Arbat street:** you will 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-hause» - 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 airport.

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

Price of the tour per person. (Prices are in euro):

Hotel	Group of 4 people	Group of 6 people	Group of 10 people	Group of 15 people	Extra payment for an extra days stay in the hotel
3* Hotel in Moscow and Suzdal	690	535	395	320	90
4* Hotel in Moscow and Suzdal	730	570	420	350	98

Included:

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

- 4 buffet breakfasts;

- Guide/translator during all excursions;

- Transport: according to the tour programme (group 2-6 people by car or minivan, group of 10-15 people by minibus);

- 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 8 to 9 euro;

- For extra usage of the transport:

in Moscow: 12 euro per hour for the minibus (12-18 seats in the saloon, for 4+1 hours minimum), 9 euro per hour for a minivan (3-8 seats, 3+1 hours minimum);

- Guide escort extra hours – 20 euro per hour;

– 2 hour boat ride on the river Moscow costs 8-9 euro per person (with no guide, navigation period is from May to October).

- visit the «Kostroma» show - (only in summertime). Link to the website of the show: <http://www.nationalrussianshow.ru/>;
- 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 from 9 to 50 euro per person.
- Mater class of painting or pottery-making in Suzdal. You can keep what you make as a souvenir. The master class costs 5-6 euro per person.

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 for free. Such as Gorky park, Hermitage garden, Neskuchny garden, VDNKH, Sokolniky 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.