

MOSCOW – SAINT – PETERSBURG

7 days / 6 nights

(based on 2 – 10 pax)

Day 1) MOSCOW, Friday:

Arrival to Moscow.

Meeting at the airport with an English-speaking guide.

Sightseeing tour of Moscow. Moscow is the capital of the Russian Federation and represent a unique complex of old architecture masterpieces and modern high-tech buildings. This is a place where traditions of the Russian people become acquainted with guests from all over the world. The historical centre of Moscow, the Kremlin and its cathedrals, monasteries, impressive fortresses and amazing palaces demonstrates the authentic culture and art of the late Middle Ages in Russia. Moscow is one of the rare examples of a good extant atmosphere of old city preserving its beauty in perpetuity, whatever events unfold over time. During the tour, you'll see Red Square, Manezh Square, Boulevard Ring, Tverskaya Street, Ambassadorial Campus, Minskaya Street, Victory Park, Triumphal Arch, the superb, newly-built high-tech pedestrian Bagration Bridge, the White House, New Arbat Street, Arbat Square, Zamoskvorechye, St. Sofya Embankment, Christ the Saviour Cathedral, the monument dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Navy, St. Nikolas Church, Leo Tolstoy Street, Pirogovskaya Street, New Maiden Convent, the observation platform of Sparrow Hills.



Transfer to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2) MOSCOW, Saturday:

Breakfast at the hotel.



Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin and Kremlin Cathedrals. Moscow Kremlin was rebuilt several times after being constructed under the order of Prince Yuri Dolgoruky in 1156 as a wooden fortress. Today's Kremlin was built in the 15th century by Italian Architects after the seat of the Orthodox church moved to Moscow. The reconstruction of cathedrals and chapels of

that time shaped the modern appearance of the Kremlin. The Cathedral Square is the center of the Kremlin with the Cathedrals of Assumption, Annunciation and Archangel Mikhail as its main sights open for visitor. The ensemble of the Kremlin represents some of the best examples of Russian church and secular architecture of 15th-16th centuries. The Moscow Kremlin is also famous for the curious couple of the Tsar Bell and the Tsar Cannon designed for amusement of Russian Tsars.

Lunch at the local restaurant.

Walk along the Arbat street - is an approximately one-kilometer long [pedestrian street](#) in the historical centre of [Moscow](#). The Arbat has existed at least since 15th century, thus laying claim to being one of the oldest extant streets of the [Russian](#) capital. It is the heart of the [Arbat District](#) of Moscow. Originally the street was a part of an important trade route and was home to a large number of craftsmen. In the 18th century, Arbat became one of the most prestigious living areas in Moscow. The street was almost completely destroyed by the great fire during [Napoleon's](#) occupation of [Moscow](#) in 1812 and had to be rebuilt. In the 19th and early 20th centuries it became a favourite place for [petty nobility](#), artists, and academics to live in. During the Soviet period, it was home to many high-ranked government officials. Today the street and its surroundings are undergoing [gentrification](#), and are considered a prestigious place to live. Because of the many historic buildings, and the numerous artists who have lived and worked here, Arbat is also an important tourist attraction.



Moscow metro tour. If you've ever wondered why the Moscow subway is considered the most beautiful in the world, this tour is made for you. A huge museum on its own with crazy labyrinths of stations and transfers is amazing. The experienced guide will give you a full insight into the history, the architecture of Moscow metro.

Back to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 3) MOSCOW, Sunday:

Breakfast at the hotel.



Sergiev Posad. Nowadays Sergiev Posad is one of the most attractive sights of the Golden Ring of Russia, however you may visit is during your trip to Moscow as well. It represents the finest pieces of traditional Russian architecture of the 14th – 15th centuries. In the Trinity Cathedral – the town's main landmark – you may see icons painted by Andrei Rublev and Daniel Chorny. The museum of Decorative Arts displays traditional

tapestries, gold and silver tableware, furniture and embroidery dating from the 17th to 20th centuries and it is also worth seeing.

Lunch at the local restaurant.

Back to the hotel.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 4) MOSCOW, Monday:

Breakfast at the hotel.

Visit to the Tretyakovsky State Gallery. The Gallery was founded in 1856 by the merchant Tretyakov to display works of Russian artists. Today everyone is able to see the richest collection of Russian painters and sculptors from the 18th and 19th centuries like Brullov, Kiprensky, Aivazovsky, Ivanov and Repin as well as the finest collection of Russian icons.



Lunch at the local restaurant.

Transfer to the railway station or airport.

Arrival to St. Petersburg.

Meeting with the English-speaking guide.

Panoramic City tour. During the tour you will be taken out on the extra-comfortable bus which



will take you to the most precious monuments of the city's rich history and original architecture carefully preserved as the world cultural heritage. During this panoramic city-tour of Saint Petersburg you will be able to hear amazing stories and to take fine pictures of the main architectural and historical sights like Nevsky prospect, the Kazan Cathedral, the Winter Palace, Vasilevsky Island, St. Isaac Cathedral, Peter

and Paul Fortress, the Senate Square and the Palace Square.

The Peter & Paul Fortress. Today the Peter and Paul fortress is the home for several museums, which demonstrates to everyone the splendid history of Saint-Petersburg's foundation and development. Here you may visit some principal museums like the Peter and Paul cathedral – the tallest building in the city centre and the burial place of the Russian Emperors, the Grand Ducan Mausoleum, and the Museum of history of Saint-Petersburg. Here you may also find some minor museums and temporary exhibitions like the



Museum of miniature, Museum of Torture, etc. The fortress also used to be a political prison and you may see it during a visit to its casemates. You may stroll through the fortress walls and see how the famous traditional midday shot from the cannon is made.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 5) ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday:

Breakfast at the hotel.



Petrodvorets (Peterhof). Located on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, 34 kilometers from St.Petersburg, the spectacular Peterhof attracts thousands of tourists with its parks, palaces and, of course, fountains. Among the suburban parks Peterhof is probably the most famous for its fountains and thus it is frequently compared with Versailles.

‘The Samson’ of the Grand Cascade is the most powerful and magnificent among the fountains of Peterhof therefore it is a symbol of the park. As a former residence of the Emperors, Peterhof is also the home of several palaces with the Grand Palace as its main landmark. It had been destroyed by the Nazis and than was carefully restored to demonstrate the splendor of the Royal way of life. You’ll see the halls, brightly decorated with gold, marble and numerous mirrors. The beauty of Peterhof, its marvelous fountains and palaces has left nobody indifferent and neither would be you.

Hydrofoil from Peterhof to the city center. Lunch at the local restaurant.

Visit to the Hermitage museum. Its priceless collection occupies 5 historical buildings of which the Winter Palace – the former residence of the Russian Royal family – is the most remarkable. Its rooms, decorated with marble and gold provide a fine background for the treasures of the Hermitage. You might be surprised to know that the collection of this unique museum contains over 3 million exhibits including the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael and other famous artists. The collection of impressionists’ works of Degas, Cezanne, Renoir, Matisse and Van Gogh is the pride of the Hermitage, however the collections of the Egyptian, Oriental and Ancient Greek art should not be missed as well.



Overnight at the hotel.

Day 6) ST. PETERSBURG, Wednesday:

Breakfast at the hotel.



Visit to the Pushkin Palace and Park. The Summer Palace is the heart of Tsarskoe Selo (Tsar's Village) – one of the most picturesque parks among the former residences of the Russian Emperors. Here you may touch the atmosphere of the Royal way of life in all its splendor. It is hard to believe but almost everything inside the palace is a result of a careful restoration which had been finished just 8 years ago when works on the

legendary Amber Room were finally finished after the mysterious disappearance during the World War II. Today tourists from all over the world come to the Pushkin to see the marvelous park and the Catherine's Palace.

Lunch at the local restaurant.

Overnight at the hotel.

Day 7) ST. PETERSBURG, Thursday:

Breakfast at the hotel.

Check out.

Transfer to the airport.

Package price per person based on 2 – 10 pax in ½ DBL Standard room*

Travel Period	2	4	6	8	10	SGL Suppl
Accommodation 3* Maxima Slavia & Azimut Hotel						
01.04.15-10.05.15; 10.10.15-31.03.16	€ 1152	€ 892	€ 740	€ 665	€ 618	€ 262
06.07.15-09.10.15	€ 1186	€ 926	€ 774	€ 698	€ 652	€ 295
11.05.15-05.07.15	€ 1 211	€ 950	€ 798	€ 722	€ 677	€ 321
Accommodation 4* HI Lesnaya & Aston hotel						
04.01-15.04.15; 01.10.15-03.01.16	€ 1253	€992	€ 840	€ 764	€719	€ 257
16.04-24.05.15; 01.09-30.09.15	€ 1270	€ 1009	€ 857	€ 781	€ 735	€ 274
25.05-16.06.15; 20.06-30.06.15	€ 1387	€ 1128	€975	€ 900	€ 854	€ 392
Accommodation 5* Hilton Leningradskaya & Domina Prestige Hotel						

01.01.2015 – 31.03.2015; 01.10.2015 – 31.03.2016	€ 1370	€ 1110	€ 958	€ 882	€ 837	€ 333
12.05.2015 – 05.07.2015	€ 1387	€ 1128	€975	€900	€ 854	€ 350
01.04.2015 – 11.05.2015, 06.07.2015 – 30.09.2015	€ 1 472	€ 1 213	€ 1060	€ 984	€ 938	€ 435

Rates are valid during the weekends in Moscow and not valid during the St. Petersburg International Legal Forum (26.05.2015-30.05.2015) and the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (17.06.2015-21.06.2015).

* All rates are subject to change in case of EUR/RUR exchange rates fluctuations more than 10% compared to the official Russian Central Bank rate established on 22.01.2015 unless deposit or full payment is already done.

Price includes:

- 3 Nights in Moscow – in chosen hotel or similar;
- 3 Nights in Saint-Petersburg – in chosen hotel or similar;
- Transport services as per the program;
- English-speaking guide as per the program;
- Daily breakfasts;
- Entrances as per the program;
- Visa support Letter;
- Registration fee.

Price doesn't include:

- Tips;
- Photo and video shooting tickets;
- Russian visa fees;
- Meals & Beverages except mentioned ;
- Porterage;
- Flight tickets to/out Russia;
- Optional.