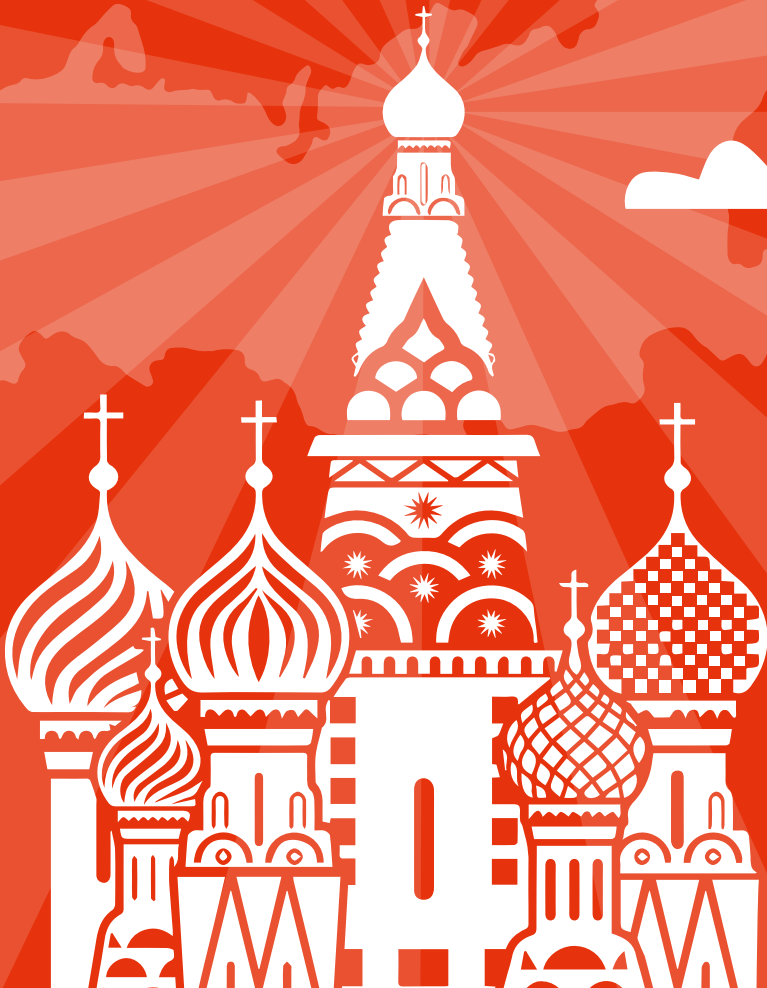




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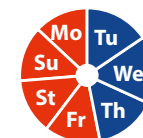
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Moscow

Moscow, powerful and dynamic, political heart of great Russia, and it's "Thousand Golden Domes" open their most beautiful treasures. Let yourself be surprised, just for the weekend.



☀ 4 days
🌙 3 nights
Annual -

Program

Day 1

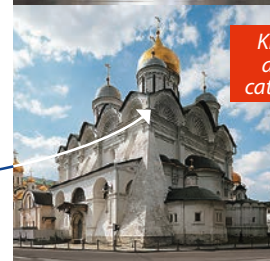
Welcome to Moscow! Your English speaking guide is there to welcome you. Hotel check-in. Dinner at your hotel.



Metro

Day 2

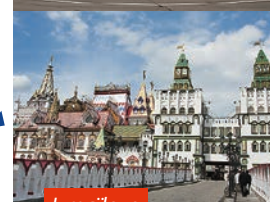
Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic city tour by bus with visit of Novodevichy Convent. Lunch. Excursion in the historical Metro, discovery of Old Arbat district. Dinner at your hotel.



Kremlin and its cathedrals

Day 3

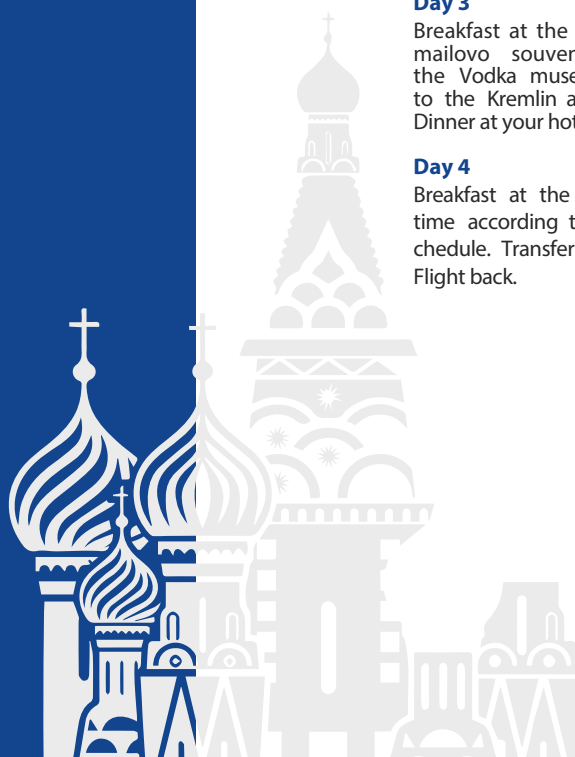
Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to Izmailovo souvenir market and the Vodka museum. Lunch. Visit to the Kremlin and its cathedrals. Dinner at your hotel.



Izmailovo

Day 4

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time according to your flight's schedule. Transfer to the airport. Flight back.



Saint Petersburg

St-Petersburg is the ideal place for a few days short trip to wander in streets, along canals, visit to various museums, and discover the splendid Tsarskoye Selo with the tsars' Summer Palace.

☀ 4 days
🌙 3 nights

Panoramic
city tour
by bus



Program

Day 1

Welcome to Saint Petersburg! Your English-speaking guide is there to meet you; Hotel check-in. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic city tour by bus. Visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress. Lunch. Visit to the Hermitage Museum. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel. In summer: Visit to Peterhof. Lunch. **Cruise on the canals.** In winter: Excursion to Tsarskoye Selo Palace (Pushkin). Lunch. Visit to Pavlovsk Palace. Back to St. Petersburg. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 4

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time according to your flight schedule. Transfer to the airport. Flight back.



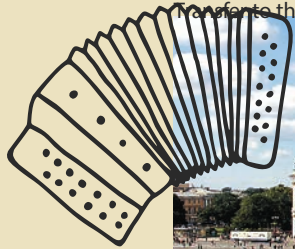
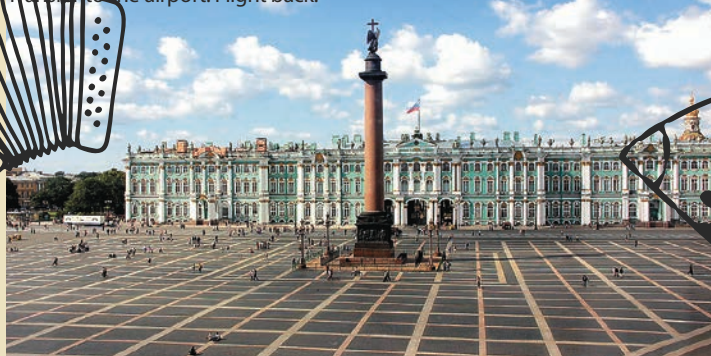
Tsarskoye Selo



Hermitage
museum



Pavlovsk
palace

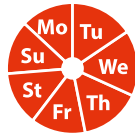


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☀ **9 days**
🌙 **8 nights**



Program

Day 1

Welcome to Moscow ! Your English-speaking guide is there to welcome you. Hotel check-in. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic city tour by bus . Lunch. Excursion in the historical Metro, discovery of Old Arbat district. Dinner at the hotel. Night in Moscow.

Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure from Moscow by bus to Serguiev Posad and visit to the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius. Lunch. Continuation to Pereslavl Zalesski, city tour. Dinner and night in Pereslavl Zalesski.

Day 4

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure for Rostov and city tour in Rostov with a visit to the Kremlin, the churches, and the enamel museum. Lunch. Departure to Yaroslavl. Visit to the monastery of the Transfiguration-of-the-Saviour (Spaso-Preobrazhensky), the historical city center and Volga riverbanks. Dinner at the hotel. Night in Yaroslavl.

Day 5

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Kostroma. Visit to the Ipatiev Monastery. Lunch. Departure for Suzdal. Dinner at the hotel. Night in Suzdal.

Day 6

Breakfast at the hotel. City tour of Suzdal. Lunch at a local house. Transfer to Vladimir. City tour in Vladimir. Visit to St. Demetrius' Cathedral and/or the Assumption Cathedral. Dinner at the hotel. Night in Suzdal.

Day 7

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by bus to Moscow. Lunch. Visit to the Kremlin and its cathedrals. Dinner at the hotel. Night in Moscow.

Day 8

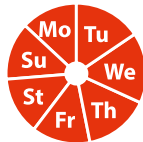
Breakfast at the hotel. Visit of the Izmailovo souvenirs market and the Vodka museum. Lunch. Visit to the Tretyakov Gallery. Dinner at the hotel. Night in Moscow.

Day 9

Free time according to your flight schedule. Transfer to the airport. Return flight.

From Moscow to St.Petersburg The Tsars' Capitals

From Moscow to Saint Petersburg, you will pass from one capital to another, one effervescent, with great architectural majesty, and another captivating marked by History and Art. The tale of these two cities is old and enchanting, rich in treasures and unforgettable charm.



☀ **8 days**
🌙 **7 nights**



Kremlin Cathedral

Program

Day 1

Welcome to Moscow! Your English-speaking guide is there to welcome you. Check-in at your hotel. Dinner at your hotel. Night in Moscow.

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel. Panoramic city tour by bus with visit of Novodevichy Convent. Lunch. Visit to the Kremlin and its cathedrals. Dinner at your hotel. Night in Moscow.

Cathedral of Christ the Saviour



Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to Izmailovo souvenirs market and the Vodka museum. Lunch. Visit to the Tretyakov Gallery. Dinner at your hotel. Night in Moscow.

Day 4

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion in the historical Metro, visit of the park VDNKh. Lunch. Free time. Dinner. Transfer to the train station, night in the train.

Palace square



Day 5

Breakfast in the train. Panoramic city tour of Saint Petersburg. Visit to Peter and Paul's Fortress. Lunch. Visit to the Hermitage Museum. Dinner at the hotel. Night in St. Petersburg.

Day 6

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion to Petrodvorets (Peterhof), with the Grand Palace and walking in the Garden. Lunch. Cruise on the canals. In winter: visit to the Russian museum. Dinner at your hotel. Night in St. Petersburg.

Day 7

Excursion to Pavlovsk Palace and visit of the park of Tsarskoe Selo (Pushkin). Lunch. Visit to St. Isaac's Cathedral and Church of the Savior-on-Blood. Dinner at your hotel. Night in St. Petersburg.

Day 8

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time according to your flight schedule. Transfer to the airport. Return flight.



Kamchatka

☀ **8 days**
🌙 **7 nights**

Program

Day 1 Sunday

Arrival in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. Meeting with ESG at the airport. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 Monday

Breakfast at the hotel. Boat trip to Starichkov island, city tour. Transfer to sea port. Excursion around Avacha bay and to Starichkov Island with sea fishing. Lunch on board. Excursion in Local Lore Museum. City sightseeing, visit to fish market and gift shops. Return to the hotel.

Day 3 Tuesday

Breakfast at the hotel. Trekking at the Avachinskiy volcano foothill. Transfer to the Avacha volcano foothill. Rest & safety instructions. Trekking to the Camel mountain (7km = about 300m elevation). Lunch at the base camp. Transfer to Pacific coast. Walk along the black volcanic sandy beach. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 4 Wednesday

Breakfast at the hotel. Rafting at Bystraya river + Malki hot springs. Transfer to Bystraya River. Lunch at Bystraya Base camp. Rafting and fishing at Bystraya River. Transfer to Malki Hot Springs. Bathing in hot springs. Transfer to the hotel.

Day 5 Thursday

Breakfast at the hotel. Vachkazhets mountain mass + radon hot springs Ozerki. Transfer to Vachkazhets mountain foothill. Trekking to mountain cirque (visit the lake & waterfall). Packed lunch en route. Transfer to radon hot springs. Bathe in the swimming pool (entrance fee paid on spot). Return to the hotel.

Day 6 Friday

Breakfast at the hotel.

Optional tour: Helicopter excursion to Geyser Valley & Uzon Caldera** Transfer to helicopter pad. Helicopter excursion to Geyser Valley & Uzon Caldera with lunch. Transfer to the hotel.

Optional tour: Helicopter excursion to Kuril lake** Transfer to helicopter pad. Helicopter excursion to Kuril lake, Ksudach volcano and Khodutka hot springs with lunch. Transfer to the hotel.

Optional tour: Ethnic excursion - acquaintance with natives' culture. Transfer to an ethnic village - dog kennels. Excursion to the dog kennels, meeting Kamchatka natives, native dances concert, photo taking. Lunch. Return to the hotel.

Day 7 Saturday

Breakfast at the hotel.

Optional tour: Trekking to Dachniye hot springs. Transfer to Mutnovskaya Geothermal station. Trekking to Dachnye Hot springs (no bathing). Transfer to Spokoyny Waterfall*. Packed lunch en route. Trekking to Spokoyny Waterfall.

**On the way back bathe in the swimming pool of the "Snow valley" lodge is possible (paid additionally on spot). Return to the hotel.*

Day 8 Sunday

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport (no ESG). Departure.

Mutnovsky
volcano



Kamchatka

Winter Fairy Tale

Program

Day 1

Arrival in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy. Meeting at the airport with the guide. Transfer to the hotel in Paratunka or Petropavlovsk-Kamchatskiy. Accommodation, free time, rest.

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Petropavlovsk for city sightseeing tour. Visit the city center with its historical monuments, local Lore Museum. During the excursion you will learn a lot of interesting facts about discovery and exploration of Kamchatka, its natives and modern life. Lunch at the local restaurant and visit to the souvenir shops and fish market. Return to the hotel. Rest.



Bear



Mutnovsky volcano

Volcan de Moutnovsky



Petropavlovsk

Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer by car to the starting point. Transfer by snow-cat / snowmobile (in a sledge) to the Avachinskiy volcano Base Camp (1 hour). Tea with sandwiches in a warm canteen. Excursion by snow-cat / snowmobile (in a sledge) to the Mount Camel with a beautiful view on the Koryakskiy and Avachinskiy volcanoes. Return to the Base Camp. Hot tea & snacks. Transfer to the hotel (snowcat / snowmobile + car). Free time, rest.

Day 4

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the dog kennels. Excursion at the kennels, meeting with dogs, listening to the instructions how to handle the dog sledge. Riding a dog sledge for 20 km (accompanied by a snowmobile) and handling the dog sledge in turns. Natives' cultural program with traditional stories and tea, lunch. Transfer to Paratunka resort; bathe in a hot thermal water swimming pool (!!!For those who stay at a hotel in PKC!!!). Return to the hotel. Free time, rest.

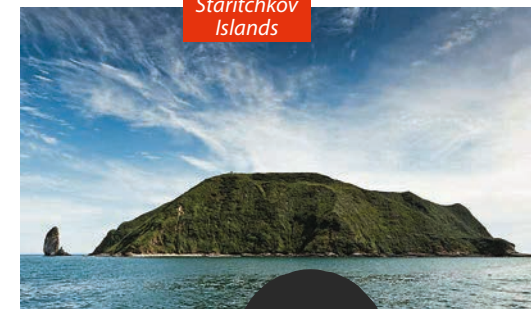
Day 5

Breakfast at the hotel. Snowmobile trip to "Three Brothers" rocks. From the Mayachniy cape you will have a picturesque view to the Avachinskaya bay and the Pacific ocean as well as the "Three brothers" rocks and surrounding volcanoes. Picnic-lunch en route. Return to the hotel. Free time, rest.

Day 6 Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the "Moroznaya" ski station in Yelizovo (30 km). Downhill skiing, snow-boarding or tubing (additional). Renting the equipment is possible at the station. Lunch at the local café (paid on spot). After lunch transfer to the Zelenovskiy radon hot springs, bathe in basins or swimming pool. Return to the hotel. Free time, rest.

Day 7

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure.



Staritchkov Islands



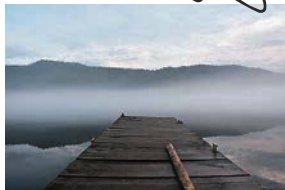
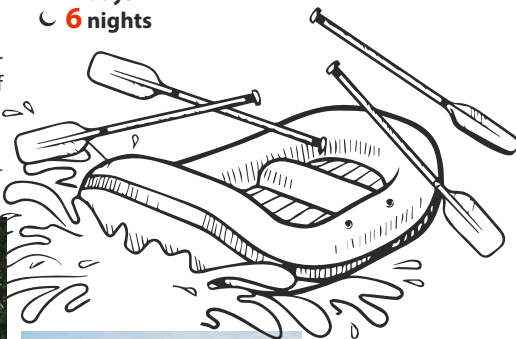


Lake Teletskoye

Teletskoye lake is the biggest lake in the Altay mountain range. This area was one of the first at Altay to become a popular tourist destination and the oldest Russian tour base is located on the shore of the lake. Many people consider

Teletskoye a smaller replica of Lake Baikal, and ascribe magic healing properties to the lake's water.

☀ **7 days**
🌙 **6 nights**



Program

Day 1

Arrival to Barnaul and transfer to Biysk, then you will pass the surroundings of Barnaul and Artybash that is located on a riverside of Biya river just nearby Teletskoe lake (420 km 5 hours). Excursion at the Republic History Museum at Gorno-Altaiisk. Lunch. Arrival to Artybash. Accommodation in cottage and dinner.

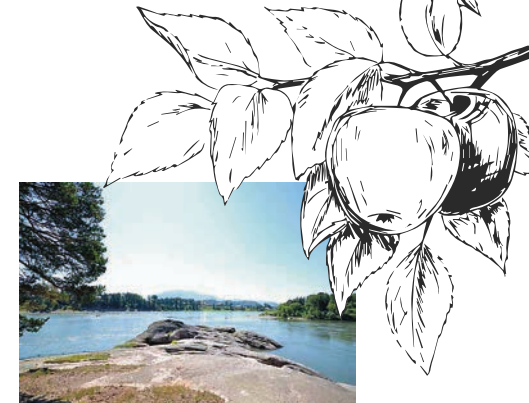


Day 2

Breakfast. Trekking – green route: (Silver spring, observation mountain Tilan-Tuu, healing herbs of Kakaihi, working space of an artist L. Shilkin, cascade waterfalls of river Ojrok) 2-3 hours. Return to the hotel and lunch. Walking tour to the mount Wolfs and visit to local zoo for 2-3 hours. Return to the cottage and dinner.

Day 3

Breakfast. Departure to the river Biya that flows out of the Teletskoe Lake. You will do safe rafting, return to the hotel and lunch. Afternoon is walking in Taiga apiary for 3 hours. Return to the cottage and dinner.



Day 4

Breakfast. Motorboat trip on lake and walks in village Yailu where the Altaysky Nature reserve is located. The climate is very warm and there are apple tree gardens everywhere. Lunch in the village. Afternoon is free for personal discovers. Return to the hotel and dinner.

Day 5

Breakfast. Departure by car 4X4 to the taiga riverside to swim. There is a famous place for clay blue deposit and you can have master class and learning an artistic modeling. Return to hotel. Lunch in hotel. Departure on motor boats to the reserve keeper in Ranger's outpost on the lake. You can have a tea break, to see his garden and walk along the Nature Trail. Return to Artybash. It's possible to stay for one night on station 2 rooms with 3 beds in each room. Dinner. Banya.

Day 6

Breakfast. Departure to visit Ethnographic museum. Art and folk music of Altai. Lunch in cafe of the Museum. Transfer to Gorno-Altaiisk or Barnaul 4-5 hours. Dinner. Accommodation in hotel 3*.

Jour 7

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.

St. Petersburg Karelia Solovki

North of Russia

Also known as "Solovki", these distant, lake-dappled White Sea islands are home to one of Russia's best-known monasteries. Transformed by Stalin into one of the USSR's most notorious prison camps, Solovki was described in Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago as being so remote that a 'scream from here would never be heard'.



Program

☀ 8 days
🌙 7 nights

Day 1

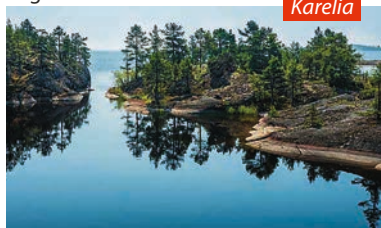
St. Petersburg - Petrozavodsk

Arrival to St. Petersburg. Meeting with our representative and delivering of roadbook and GPS navigation system. Transfer to the RW station. Night train to Petrozavodsk at 23h20. In supplement: City tour with visit of Peter and Paul Fortress – 35 euros p.p.

Day 2

Petrozavodsk - Kizhi - Kem

7h00 Arrival and transfer to the hostel. Breakfast in the café near the hostel from 4 euros p.p. GPS Walking to discover Petrozavodsk. 11h00 Transfer by boat to Kizhi from the embankment of Petrozavodsk to visit Kizhi Island. Trekking with GPS to discover island 3 hours. 16h00 Return to Petrozavodsk to hostel and rest. Transfer to the RW station to take night train to Kem.



Karelia

Day 3

Kem - Solovki Island

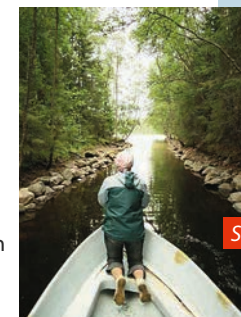
7h00 Arrival to Kem and meeting with driver. Breakfast at a local cafeteria for locomotive drivers. Transfer to embankment to take boat to Solovki Island. Boat trip 2-3 hours (depends on the weather). Arrival to Solovki and accommodation at homestay. Lunch. Afternoon is for discovering the inner lakes of the island by boat (1h) and 15 minutes' walk through the taiga forest to a local botanical garden. It exists since 19th Century and boasts more than 700 types of plants. It is located 4 km away from the monastery. Transfer to the homestay. Dinner at a local restaurant.



Kizhi

Day 4 Solovki Island

Breakfast. Visit to Solovki monastery with English-speaking guide. Excursion acquaints visitors with history of the Monastery, GULAG exposition tells the story of members of Northern Navy and Sea Cadet School. Tourists visit territory of the central complex of the monastery, operating temples, the monuments were awarded world heritage status by UNESCO. Lunch in the restaurant. Walking to the bicycle station. Preparing for the trip by bike to discover the south of the island (35km, 3-4 hours). Return to the homestay. Dinner at a local restaurant.



Solovki



Day 5 Solovki Island

Breakfast. Cycling to the Sekiranya mount to enjoy the view to the White Sea and its islands. The mount lies 11,5 km to the north of the monastery. It is the highest point of the island and on top of it you will see a church-lighthouse. You continue the tour in the forest where you can spot the stone blocks aligned and small pits with large stones, the prehistoric remains. Lunch is a picnic during the trip. Return to home and dinner.

Day 6 Solovki Island

Breakfast. Cycling to the center to visit GULAG camp. You can see Gulag camp with English-speaking guide and to know about history and life on island. Solovetsky Gulag history museum is housed in a building which belongs to Solovetskaya prison. The exposition of the museum is devoted to the history of Solovetsky Camp of Special Purpose and Solovetskaya Prison of Special Purpose which were located at Solovetsky from 1923 till 1939. Return to home after excursion. Transfer to the hiking starting point (8km) where you can see the beluga whales. Lunch is a picnic during the trip. You have possibility to explore wildlife and enjoy Nature trail of Solovki island (15km). Return by car to home and dinner.



Solovki

Day 7

Solovki Island-Kem-Petrozavodsk

Breakfast. Free time or optional excursion to island Zayatsky. A Big Zayatsky Island – differs greatly from the rest of the islands in terms of vegetation and landscape, the first in Russia stone harbour, monuments of Andreevsky Monastery. It's a realm of tundra. Supplement - 30 euros p.p. Lunch. Boat to Kem. Dinner at a local restaurant. Transfer to the RW station to take night train to St. Petersburg at 21h05.

Day 8 St. Petersburg

12h26 Arrival to SPB at lunchtime. Transfer to the airport.



Karelia

Moscow Karelia St.Petersburg

Combine an overview of the tsars' capitals with the discovery of Karelia's region and its white vastness during winter. Riding your snowmobile, you will certainly be thrilled, diving into a still preserved nature that will offer you authentic landscapes and Unesco classified World heritage monuments.

☀ 8 days
🌙 7 nights

Program

Day 1 / Moscow Friday or Saturday

Arrival to Moscow. Your driver will be meeting you with name board at the airport. Transfer and accommodation in hotel. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2 / Moscow

Breakfast. City tour by car or minivan. Lunch free. Visit to Kremlin territory and Armory Chamber (without transport). Overnight in hotel

Day 3 / Moscow

Breakfast. Check-out at 12h00. Lunch free. Back to the hotel. 19h00 Transfer to the RW station. 20h23 Departure to Petrozavodsk in 2d class by night train. Supplement for 1st class (compartment for 2 persons) - 80 euros p.p.

Day 4 / Petrozavodsk

07h00 Arrival in Petrozavodsk and meeting with your guide near the wagon. Breakfast in a city restaurant. Transfer to Velikaya Guba to visit Kizhi island, 270 km. Visit to Kizhi museum. Kizhi Museum is one of the largest open-air museums in Russia. This unique historical, cultural and natural complex is a particularly valuable object of cultural heritage of Russia. The basis of the museum collection – the Kizhi Ensemble – is the UNESCO World cultural and natural heritage site. Restoration of the Kizhi monuments is being carried out "in front of the world". Lunch boxes. Return to Petrozavodsk by hovercraft. Transfer to the leisure complex Alekka 350km. Dinner and overnight in the complex.

Day 5 / Petrozavodsk snowmobile safari

Breakfast. Equipment selection. Briefing on snowmobile handling and safety. Training session on a snowmobile. Snowmobile circuit in the forest: Leisure complex – Kudama village - Leisure complex, 80 km. Meeting with the dog-driver. Safety instructions. Journey with the dogs along the forest road 10-12 km. Tour in Russia's largest sled dog kennel. You will learn to recognize the different breeds: blue-eyed husky and athletic crossbreeds; you will be able to communicate with each dog. Lunch. Return to complex and transfer to Petrozavodsk. Dinner at the restaurant in town. Transfer to Petrozavodsk, 70 km. Dinner in a cafe. 20h20 Departure on the train №17 Petrozavodsk-SPB in 2nd class. Supplement for 1st class (compartment for 2 persons) 80 euros p.p.

Day 6 / Petrozavodsk - St.Petersburg

9h05 Arrival to St.Petersburg. Pick up by your driver at the RW Station. City Tour with visit of Peter and Paul Fortress by car or minivan. Check – in after 14h00. Free time. Lunch. Overnight in hotel.

Day 7 / St.Petersburg

Breakfast at hotel. Visit to the Hermitage museum (without transport). Free lunch. Overnight in hotel.

Day 8 / St.Petersburg

Breakfast. Free time according to the flight schedule. Transfer to the airport. Return flight.



Trans Siberian tour

Arrival
to Moscow
on Friday
or Saturday



Program

Day 1 Moscow

Arrival in Moscow and transfer to the hotel.

Day 2 Moscow

Breakfast. Moscow, city center tour. Your trip starts with a tour around Moscow's major cultural and historical landmarks. You will visit Lubyanka Square, home of the infamous KGB, then on to Teatralnaya Square, or Theatre square and Bolshoi Theatre. **Kremlin grounds and cathedrals, guided tour, Armoury Chamber.** Transfer to the RW station to take night train to Kazan. Overnight in train 19h40.

Day 3 Kazan

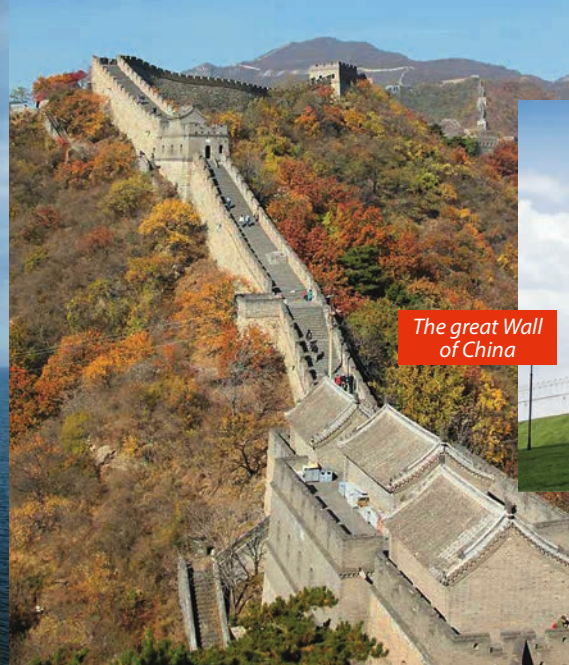
We advise you to take breakfast in train. 8h00 Arrival in **Kazan**. City tour including the most famous sights of Kazan: **Kazan Kremlin, Old Tatar Sloboda**, a Tatar village **Tugan Avylym** in the city center, **Peter and Paul Cathedral**, the **miraculous icon of the Mother of God of Kazan**. In the evening, train to Yekaterinburg. Overnight on board of the train at 20h08.

Day 4 Yekaterinbourg

We advise you to take breakfast in train. 12h25 Arrival in **Yekaterinburg**, Transfer to the hotel.

Day 5

Breakfast. You will discover Yekaterinburg, the third largest city of Russia. You'll be taken to the **City Pond, Prospect Lenina, the Hill of Ascension**, the Historic Square Learn about the tragic death of the last Russian tsar Nikolay II and his family at the **Church of Blood** at the Romanov Death Site (**Ganina Yama**). Lunch. Transfer to the RW station. Departure to Irkutsk. Overnight on board of the train at 22h12.



The great Wall of China

Day 6 and day 7 en route to Siberia

As the vast Siberian forests unfold outside your window, you will pass through the mighty Altai region, crossing the River Yenisei at Krasnoyarsk and heading deep into Asia.

Day 8 Irkutsk, Listvyanka

We advise you to take breakfast in train 8h47 arriving in Irkutsk early in the morning. **Irkutsk city tour.** Beautiful Irkutsk is known as the Paris of Siberia. Best known for its wooden houses, particularly those decorated with carvings and threadwork, you will also see some great examples of modern Russian architecture. Transfer to Listvyanka and your hotel, which is about 70 km away. Visit to the **Wooden Architecture Museum in Taltsy**. Overnight in hotel.

Day 9 Listvyanka, Irkutsk

Breakfast. Visit to the village. Listvyanka is situated on the banks of Lake Baikal, the deepest freshwater lake in the world, with views towards the distant snow-capped KamarDaban Mountains. Lunch picnic. Take time to explore the village: **a pretty St Nicolas Russian Orthodox Church** is also worth a visit, as is **the Baikal Lake Museum**. Transfer to Irkutsk to the RW Station. Departure to Khabarovsk by train at 21h22. Overnight in train.



Kazan

Day 10-11 Train to Khabarovsk

Day 12 Khabarovsk

We advise you to take breakfast in train. 8h00 Arrival to Khabarovsk - the one of the largest cities of the Russian Far East. It is located on the banks of Amur River near Chinese border. **City tour and visit to the Regional museum** after Mr. Grodenkov known for a unique collection of documents related to Khabarovsk history. Lunch. **River cruise on Amur River**. Overnight in hotel.

Day 13 Khabarovsk

Breakfast. Free time. 21h00 Departure to Vladivostok.

Day 14 Vladivostok

We advise you to take breakfast in train. 8h15 Arrival to Vladivostok. Our guide will meet you. **Vladivostok, guided tour.** On your guided tour, you'll get to see the spectacular **City Fortress**, Intercession church and Catholic Church and **visit a Soviet C-56 submarine**. Overnight in hotel.

Day 15 Vladivostok

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport.



Yekaterinburg

The Great Baikal

☀ 8 days
🌙 7 nights

Program

Day 0 Moscow - Irkutsk

Flight Moscow - Irkutsk:
Evening departure to Irkutsk.

Day 1 Listvyanka

7h05 Arrival to Irkutsk. City tour in Irkutsk by minivan or car. Departure to the village Listvyanka «the Gateway to lake Baikal» located in the mouth of Angara river, 62 km away from Irkutsk. En route stop at the holy «obo»- sight of worship by local shamanism believers where following the ancient local customs you'll be invited to "sprinkle some vodka or milk" and tie ribbons on the bushes as if to do offering to the local master-spirits and win them over. Cedar vodka testing. Lunch. Accommodation in hotel. Dinner and overnight in hotel.

Day 2 Listvyanka

Breakfast. A walking tour of Listvyanka village, visit to functioning St. Nicolas-The Miracle-Worker Orthodox Church and the shopping area where you will have a good chance to buy local handmade souvenirs (your local guide will help you to get the best price). Lunch. Tour of Baikal Ecology Museum which has the best collection of exhibits related to lake's flora and fauna species; contains many fascinating facts about this unique lake generally accepted as the Treasure of the World and the Well of the planet Earth. Then enjoy time at leisure. Dinner and overnight in hotel.



Day 3 Listvyanka - Irkutsk

Option in winter: Snowmobile or dog sledge *Option in summer:* short cruise on Baikal Lake. Breakfast. Free time. Transfer Listvyanka-Irkutsk. Visit to museum Taltsy - open-Air Museum of Wooden Architecture which displays original Russian, Buryat and Evenk wooden houses complete with items and exhibits unfolds in a truly exciting story about the past and history of Siberia. Accommodation in hotel. Dinner is free and overnight in hotel in Irkutsk.

cuisine. At noon: Olkhon Island. Arrival to Khuzhir, the main village of the island. Accommodation in the wooden houses of holiday complex kept by a resident of the village. Dinner free and overnight in guest house on Olkhon.

Day 5 Olkhon - Khoboi

Breakfast. Excursion by 4X4 to the north of the island. Visit to the Khoboi Cape. Stops for photos of landscapes, golfs, and taiga. Lunch in the open air in taiga. Return to Khuzhir.

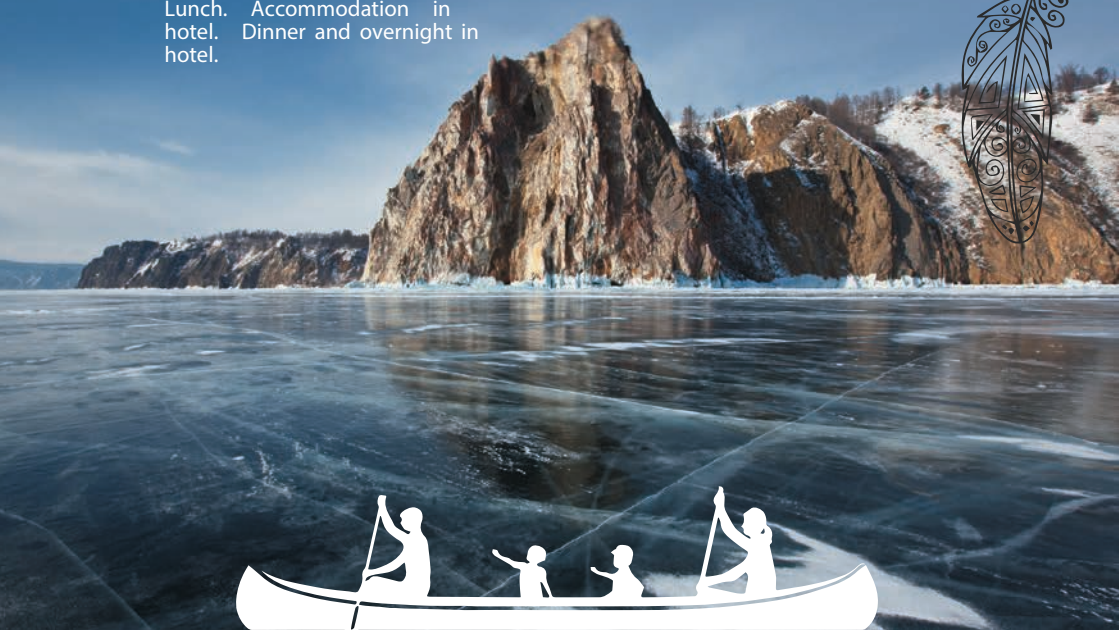
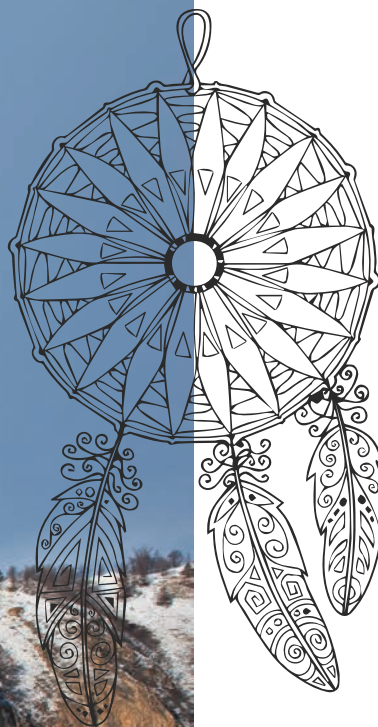
Day 6 Irkutsk

Breakfast. Departure to Irkutsk (293 km, 5-6 hours journey). Lunch. Arrival to Irkutsk. Accommodation in hotel. Free time. Dinner and overnight in hotel in Irkutsk.

Jour 7 Irkutsk - Moscow Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. Flight to Moscow.

Day 4 Irkutsk - Ust Orda - Olkhon

Breakfast. Early morning leave for the island by bus (293 km, 5-6 hours of journey). The stop in Ust-Orda, a capital of Buryatia, to blandish the local spirits, to ask their benevolence during the trip. Meeting with shaman. Lunch buryat



MOSCOW

Kolomenskoye



The Tretyakov Gallery

is located in collector Pavel Tretyakov's private mansion containing the biggest collection of Russian art and icons in the world, covering Russian history from the 11th to the 20th century.

Panoramic City Tour in Moscow

Discover the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the GUM Department Store, the Kremlin, Lenin's Mausoleum, the Bolshoi Theater, the Manege Square, Tverskaya Street, the Sparrow Hills with its beautiful view to the historical center.

Kolomenskoye park

From the 14th century, it was a residence for the great Russian princes, then for the Tsars. You can admire the Church of the Ascension listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and several other historical buildings and museums in this beautiful park.

Kremlin Palace and Kremlin Armory

Former residence of the Tsars, it is the greatest and most famous fortress in

the country. The Kremlin is a complex of cathedrals and palaces, the oldest dating from the 15th century. In the Kremlin Armory, you will find a rich museum with treasures collected by princes and tsars: carriages, thrones, costumes, crowns, and above all, the famous collection of Fabergé's eggs.

Pushkin museum of fine arts

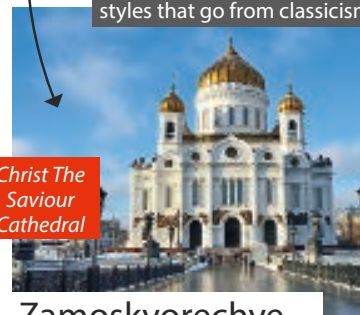
The most important art museum in Moscow. It is located in a white marble palace, southwest of the Kremlin where you can find an Antiquities Department and major Picture department, notably a collection of French school pictures of the 17th to 20th centuries, and works by Poussin, Chardin, Monet, Renoir, Gauguin, Matisse...



Old Arbat district, Christ The Saviour Cathedral and visit to the Moscow Metro

"Arbat" is a long pedestrian street, where shops, itinerant portrait painters, musicians, second-hand books and pictures dealers make a permanent spectacle. Not far from there stands the impressive Christ the Saviour Cathedral, destroyed by Stalin and rebuilt from 1995 to 2000, and now the seat of the Moscow Patriarchate. The visit ends with a journey in the historical Metro, famous for its rich ornaments, with styles that go from classicism to Soviet realism.

Christ The Saviour Cathedral



VDNKh

Opened in 1939, this exhibition center has a fascinating history. Originally called "Exhibition of Soviet agriculture", it becomes the place of "exhibition of achievements of the national economy" (VDNKh), name by which the Russians continue to appeal it today, although in 1992 it was renamed "All-Russian center of expositions". Today VDNKh is a dynamic park that constantly renews its exhibitions. The vast territory (over 240 hectares), includes essential places like the cosmonauts' museum or the famous statue of the worker and Kolkhoz woman.

Zamoskvorechye district

is close to the Moskva River, facing the Red Square. Its calm and authentic atmosphere encourages wandering along the streets, back alleys and squares of this old place. There, you can find small churches, with their typical domes, next to grand palaces dating from the Empire in classical style.

Novodevichy Convent



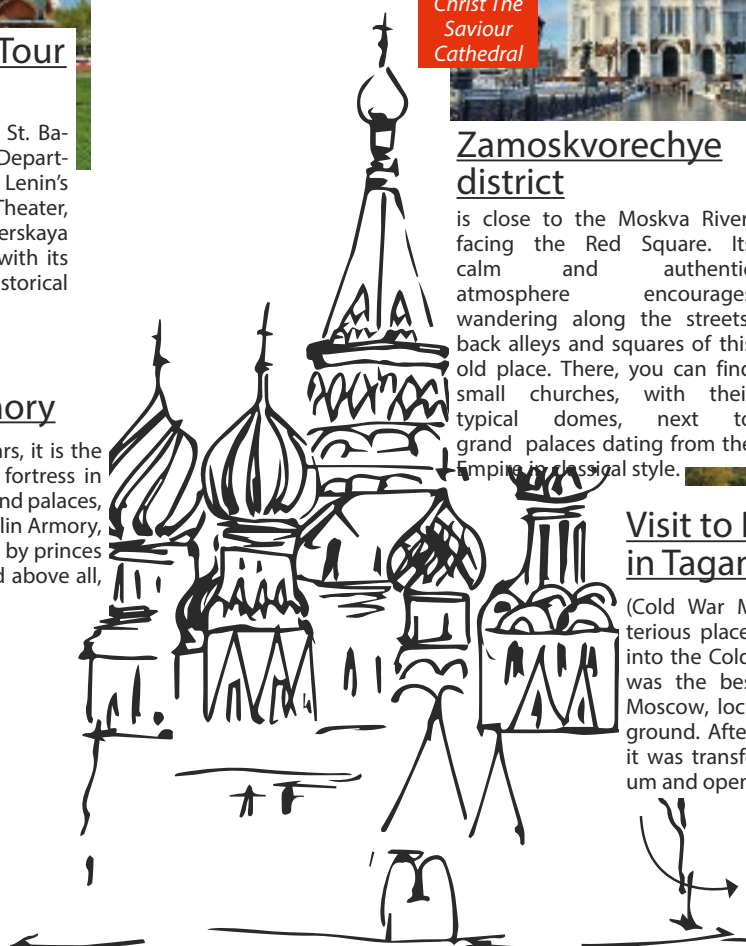
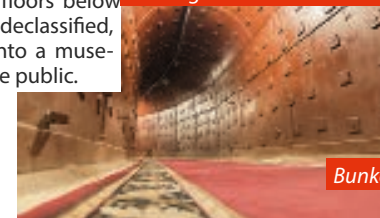
Novodevichy Convent

One of the most beautiful convent buildings in Russia. Founded in 1524 and dedicated to the women of noble families, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Visit to Bunker 42 in Taganskaya

(Cold War Museum): This mysterious place will take you right into the Cold War atmosphere. It was the best-guarded secret in Moscow, located 18 floors below ground. After it was declassified, it was transformed into a museum and opened to the public.

Bunker 42



Saint Petersburg

Panoramic city tour

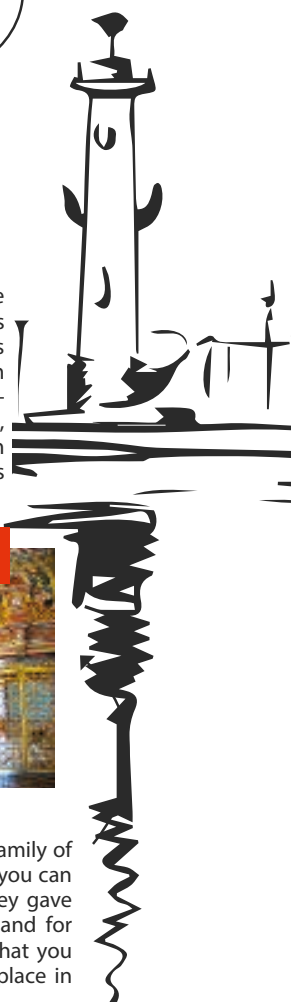
Discover the 3 islands that compose the capital Peter the Great dreamed of, on the river Neva. The Decembrist Square, the Admiralty, Peter and Paul's Cathedral, the wonderful Winter Palace, the Aurora cruiser that gave the signal for the Revolution, the Nevsky Prospect, the canals and small streets that inspired writers, the "rostral" columns. The city tour is the ideal way to discover the geography of this human-sized town.



Peter and Paul's Fortress

Peter the Great chose this strategic place to build a fortress in 1703, and it became a political prison later. Among several buildings, a splendid cathedral where most of the Romanovs found their final rest.

Peter and Paul's Fortress



The Hermitage Museum

A jewel of the Russian Baroque, the Hermitage Museum includes the Tsars' Winter Palace and is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Treasures from all around Europe are enclosed here, from the Antiquity to the great masters of Italian, Flemish, Spanish, German, Dutch and French schools, plus major paintings by Matisse, Picasso, Van Gogh and Gauguin. The beauty of the collections matches that of the architecture.

St. Isaac's Cathedral



St. Isaac's Cathedral

This orthodox cathedral, built in the 19th century under Alexander I, Nicholas I and Alexander II, was the center of religious life in Saint Petersburg until the Revolution. It is the third biggest cathedral in Europe, a magnificent building that leaves an indelible impression. From its main cupola, 102 meters high, you will have a spectacular view to the Gulf of Finland.



Yusupov Palace

Yusupov Palace

At the eve of the Russian Revolution, the Yusupovs were the richest family of Saint Petersburg; they owned four palaces, including this one. There, you can visit their sumptuous private apartments, and the theater where they gave classical plays. The princes Yusupov were known for philanthropy and for their love of arts; but in the underground, it is their darkest secret that you will find in their cellar, where Grigori Rasputin's assassination took place in 1916.

Pushkin / Tsarkoye Selo

The town of Tsarskoye Selo was founded in the 18th century as the Tsars' summer residency; it changed its name after the Revolution to become Pushkin. There, you can visit the splendid Catherine Palace, built by Rastrelli under the orders of Elizabeth I, and the Alexander Palace built by Catherine the Great for her grandson's wedding; he would go on to become Alexander II. Admire the classical beauty of the buildings, the interiors and the gardens.



Tsarkoye Selo

The Russian Museum

It was created by decree of Tsar Nicholas II in 1895 as the first Museum of Fine Arts in Russia. In the gorgeous Mikhailovsky Palace, the Russian Museum has more than 380 000 works of arts, including an exceptional collection of more than 6000 icons. One of the major museums of the world, it offers a complete panorama on all the Russian art schools beginning in the 10th century. You will see works of Repin, Serov, Malevich, Kandinsky.

Church of the Saviour On Blood



Church of the Saviour On Blood

It was built by Alexander III at the exact place where his father, Alexander II, was assassinated in 1881. Today, the Neorussian style of the Cathedral of "the Saviour on Spilt Blood" renders it a picturesque construction and one of the most original in Saint Petersburg.

Pavlovsk Residence

Catherine II gave that splendid palace to her only son, Paul I, who made it his summer residence. Its Palladian style, inspired by Roman temples with white columns, is counterbalanced by the imposing buildings in pastel yellow tones. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Pavlovsk residence is famous for the beauty of its interiors with furniture, sculptures and pictures dating from the 18th century.

Peterhof Residence

Peter the Great established his residence on the shores of the Baltic sea to commemorate his victory on the Swedes. He was very impressed by the splendors of the French Court and a long canal allowed the guests of honor to come by boat directly from the Gulf of Finland to the main building, admiring of this rival of Versailles

Peterhof Palace



Golden Ring

In the Northwest of Moscow, the Golden Ring counts many princely cities, founded in the 12th to 17th centuries. Thanks to the rivers running across the country and to the fertility of its soil, there was great wealth, measured by the many monuments that still exist after centuries. Today, the golden cupolas of the cathedrals, the starcovered bulbs of the monasteries, and the splendor of the baroque monuments in the Golden Ring strike the visitors.

Serguiev
Posad

Serguiev Posad

is a step that cannot be overlooked while touring the Golden Ring. It's a gorgeous monastery of Trinity St. Sergius, with its star-covered cupolas, is one of the oldest and most beautiful in the orthodox world. Sergius of Radonezh, a monk and an icon writer, who founded it, is the patron saint of Russia. Boris Godunov, the adventurer who became «Tsar of all the Russians», rests here. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Serguiev Posad is today both the See of the Russian Patriarchate and a major pilgrimage destination.

Rostov the Great

was a capital of Russia in the 12th century, Rostov the Great became quickly an episcopal see in the 17th century. It is marked by History, as can be seen in the Kremlin, the jewel of the town, built entirely in white stone. Ionas, the metropolitan behind its construction in 1670, wanted his town to have monuments even more beautiful and impressive than Moscow. Such monuments like the Assumption Cathedral, St. Yakov's monastery and the cathedral of the Saviour are the most beautiful there.

Rostov
the Great

Kostroma

is a small, provincial town, 350 km away from Moscow, that was founded in 1150 on the banks of the Volga river. Its historical center dates from the 18th and 19th centuries, with the Gostiny Dvor and its many merchant galleries, cafés, restaurants and theaters. The real treasure of Kostroma though is an impressive Ipatyev monastery, next to the river, and its Trinity cathedral where Tsar Michael Romanov lived, before Boyars arrived to offer him the throne of Russia.

Kostroma



Yaroslavl

was founded in 1010 by prince Yaroslav the wise to watch on the ships on the Volga river. With the centuries, the town became a flourishing merchant and artisan center. In the 17th century, it was rebuilt in stone, a rare feat in a country where most of the architecture was wooden. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, it has a gorgeous historical center, notably Deputatskaya street, Sovetskaya square, the Volkov Theatre, the first in Russian and the Transfiguration monastery with its golden domes.

Yaroslavl



Suzdal

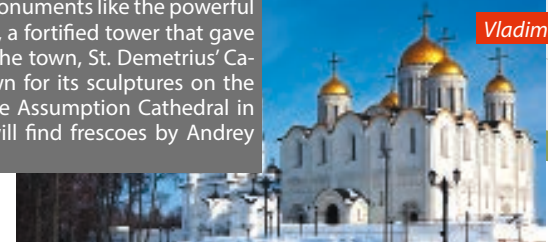
Suzdal

the birthplace of Russia, was mentioned in text for the first time in 1024. In the 13th century, it was the capital of the region. Today, it is a charming and very picturesque town of about 10 000 inhabitants. Its architecture is incredibly rich with more than 200 buildings, among which a Kremlin, the Saviour Monastery of St. Euthymius and many churches, scattered in the nice historical center as well as in the fields and woods around the town.

Vladimir

was founded by Prince Vladimir of Kiev in the 12th century. It was for a long time a rival to Kiev, and then to Moscow. In the 14th century, it was considered as one of the biggest and most important cities of the world. These times left behind them monuments like the powerful Golden Door, a fortified tower that gave entrance to the town, St. Demetrius' Cathedral known for its sculptures on the walls, and the Assumption Cathedral in which you will find frescoes by Andrey Rublev.

Vladimir





Incentive

MOSCOW

The Star City

is situated in a very picturesque area of the Moscow region, 20km from Moscow. It is Russia's In-ternational center of cosmonaut training with unique facilities for preparing cosmonauts, astronauts and space travelers for orbital and suborbital flights. We can arrange a tour to the Star City. Here you can have an opportunity to meet the specialists of Y. A. Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center (GCTC) and discovery new facts about the history of the GCTC and the founding of Star City.

Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics

Private visit to St. Basil's Cathedral:

In 1552 Ivan the Terrible captured the Tatar stronghold of Kazan on the Feast of Intercession. He commissioned this landmark church, officially the Intercession Cathedral, to commemorate the victory. Created from 1555 to 1561, this masterpiece would become the ultimate symbol of Russia. We can offer you a private visit accompanied by religious choir concert; you will have the possibility to admire the eight chapels and the main church. This visit will amaze you!

Saint Basil's Cathedral

Reception in Armory Chamber by actors in Boyar's costumes



Visit to famous writers' houses with lecturer

Lunch in Congress palace with a nice view to the impressive golden domes of Kremlin



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Private visit to the Golden Hall of the History museum (exceptional visit and private entrance)

Visit to Novodevichy convent like in Tsar time with reconstitution of young girls life by actors



Visit to factories or companies in Russia and meeting with their General Managers

Incentive

Saint Petersburg

St. Isaac's Cathedral



Segway City Tour

This original city tour of the historical center will let you see famous monuments of St. Petersburg. You will have the possibility to admire Bronze Horseman, English Embankment, State Hermitage Museum, Palace Square and Alexander Column, Nevsky prospect and St. Isaac's Cathedral. It's the best option to the bus city tours.



The Ice Breaker Krassin

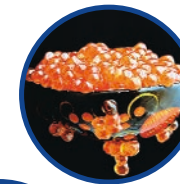
The Krassin (built in 1916) was the world's first icebreaker and although it's now simply a museum, back in the day it was highly respected around the world for taking part in a number of daring rescue missions in and around the arctic region as well as leading several wartime convoys. One in a lifetime opportunity to go onboard an authentic icebreaker!

«Russian style» welcome with the ceremony of «bread and salt»
Cocktail with a concert of the Red Army Choir
«Ice breaking» activities

Krassin



Tasting of Russian caviar



Visit to factories or companies in Russia and meeting with their General Managers

Special opening of Winter Palace and discover Catherine the Great's Peacock Clock before official museum opening hour to the public.



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Private concert in hall of the museum (Russian Museum, Hermitage) and cocktail

Private ball in Palaces and meeting with Russian Aristocracy



Red Army Choir in amazing interior of Yusupov Palace in costumes of the 18th century