

MOSCOW- SOLOVKI- ST. PETERSBURG

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Explore the vast Russian nature with mesmerizing views and beauties. Solovetsky islands, alternatively called Solovki, these distant islands bathed by the White Sea are home to one of Russia's most famous monasteries. Transformed by Stalin into one of the most notorious prison camps in the USSR, Solovki was described in Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago" as being so remote that a "cry from here" would never be heard.



TRAVEL ITINERARY



DAY 1

📍 MOSCOW

- Meeting at the airport.
- Transfer to the hotel.
- Check-in and night at the hotel.



DAY 2

📍 MOSCOW

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- City tour of Moscow by transport with a guide: discover from the outside the Red Square, St. Basil the Blessed Cathedral, the GUM, the Kremlin, Tverskaya Street, then the Sparrow Hill with its superb panorama, and finally the view of the Novodevichy convent and its pond so popular with Moscovites.
- Guided tour of the Kremlin: former residence of the tsars, the largest and most famous fortress in the country, the Kremlin is a group of palaces and cathedrals, the oldest of which date back to the 16th century (Optional: guided tour of the Armoury Chamber).
- Night at the hotel.



DAY 3

📍 MOSCOW

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided tour of the metro and the Cathedral of Christ the Savior: the Moscow Metro is known worldwide for its rich ornaments in various styles ranging from classicism to Soviet realism. Some stations are real "underground palaces". Not far away, you will admire the impressive Cathedral of Christ the Savior, destroyed by Stalin, transformed into a swimming pool, then rebuilt identically in the 2000s and opened for worship (you will be able to visit it from the inside, without your guide).
- Meet your driver in the hotel lobby. He is waiting for you with a Tsar Voyages sign, or a sign with your name. Transfer to the station.
- Night train journey between Moscow and Petrozavodsk in 1st class (2-person compartment).

TRAVEL ITINERARY (2)



DAY 4

📍 PETROZAVODSK

- Arrival in Petrozavodsk. Tour by transport to the most emblematic places of the city of Petrozavodsk with an English speaking guide. The hovercraft to Kizhi. Tour of the place and lunch. The hovercraft to Petrozavodsk.



DAY 5

📍 PETROZAVODSK

On the way to the town of Kem, visit the Kivach nature reserve. Lunch. Stop to visit the White Sea-Baltic Canal. Arrival to Kem.



DAY 6

📍 RABOTCHEOSTROVSK (KEM)

Boat to Solovki. Transfer to the hotel to drop off luggage. Tour of Solovki. Lunch. Visit to GULAG. Night at the hotel.



DAY 7

📍 SOLOVKI ISLANDS

Boat trip to Zaychiy Island. Lunch. Free time. Night at the hotel.



DAY 8

📍 SOLOVKI ISLANDS

- Day train journey in 2nd class between Petrozavodsk and St. Petersburg.

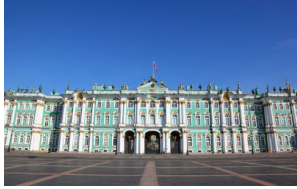


DAY 9

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- City tour of St. Petersburg by transport with a guide: discover the historic center and admire from the outside the city's most famous monuments, such as the Hermitage, the cathedrals and the Nevsky perspective, the church of St. Savior on the Blood, the Field of Mars, the Square of Fine Arts, or the street of the architect Rossi.
- Night at the hotel.

TRAVEL ITINERARY (2)



DAY 10

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Guided tour of the Hermitage: a real jewel of Russian Baroque art, the Hermitage Museum is one of the most important museums in the world. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it houses treasures from antiquity and the works of the great masters of the Dutch, Italian, Flemish and Spanish schools. A visit appreciated both for the richness of the collections and for the magnificence of the buildings.

Guided tours of the cathedrals of St. Isaac (with rise of the colonnades) and church of the Savior on Blood : The Orthodox cathedral of St. Isaac, built in the 19th century, was the center of religious life in St. Petersburg until the Revolution. The third largest cathedral in Europe, it offers a magnificent view of the city and the Neva from its main dome at 102m high. Built on the site where Alexander II was murdered in 1881, the church of St Savior on blood, in a neo-Russian style and very inspired by Moscow's St. Basil's Cathedral, is today one of the most picturesque and visited buildings in St. Petersburg. Night in St. Petersburg.



DAY 11

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Free time. Night in St. Petersburg.



DAY 12

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Pick-up from the hotel and transfer to the airport.