

Russian Interlude

Independent tour

This tour is for travellers with limited time. By taking the overnight train from Moscow to St Petersburg, you maximise time for sightseeing in both cities and have the flexibility to choose your own departure date and standard of hotel. The itinerary can be taken in reverse.

6 days / 5 nights

Day 1: Moscow

Arrive Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 2: Moscow

This morning's tour will introduce you to the major sights of Moscow—Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, the White House, Bolshoi Theatre and a panoramic view from Sparrows' Hills. A guided tour of the Moscow Metro system follows with an amazing display of marble, mosaics, statues and chandelier. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 3: Moscow to St Petersburg

Hotel checkout is at midday. Your sightseeing programme features a guided tour of the State Armoury Museum and one of the Kremlin Cathedrals. Late evening transfer to the railway station to join your overnight train to St Petersburg. **B**

Day 4: St Petersburg

Early morning arrival to St Petersburg where you will be met and transferred to your hotel for breakfast. This morning's tour will introduce you to this beautiful northern city. Drive along Nevsky Prospekt lined with 18th century palaces, fashionable shops, cafes and restaurants. See the Summer Gardens and Palace Square, the third largest in the world. Continue with a visit to Peter & Paul Fortress, the site chosen by Peter the Great in 1703 as the foundation of St Petersburg. During your tour of the Hermitage Museum,

which occupies five buildings on the Neva Embankment, you will see one of the world's greatest art collections boasting more than 3 million items. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 5: St Petersburg

After breakfast, choose from two excursions – Peterhof (Petrodvorets) on the Gulf of Finland or head south to the town of Pushkin, known as the Tsars' Village until 1917. Peterhof was commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. In summer months, the grounds feature cascading fountains and gilded statues. At Pushkin, the residence of the Tsars from the beginning of the 18th century to the early 19th century, visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Afternoon free. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 6: St Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast with a transfer to the airport or station. **B**

Inclusions

- ① 4 nights accommodation in hotel category of your choice with breakfast
- ① 1st class rail (2 berth sleeper) Moscow – St Petersburg
- ① Arrival/departure transfers by car
- ① Moscow – City tour & Metro; Kremlin, Cathedral & Armoury Museum on foot
- ① St Petersburg – City tour with Peter & Paul Fortress; Hermitage Museum on foot; choice of Peterhof or Pushkin



St Petersburg, Catherine's Palace



Moscow, Kremlin

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Daily departures Jan–Dec 2010. (M) = Moscow, (SP) = St Petersburg

Hotel / Season	Twn	Sgl	Hotel / Season	Twn	Sgl
(M) COSMOS Renovated			(M) NOVOTEL		
(SP) ASTERIA A/C			(SP) NOVOTEL		
1-6 Jan, 1-21 May, 1 Jul-30 Sep	1680	2739	1 Jan-31 Mar, 16 Oct-31 Dec	2129	3423
7 Jan-30 Apr, 1 Oct-31 Dec	1618	2613	1 Apr-9 May, 16 Jul-15 Oct	2187	3539
22 May-30 Jun	1753	2883	10 May-15 Jul	2338	3828
(M) HOLIDAY INN LESNAYA			(M) PETER 1		
(SP) DOSTOEVSKY			(SP) ANGLETERRE		
1 Jan-31 Mar, 1 Nov-31 Dec	1832	3042	1 Jan-31 Mar	2196	3486
1 Apr-14 May, 1 Jul-30 Sep, 1-31 Oct	1897	3134	1-30 Apr	2367	3804
15 May-30 Jun	1994	3365	1 May-24 Jun	2579	4248
(M) BUDAPEST			25 Jun-15 Jul	2329	4098
(SP) PUSHKA INN			16 Jul-29 Aug	2117	3370
1 Jan-30 Apr, 1 Jul-29 Aug	1888	3105	30 Aug-31 Dec	on request	
1-31 May	2020	3365	(M) BALTSCHUG KEMPINSKI		
1-30 Jun	2131	3587	(SP) GRAND EUROPE		
30 Aug-31 Dec	on request		1-31 Jan	2314	3669
(M) MARRIOTT TVERSKAYA			1 Feb-31 Mar, 16 Oct-31 Dec	2683	4402
(SP) SOKOS OLYMPIC GARDEN			1-30 Apr, 1-15 Oct	2777	4580
1 Jan-31 Mar, 1 Nov-31 Dec	1873	2980	1 May-31 Jul, 1-30 Sep	3112	5255
1 Apr-16 May, 19 Jul-30 Sep	2172	3578	1-31 Aug	2365	3756
17 May-18 Jul	2297	3828	(M) NATIONAL		
1-31 Oct	2109	3452	(SP) ASTORIA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Train compartment single-use supplement \$398. ■ Sightseeing is by car with your own English speaking guide. ■ Higher rates may apply during trade shows, special events and overlapping seasons. ■ Hotel descriptions – see pages 5 & 9. ■ Registration fee (approx. \$8) payable to hotel on the spot. 			1 Jan-31 Mar, 29 Oct-31 Dec	2387	3539
			1 Apr-18 Jul, 1 Sep-28 Oct	2883	4465
			19 Jul-31 Aug	2572	4079
			(M) RITZ CARLTON		
			(SP) GRAND EUROPE		
			1 Jan-31 Mar, 16 Oct-31 Dec	3365	5477
			1-30 Apr, 1-15 Oct	3467	5675
			1 May-31 Jul, 1-30 Sep	3802	6350
			1-31 Aug	2555	4064