

Russian Highlights

Semi-escorted tour



St Petersburg, Peterhof

8 days / 7 nights

Day 1: Sat: Moscow

Independent arrival into Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Moscow. **D**

Day 2: Sun: Moscow

Join your fellow travellers for a morning tour of Moscow, Russia's capital city. Your tour highlights include Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, the White House of the Russian Federation, the Bolshoi Theatre and a panoramic view of Moscow from Sparrows' Hills. In the afternoon visit the State Tretyakov Art Gallery housing a collection of Russian art that traces Russian culture from the 11th to 19th centuries, including Russian icons, canvases by Russian 18th century portraitists and 20th century paintings. You also visit the Moscow circus. Overnight Moscow. **BD**

Day 3: Mon: Moscow

Morning walking tour of Moscow's Kremlin grounds. See Cathedral Square – a breath-taking architectural ensemble of 15th to 17th centuries, the Tsar's bell and cannon, political and governmental buildings and Kremlin walls and towers. Visit the State Armoury, with a unique collection of crown jewels, gems, thrones, Faberge eggs and

coronation robes. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Moscow. **BD**

Day 4: Tue: Moscow to St Petersburg

Morning walking tour of the Moscow Metro. Go underground for a grand display of marble, mosaics, chandeliers and sculpture. Stroll through the Arbat pedestrian zone, with its cafes and shops. Afternoon free. After dinner board your overnight train to St Petersburg. **BD**

Day 5: Wed: St Petersburg

Early morning arrival into St Petersburg. You will be met and transferred to your hotel for breakfast. Your city tour will introduce you to the highlights of this beautiful city. Drive along fashionable Nevsky Prospekt, the main thoroughfare of St Petersburg, lined with 18th century palaces, shops and restaurants. Stand in magnificent Palace Square, third largest in the world, flanked by the Triumphal Arch, General Staff building and Winter Palace complex. Afternoon free for independent exploring. Overnight St Petersburg. **BD**

Day 6: Thu: St Petersburg

After breakfast you have a visit to the State Hermitage Museum. Housed in five buildings on the Neva Embankment, the Hermitage Museum boasts a massive collection of more than 3 million items. In

the afternoon visit Peter & Paul Fortress, the site chosen by Peter the Great in 1703 as the foundation of St Petersburg. All the Russian emperors since Peter the Great are buried here, including the last Tsar, Nicholas the Second and his family. Overnight St Petersburg. **BD**

Day 7: Fri: St Petersburg

This morning you journey to the town of Pushkin, previously known as the Tsars' Village. It was the main summer residence

of the Imperial family from the 18th century to the fall of the monarchy in 1917. Visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St Petersburg. **BD**

Day 8: Sat: St Petersburg

After breakfast, tour services end with a transfer to the airport or rail station. **B**

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.

Saturday departures 2 Jan-25 Dec 2010.

Season	Twn	Sgl
3-STAR		
2 Jan-25 Dec	2088	2642
If only one person on tour		
		3609

■ Upgrade to renovated room in Hotel Cosmos, Moscow – \$133 twin share, \$239 single, subject to availability.

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2 Jan-10 Apr, 1 May,		
10 Jul-21 Aug, 30 Oct-25 Dec	2956	3956
17 Apr, 24 Apr, 16 Oct, 23 Oct	3076	4016
8 May, 3 Jul, 28 Aug-25 Sep	3052	4402
15 May-26 Jun	3221	4752
2 Oct, 9 Oct	3197	4257

If only one person on tour Prices on request

■ Supplement for sole use of 2-berth rail compartment \$410.

Inclusions

- ① 6 nights accommodation in hotel category of your choice
- ① Meals as specified (half board)
- ① Arrival/departure transfers by car
- ① 1st class overnight rail (2 berth) Moscow-St Petersburg (unescorted)
- ① Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in English language only

Your hotels

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ⓐ MOSCOW – Cosmos

ⓐ ST PETERSBURG – Moskva

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ⓐ MOSCOW – Marriott Tverskaya

ⓐ ST PETERSBURG – Ambassador

■ Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.