

# Imperial Capitals

## Semi-escorted tour

7 days / 6 nights

### Day 1: Tue: St Petersburg

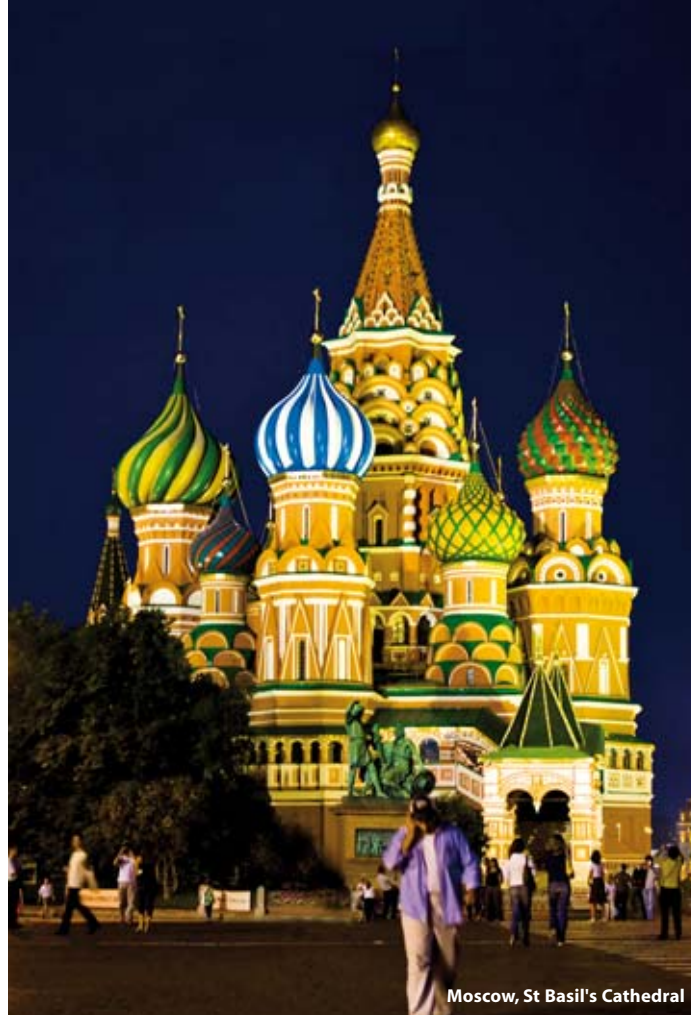
Arrival St Petersburg. You will be met and transferred to your hotel where you have the opportunity to meet your fellow travellers over a welcome drink. Overnight St Petersburg.

### Day 2: Wed: St Petersburg

This morning you have a sightseeing tour of this magnificent imperial city founded by Peter the Great in 1703 as his 'Window to the West'. Highlights include St Isaac's Cathedral, the Church on Spilled Blood, Nevsky Prospekt with its 18th century palaces, fashionable shops, restaurants and cafes. Continue with a visit to Peter and Paul Fortress, the foundation site of St Petersburg and burial place of the Romanovs. After a break for lunch, visit the world-acclaimed Hermitage Museum and its vast art collection. Tonight you will be entertained by a first class folklore performance in the 19th century Nikolaevsky Palace. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

### Day 3: Thu: St Petersburg

Today you may choose to travel to Peterhof or Pushkin. After breakfast, travel 20kms west to the Gulf of Finland, where you visit Peterhof Palace and Gardens. The Palace was commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. In summer months you are able to enjoy the spectacular cascading fountains and golden statues. Or in the afternoon you may head south to the town of Pushkin, Known as Tsars' Village until 1917. Here you will visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture



and featuring the famous Amber Room. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

### Day 4: Fri: St Petersburg to Moscow

Your morning is free to explore independently. In the late afternoon board your train for Moscow for a late evening arrival. Overnight Moscow. **B**

### Day 5: Sat: Moscow

This morning you have a sightseeing tour of Russia's dynamic capital. Highlights include Red Square with the onion-domed St Basil's Cathedral and GUM department store, Theatre Square featuring the Bolshoi Theatre, and a panoramic view of the city from Sparrow Hills. Complete your city tour with a visit to the amazing Moscow metro with its unique stations featuring marble, mosaics, statues and chandeliers. This afternoon visit the Kremlin grounds and one of the cathedrals. Continue to the State Armoury Museum housing a unique collection of crown jewels, thrones, costumes and Faberge Eggs. Overnight Moscow. **B**

### Day 6: Sun: Moscow

Today you have an excursion to the 16th century Novodevichy (New Maiden's) Convent. Adjoining is a fascinating necropolis where some of the most significant cultural and political figures of Russia are buried. Overnight Moscow. **B**

### Day 7: Mon: Moscow

Your tour services end this morning with a transfer to the airport. **B**



## Inclusions

- ① 6 nights accommodation in 5-star hotels
- ① Meals as specified
- ① Arrival / departure transfers by car
- ① 2nd class rail St Petersburg/Moscow (unescorted)
- ① Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in English and German
- ① Folklore performance in St Petersburg

## Your hotels

- 📍 **ST PETERSBURG** – Reval Sonya
- 📍 **MOSCOW** – Marriott Grand
- *Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted*

## Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.  
Tuesday departures Jun-Sep 2010.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
15 Jun, 29 Jun, 6 Jul, 13 Jul	2233	3444
20 Jul, 27 Jul, 3 Aug, 10 Aug,		
17 Aug, 24 Aug, 7 Sep, 21 Sep	2052	3083