

Russia, the Baltics, Poland & Prague

Escorted tour

17 days / 16 nights

Day 1: Sat: Moscow

Independent arrival into Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Meet your fellow group members at dinner. Overnight Moscow. **D**

Day 2: Sun: Moscow

Your sightseeing starts at Red Square. Visit the Kremlin and State Armoury. On to the Moscow University and popular Arbat shopping district. Drive through Moscow's wide boulevards and historic districts and stroll through GUM, Russia's largest department store. Opportunity to take an optional tour by night of Moscow and its metro. Overnight Moscow **B**

Day 3: Mon: Moscow to Tver & Novgorod

Morning departure for Tver, an ancient trading port on the Volga River. After a brief tour of the city, continue north and overnight Novgorod. **BD**

Day 4: Tue: Novgorod to St Petersburg

Visit Novgorod's Kremlin, St Sophia Cathedral and Yaroslav's Court. Afternoon departure for St Petersburg. Visit Peter & Paul Fortress and St Isaac's Cathedral. Overnight St Petersburg. **BD**

Day 5: Wed: St Petersburg

Your morning sightseeing includes the State Hermitage Museum which currently boasts a collection of over 3 million items. Afternoon free for independent sightseeing. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 6: Thu: St Petersburg to Tallinn

After breakfast depart for Narva, for a lunch break. Continue on to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia. The city's history dates back a thousand years as a seaport and centre of foreign trade. Overnight Tallinn. **BD**

Day 7: Fri: Tallinn to Riga

On your walking tour of the Upper and Lower Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, visit orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and Toompea Castle. Afternoon departure for Riga, the capital of Latvia. Overnight Riga. **BD**

Day 8: Sat: Riga

Morning sightseeing includes Riga Castle, Dome Cathedral, Liberty Monument and the district of Art Nouveau houses. Afternoon at leisure to explore this cosmopolitan city, rich in architectural styles. Overnight Riga. **B**

Day 9: Sun: Riga to Vilnius

This morning continue south 330 km to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. The Old



Inclusions

- ① 16 nights accommodation in 4 & 5-star hotels
- ① Meals as specified
- ① Arrival and departure transfers to/from airport (on days 1 and 17 only)
- ① Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- ① Tour director
- ① Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in English language only

Your hotels

- Ⓜ **MOSCOW** – Marriott Grand
 - Ⓜ **NOVGOROD** – Beresta
 - Ⓜ **ST PETERSBURG** – Holiday Inn Moskovskye Vorota
 - Ⓜ **TALLINN** – Meriton Grand
 - Ⓜ **RIGA** – Avalon or Reval Latvia
 - Ⓜ **VILNIUS** – Novotel
 - Ⓜ **WARSAW** – Holiday Inn
 - Ⓜ **KRAKOW** – Novotel Centrum
 - Ⓜ **PRAGUE** – Diplomat
- Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Saturday departures May-Oct 2010.

Departures	Tour code	Twn	Sgl
8 May, 29 May, 19 Jun, 10 Jul, 31 Jul, 21 Aug, 11 Sep, 2 Oct	K905M	4485	6182
Reduction for terminating in Warsaw on day 13	K982	914	1351
Surcharge to continue on to Vienna for 2 nights	K905	393	665

Town is one of the most extensive in Eastern Europe and is included in UNESCO's World Heritage List. Overnight Vilnius. **BD**

Day 10: Mon: Vilnius

Your morning sightseeing of Vilnius includes the Upper Town with Gediminas Tower and Vilnius Castle. Afternoon at leisure. Take an optional excursion to Trakai, with its two 14th century lakeside castles. Overnight Vilnius. **B**

Day 11: Tue: Vilnius to Warsaw

Leaving the Baltic region, you cross the border into Poland, travelling for most of the day (540 km). Overnight Warsaw. **BLD**

Day 12: Wed: Warsaw

Completely destroyed in WWII, Warsaw's magnificent "Old Town", dating back to the 14th century, had to be restored brick by brick from ruins. After breakfast, your sightseeing of Warsaw includes Lazienki Park, Warsaw Ghetto, the Barbican and a walking tour of the Old Town. Afternoon at leisure. Optional Chopin concert. Overnight Warsaw. **B**

Day 13: Thu: Warsaw to Krakow

Morning departure for Krakow, stopping en-route at Czestochowa, home of the blackened picture of St Mary, known as the "Black Madonna", in the Yasna Gora Monastery. Continue on to Krakow with an optional trip to Auschwitz. Overnight Krakow. **BD**

Day 14: Fri: Krakow

The ancient capital of Poland, Krakow, was known as the capital of kings. Your sightseeing tour of this well-preserved medieval city includes Wavel Castle, St Mary's Church, the Renaissance Cloth Hall and other ancient landmarks. The afternoon is free for independent exploring. Overnight Krakow. **B**

Day 15: Sat: Krakow to Prague

After breakfast your drive (495 kms) takes you through the Polish countryside, crossing the Slovak and Czech borders to reach Prague. Overnight Prague. **BD**

Day 16: Sun: Prague

Morning sightseeing of the Royal Castle of Hradcany and St Vitus Cathedral. Continue on to the Old Town and the Jewish quarter. Afternoon at leisure. Optional cultural performance. Overnight Prague. **B**

Day 17: Mon: Prague

After breakfast tour services end with your airport transfer. **B**