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FANTASTIC THREE: MOSCOW, SAINT PETERSBURG AND THE NORTHERN LIGHTS **12 Days**

15 October - 26 October, 2019

-----~~This package is available either~~-----
Group Tour (scheduled departures)

or

Private Tour (flexible dates)

MOSCOW & ST. PETERSBURG

**MOSCOW, SAINT PETERSBURG,
MURMANSK, LOVOZERO, SEYDOZERO**

Notes: Northern Lights do not actually have a "season". You can observe it from August till March in good night conditions. Autumn and early spring can be as good timing as the winter; 5* hotels are available in Moscow and St Petersburg only



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- *24/7 support*





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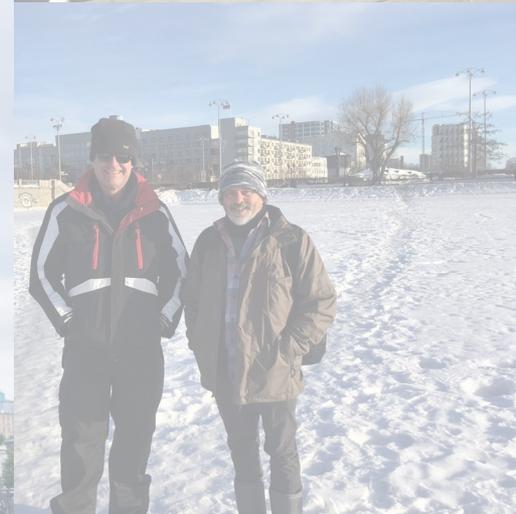
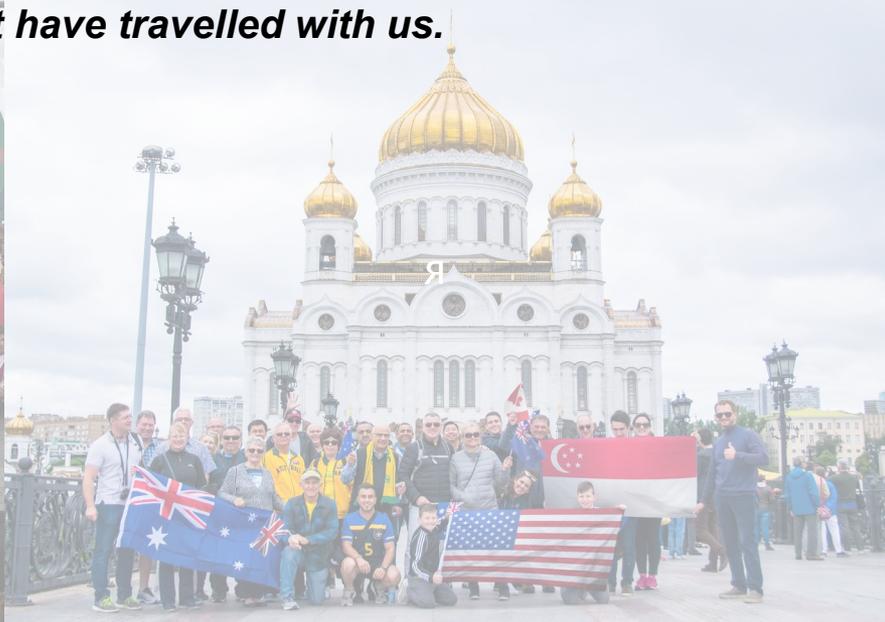
***How to obtain a Russian Visa in an easy way:
Step by Step Guide***

- 1. Book your tour with Discovery Russia, get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals***
- 2. Fill in Visa Application form***
- 3. Apply to the Embassy or Russian Visa Center personally or send Application, passport, photo to the Embassy or Russian visa Center by mail***
- 4. Obtain your Russian visa in the Embassy, Russian Visa Center or by mail***

Happy Travelers

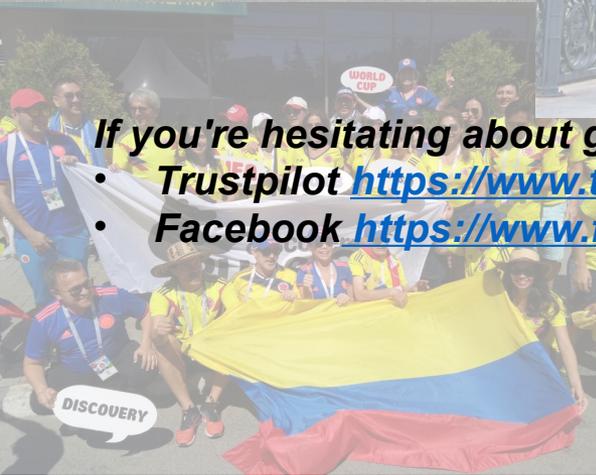


In 2018 we have hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia! Please have a look at our reviews and feedbacks below from people that have travelled with us.



If you're hesitating about going to Russia, you may find these reviews useful:

- **Trustpilot** <https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au>
- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/DiscoveryRussiaTravel/reviews/>



Itinerary



DAY 1

- *Arrive in Moscow*
- *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*
- *Free time*
- *Group tour: welcome dinner*

DAY 2

- *Breakfast*
- *Moscow Kremlin Tour, including the Armory and Red Square*
- *Moscow metro tour*
- *Novodevichy Convent tour Sparrow Hills*

DAY 3

- *Breakfast*
- *The Tretyakov State Art Gallery*
- *Stalin's skyscrapers tour*
- *The VDNKh*

DAY 4

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St. Petersburg*
- *Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station*
- *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*

DAY 5

- *Breakfast*
- *Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of Peterhof*
- *Afternoon: visit Faberge Museum*

DAY 6

- *Breakfast*
- *Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage*
- *Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood*
- *Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral*

DAY 7

- *Breakfast*
- *Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo*
- *Catherine's palace*
- *Free time in the park*

DAY 8

- *Flight to Murmansk*
- *Transfer to your hotel*
- *Murmansk city tour*
- *The Icebreaker "Lenin" museum*
- *Evening free-time*

Itinerary



DAY 9

- **Breakfast**
- **Transfer to Lovozero village**
- **Cruise to the tourist village Ulinskaya Salma**
- **Northern Lights Hunting**

DAY 10

- **Breakfast**
- **Lovozero Explorer Tour**
- **Northern Lights Hunting**

DAY 11

- **Breakfast**
- **Excursion on Lake Seydozero**
- **Northern Lights Hunting**
- **Picnic lunch**
- **Return to eco lodge**

DAY 12

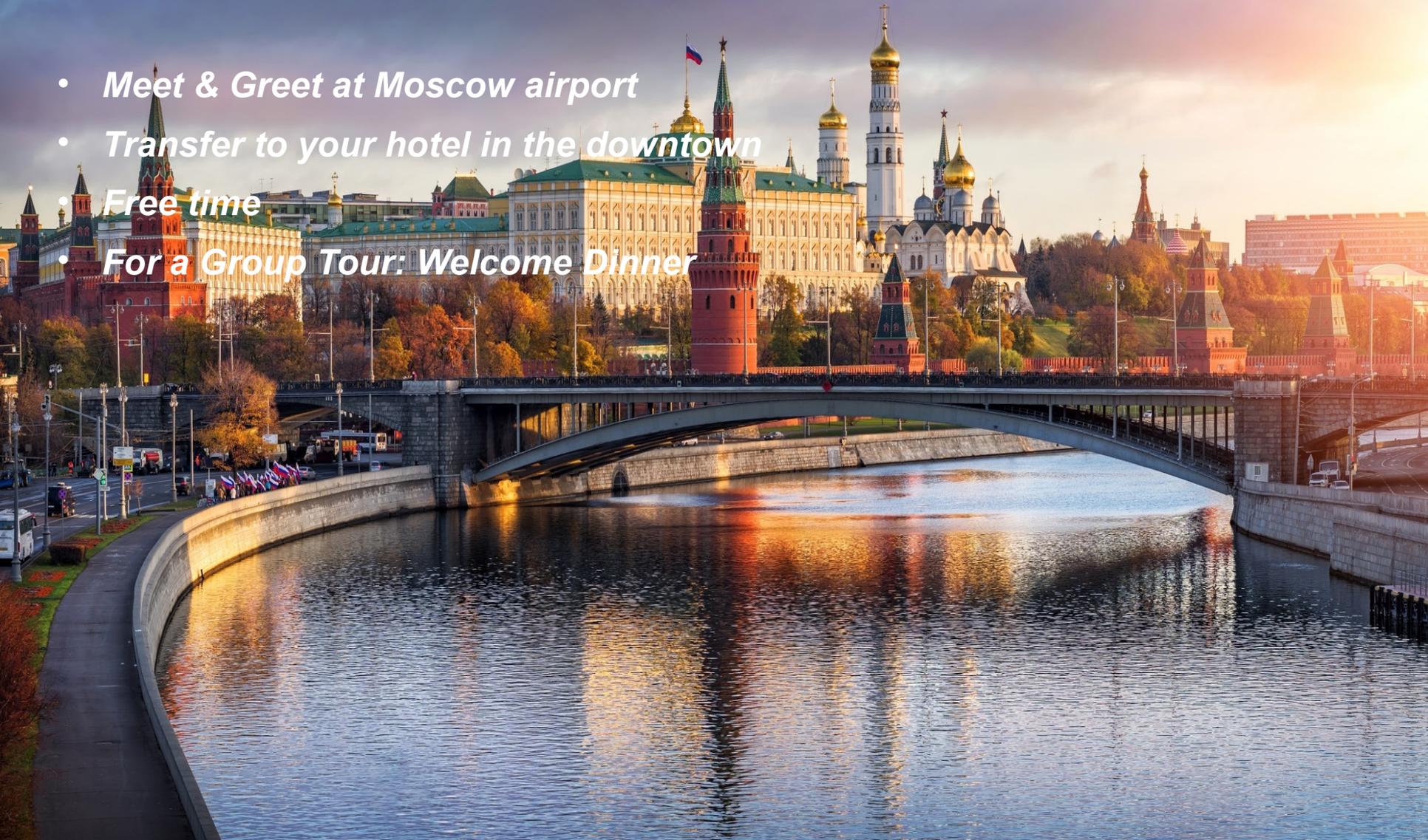
- **Breakfast**
- **Return to Murmansk**
- **Drop off at the airport/ Departure**



DAY 1: Hello Moscow



- *Meet & Greet at Moscow airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*
- *Free time*
- *For a Group Tour: Welcome Dinner*



DAY 2: Discover Moscow



- *Breakfast*
- *A visit to the Moscow Kremlin including Armory and to the Red Square*
- *Moscow Metro tour*
- *Excursion in Novodevichy Convent*
- *And Sparrow Hills*



Enjoy a guided visit to the Moscow Kremlin, and see all the treasures of the famous museums. "Kremlin" is not actually a specific place name, but means "fortress". The most well-known kremlin is of course the one in Moscow, at Red Square.

And Red Square is not actually Red because of the red bricks, but because "red" in the old Russian language meant "beautiful". And "Kremlin" meant a castle. So, there are many kremlins in Russia and in Moscow alone we will show you a few!

Get to know the city by taking a metro ride to the place of your first visit. The Metro is one of the fastest ways to get anywhere in this city, and to avoid traffic jams. Metro is the fastest ways to get anywhere in this city, and to avoid traffic jams.

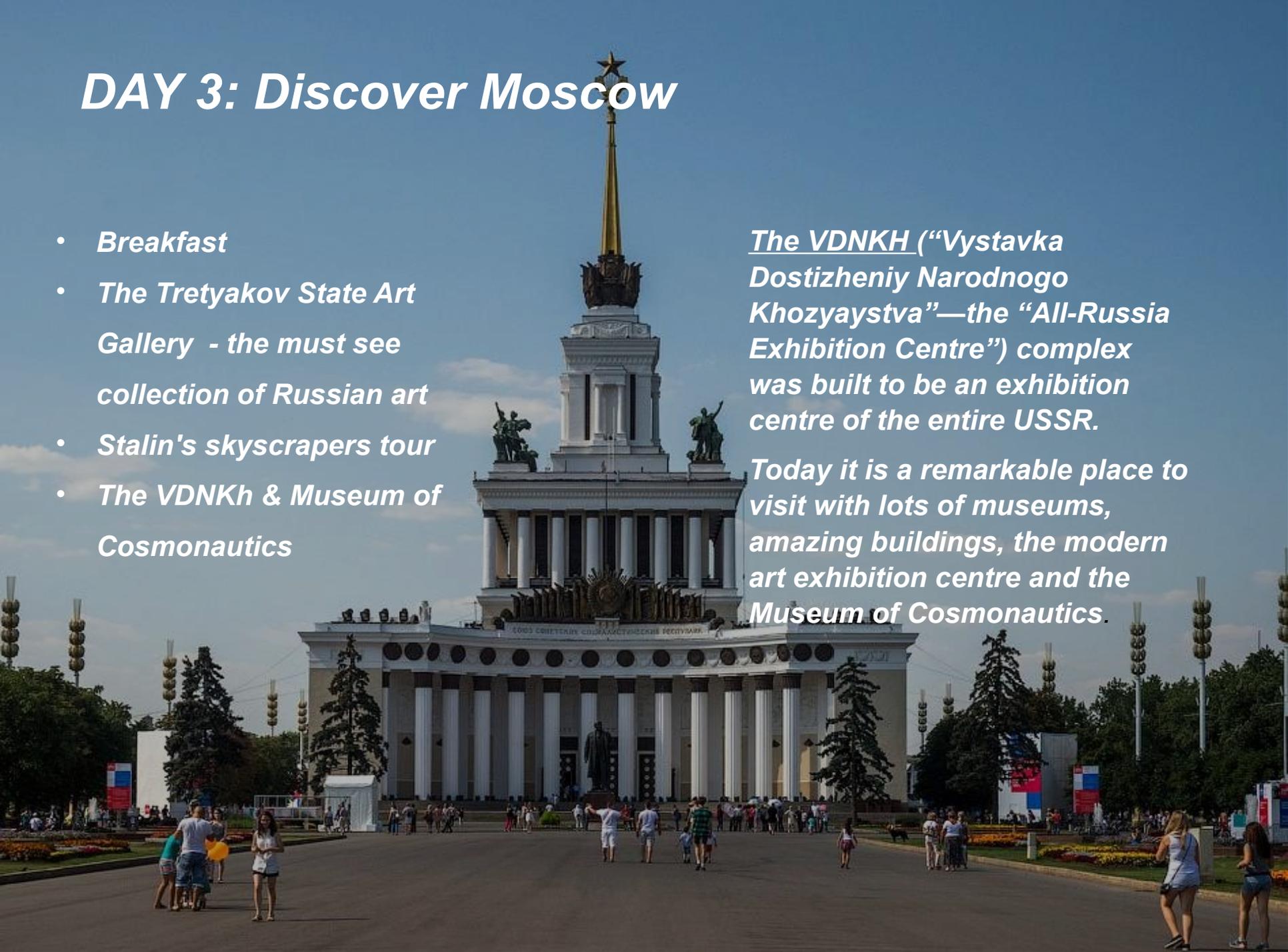
If you want to see the Bolshoi, it's a good idea to book your tickets in advance!

DAY 3: Discover Moscow

- *Breakfast*
- *The Tretyakov State Art Gallery - the must see collection of Russian art*
- *Stalin's skyscrapers tour*
- *The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics*

The VDNKH (“Vystavka Dostizheniy Narodnogo Khozyaystva”—the “All-Russia Exhibition Centre”) complex was built to be an exhibition centre of the entire USSR.

Today it is a remarkable place to visit with lots of museums, amazing buildings, the modern art exhibition centre and the Museum of Cosmonautics.



A remarkable feature of Stalin's era are the so-called "Stalin's skyscrapers", each built in different areas of the city, following common principles of design, but all very different from each other. One of them is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, another is a hotel, a third the Moscow State University, etc! Every building has its own story—and its own famous residents. Private car at disposal for this day.



DAY 4: Transfer to St.Petersburg

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St.Petersburg*
- *Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station*
- *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*



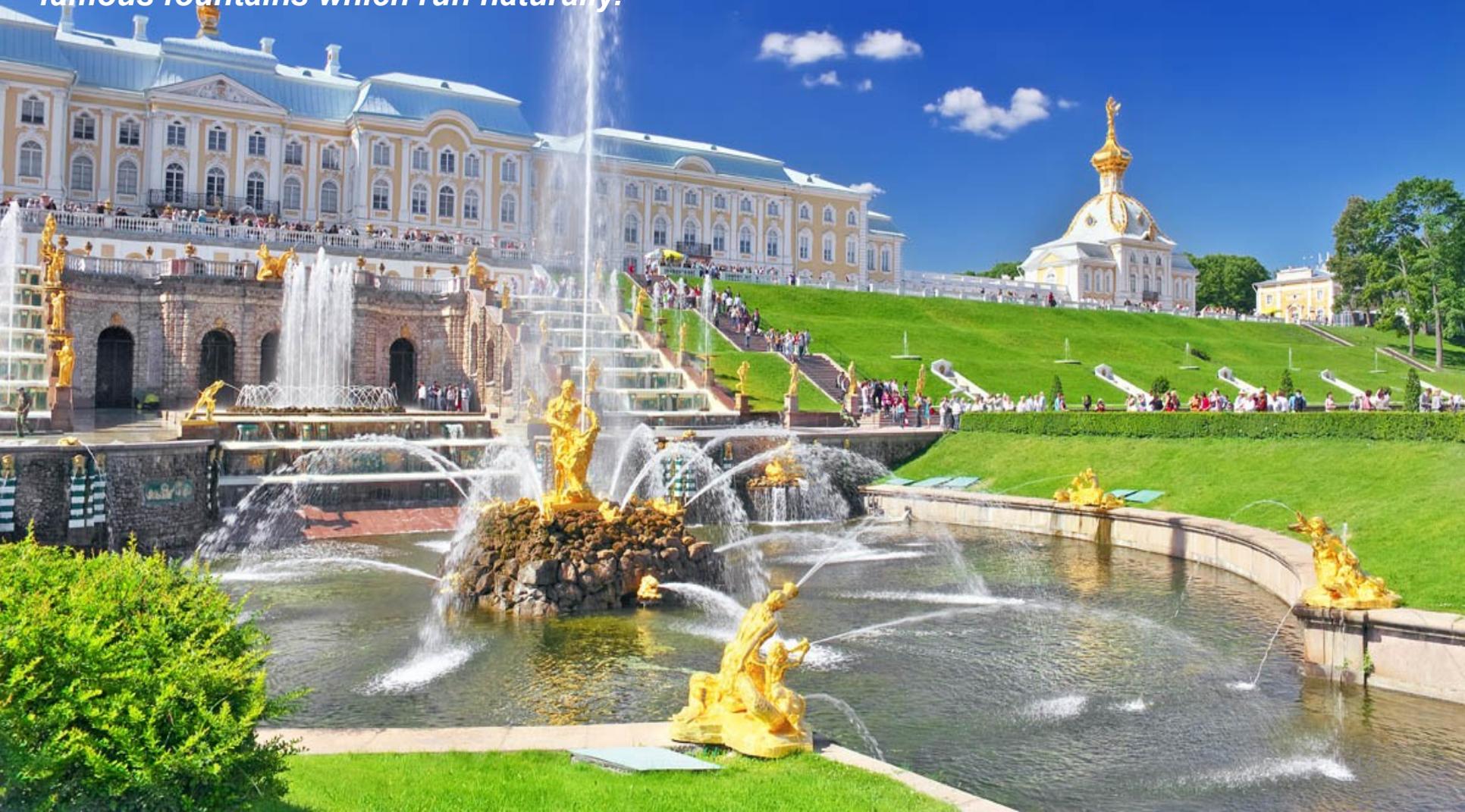
DAY 5: Discover St. Petersburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Visiting the royal Peterhof Palace*
- *Guided tour*
- *Faberge Museum*

Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace, located near the seashore of the Gulf of Finland, 60 kilometres away from the city. We take a boat to get there and will return by the intercity bus - great local experience itself!

Gardens and Parks are spread over more than four hundred hectares, and include thirty-one amazing museums and beautiful Versailles-style gardens. In summer, the Peterhof is especially good thanks to its famous fountains which run naturally.



DAY 6: Discover St. Petersburg

- ***Breakfast***
- ***Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage***
- ***Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood***
- ***Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral***



Morning: Walking trip to the Winter Palace and the Hermitage guided tour.

We force you to make it on foot. Why? Because there is no other way to understand and feel the city's soul than to explore its secret walking trails. Let us surprise you with unusual homes, architecture, perspectives and stunning views.

Today, you visit one of the most important sites in Russian history and heritage, the world-famous palace of the Hermitage, the former residence of the Royal Family.

The Hermitage today is one of the largest museums in the world, founded in 1764; its collection includes over 2.7 mln items. Our experienced guide will bring the museum to life to her knowledge.

Your guide will take you for a lunch in a local bistro, “stolovaya” where you can try traditional Russian food.

Then, take a tour to see the city's iconic landmark: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, and visit the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture; an absolutely enthralling must-see and a place where Alexander II was fatally wounded by anarchists in 1881.



DAY 7: Discover St. Petersburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo*
- *Catherine's palace*
- *Free time in the park*

Catherine's palace - the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Private car at disposal for this day

The world-famous “Amber Room”, known as the ‘Eighth Wonder of the World’, is here in Catherine’s palace.

DAY 8: Murmansk, gate to Arctic

- ***Arrival at Murmansk. Meet & greet at the airport, transfer to your hotel, luggage drop off and city tour. Murmansk is the largest city in the world north of the Arctic Circle. Founded in 1915 as a supply port in World War I, it was a base for the British, French, and American expeditionary forces against the Bolsheviks in 1918. We shall visit either the Naval Museum or the Historical Museum.***
- ***After lunch, visit museum of icebreaker “Lenin”, the first nuclear icebreaker in the world! Murmansk played an important role as a Russian trade link with the Allies during the Second World War II. Various supplies were brought to the city with the help of the Arctic convoys. Murmansk was heavily damaged during the war. It was restored in the beginning of the 1950ies.***
- ***Evening free at leisure as we prepare to the Northern Lights adventure. In good conditions, it might be possible to observe northern lights in Murmansk city itself!***

DAY 9: Lovozero // Northern Lights Hunting

- ***Transfer to Lovozero village (270 km, 4-5 hours drive). Cruise to the tourist village Ulinskaya Salma (3* property) across the Lake or transfer to our sweet 4* home Northern Pearl located 12 kilometers from Lovozero village. In both options, you will enjoy premium location and cozy eco-friendly accommodation in the wooden lodges.***
- ***Walking, mountaineering and water tours (seasonal) at the same time, as well as great fishing (ice fishing in winter). In this weather-dependent region your plans may always be changed due to sudden snow storm or rain, and here, at the border of forest and tundra, near lakes, rivers and beautiful forest trails where is always a place for an activity.***
- ***Lovozero is the top destination of the Kola Peninsula for Aurora Borealis viewing, there are very high chances to observe it directly at the eco lodges. However we recommend to spend at least 3 nights here to maximize the chances of Aurora Borealis viewing, and due to remoteness of the location.***

NOTE: clear skies and solar activity are the critical conditions to watch Aurora Borealis, best timing is from 8:00 pm till 2:00 am.

DAY 10: Lovozero Explorer tour // Northern Lights Hunting

- ***SEASONAL TOURS: guided tour to the settlement of reindeer breeders in winter, fishing and Saami people exploration in autumn. Winter tours: we shall visit the real, non-touristic camp of local nomads, whose life totally depends on deers. You will be able to witness how they survive and cope with the local climate. The tour provides amazing photo opportunities. It is possible to ride on deers and feed them. Autumn tours: amazing fishing opportunities and a visit to Saami people museum. Alternatively: guided nature walking trails and water sports (kayaks). Full day fun tour with activities in the middle of nowhere!***
- ***Return to the camp. Russian Banya experience in the evening (optional, not included) and Northern Lights watching.***

DAY 11: Seydozero tour // Northern Lights Hunting

- *This lake located in the massif of the Lovozersky tundra is famous as mystical and mysterious place. It is considered a cradle of Giperborei, the ancient disappeared civilization inseparably linked with mythical stories and magic knowledge. Legends says that the ancient city of the Lappish shamans is now hidden from people's eyes.*
- *During the excursion on Seydozero you will surely get acquainted with one of the main sights of this place — Kuyva, a bas-relief of natural origin about 70 meters high. On a legend of Sami, Kuyva is a giant who lived in ancient times in the Lovozersky tundra. The giant plundered and killed Sami and was punished by the Lappish pagan gods – "is burned by lightning which have struck from lake waters".*
- *Picnic lunch. Return to the eco lodge.*

DAY 12: Departure

- ***Breakfast***
- ***Return to Murmansk***
- ***Transfer to the airport for departure flight***

Private Tour, 2 people

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,555** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,715** AUD

Dates are flexible

Group Tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **3,595** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,030** AUD

Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,725** AUD

Starting dates for 2019: October 15, 2019



INCLUSIONS:

Accommodation:

- 3* / 4* / 5* centrally located hand-picked hotels:
 - 3 nights Moscow;
 - 4 nights St. Petersburg;
 - 1 night Murmansk;
 - 3 nights Lovozero national park.

Note 1: 5* hotels are available in St. Petersburg and Moscow only.

Note 2: For group tours 4* hotels in Lovozero are not available.

Meals:

- Full breakfast daily;
- Group tour: welcome dinner.

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance

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INCLUSIONS:



Transportation:

- *Moscow — St. Petersburg bullet train. One way, 2nd class, 4 hours ride. 1st class on request;*
- *Flight St. Petersburg - Murmansk, economy;*
- *Meet and greet at every location;*
- *Return airport/train station transfers;*
- *Full metro/public transport passes in St. Petersburg and Moscow;*
- *Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus;*
- *Speed boat ride to Peterhof Palace.*

Sightseeing:

- *All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:*
 - *Moscow tours as specified;*
 - *St. Petersburg tours as specified;*
 - *Murmansk tour as specified;*
 - *Lovozero tours as specified.*

Entrance tickets, visas & misc.:

- *Entrance Tickets to all listed attractions;*
- *Russian visa supporting documents;*
- *Russian local sim card with data;*
- *24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia.*

Group tour:

- *Group tours are fully escorted by **bilingual tour director**;*
- *Group size 20 people maximum.*

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3 Stoleshnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar*

4 Peking/Hitrovka/Pushkin/Azimut Smolenskaya or similar*

5 Metropol*/National/Savoy or similar*

St. Petersburg

3 Privilegiya/Aglaya/Hotel Mojka nab.Mojki 5/Atlantika or similar*

4 Chaykovskiy/Aston/Zolotoy Vek/Ambassador or similar*

5 Sofitel/Astoria or similar*

Lovozero

3 Yulinskaya Salma*