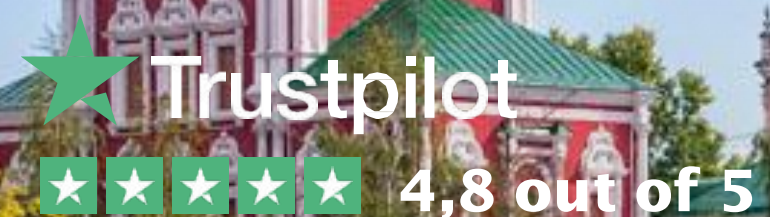




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Grand Russia UNESCO Tour:

13 days / 12 nights

This package is available as Private Tour and Small Group

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Day 1: Arrive Moscow

Welcome to Moscow!

A tour to Russia is not complete without a tour to Moscow, the heart of Russia and one of the oldest cities in the country. It is a city of bright contrasts where quiet patriarchal courts and small streets adjoin to futuristic business centres, and old neighbourhoods are interspersed with modern high-rises.

Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the cozy hotel in downtown.

Evening free at leisure. Get ready to out intensive trip covering as many as 10 objects of Russia's UNESCO World Heritage List.



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Welcome dinner (group tour only)



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Day 2: Nerl & Vladimir

Pick up at your hotel and transfer to Vladimir (2-3 hours depending on traffic). Take a tour to enjoy all the wonders of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Vladimir was one of the medieval capitals of Russia, with significant buildings surviving from the 12th century. We shall visit the Dormition Cathedral that preserves the world famous frescoes of Andrei Rublev, the architectural complex of the Cathedral of St. Dimitriy.

Russian borrowed its early architecture, like its icon painting, from Byzantium. One of the best-known Russian churches in the northern style is the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl. Today it stands alone in the midst of green meadows, the small lake below reflecting its white walls and single dome. This church is one of the most poetic creations of early Russian architecture which ever come down to us out of the past. It was built in 1164 and it now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Transfer to Suzdal for overnight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Suzdal hotel



Day 3: Suzdal & Kostroma

A day to explore treasures of ancient Suzdal, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the brilliant Suzdal Kremlin and its gem - the beautiful Chamber of the Christ, explore the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius.

Try Russian national drink - "medovukha" - a soft drink based on honey. Suzdal produces the very best one!

Proceed to Kostroma town (190 km). One of the most significant places in Kostroma is the Ipatiev Monastery. It is known as the "cradle of the tsarist dynasty".

We also visit the famous Museum of Wooden Architecture in Kostroma to learn about the traditional rural way of life.

We shall also visit a very unusual the Museum of Flax and Birch Bark (time permitting) which holds a unique collection of Russian fairy-tales in birch bark. You will learn about this unique Russian national product and get some truly Russian souvenirs!



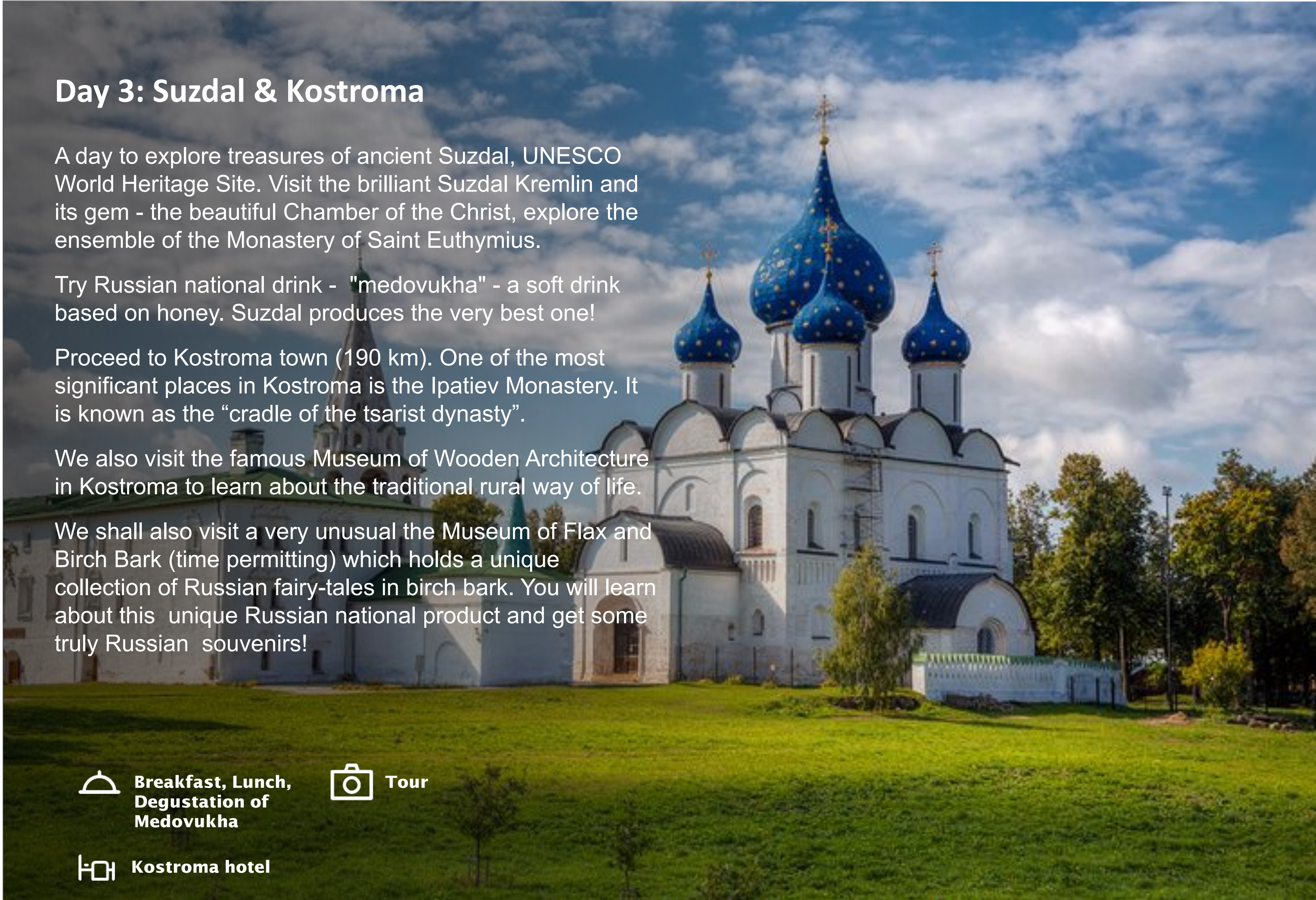
**Breakfast, Lunch,
Degustation of
Medovukha**



Tour



Kostroma hotel



Day 4: Yaroslavl & Sergiev Posad

Yaroslavl is one of Russia's oldest cities. Explore the Spassky Monastery, visit the wonderful Church of Elijah the Prophet with incredible mosaic decoration. Apart from churches and cathedrals, Yaroslavl holds one of the funniest Russian monuments: a Bear monument. Since it is not easy these days to find a bear on the streets...this is the chance to make a photo with a Russian bear. The bear growls every hour, be prepared! Historical centre of Yaroslavl, is, of course, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Volga River is especially beautiful here too!

Proceed to Sergiev Posad and enjoy a wonderful sightseeing tour around the most cherished treasures of Russian Christians, that includes a visit to the spiritual centre of Russian Orthodoxy - the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius. Certainly, this is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We expect to a very late arrival to your Moscow hotel tonight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Moscow hotel

Day 5: Mighty Kremlin & The City

Full-day (8 hours) guided sightseeing tour in Moscow.

Visit the Moscow Kremlin, the very heart of Moscow and Russia! Walk along monumental walls, golden-domed cathedrals and, of course, most recognizable towers with iconic red stars. Explore the treasure of its world-famous museums including the Armory.

Then, make essential Russian photos at Red Square with Lenin's Mausoleum & Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), famous GUM department store, pass by the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters & other attractions of the downtown. Kremlin and Red Square are the single item in the UNESCO World Heritage list.

The name "Kremlin" means "fortress inside a city", this construction had to protect the city from enemies. The Moscow Kremlin acquired the status of a sacral symbol representing the power of the great country.

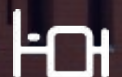
During the tour, you also take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated "underground palaces".



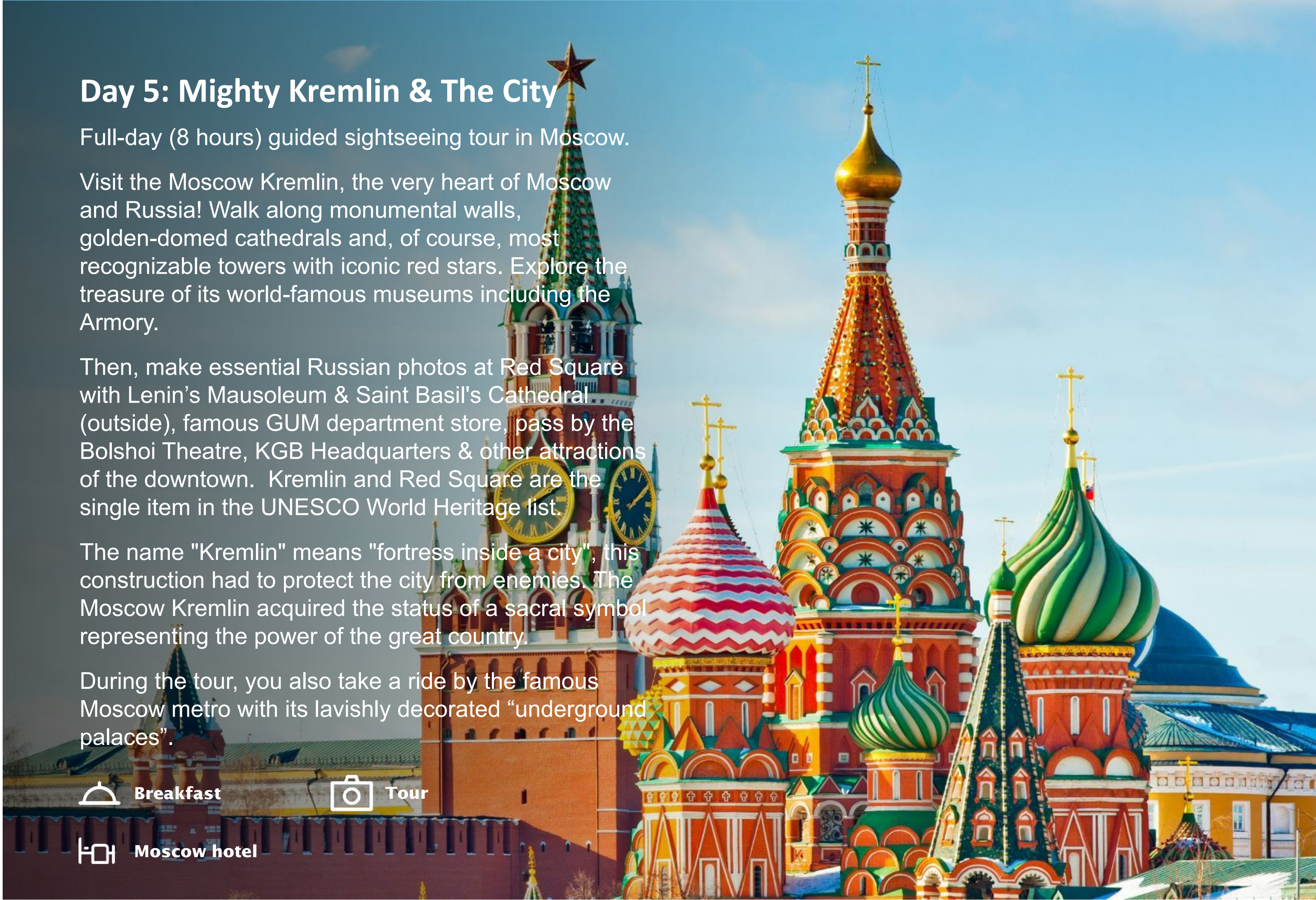
Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 6: Moscow Tour

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in Moscow.

Today, visit The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world.

We continue with a trip to Novodevichy Convent, probably the best-known cloister of Moscow and take a guided visit inside its medieval walls. Unlike many other cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century and is now the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a panoramic driving city tour to see Sparrow Hills with the best iconic views, hear the stories behind famous Stalin's skyscrapers, and finally, visit the VDNKh Soviet exhibition with the outstanding Museum of Cosmonautics.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the overnight train to Kazan.



Breakfast



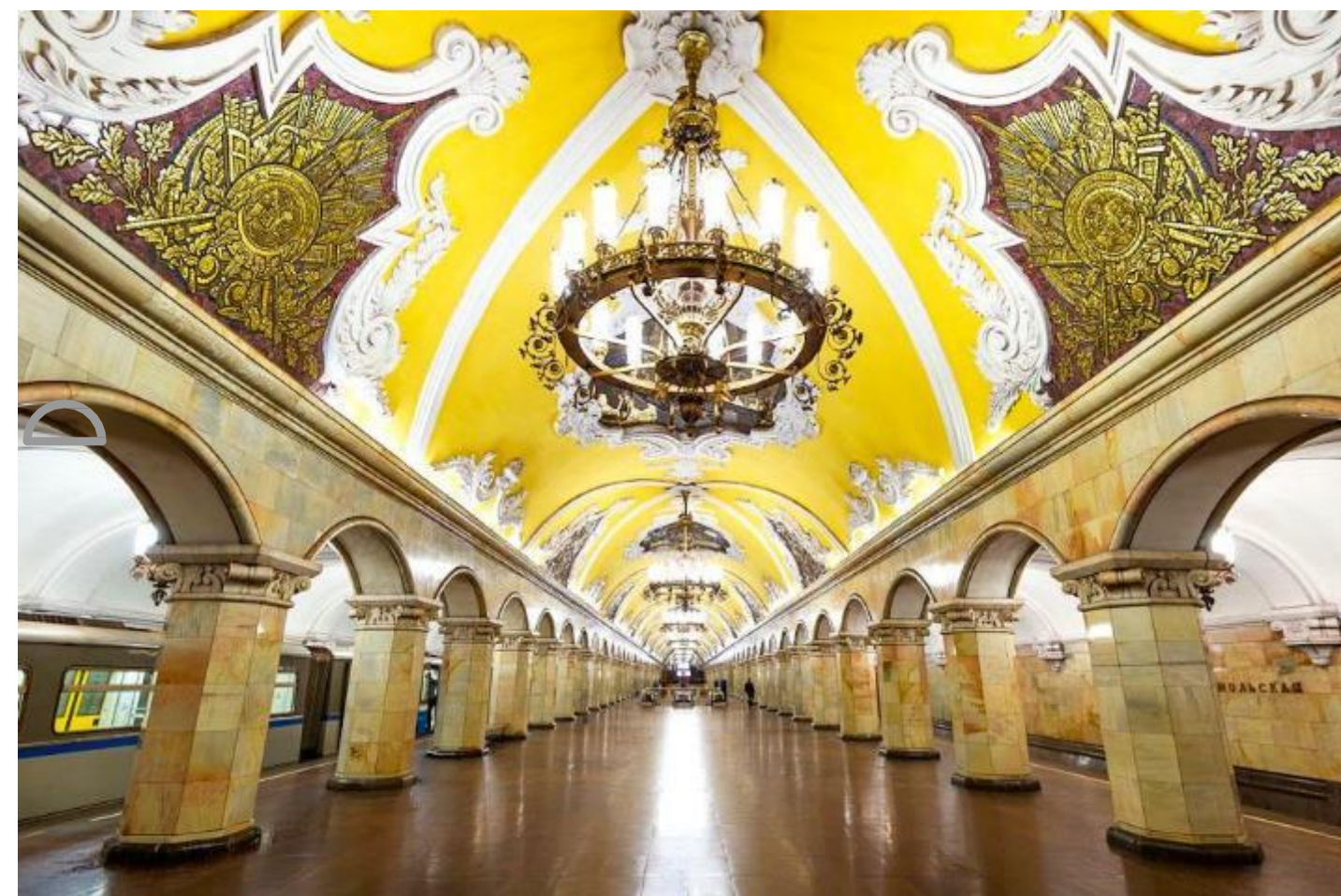
Tour



On board the train



**Overnight train
Moscow - Kazan**



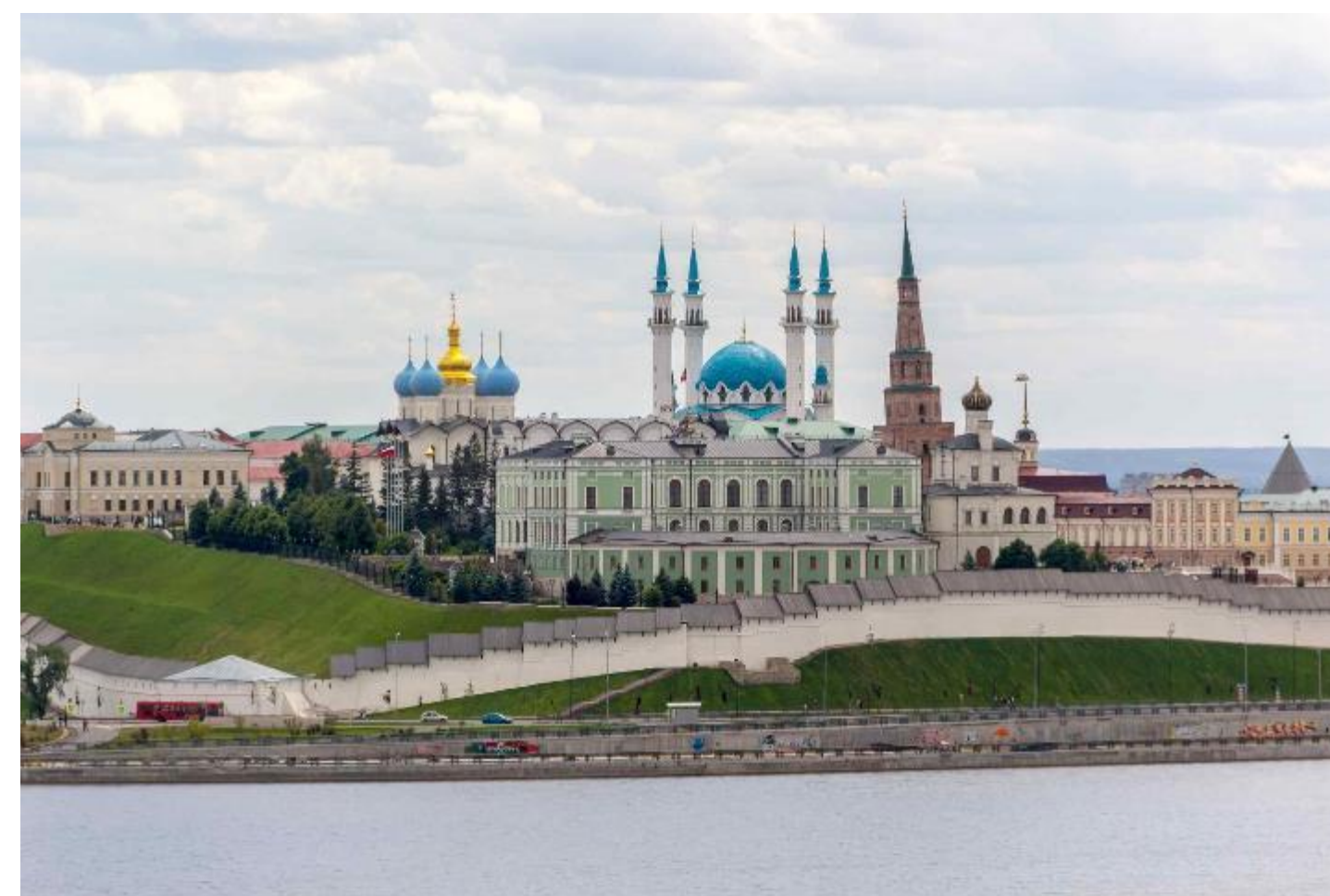
Day 7: Discover Kazan

Early arrival at Kazan. Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the hotel in downtown. Guaranteed early check-in.

Today we have a really busy day to explore the main sights of Kazan. First of all, enjoy the tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Kremlin of Kazan, with the professional English-speaking guide.

Our next point is the magnificent Kul Sharif Mosque. The impressive Qol-Şärif Mosque (also transliterated as Kul-Sharif) is the most important mosque in Tatarstan and one of the largest mosques in Europe.

As Kazan is the centre of Tatar culture, we will also visit the old Tatar villages to try a local Tatar tea. Later, have a culinary master-class of Tatar dishes at a traditional restaurant.



**Breakfast,
Tatar lunch**



Tour



Kazan hotel

Day 8: Bolgar Tour

Take a transfer to Bolgar. This historical and archeological site is set on the left bank of the Volga River about 140 km from Kazan and is a well-known UNESCO World Heritage Site. The complex includes the remains of the medieval city of Bolgar, which was the first capital of the Golden Horde in the 13th century. Bolgar is an early settlement of the Volga-Bolgars civilization that existed between the 7th and 15th centuries AD.

Fabulous architecture of 12-13th centuries included the Mosque, minarets, mausoleums, the Khan's tomb, the Khan Palace, the Eastern, White and Black Chambers, the «Gabdrakhman's Well» complex and more.

Transfer back to Kazan. The evening is free at leisure.



**Breakfast,
Lunch**



Tour



Kazan hotel



Day 9: Kazan - St. Petersburg

After check out of the hotel, and transfer to the airport for our flight to St. Petersburg. Arrive St Petersburg, take a transfer to your hotel and check-in. The evening is free at leisure to explore downtown.

Founded by the Tsar Peter the Great on 27 May 1703, St Petersburg was planned and built as the capital of newly emerged Russian Empire. Today, it is arguably one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Immerse yourself deep into rich Russian history, art and culture, Russian Revolution & Romanov Imperial legacy. The White Nights, luminous northern midsummer eves, are the summer weeks when the Venice of the North is sparkling like good champagne.

Afternoon at leisure.



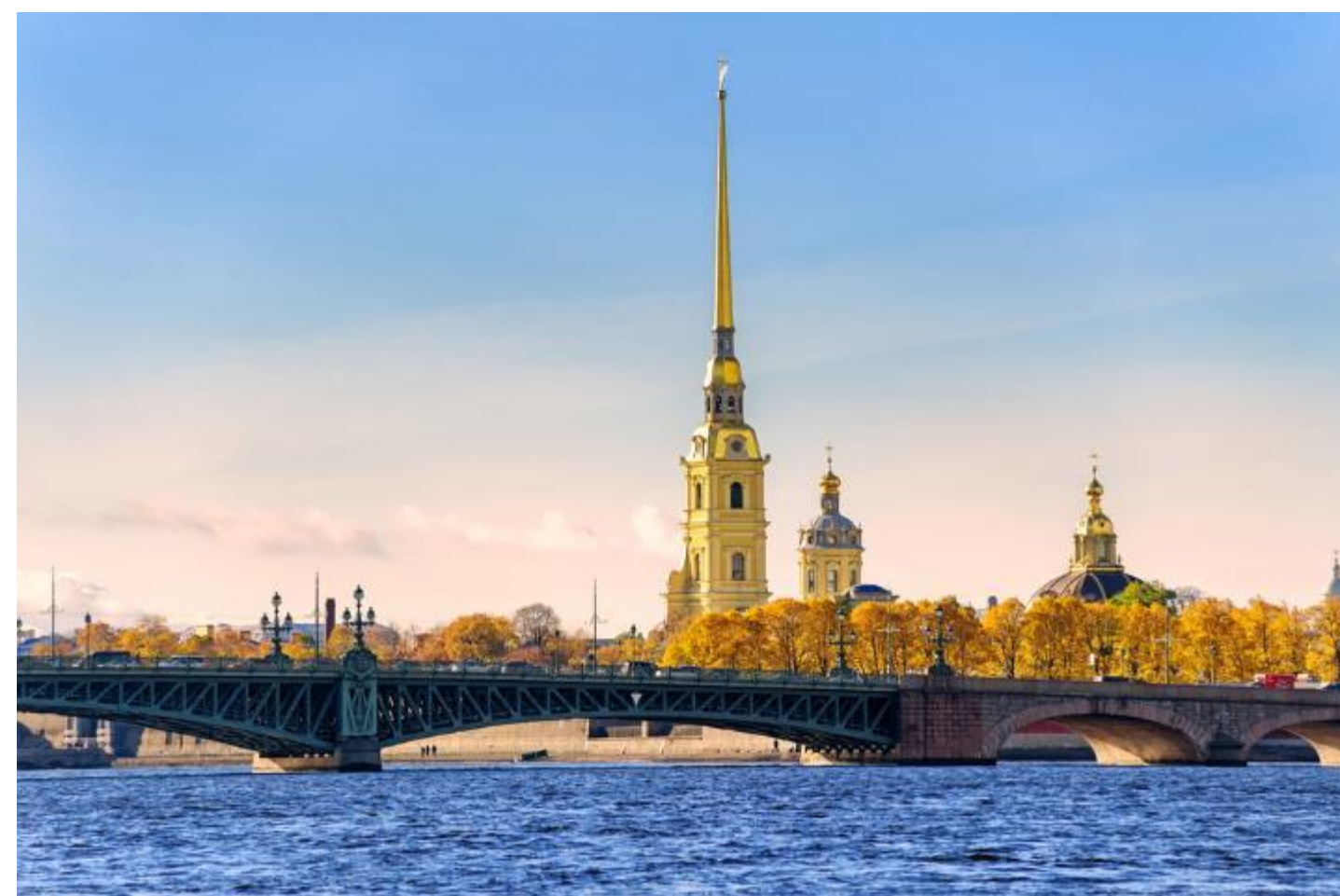
Breakfast



St. Petersburg
hotel



Flight Kazan -
St. Petersburg



Day 10: Peterhof Palace

Full day (8 hours) guided tour in St. Petersburg.

Today, you visit the royal Peterhof Palace. Gardens and parks are spread over more than four hundred hectares and include thirty-one amazing museums and beautiful Versailles-style gardens. Interiors, as always in Russia, are all made of gold. In summer, the Peterhof is especially good thanks to its famous fountains which run naturally. Optional Faberge Museum Tour is available.

Next, take the guided tour to the Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral. Enjoy a romantic cruise down the canals of St. Petersburg, and see some of the city's monuments on the banks of the River Neva, all beautifully illuminated for the evening. We draw your attention that this tour is seasonal and available only from May till October (weather permitting).



Breakfast



Tour



St. Petersburg
hotel





Breakfast



Tour



**St. Petersburg
hotel**

Day 11: The Hermitage & Iconic Landmarks

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in St. Petersburg.

Today, you visit one of the most important sites in Russian history and heritage, the world-famous Palace of the Hermitage. Our experienced guides will make it interesting to follow the tricky path of the centuries behind it and give a better understanding of sophisticated Russian history. This former residence of the Romanovs Royal Family, the Hermitage today is the second-largest art museum in the world; its collection includes over 2.7 mln items.

Then, take a tour to see the city's iconic landmark: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture, and an enthralling must-see.



Day 12: Veliky Novgorod Tour

Transfer to Veliky Novgorod aka Novgorod the Great and full day guided tour (8 hours).

Veliky Novgorod stands on Volkhov River, the main water way of the famous medieval trade route from the Varangians to the Greeks. The city was Russia's first capital in the 9th century, as well as a center for Orthodox spirituality, Russian democracy, literacy and architecture. It is the place to discover the richness of Russia's great and glorious history, and the touch of the living antiquity. The ancient lands of Novgorod, the birthplace of Russia, is a must-see for a discerning traveller.

Orthodox beliefs and practices, literacy, ancient democracy, and statehood - everything that important for Russia was born here. You will be taken ten centuries back and enjoy the old famous hospitality of Novgorod. We visit Kremlin, St Sofia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument, beautiful white stone ancient architecture and Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture.



Breakfast, Lunch,



Tour



St. Petersburg
hotel



Train to
Novgorod

Day 13: Farewell

After breakfast, take a private transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



Breakfast





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Group package		\$ 3, 852 // 3,729 USD	\$ 4, 740 // 4, 610 USD
Single supplement (hotel)	\$ 910 USD	\$ 1103 USD	\$ 1900 USD
Private tour*	\$ 5,240// 5,095 USD	\$ 5,461 //5,320 USD	upon request
Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.			

Set group departure **2025:** 18 May 2025, 31 August 2025

Dates & Rates AUD Rate per person in twin/double room

	 hotels 1st/2nd class train	 hotels 1st/2nd class train	 hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	5,440// 5,257.38 AUD	5,750// 5,566 AUD	\$ 7, 190 // 7, 000 AUD
Single supplement (hotel)	1, 356 AUD	1,646 AUD	\$ 2, 880 AUD
Private tour*	7,832// 7615 AUD	8,162 // 7,951 AUD	upon request
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Set group departure 2025: 18 May 2025, 31 August 2025

Dates & Rates Pounds Rate per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	2,800 // 2, 705 £	2960 // 2864 £	3. 680 // 3, 580 £
Single supplement (hotel)	700 £	803 £	1480 £
Private tour* Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 4020 // 3,910 £	\$ 4,200 // 4,085 £	upon request

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Dates & Rates EURO Rate per person in twin/double room

	 hotels 1st/2nd class train	 hotels 1st/2nd class train	 hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	3,360 // 3,280 €	3, 552 // 3,439 €	4, 440 // 4, 320 €
Single supplement (hotel)	840 €	1120 €	1780 €
Private tour*	4, 830 // 4,700 €	5,040 //4,906 €	upon request
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Group package	\$ 5,022// 4,852 CAD	\$ 5,307 // 5,140 CAD	\$ 6, 600 // 4, 470 CAD
Single supplement (hotel)	\$ 1,252 CAD	\$ 1.519 CAD	2, 650 CAD
Private tour*	\$ 7,230 // 7,028 CAD	\$ 7,533 // 7,340 CAD	upon request
Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.			

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Tour Inclusions:

ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels of selected category (3*, 4* or 5* hotel of your choice)

- 3 nights Moscow
- 1 night Suzdal
- 1 night Kostroma
- 2 nights Kazan
- 4 nights St. Petersburg

1 night on board the train Moscow - Kazan

MEALS

- Full breakfast daily (except Day 1)
- 6 lunches: 1 lunch in Yaroslavl (Russian pancake Maslenitsa Experience), 1 lunch in Vladimir, 1 lunch in Suzdal (degustation of Medovukha with Russian pirozhki), 1 lunch in Kazan, 1 lunch in Bolgar, 1 lunch in Veliky Novgorod

TRANSPORTATION

- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus
- Metro pass in Moscow
- Train tickets (1st class sleeping carriage Moscow - Kazan, 1 place in 2-seats compartments)
- Sitting train St Petersburg- Novgorod-St Petersburg

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Russian visa supporting documents (official visa invitation letter and detailed manuals on how to apply for the visa in your country of residence)
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING

Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- Vladimir half-day (4 hours) guided tour: the Dormition Cathedral, the architectural complex of the Cathedral of St. Dimitriy
- Bogolyubovo half-day (3 hours) guided tour: the Church of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin on the Nerl River ***mind min 3 km walking distance**
- Suzdal and Kostroma full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius, Museum of Wooden Architecture (Kostroma), Ipatievsky Monastery, the Museum of Flax and Birch Bark (time permitting)
- Yaroslavl and Sergiev Posad full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Spassky Monastery, the Church of Elijah the Prophet, the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, a Bear monument

SIGHTSEEING

- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin (including the Cathedrals and the Armory), the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters, Moscow metro tour
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the State Tretyakov Gallery, the Novodevichy Convent with the guided tour inside, Sparrow Hills, Stalin's skyscrapers tour
- Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Chak-chak museum
- Bolgar full day guided tour: Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex including the Bolgar ancient settlement, Museum of the Bolgar Civilization and enter the White Mosque
- St. Petersburg full-day (8 hours) guided tour: the Winter Palace and the Hermitage, Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood
- St Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Royal Palace of Peterhof, the Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral, boat cruise
- Veliky Novgorod full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kremlin, the Cathedral of St. Sophia, Yaroslav's Court, the St. George's Monastery, the Wooden Architecture Museum



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Tour Inclusions

GROUP TOUR

- Group size: small group up to 8 people
- Welcome dinner

NOT INCLUDED

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



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Moscow River Yacht Panoramic Cruise

Year round. Transfer included.

USD 70 // AUD 100 // GBP 55 // CAD 95
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

USD 85 // AUD 120 // GBP 65 // CAD 110 per person (3*)
USD 110 // AUD 155 // GBP 85 // CAD 145 per person (4*)
USD 205 // AUD 290 // GBP 160 // CAD 265 per person (5*)

OPTIONAL TOURS

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SAINT PETERSBURG

Day trip to Veliky Novgorod

- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod by train
- Guided tour including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument
- Beautiful white stone ancient architecture
- Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture
- Return to St. Petersburg by train

USD 185 // AUD 250 // GBP 140 // CAD 240

per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Mariinsky Ballet

- Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)

from USD 100 // AUD 148 // GBP 80 // CAD 136

per person

Cossack Show

- Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)

USD 75 // AUD 105 // GBP 60 // CAD 100

per person

Guided tour to Catherine's palace

- Half-day tour(5 hours)

USD 130 // AUD 192 // GBP 100 // CAD 177

per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Guided tour to Yusupov palace

- Morning or afternoon tour(2 hours)
(tickets and guidance)

USD 110 // AUD 164 // GBP 83 // CAD 150

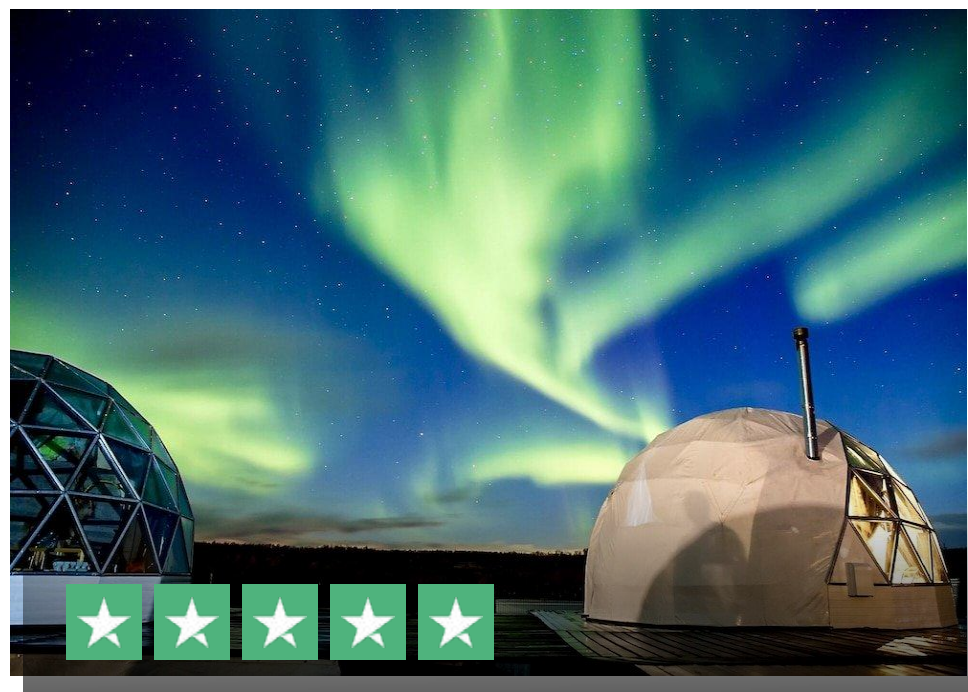
Extra night stay

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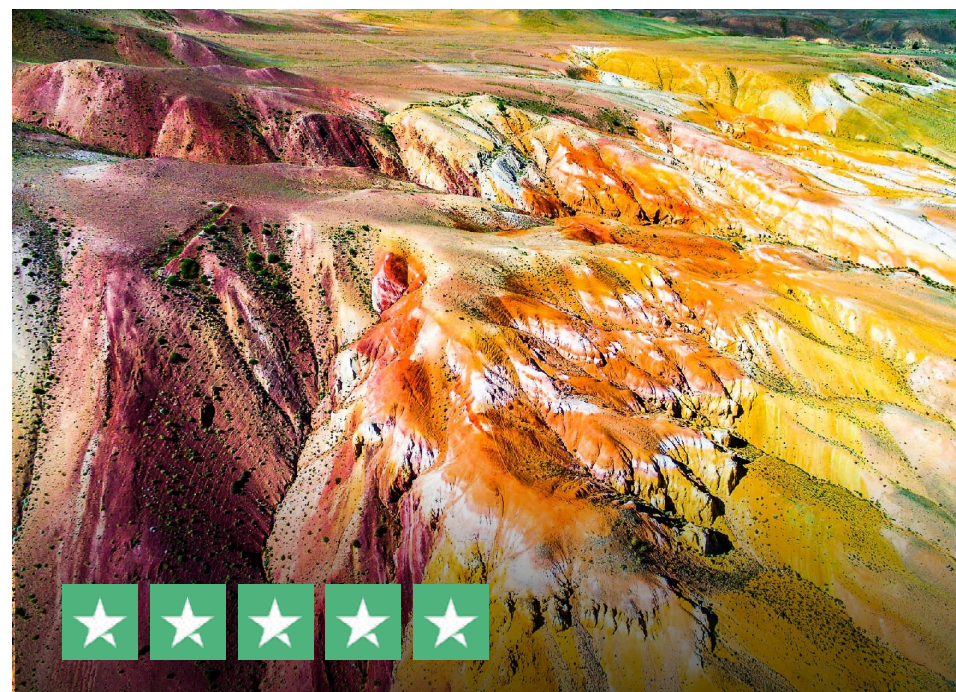
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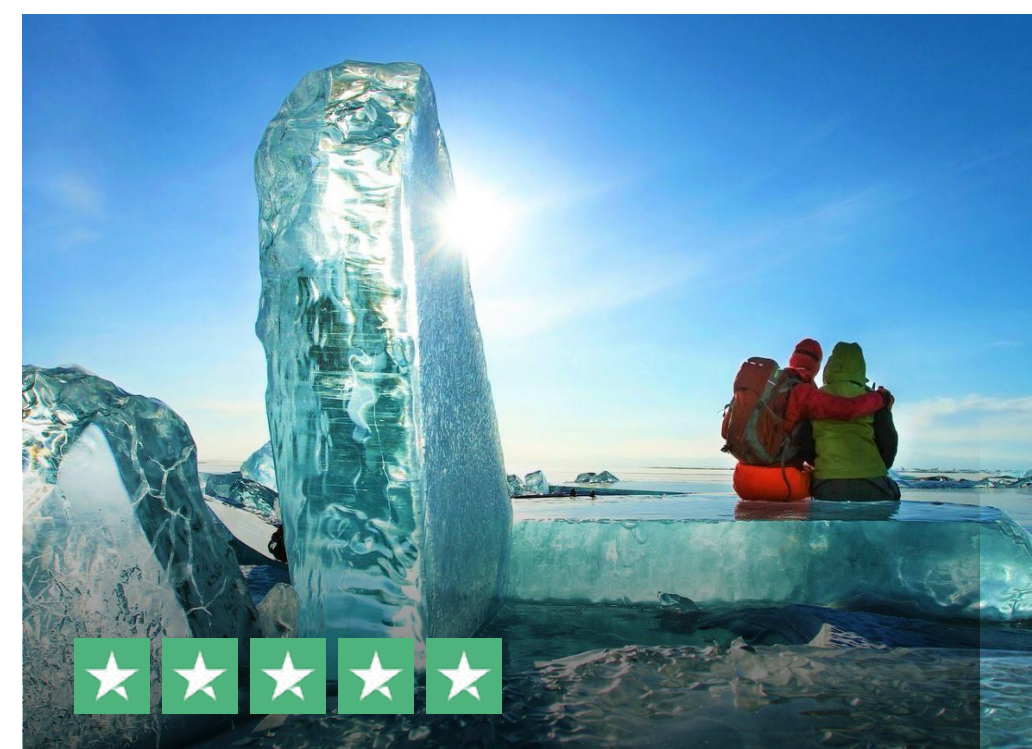
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