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St. Petersburg & Moscow

20 May — 30 May, 2019
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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/
Day 1 – Meet and Greet at the St. Petersburg (Arrival) & Transfer to Hotel
Day 2 – St. Petersburg, Full Day Guided Tour (6 hours)
Day 3 – St. Petersburg, Day Tour, Guided Tour (5 hours)
Day 4 – St. Petersburg, Full Day Guided Tour (8 hours)
Day 5 – St. Petersburg, Half Day Guided Tour, (4 hours)
Day 6 – St. Petersburg - Moscow (4 hours by high speed bullet train)
Day 7 – Moscow, Full Day Guided Tour (8 hours)
Day 8 – Moscow, Day Tour, Guided Tour (6 hours)
Day 9 – Moscow, Day Tour, Guided Tour (6 hours)
Day 10 – Moscow, Full Day Guided Tour (8 hours)
Day 11 – Goodbye Moscow (departure)
**Itinerary**

**DAY 1**
- Arrive to St. Petersburg
- Meet and greet at the St. Petersburg airport
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Free time

**DAY 2**
- Breakfast
- The Winter Palace and the Hermitage
- Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- The Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral

**DAY 3**
- Breakfast
- Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of Peterhof
- Afternoon: Faberge Museum
- Boat ride in St. Petersburg

**DAY 4**
- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace and Amber Room
- Free time in the park

**DAY 5**
- Breakfast
- Real warship named “Aurora”
- The State Russian Museum
- Afternoon free at leisure

**DAY 6**
- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to Moscow
- Meet and greet at Moscow railway station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown

**DAY 7**
- Breakfast
- The Moscow Kremlin
- Moscow city tour: the Red Square, Lenin’s Mausoleum, Saint Basil’s Cathedral, GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre
- Novodevichy Convent
- Sparrow Hills (Lenin Hills)
- Moscow metro tour
- Arbat area

**DAY 8**
- Breakfast
- Stalin’s skyscrapers
- The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics
- Free time in Moscow

**DAY 9**
- Breakfast
- Izmaylovo
- Kremlin Bunker 42
- Chambers of the Romanov Boyars

**DAY 10**
- Breakfast
- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Kolomenskoe Museum Reserve

**DAY 11**
- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure flight
DAY 1: Arrival to St. Petersburg

- Meet and greet at St Petersburg airport
- Transfer to your hotel
DAY 2: Discover St. Petersburg

• Breakfast

• Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage

• Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood

• The Peter and 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 3: Discover St. Petersburg

- Breakfast
- Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of Peterhof
- Afternoon: visit Faberge Museum
- Boat ride in St. Petersburg to enjoy the true beauty of The Venice of the North

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 4: Discover St. Petersburg

- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine’s palace and Amber Room
- 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 5: Discover St. Petersburg

- Breakfast
- Revolution Saint-Petersburg: real warship named “Aurora”
- The State Russian Museum
Today we return to the past, back to the city’s first days, with a visit to the place where St Petersburg was founded, by the Tsar Peter the Great. The Peter and Paul Fortress was soon turned into a political prison. There, the son of Peter the Great, Prince Alexei, Decembrists and revolutionaries were held as prisoners. We also see Smolny institute, which was chosen by Lenin as the Bolshevik headquarters during the October Revolution. It was Lenin’s residence for several month, until the national government was moved to Moscow’s Kremlin in March 1918.

When we go back to the twentieth century and visit a real warship named “Aurora”, which marked the start of the Revolution one hundred years ago when if fired a blank shot at the Winter Palace (then the residence of the Provisional Government), giving the signal to the rebellious workers, soldiers and sailors of the city to storm the palace.
DAY 6: Transfer to Moscow

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

A journey from the centre of St. Petersburg to the centre of Moscow now takes only 4 hours by a modern high speed train. Top two Russian cities are now connected more conveniently to enrich your Russian travel experience. We plan to arrive in the afternoon - thanks to long summer days you still have a few hours to have a first look around the capital of Russia or can enjoy delicious Russian food.
DAY 7: The glory of the Moscow

- The Moscow Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory)
- Moscow city tour: the Red Square, Lenin’s Mausoleum, Saint Basil's Cathedral, GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre
- Excursion in Novodevichy Convent
- Sparrow Hills (Lenin Hills)
- Take a ride by famous Moscow metro
- Arbat area
Lenin's Mausoleum

Lenin's Mausoleum, also known as Lenin's Tomb, situated in Red Square in the centre of Moscow, is a mausoleum that currently serves as the resting place of Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin. His preserved body has been on public display there since shortly after his death in 1924, with rare exceptions in wartime. Alexey Shchusev's diminutive but monumental granite structure incorporates some elements from ancient mausoleums, such as the Step Pyramid, the Tomb of Cyrus the Great and, to some degree, Temple of the Inscriptions.
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 8: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- Stalin's skyscrapers
- The VDNKH & Museum of Cosmonautics
- Free time in Moscow

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 9: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- The Izmaylovo Kremlin
- Bunker 42
- Chambers of the Romanov Boyars

**Bunker 42** is a real, anti-nuclear bunker, used as the Kremlin's base-camp during the Caribbean Crisis. You will visit the Cold War Interactive Museum and see unique artifacts. Photography is permitted only in certain parts of the museum.

Izmaylovo Kremlin to the east of Moscow represents a totally different style of architecture. It also includes an open air museum of wooden architecture.
Chambers of the Romanov Boyars

The family country estate of Romanov Boyars (15th-17th centuries) was restored in the 19th century by order of Alexander I, which happened to be the first scientific restoration undertaken in Moscow. The Museum exhibits authentic historical items, including 16th- and 17th-century weapons, books, engravings, writing implements, chests and other objects. This is Russia’s only museum introducing visitors to Moscow boyars’ patriarchal ways of life in the 16th and 17th centuries.
DAY 10: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Kolomenskoe Museum Reserve
Take a guided tour to the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, one of the two largest collections of the Russian art. The other one is the Russian Museum in St. Petersburg.

Kolomenskoe Museum Reserve
DAY 11: DEPARTURE FROM MOSCOW

• Breakfast
• Transfer to airport for departure flight
PRICES AND DATES FOR 2019

Private Tour, 2 people
Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,565 AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,223 AUD
Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 5,223 AUD
Dates are flexible

Group Tour
Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,173 AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,839 AUD
Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,839 AUD
Starting dates:
St. Petersburg – Moscow: 20 May, 22 July, 19 August
PRICES AND DATES FOR 2020

Private Tour, 2 people
Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **3,743** AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,435** AUD
Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,485** AUD
Dates are flexible

Group Tour
Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **2,281** AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **2,981** AUD
Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,031** AUD NOT INCLUDED:
Starting dates:
St. Petersburg – Moscow: 14 June, 15 September

INCLUSIONS:

Accommodation:
- Centrally located hand-picked hotels:
  - 5 nights Moscow;
  - 5 nights St. Petersburg.

Meals:
- Full breakfast daily;

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INCLUSIONS:

Transportation:
- Intercity bullet train ticket, one way (St. Petersburg-Moscow or vice versa), second class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about 1st class upgrade or flight options;
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg;
- Return airport/train station transfers;
- 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:
  - St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: Winter Palace and the Hermitage, Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral and Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, Peter and Paul Fortress and cathedral;
  - St. Petersburg day (5 hours) guided tour: Royal Palaces of Peterhof, Faberge Museum, boat ride in St. Petersburg;
  - St. Petersburg day (5 hours) guided tour: Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo Catherine’s palace, Free time in the park;
  - St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: real warship named “Aurora”, the State Russian Museum;

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Sightseeing:
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Red Square, Lenin’s Mausoleum, Saint Basil’s Cathedral, GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow metro tour, Novodevichy Convent, Sparrow hills;
- Moscow day (6 hours) guided tour: Stalin’s skyscrapers, VDNH, Museum of Cosmonautics;
- Moscow day (6 hours) guided tour: Izmaylovo Kremlin, Bunker -42, Chambers of the Romanov Boyars;
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Kolomenskoe Museum.

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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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

*Placement in the following hotels is available on demand and depends on dates