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★★★★★ 4,8 out of 5

# Discover Russia: St Petersburg & Moscow

**11 days / 10 nights**

**This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour**

**Set group departures 2021: 14 August, 5 September**





## What our travelers say



## Russian Visa? Easy!

1. Get your personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals
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## Day 1: Arrive St. Petersburg

Welcome to Russia!

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.

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

Afternoon at leisure.





## Day 2: History & Art

Half-day (4 hours) guided tour in St. Petersburg.

Travel back in time by stepping on board the memorial ship Aurora. On the night of October 25-26 1917, it 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. That moment triggered a dramatic episode in Russia's history and was the start of the Revolution and over 70 years of Communist leadership.

Enjoy the huge cultural heritage at the State Russian Museum, the world's largest depository of Russian fine art, and a must-see in St. Petersburg. It is also one of the largest museums in the country.

The evening is free at leisure.



Breakfast



St. Petersburg  
hotel



Tour





## Day 3: 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.



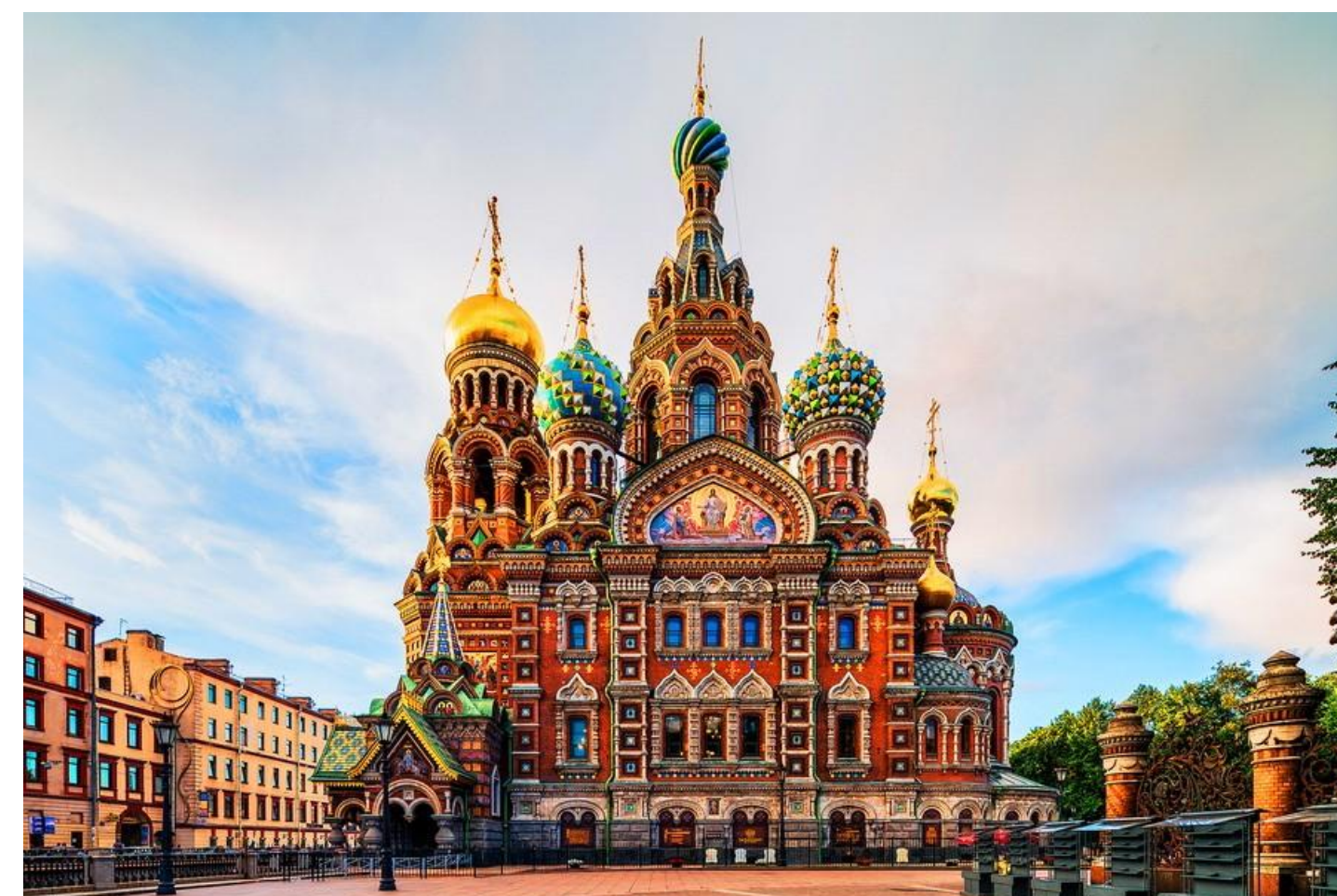
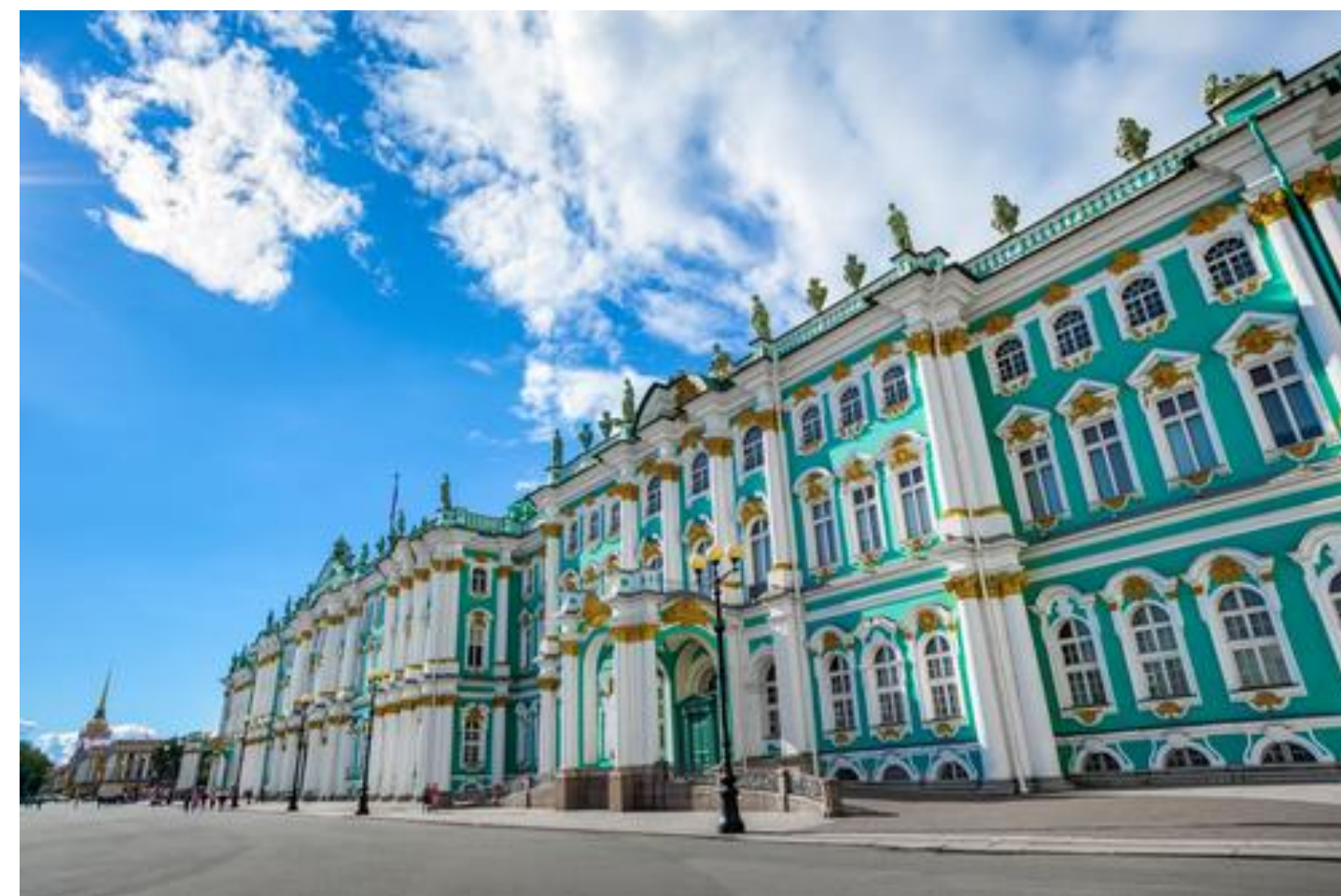
Breakfast



St. Petersburg  
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Tour





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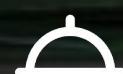
## Day 4: The Catherine Palace

Day (6 hours) guided tour to Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo (30 km south of St. Petersburg).

A splendid example of Russian Baroque, Catherine Palace delights its visitors with sumptuous Great Hall and Golden Enfilade of staterooms, including the world-famous Amber Room. The exposition of the palace covers almost 300-years history of the former imperial summer residence.

A widely acknowledged masterpiece of garden and landscape art, Catherine Park includes variously styled pavilions, bridges, monuments and exotic garden structures that carry visitors away to other countries and bygone ages.

Return to St Petersburg, the afternoon is free at leisure to explore the city on your own or get some Russian souvenirs. Extra tours are available, please inquire.



Breakfast



Tour



St. Petersburg  
hotel





## Day 5: 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. Then enjoy the Faberge Museum Tour.

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





## Day 6: St. Petersburg - 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 was founded in 1147. Now Moscow 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.

After check out of the hotel in St. Petersburg, you will be transferred to the railway station to board high-speed train for 4 hours journey to Moscow. On arrival at Moscow, take a transfer to your hotel and check-in. The evening is free at leisure to explore downtown.

World-famous sightseeing spots such as St Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin & Red Square, the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, hundreds of amazing sights and beautiful places attract tourists from all around the world. We at Discovery Russia have carefully selected the most exciting places to visit in Moscow.



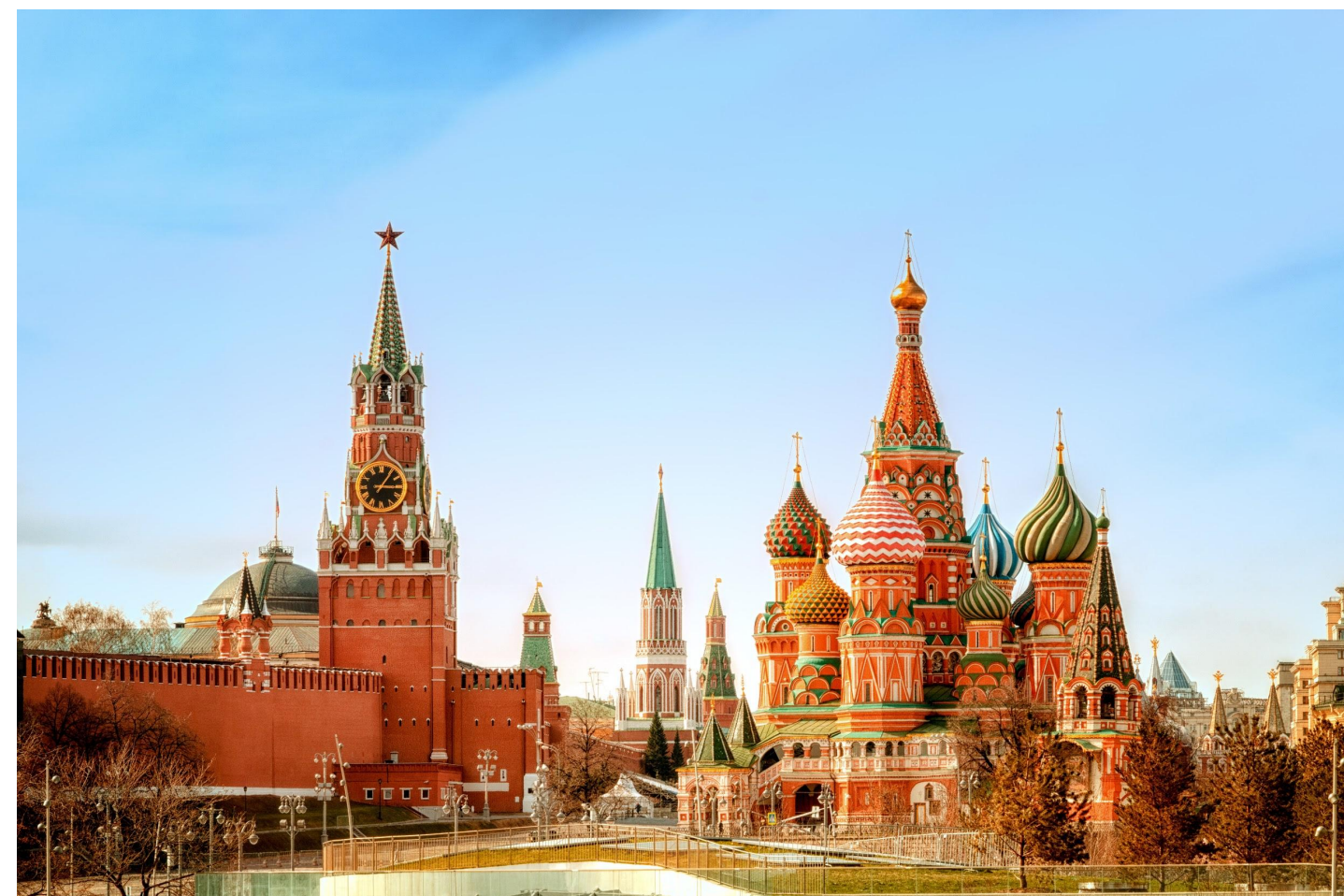
Breakfast



Moscow hotel



Bullet train





## Day 7: Mighty Kremlin & The City

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

Take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated underground stations which Stalin called “people’s palaces”. Also, It is the fastest way to travel in Moscow and avoid traffic jams.

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. Take a walking tour in the downtown.

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.



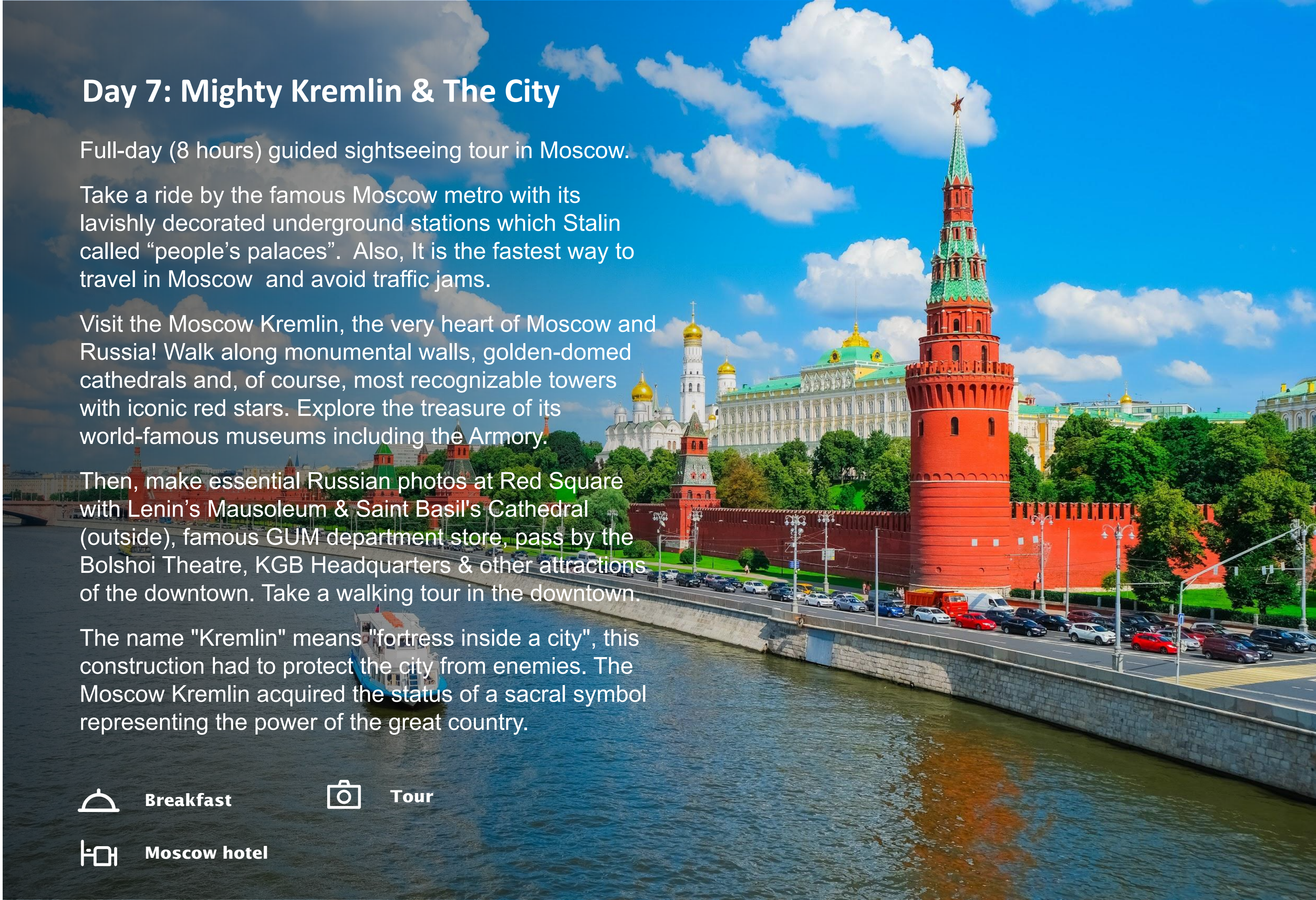
**Breakfast**



**Tour**



**Moscow hotel**





## Day 8: 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, join your fellow travelers for group dinner to celebrate the success of your trip.



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Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



## Day 9: Moscow Tour

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

Visit the Izmaylovo Kremlin. As the symbol of the Russian state, the Kremlin in Moscow's Red Square is famed and celebrated. But there is a second, less known Kremlin in the northeast part of the city. The Kremlin in the city's Izmailovo District is an unexpected, fairytale-like cultural wonderland.

Next take a tour to Exhibition Complex Bunker 42, a once-secret military complex, bunker, and Spare Long-Range Aviation Command Post (ET-42) in Moscow near the underground Moscow Metro station Taganskaya. It has an area of 7,000 square metres (75,000 sq ft) and is situated at a depth of 65 metres (213 ft) below ground.

Visit Chambers of the Romanov Boyars. This museum exhibit authentic historical items, including 16th- and 17th-century weapons, books, engravings, writing implements, chests and other objects.



Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel





## Day 10: Moscow Tour

Half-day (4 hours) guided tour in Moscow.

Enjoy the tour to Kolomenskoye Museum-Reserve. It is a former royal estate situated several kilometres to the southeast of the city centre of Moscow, Russia, on the ancient road leading to the town of Kolomna (hence the name). The 390-hectare scenic area overlooks the steep banks of the Moskva River. It became a part of Moscow in the 1960s. During the early Soviet period, under the initiative of architect and restorer Pyotr Baranovsky, old wooden buildings and various artefacts were transported to Kolomenskoye from different parts of the USSR for preservation, so currently Kolomenskoye Park hosts an impressive set of different constructions and historical objects.

Afternoon at leisure.



**Breakfast**  
**Group tour:**  
**Farewell dinner**  
**with wine**



**Tour**



**Moscow hotel**

## Day 11: Farewell

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



**Breakfast**







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## Set group departure dates 2020:

### Moscow – St. Petersburg:

19 - 29 June

16 - 26 July

### St. Petersburg – Moscow:

28 May - 7 June

2 - 12 August

## Set group departure dates 2021:

### Moscow – St. Petersburg:

17 - 27 May

10 - 20 June

### St. Petersburg – Moscow:

11 - 21 July

14 - 24 August

5 - 15 September

## Private tour:

Year round, on request





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# Rates USD per person in twin/double room

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<b>Group package</b>	\$ 1,880 USD	\$ 2,325 USD	on request
<b>Single supplement</b>	\$ 725 USD	\$ 1,150 USD	on request
<b>Private tour</b> Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 2,870 USD	\$ 3,315 USD	\$ 4,390 USD





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<b>Group package</b>	\$ 2,650 AUD	\$ 3,280 AUD	on request
<b>Single supplement</b>	\$ 1,020 AUD	\$ 1,620 AUD	on request
<b>Private tour</b> Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 4,050 AUD	\$ 4,670 AUD	\$ 6,185 AUD





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<b>Group package</b>	£ 1,460 GBP	£ 1,800 GBP	on request
<b>Single supplement</b>	£ 565 GBP	£ 890 GBP	on request
<b>Private tour</b> Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	£ 2,225 GBP	£ 2,570 GBP	£ 3,400 GBP








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# Rates CAD per person in twin/double room

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<b>Group package</b>	\$ 2,535 CAD	\$ 3,135 CAD	on request
<b>Single supplement</b>	\$ 980 CAD	\$ 1,550 CAD	on request
<b>Private tour</b> Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 3,870CAD	\$ 4,470 CAD	\$ 5,915 CAD



## Tour Inclusions

### ACCOMMODATION

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

- 5 nights St. Petersburg
- 5 nights Moscow

### MEALS

Full breakfast daily (except Day 1)

### TRANSPORTATION

- Bullet train St. Petersburg to Moscow, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except on walking tours)

### SIGHTSEEING

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

- 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
- St Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Royal Palace of Peterhof, the Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral, boat cruise, Faberge Museum
- Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: Catherine's palace & Amber room
- St. Petersburg half-day (4 hours) guided tour: real warship named "Aurora", the State Russian Museum
- 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, the VDNKh and the guided tour to the Museum of Cosmonautics, Stalin's skyscrapers tour



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- Moscow half-day (4 hours) guided tour: Kolomenskoye Museum-Reserve

### 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: small group up to 22 people
- Farewell dinner

### NOT INCLUDED

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



## OPTIONAL TOURS

Ask your travel manager for more details

### MOSCOW

#### Tank driving

USD 1315 // AUD 1850 // GBP 1020 // CAD 1770  
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)



#### Extra night stay

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD per person (3\*)  
USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4\*)  
USD 165 // AUD 230 // GBP 130 // CAD 220 per person (5\*)

#### Moscow River Yacht Panoramic Cruise

Year round. Transfer included.

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



## OPTIONAL TOURS

Ask your travel manager for more details

### 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 60 // AUD 80 // GBP 60 // CAD 100**  
per person

#### Cossack Show

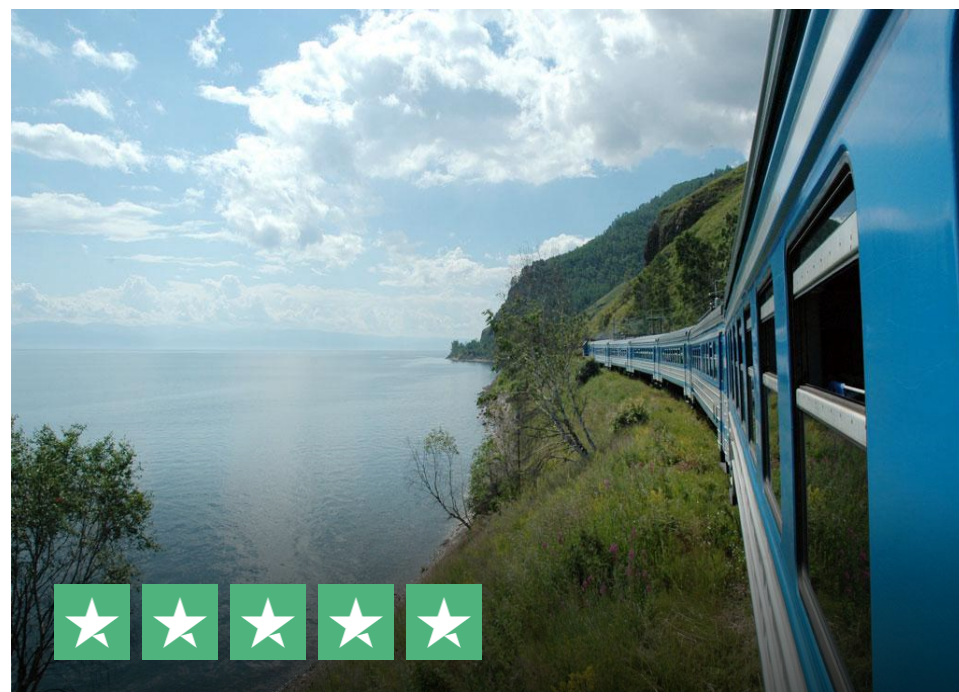
- Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)
- USD 75 // AUD 105 // GBP 60 // CAD 100**  
per person

#### Extra night stay

**USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75** per person (3\*)  
**USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125** per person (4\*)  
**USD 165 // AUD 230 // GBP 130 // CAD 220** per person (5\*)

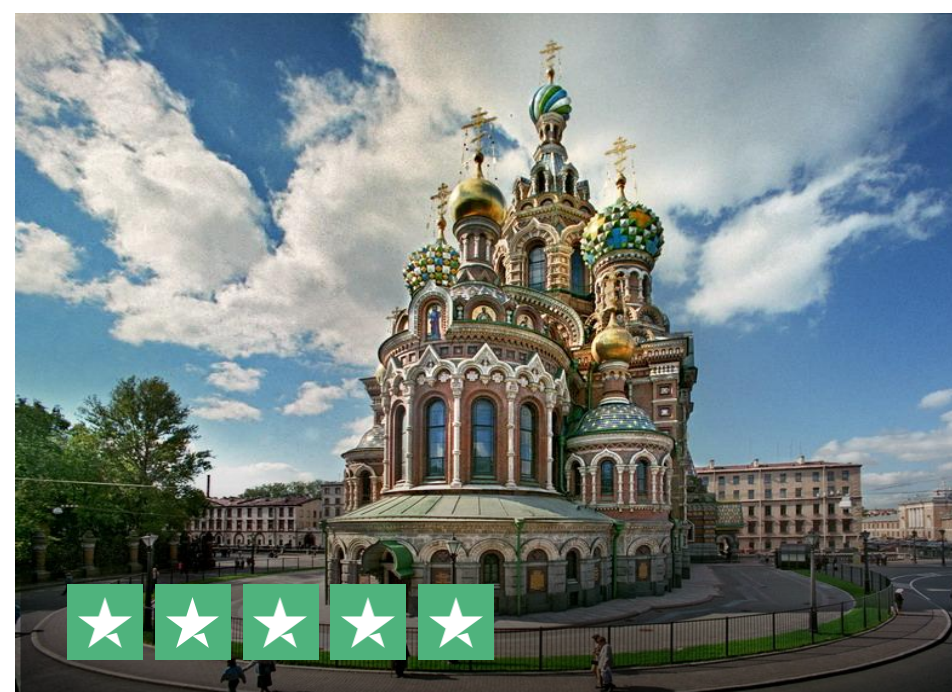


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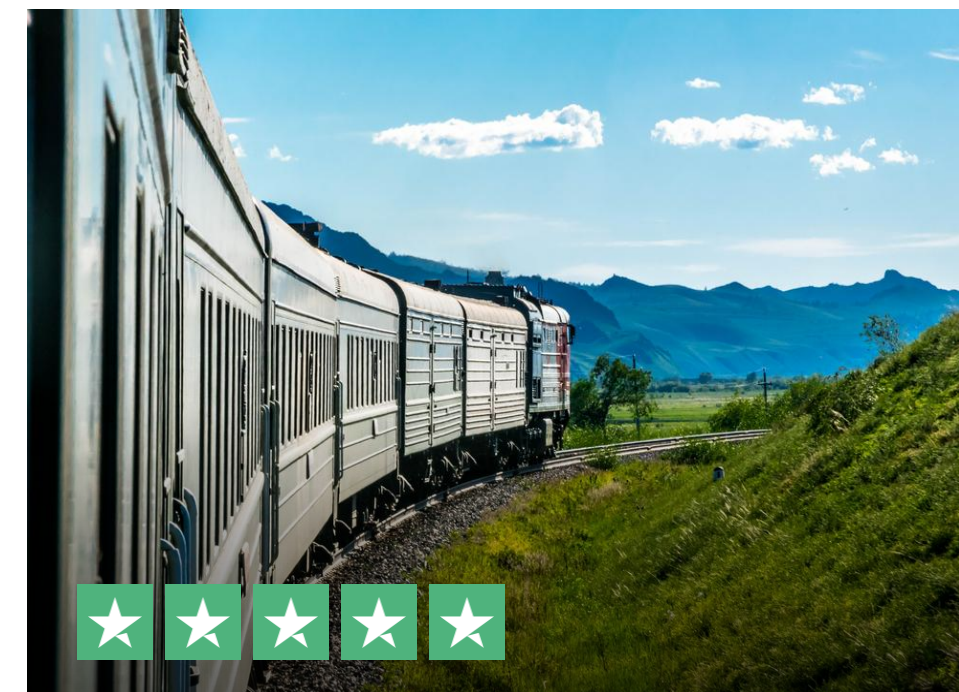
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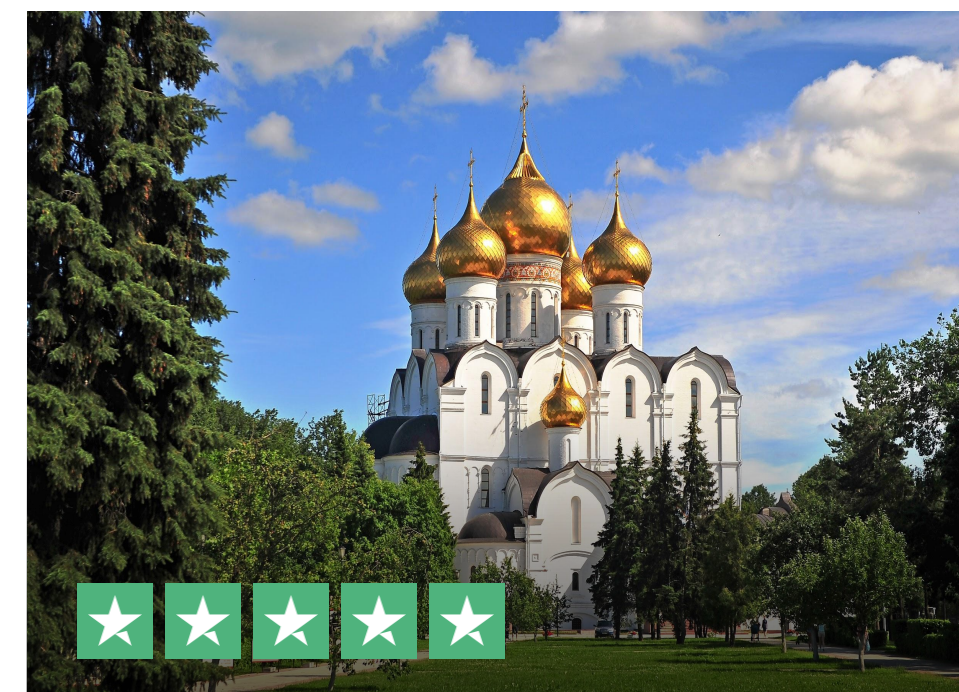
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