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RUSSIA

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SPECIAL OFFER
**GEMS OF
THE GOLDEN RING**
10 days
31 July – 9 August, 2020

*In-depth cultural tour
through millennia of
Russia's history*

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*This package is available
either **Group Tour**
(scheduled departures)
or*

***Private Tour** (flexible dates)*



1
Safe.

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Secure.

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Reliable.



- *Australian-owned company*



- *Over 10 years experience in Russia*



- *24/7 support in Australia and Russia*



Day 1– Vladimir/Bogolyubovo

Day 2 – Suzdal

Day 3– Schurovo Gorodische/ Kideksha

Day 4 – Plyos

Day 5 – Kostroma

Day 6 – Kostroma

Day 7 – Karabikha/Yaroslavl

Day 8 – Yaroslavl

Day 9 – Rostov

Day 10 - Departure ex Moscow



Russian visa

OPTION A

- *get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL)*
- *fill in Visa Application form*
- *send Application, passport, photo and VSL to the Embassy*
- *get your Russian visa delivered to you by mail*

OPTION B

- *request full Russian visa service and get your visa*



DAY 1: Vladimir & Bogolyobovo

Unique and the most ancient Russian Pokrova-na-Nerli Church of the 12 century located on the Nerl river among picturesque meadows.

- Transfer from Moscow to Vladimir town (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Centuries before Mr. Putin, Russia had much more valuable "Vladimir" asset: Andrey Rublev's frescoes, stone carving, and cathedrals; guided tour*
- Transfer to the village of Bogolyubovo by private transportation & excursion in the unique Bogolyubovo Pokrov na Nerli church (UNESCO World Heritage Site)*
- Late evening, transfer to Suzdal by private transportation (45 min drive)*
- Group departure: welcome dinner & vodka degustation*



The Assumption cathedral (famous for Andrey Rublev frescoes), St Demetrius cathedral (outside only), Golden gates and learn the old history of Vladimir, once the capital of Russia.

DAY 2: Discover Suzdal, see Russia as it was meant to be



- *Breakfast*
- *Excursion in Suzdal , UNESCO World Heritage Site*
- *Kremlin, beautiful monasteries and cathedrals*
- *Lunch with medovukha degustation*
- *Traditional local crafts master - class in Suzdal*



Sightseeing tour of Suzdal which was once the capital of Rostov-Suzdal principality. This town is like a museum under the open sky, its medieval monuments can tell you its old story. During the tour, you will visit the museum of wooden architecture, St Euthimius monastery (or Intercession Convent), Suzdal Kremlin...taste good food in the Suzdal local restaurant. Then, visiting the settlement Kideksha which marvels travelers with the unique white-stone church, one of the oldest in Russia.

DAY 3: Discover Suzdal



- *Breakfast*
- *Excursion in Schurovo Gorodische (open air museum)*
- *Master class of your choice (cooking bread in a Russian stove, archery etc)*
- *Excursion to Kideksha, visiting one of the oldest white-stone church in Russia (1152)*



DAY 4: Discover Plyos



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Plyos by private transportation (2.5 h)*
- *Excursion in Plyos (Art museums)*
- *Accommodation in Plyos*
- *Plyos has had its fair share of posh visitors, past and present. Famous Russian painters, opera singers, actors, bourgeoisie favoured this place a lot.*



Plyos is one of the oldest towns in Russia, dating back to the twelfth century. It is one of the best preserved; but its rare beauty, art heritage and authentic historical atmosphere of the nineteenth century truly set it apart. Plyos was made famous by many great Russian painters who lived and worked here, and admired this beautiful Volga River settlement.

DAY 5: Discover Kostroma

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Kostroma by private transportation (2 h)*
- *Excursion in Kostroma (Museum of Jewellery Art, Birch Museum)*
- *Check-In Kostroma hotel*



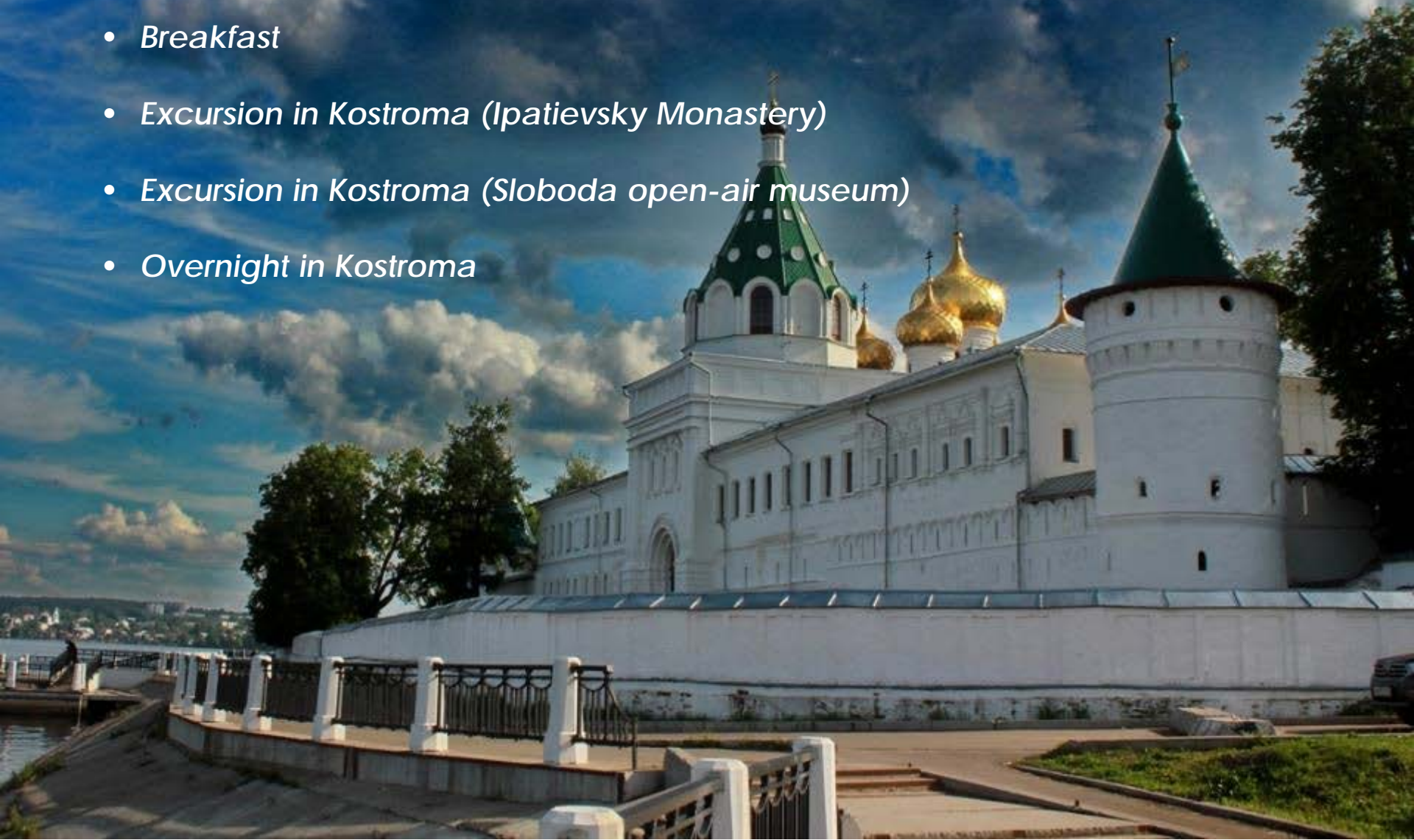


Kostroma is known for its brilliant architects and woodcarvers who developed art and techniques that originated in the Byzantine Era.

DAY 6: Discover Kostroma



- *Breakfast*
- *Excursion in Kostroma (Ipatievsky Monastery)*
- *Excursion in Kostroma (Sloboda open-air museum)*
- *Overnight in Kostroma*





A part of its art and cultural importance, Kostroma was closely linked to the Russian royals. Ipatievsky Monastery is not only one of many amazing old structures and a place of not only spiritual, but also rare historical meaning: it was here that the first Romanov was elected as the new Tsar of Russia.

DAY 7: Discover Karabikha



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Karabikha by private transportation (90 km drive)*
- *Excursion in Karabikha (Nekrasov museum)*
- *Lunch*
- *Transfer to Yaroslavl by private transportation (16 km drive)*
- *Accommodation in Yaroslavl*



DAY 8: Discover Yaroslavl

- *Breakfast*
- *Full day tour in Yaroslavl, UNESCO World Heritage Site.*
- *Yaroslavl Kremlin, Spassky Monastery, church of Elijah the Prophet, Volga River & the Strelka Park, St John Baptist Church*
- *Lunch at Lady Maslenitsa house*
- *Overnight in Yaroslavl*



*Sightseeing tour of Yaroslavl.
As the city lies on a high, steep
bank of the Volga river, it offers
myriads of photo opportunities
of the mighty Volga river.
During the tour, you will visit
Saviour Transfiguration
Monastery and Church of Elijah
the Prophet.*



DAY 9: Discover Rostov

- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Rostov the Great (60 km)*
- *Excursion in Rostov (Rostov Kremlin), finift museum (traditional craft)*
- *Ishne 3D-church (Bogoslov village, 3 km from Rostov), the oldest in Yaroslavl region wooden church built without any single nail*
- *Master class in old Russian crafts*
- *Transfer to Moscow,*

DAY 10: Farewell

- *Transfer to airport and departure*



Rostov the Great has been known since the 9th century. It is famous for the 17th century Kremlin with numerous churches and gorgeous views from the Kremlin walls. going back six centuries.



Unlike Moscow Kremlin, here you might walk along the fortified wall). Tour of Rostov Kremlin and exhibition of Finift (Rostov painted enamel. A unique 3d-effect wooden church in Ishne was built without any single nail in 17th century.

Group Tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 triple/double room) **3,395** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 triple/double room) **3,735** AUD

Single room 3* - **3,990** AUD 3* - **4,675** AUD

Starting dates for 2020: **31 July**



Private tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 triple/double room) **5,380** AUD / single room - **5,975** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 triple/double room) **5,720** AUD / single room - **6,660** AUD

INCLUSIONS:

- Accommodation as per program in carefully selected centrally located 3*/4* hotels: 3 nights Suzdal, 1 night Plyos, 2 nights Kostroma, 2 nights Yaroslavl, 1 night Moscow
- Transfer to the airport in Moscow for the departure flight
- Full breakfast in the hotels (except Day 1)
- Daily traditional lunches (except Day 10), including Russian pancake Maslenitsa Experience (lunch in Yaroslavl) and degustation of Medovukha with Russian pirozhki (lunch in Suzdal)
- Group tour: welcome dinner
- English-speaking guides on all the tours

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of personal nature
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned
- Russian visa fee

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INCLUSIONS:

- *Transportation as per program in comfortable a/c bus/van*
- *All guided tours as per program with entrance tickets included*
- *Russian visa support letter*
- *24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia*
- *Local sim card with data*

GROUP TOUR:

- *Group tour is fully escorted by a bilingual tour-director*
- *Group size 20 people maximum*



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