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★★★★★ 4,8 out of 5

Golden Ring, Moscow & St. Petersburg

11 days / 10 nights

This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour

Set group departures 2021: 13 August, 3 September, 20 September

**Moscow - Vladimir - Suzdal - Rostov the Great - Yaroslavl - Sergiev Posad - Moscow -
St Petersburg**

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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.

Moscow is the heart of the Russian performing arts, including ballet and film, with 68 museums 103 theaters, 132 cinemas and 24 concert halls.

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

Afternoon at leisure.



Day 2: Vladimir & Suzdal

Take a transfer to Vladimir for a short tour. You will visit the famous Dormition Cathedral, part of a World Heritage Site. The interior was painted in the 12th century and then repainted by Andrei Rublev, one of the greatest medieval Russian painters of Orthodox icons and frescos.

Then we will drive to Suzdal, located 30 km away from Vladimir. We shall have lunch and try different tastes of the famous local drink “medovukha”. Suzdal produces the very best one!

Proceed to the Suzdal Kremlin, the oldest part of the Russian city of Suzdal, dating from the 10th century. Like other Russian Kremlins, it was originally a fortress or citadel and was the religious and administrative centre of the city. Nowadays, the Suzdal Kremlin is a museum with numerous exhibits dedicated to the history of Suzdal, old Russian painting, applied art and the treasures of the monasteries and churches.

Check-in at the hotel in Suzdal and overnight.

 **Breakfast. Lunch,
Degustation of
Medovukha**

 **Tour**

 **Suzdal hotel**

 **Bus transfer**



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Day 3: Rostov the Great

Take a transfer to Rostov the Great for a short guided tour of the Kremlin.

Founded in 862, fabulous Rostov the Great or Rostov Veliky (do not confuse it with Rostov-on-Don) is situated on the shores of the sparkling Lake Nero and is known as a tourist center of the famous Golden Ring itinerary. The scenic town with more than a thousand years of history boasts a huge number of cultural monuments and some of them are considered to be especially valuable cultural heritage sites.

Rostov the Great is famous for the 17th century Kremlin with numerous churches and gorgeous views from the Kremlin walls. (Unlike in Moscow Kremlin, here you might walk along the fortified wall).

Take a transfer to Yaroslavl. Check-in at the hotel and overnight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Yaroslavl hotel



Bus transfer

Day 4: Yaroslavl & Sergiev Posad

Start the day with the guided tour to Yaroslavl.

Proceed to the Residence of Maslenitsa for lunch. What is, or who is Maslenitsa? Sign up to our tour to find out!

Take a transfer 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. This religious and military complex represents an epitome of the growth of Russian architecture and contains some of that architecture's finest expressions. It exerted a profound influence on architecture in Russia and other parts of Eastern Europe. The property is a serial one, including buildings outside the main monastic compound.

In the evening, we will come back to Moscow.



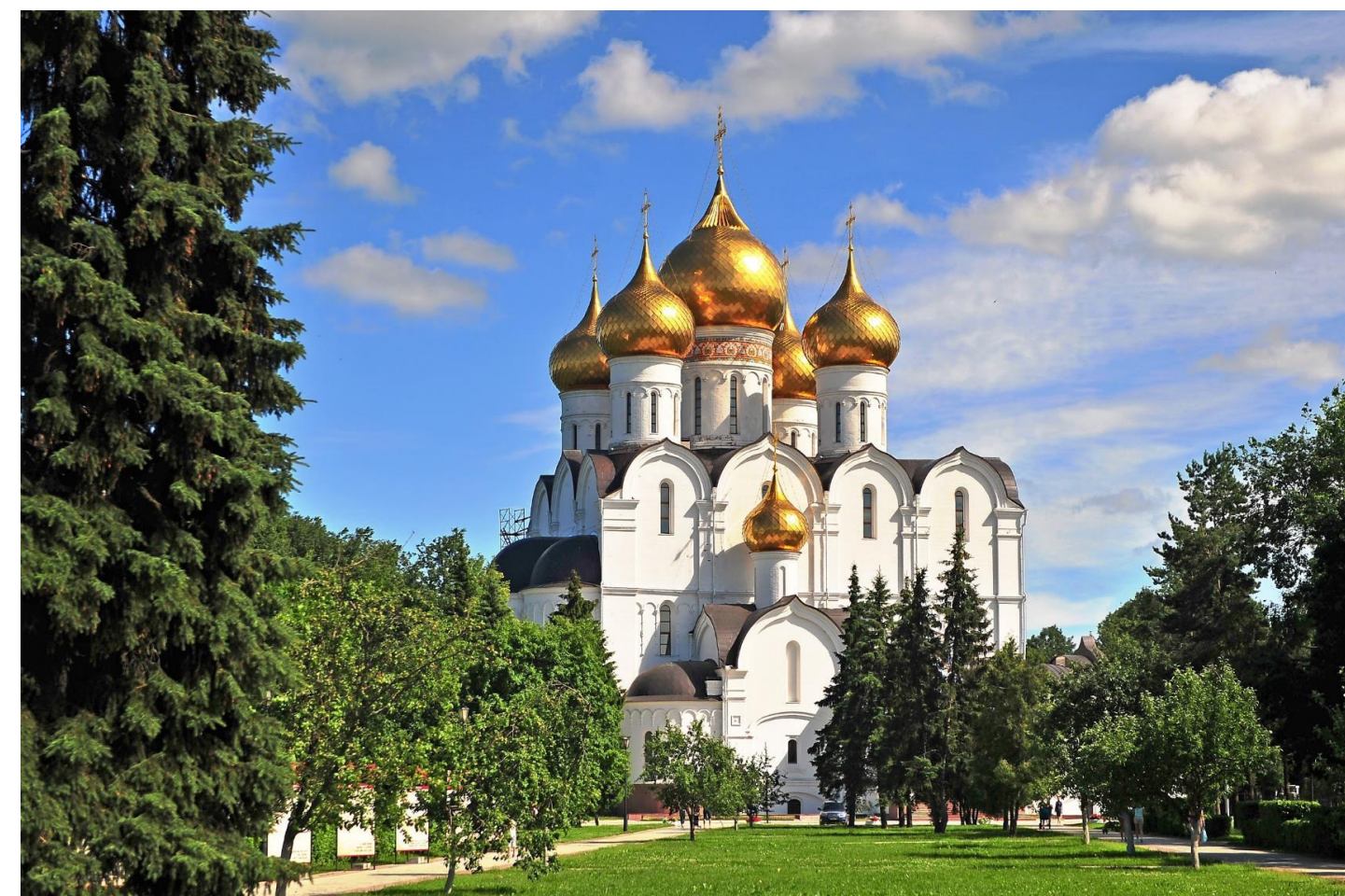
Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Bus transfer



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.

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".



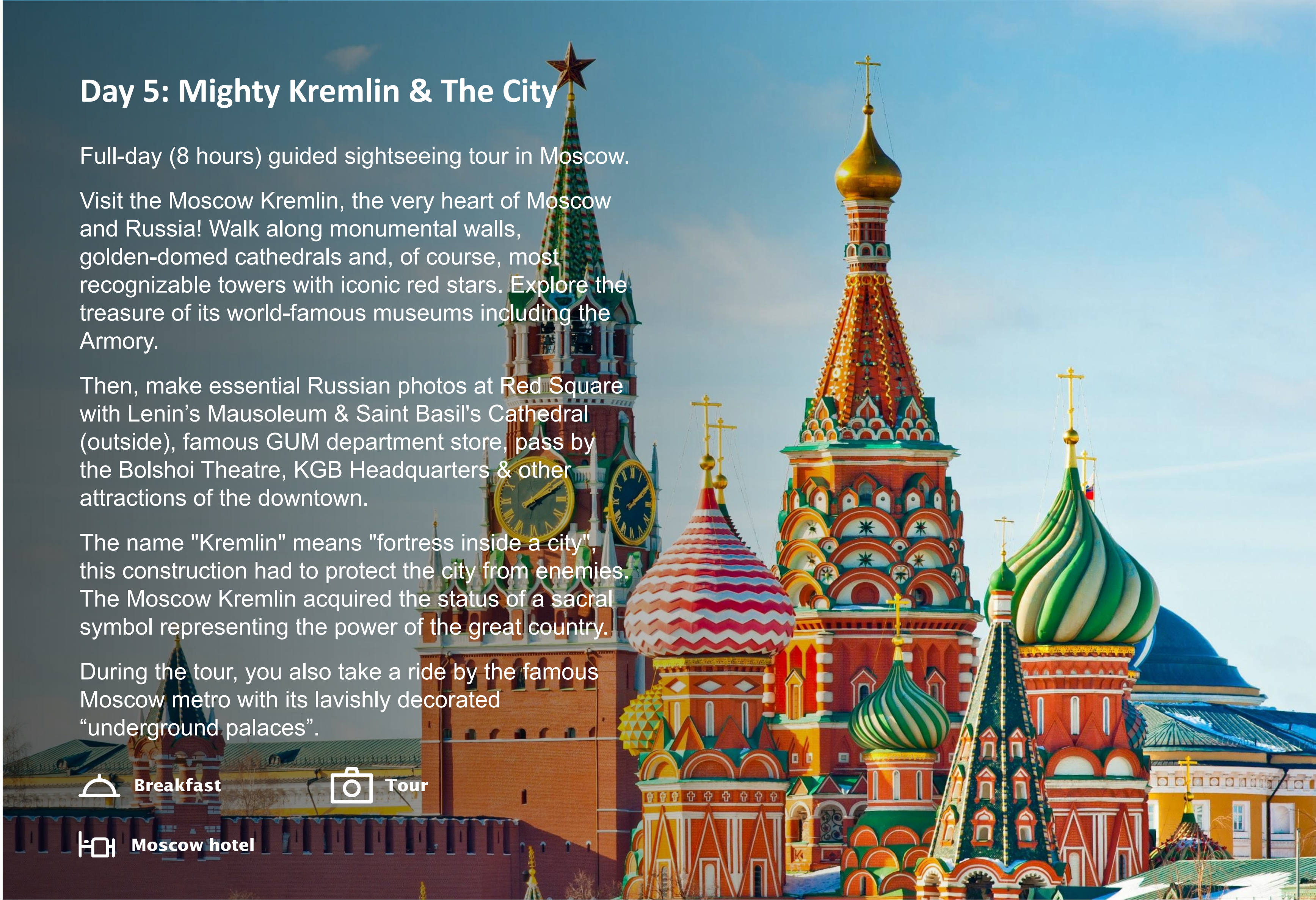
Breakfast



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.



Day 7: Moscow - St. Petersburg

After check out of the hotel in Moscow, you will be transferred to the railway station to board high-speed train for 4 hours journey to St. Petersburg. On arrival at 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.



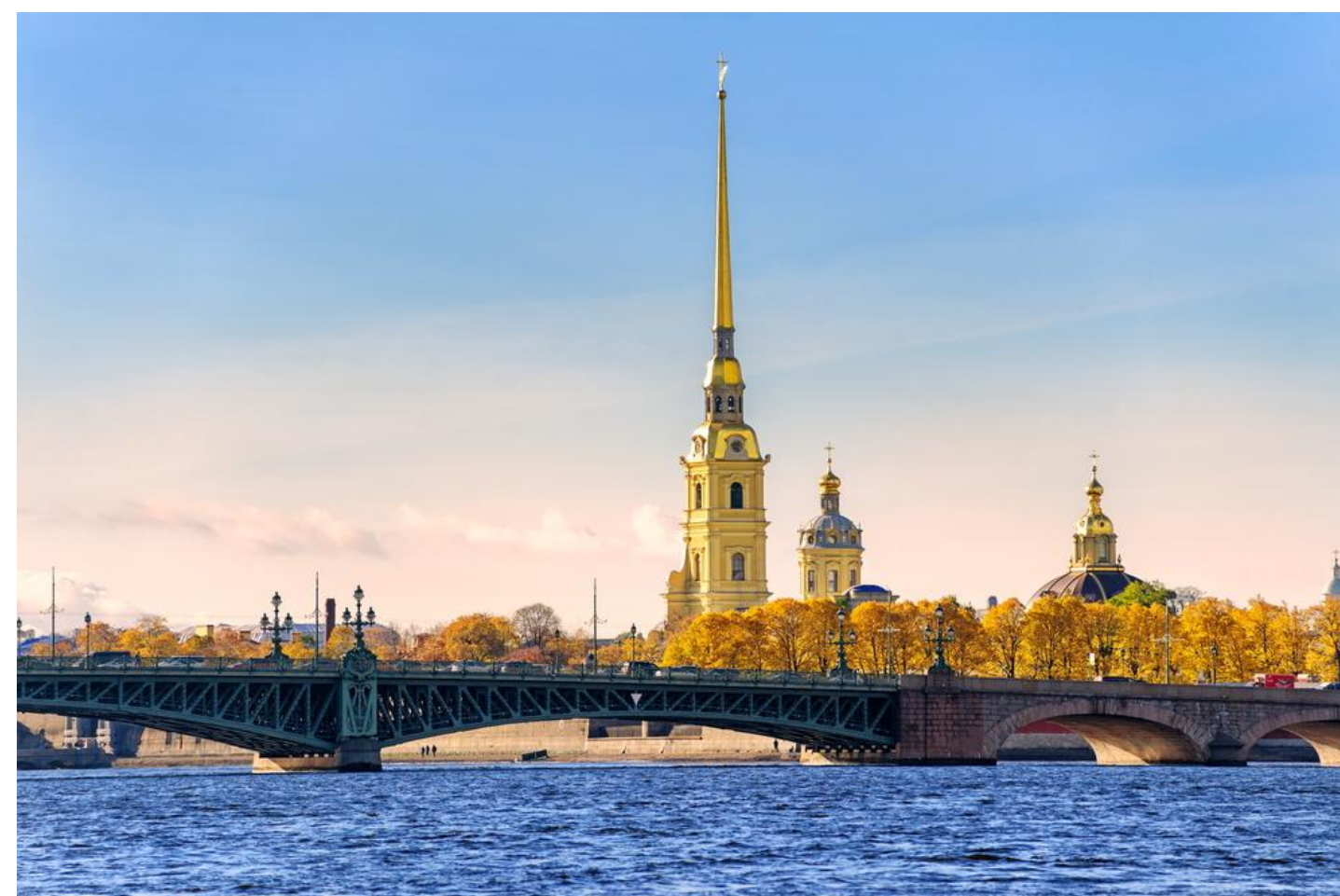
Breakfast



St. Petersburg
hotel



Bullet train



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Day 8: 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.



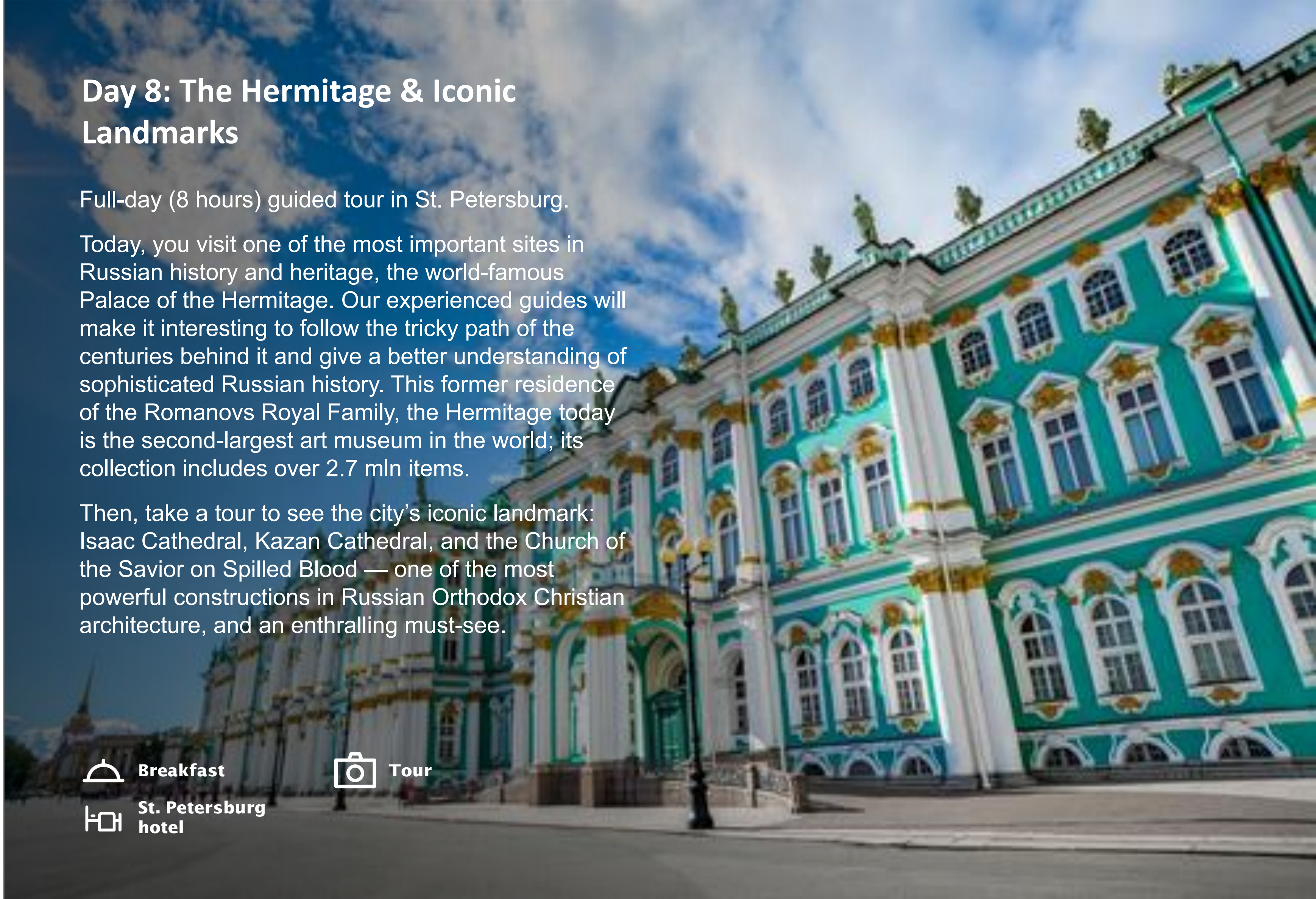
Breakfast



**St. Petersburg
hotel**



Tour



Day 9: Peterhof Tour

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



Day 10: 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
Group tour:
Farewell dinner
with wine



Tour



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Day 11: Farewell

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



Breakfast





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Golden Ring → Moscow → St. Petersburg:

20 Sep 2021 - 30 Sep 2021

Private tour:

Year round, on request

Golden Ring → St. Petersburg → Moscow

13 Aug 2021 - 23 Aug 2021

03 Sep 2021 - 13 Sep 2021



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Rates USD per person in twin/double room

	★ ★ ★ hotels	★ ★ ★ ★ hotels	★ ★ ★ ★ ★ hotels
Groups 2021	\$ 2,055 USD	\$ 2,480 USD	on request
Single supplement	\$ 599 USD	\$ 955 USD	on request
Private tour	\$ 3,100 USD	\$ 3,560 USD	on request




Based on 2 people to go.
 Contact us for a custom quote.

Rates AUD per person in twin/double room

	 hotels	 hotels	 hotels
Groups 2021	\$ 2,895 AUD	\$ 3,495	on request
Single supplement	\$ 855 AUD	\$ 1,345 AUD	on request
Private tour	\$ 4,370 AUD	\$ 5,020 AUD	on request

Based on 2 people to go.
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Rates GBP per person in twin/double room

	 hotels	 hotels	 hotels
Groups 2021	£ 1,590 GBP	£ 1,925 GBP	on request
Single supplement	£ 470 GBP	£ 740 GBP	on request
Private tour	£ 2,399 GBP	£ 2,760 GBP	on request

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Rates CAD per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Groups 2021	\$ 2,770 CAD	\$ 3,345 CAD	on request
Single supplement	\$ 815 CAD	\$ 1,290 CAD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. Contact us for a custom quote.	\$ 4,180 CAD	\$ 4,799 CAD	on request

Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

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

- 4 nights St. Petersburg
- 4 nights Moscow
- 1 night Yaroslavl
- 1 night Suzdal

MEALS

- Full breakfast daily (except Day 1)
- 3 lunches: degustation of Medovukha (lunch) in Suzdal, lunch in Rostov the Great, Russian pancakes experience in the Residence of Maslenitsa (lunch) in Yaroslavl
- Group tour: Farewell dinner

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

TRANSPORTATION

- 4-hour Standard Class bullet train fare from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Ask us about upgrading to a Business/First Class ticket or flight options
- Metro pass for Moscow & St. Petersburg
- 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 (except on walking tours)

GROUP TOUR

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director
- Group size: small group up to 22 people
- Farewell dinner

Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING

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

- Guided tour to the Dormition Cathedral in Vladimir
- Guided tour to the Suzdal Kremlin
- Tour of Rostov Kremlin and exhibition of Finift (Rostov painted enamel)
- Guided tour of Yaroslavl including visiting the Residence of Maslenitsa
- Guided tour to the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius in Sergiev Posad
- 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

SIGHTSEEING

- 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
- Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: Catherine's palace & Amber room

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

Cold war traces: secret anti-nuclear bunker - 42

USD 85 // AUD 120 // GBP 66 // CAD 115
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Moscow River Yacht Panoramic Cruise

Year round. Transfer included.

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

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 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*)

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

Faberge Tour with audio guide

- Ticket only (no guidance/with transportation)

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75

per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

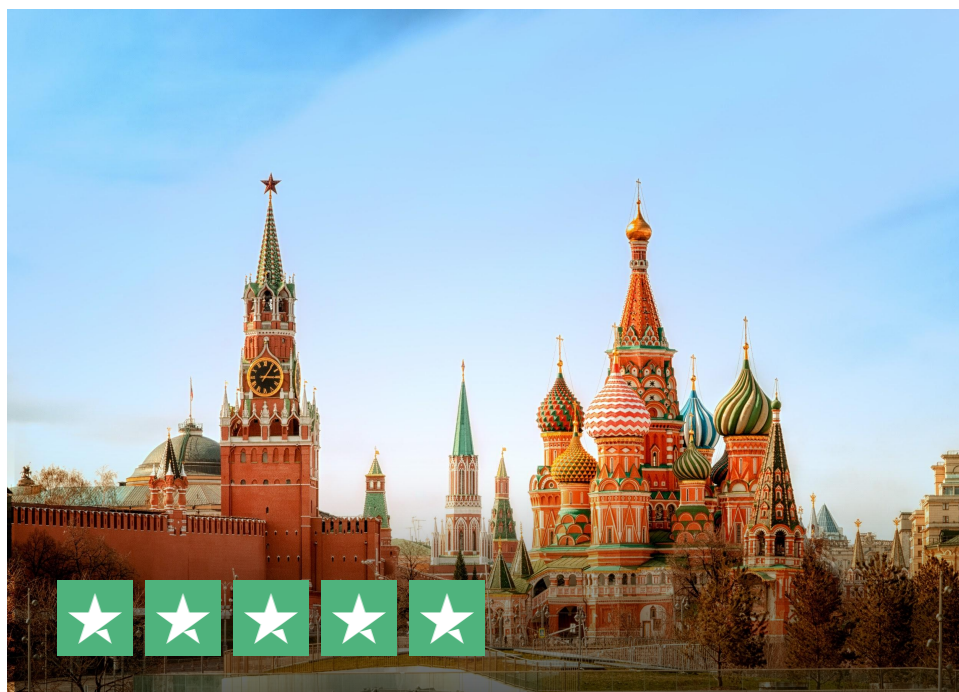
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USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4*)

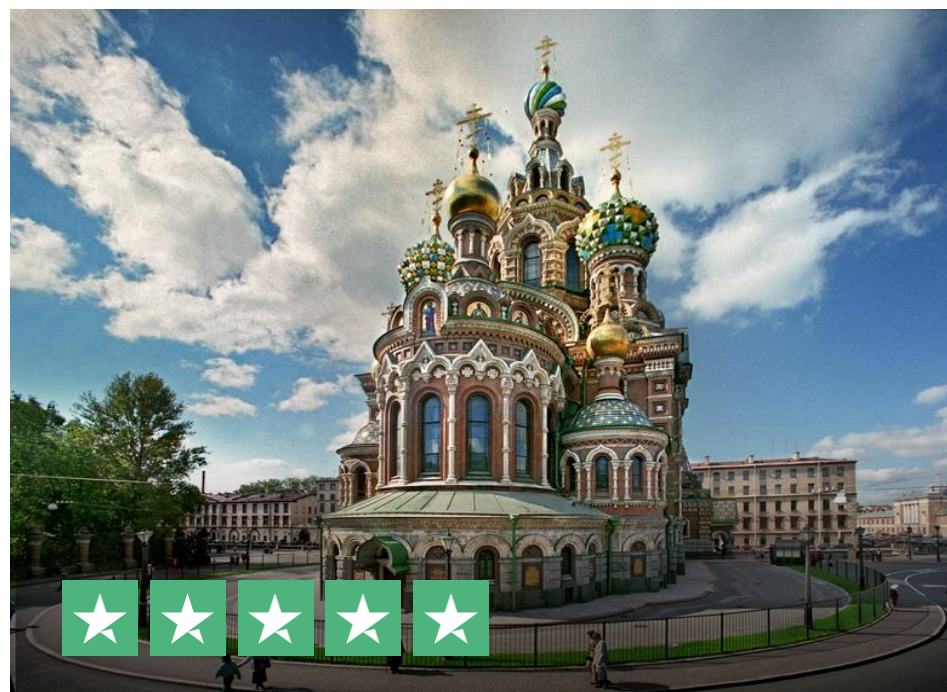
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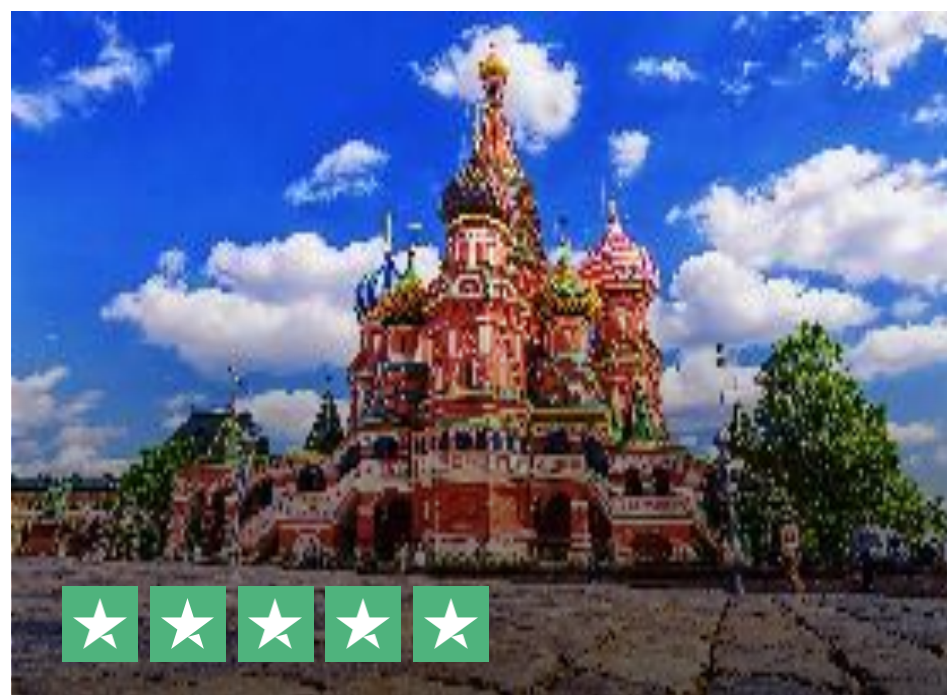
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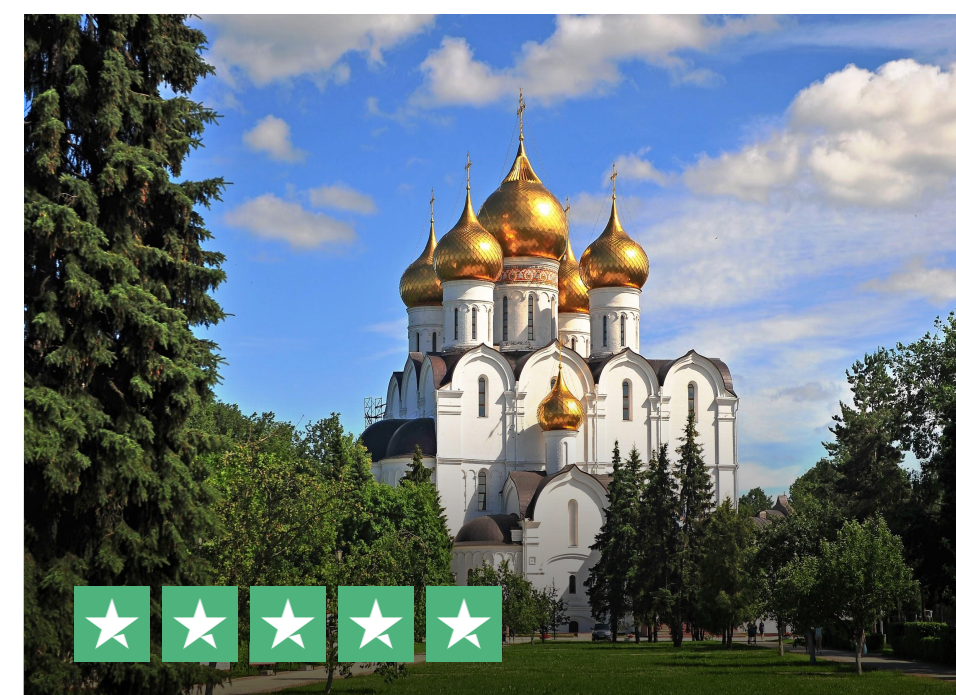
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