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UNESCO TOUR**

13 Days

7 – 19 May, 2019

9 – 21 July, 2019

3 – 15 September 2019

8 – 20 May 2020

This package is available either
Group Tour (scheduled departures)

or

Private Tour (flexible dates)

Moscow, St Petersburg, Kazan and
The Golden Ring





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- *Over 10 years experience in Russia*



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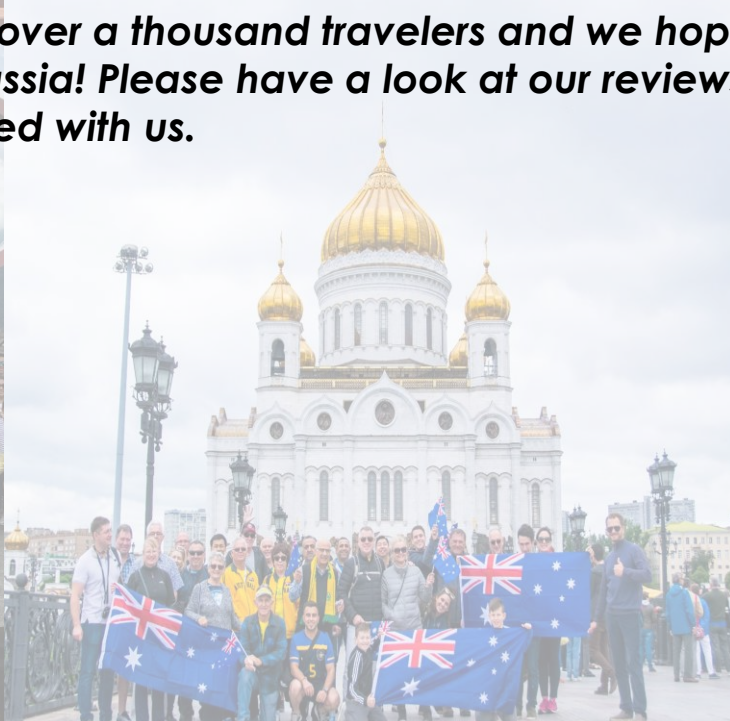
Russian visa

- **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**



Happy Travelers

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/>





Itinerary

DAY 1

Arrive to Moscow
Meet and greet at
Moscow airport
Transfer to your
hotel in the
downtown

DAY 2

Breakfast
Visiting Vladimir and
Bogolyubovo
Transfer to Suzdal

DAY 3

Breakfast
Visiting Suzdal and
Kostroma

DAY 4

Breakfast
Visiting Yaroslavl
and Sergiev Posad
Transfer back to
Moscow

DAY 5

Breakfast
Visiting Kremlin
(all the highlights including the Armory)
Take a ride by famous Moscow Metro

DAY 6

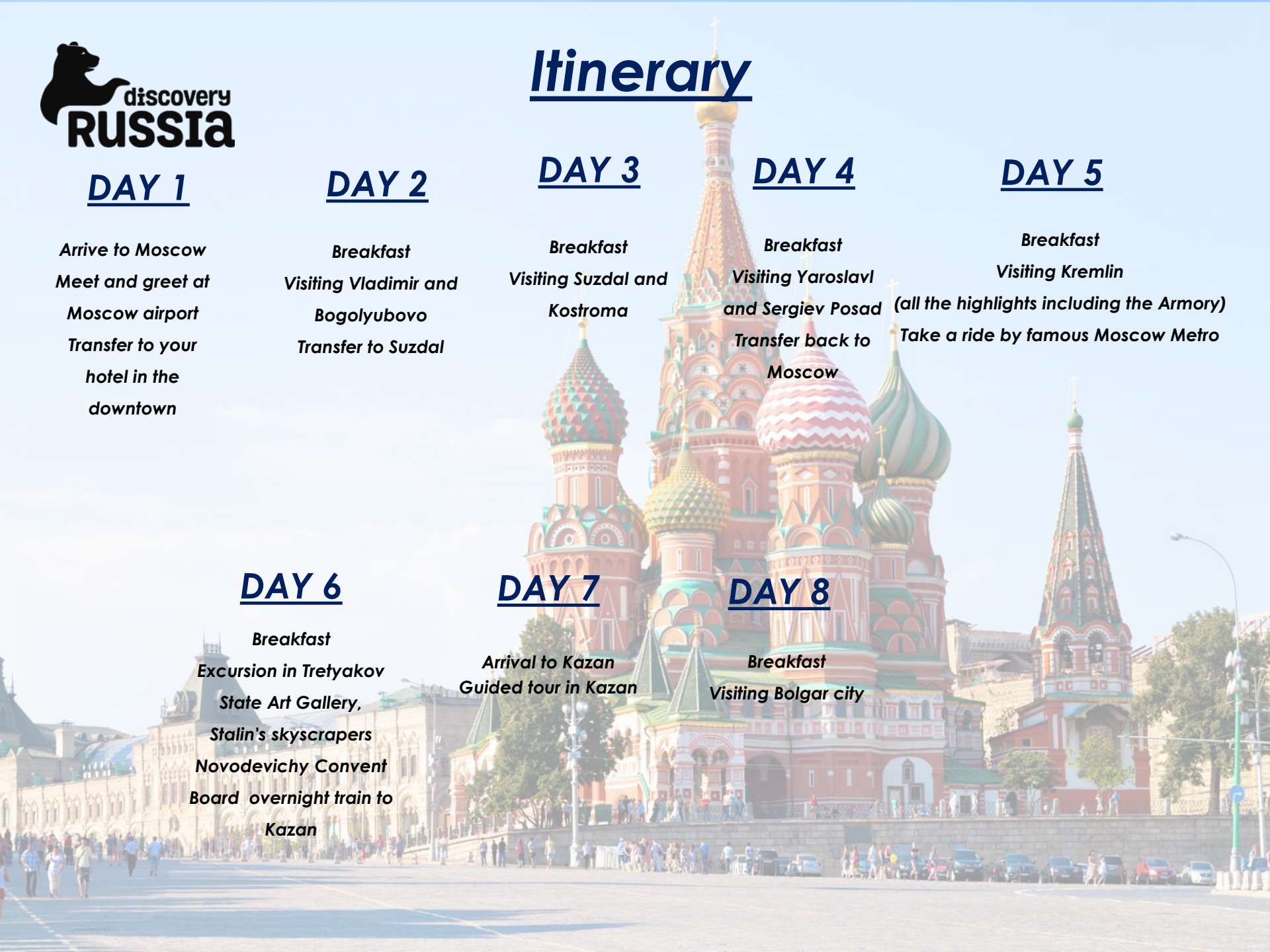
Breakfast
Excursion in Tretyakov
State Art Gallery,
Stalin's skyscrapers
Novodevichy Convent
Board overnight train to
Kazan

DAY 7

Arrival to Kazan
Guided tour in Kazan

DAY 8

Breakfast
Visiting Bolgar city



Itinerary

DAY 9

Flight to St. Petersburg

Meet and greet at St Petersburg airport

Transfer to your hotel

DAY 10

Breakfast

Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage

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

DAY 11

Breakfast

*Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of Peterhof
Boat ride in St. Petersburg to enjoy the true beauty of The Venice of the North*

DAY 12

Breakfast

Visiting Veliky Novgorod

DAY 13

Breakfast

Free day in St Petersburg/or fly to Moscow

DAY 14

Breakfast

*Check out from the hotel
Fly to Moscow to DME airport and connect to departure flight to Singapore*



DAY 1: Arrival to Moscow

- Meet and greet at Moscow airport
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Rest of the day at leisure



DAY 2: Discover Vladimir



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Vladimir by express train*
- *Excursion in Vladimir (Andrey Rublev frescoes)*
- *Lunch serving traditional Russian food*



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: Continues,...

- *Transfer to the village of Bogolyubovo by private transportation*
- *Excursion in Bogolyubovo Pokrova na Nerli*
- *Transfer to Suzdal*
- *Overnight stay in Suzdal*



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

DAY 3: Discover Suzdal & Kostroma



- *Breakfast*
- *Excursion in Suzdal (White Kremlin)*
- *Lunch*
- *Suzdal tour continues*
- *Transfer to Kostroma*
- *Excursion in Kostroma (Museum of Jewellery Art, Birch Museum)*
- *Transfer to Yaroslavl and check in*

DAY 3: Continues, ...



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.

DAY 3: Continues, ...



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

DAY 3: Continues, ...



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 4: Discover Yaroslavl and Sergiev Posad

- *Breakfast*
- *Excursion in Yaroslavl (Yaroslavl Kremlin)*
- *Lunch serving Russian traditional food*
- *Transfer to Sergiev Posad*
- *Visiting the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius*
- *Transfer to Moscow and check in*

DAY 4: Continues,...



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.



Upon arrival you enjoy a wonderful sightseeing tour around the most cherished treasures of Sergiev Posad, that includes a visit to the spiritual center of Russian Orthodoxy - the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius.



During your guided city tour you explore the Spassky Monastery where you see the icon Transfiguration of the Savior, visit the wonderful Church of Elijah the Prophet with incredible mosaic decoration

DAY 5: Discover Moscow



- Breakfast
- Visiting Kremlin
- (all the highlights including the Armory)
- Take a ride by famous Moscow metro
- City tour by bus
- Visiting Arbat

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.

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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 6: Discover Moscow



- *Breakfast*
- *Visiting Tretyakov State Art Gallery*
- *Stalin's skyscrapers*
- *Novodevichy convent*
- *Transfer to railway station, boarding overnight train to Kazan*

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.



During the tour you explore the unique interiors of the Convent and visit its Cemetery that is considered one of Moscow's most prestigious resting places. Many famous Russian political leaders, actors, scientists, poets and musicians are buried there, including Mstislav Rostropovich, Mikhail Bulgakov, Anton Chekhov, Vladimir Mayakovsky and Boris Yeltsin. The cemetery has a park-like ambiance, dotted with small chapels and beautiful monuments, that makes you feel like strolling in the park of sculptures.

DAY 7: Discover Kazan



- *Meet and greet at Kazan railway station, transfer to your hotel*
- *Kazan sightseeing tour*
- *Tatar Cooking Master Class*

Guided tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, Kremlin of Kazan. Built by Ivan the Terrible on the ruins of the palace of the Kazan Khanate that he destroyed, the Kremlin of Kazan reflects the ethnic mix of Tatars and Russians, Muslims and Christians, that merged into one nation centuries ago.

You will visit :Kazan Kremlin, Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square.

DAY 8: Discover Bolgar



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex*
- *Visiting main sights of the complex including the Bolgar ancient settlement, Museum of the Bolgar Civilization and enter the White Mosque*

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.

DAY 9: Flight to St. Petersburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to the airport*
- *Meet and greet at St. Petersburg airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel, check-in*



DAY 10: Discover St. Petersburg



- **Breakfast**
- **Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage**
- **Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood**



Morning: Walking trip to the Winter Palace and the Hermitage guided tour.

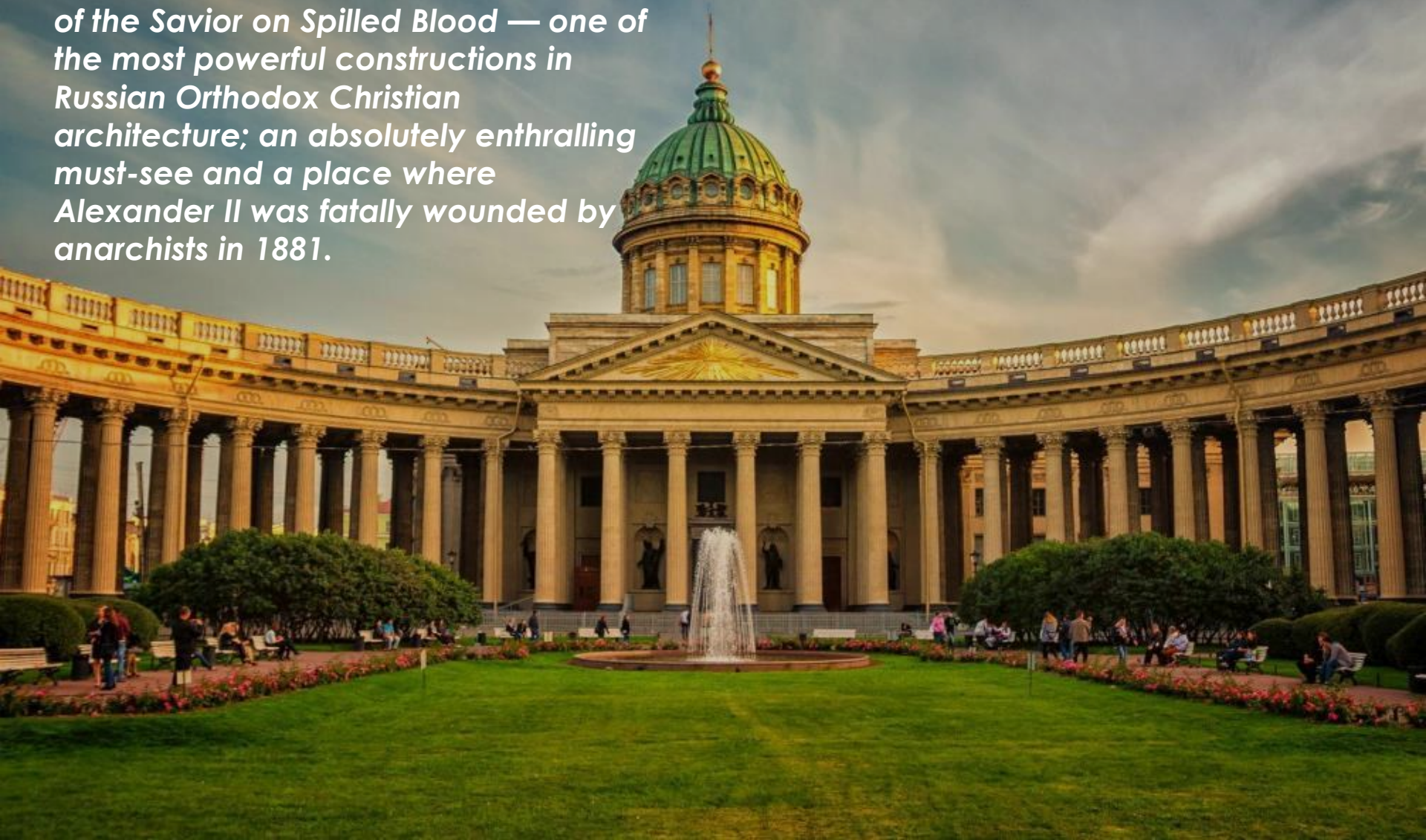
We force you to make it on foot. Why? Because there is no other way to understand and feel the city's soul than to explore its secret walking trails. Let us surprise you with unusual homes, architecture, perspectives and stunning views.

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 11: Discover St. Petersburg

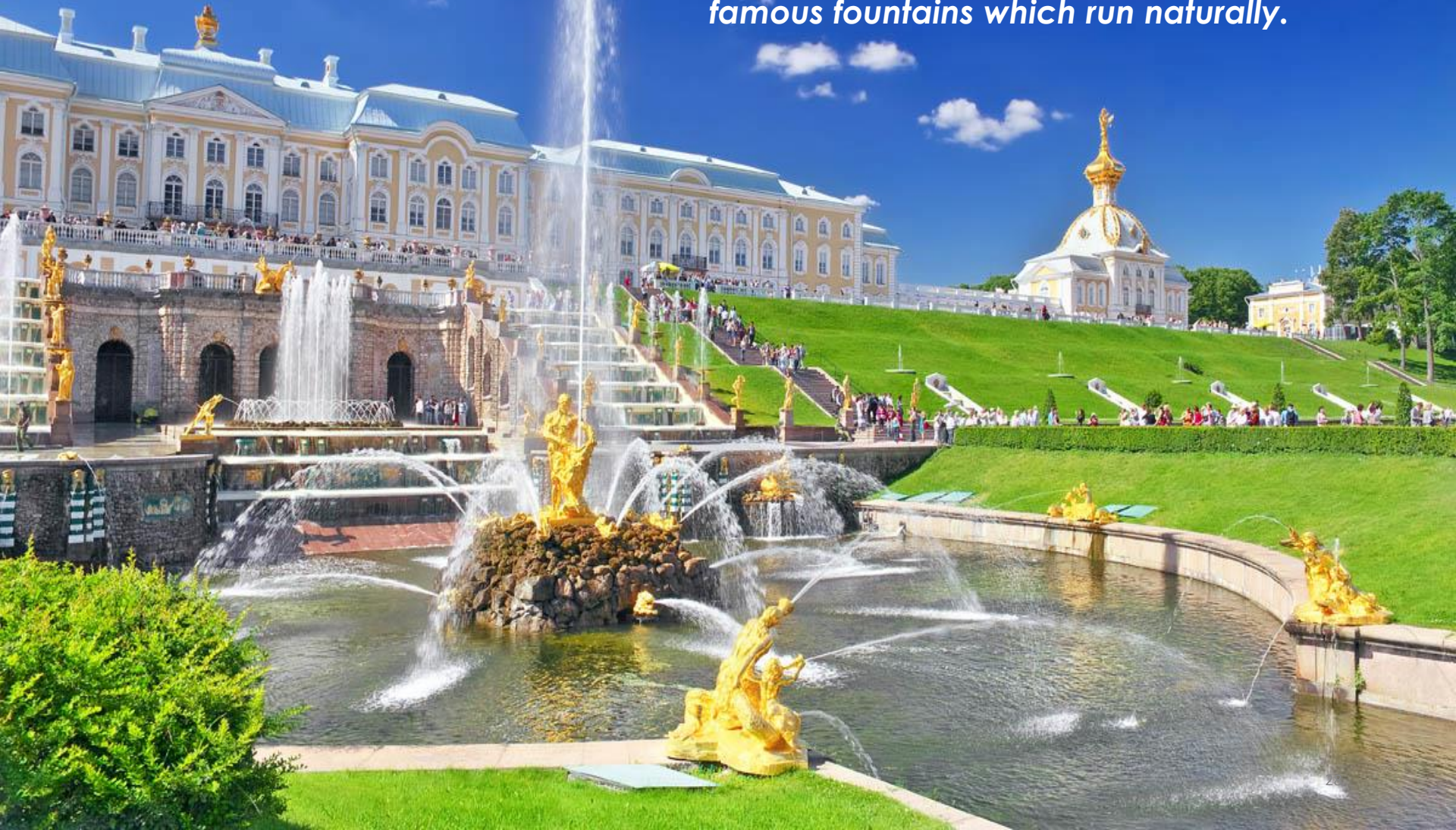


- *Breakfast*
- *Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of Peterhof*
- *Boat ride in St. Petersburg to enjoy the true beauty of The Venice of the North*

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!

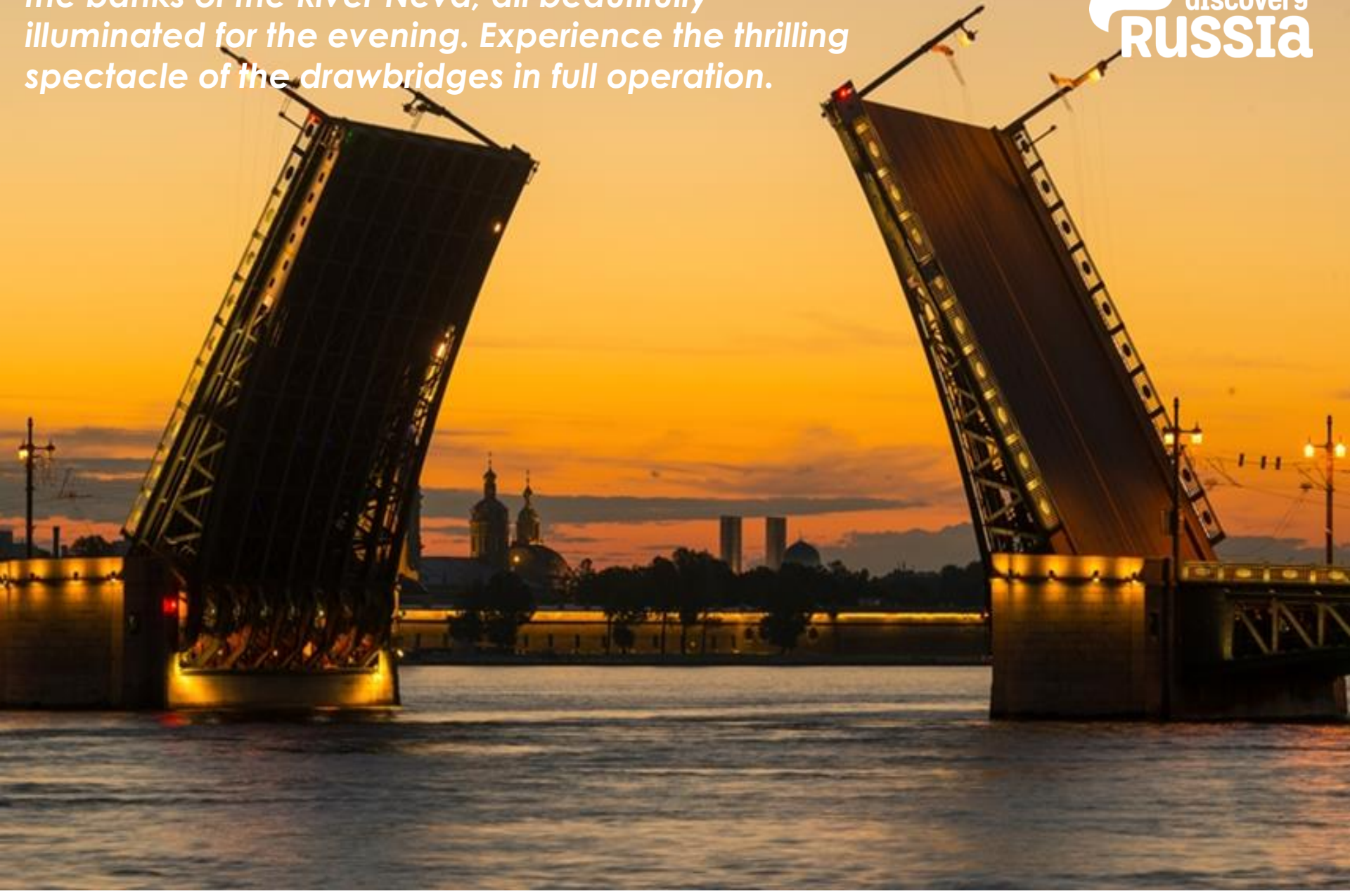


Gardens and Parks are spread over more than four hundred hectares, and include thirty-one amazing museums and beautiful Versailles-style gardens. In summer, the Peterhof is especially good thanks to its famous fountains which run naturally.



The Grand Palace is a must-see

Enjoy a romantic 2-hour 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. Experience the thrilling spectacle of the drawbridges in full operation.



DAY 12: Discover Veliky Novgorod



- Breakfast
- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod
- Full day guided tour in Veliky Novgorod
- Transfer back to St. Petersburg

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. The city boasts medieval monuments, churches and monasteries.

DAY 13: Departure



- *Breakfast*
- *Check out from the hotel, transfer to the airport*



Private Tour, 2 people

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5560** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6310** AUD

Dates are flexible

Group Tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **3,690** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,405** AUD

Starting dates for 2019/2020:

May 7, July 9, September 3/ May 8

INCLUSIONS:

- Meet at greet at the airport & transfer to the hotel
- Accommodation in 3*/4* hotels, central location, with breakfast included
- Dedicated private local English-speaking guides in Moscow, Golden Ring towns, Kazan, Bolgar, St. Petersburg, & Veliky Novgorod
- Entrance Tickets to all listed attractions
- Transportation as per program by comfortable a/c car (private tours)/bus (group tours)
- Return airport/hotel/train station transfers as per program
- Full metro/public transport pass in Moscow
- Moscow- Vladimir express train (private tours)
- Moscow - Kazan train, 4-berth (2nd class)
- Kazan- St Petersburg airfare, economy
- Russian visa letter of invitation
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia
- Prepaid local sim card with data
- Group tour is fully escorted
- Group tours: 3 lunches on Golden Ring tour, 1 lunch in Kazan, 1 lunch in Bolgar

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NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee (AUD 135 Per Person)
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned
- Insurance

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