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13 Days

3 — 15 September 2019

5 — 17 May 2020

2 — 14 July 2020

5 - 17 September 2020

This package is available either Group Tour (scheduled departures)

Private Tour (flexible dates) Moscow, St Petersburg, Kazan and The Golden Rina



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Russian visa: easy to obtain

How to obtain a Russian Visa in an easy way: Step by Step Guide

- 1. Book your tour with Discovery Russia
- 2. Get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals
- 3. Fill in Visa Application form
- 4. Apply to the Embassy or Russian Visa Centre personally or send Application, passport, photo to the Embassy or Russian visa Center by mail
- 5. Obtain your Russian visa in the Embassy, Russian Visa Centre or by mail





<u>Itinerary</u>

Arrival at Moscow
Meet and greet at
Moscow airport
Transfer to your
hotel in the
downtown
Rest of the day at
leisure
Group tour:
welcome dinner

DAY 2

Breakfast
Transfer to Vladimir
Visiting Vladimir and
Bogolyubovo
Lunch
Transfer to Suzdal
Degustation of Medovukha
woth Russian pirozhki
Russian national folk show

DAY 3

Breakfast
Visiting Suzdal
Lunch
Visiting Kostroma
Transfer to Yaroslavl

DAY 4

Breakfast
Yaroslavl tour
Russian pancake
Maslenitsa Experience
Transfer to Sergiev
Posad
Sergiev Posad tour
Transfer back to
Moscow

DAY 5

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

DAY 6

Breakfast

Excursion in Tretyakov

State Art Gallery,

Stalin's skyscrapers

Kolomenskoe Estate tour

Transfer to train station

Departure to Kazan

DAY 7

Arrival at Kazan

Meet and greet at

Kazan train station

Guided tour in Kazan

Master class on

cooking Tatar national

DAY 8

Breakfast
Visiting Bolgar city
Traditional lunch



<u>Itinerary</u>

DAY 10

DAY 11

Breakfast
Transfer to the airport
Flight to St. Petersburg
Meet and greet at St Petersburg
airport
Transfer to your hotel

Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage
Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan
Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
Peter & Paul Fortress & Cathedral with royal tombs

Breakfast
Private guided tour to the
Royal Palaces of Peterhof
Optional boat cruise
Optional Faberge museum
tour
The evening is free at leisure

DAY 12

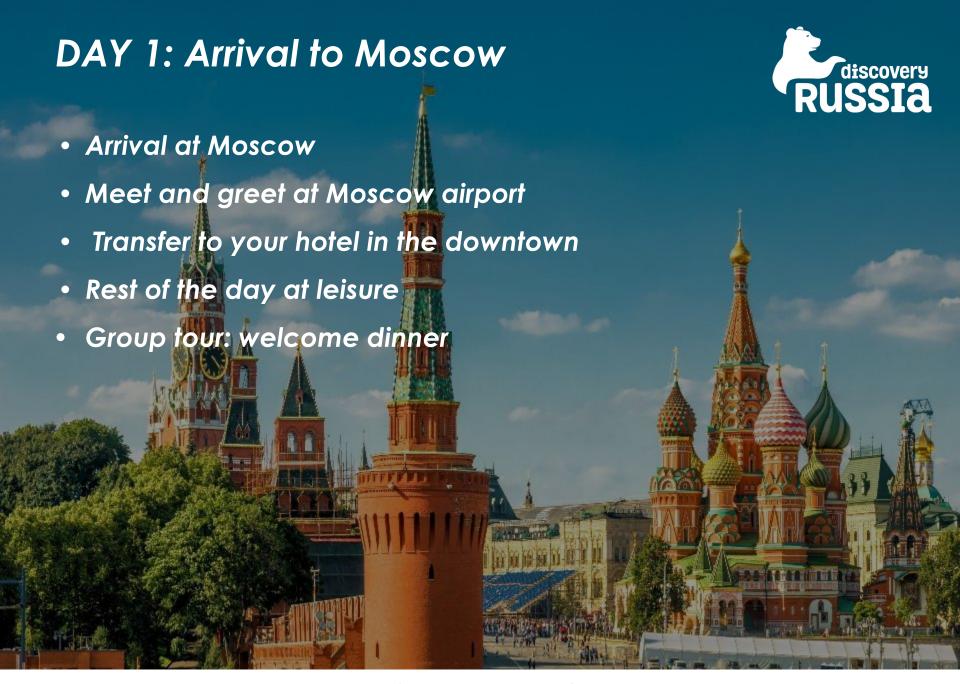
Breakfast
Visiting Veliky Novgorod
Kremlin and historical
landmarks
Lunch

DAY 13

Breakfast

Check out from the hotel

Transfer to the airport for departure flight





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...



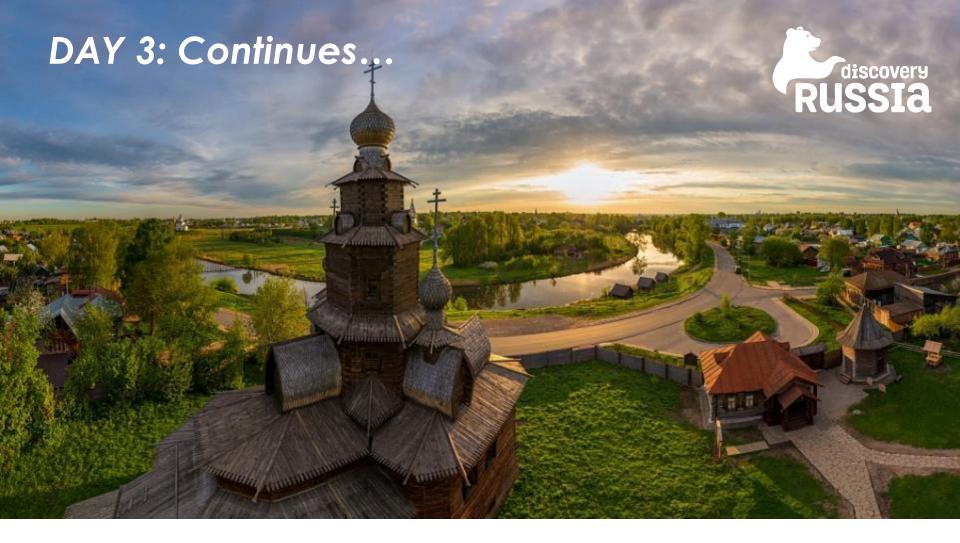
- Transfer to the village of Bogolyubovo by private transportation
- Excursion in Bogolyubovo: the ruins of Prince
 Bogolyubsky's castle with its Staircase Tower, the
 Church of the Nativity of the Virgin and the Church of
 the Intercession of the Holy Virgin on the Nerl River
- Transfer to Suzdal
- 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: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery
 of Saint Euthymius, Museum of Wooden Architecture
- Lunch: Degustation of Medovukha with Russian pirozhki & Russian national folk show
- Transfer to Kostroma
- Excursion in Kostroma: Ipatiev Monastery, the Museum of Flax and Birch Bark
- Dinner at the restaurant "Staraya Pristan" (dinner is not included)
- Transfer to Yaroslavl and check-in



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) and Suzdal Kremlin.



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



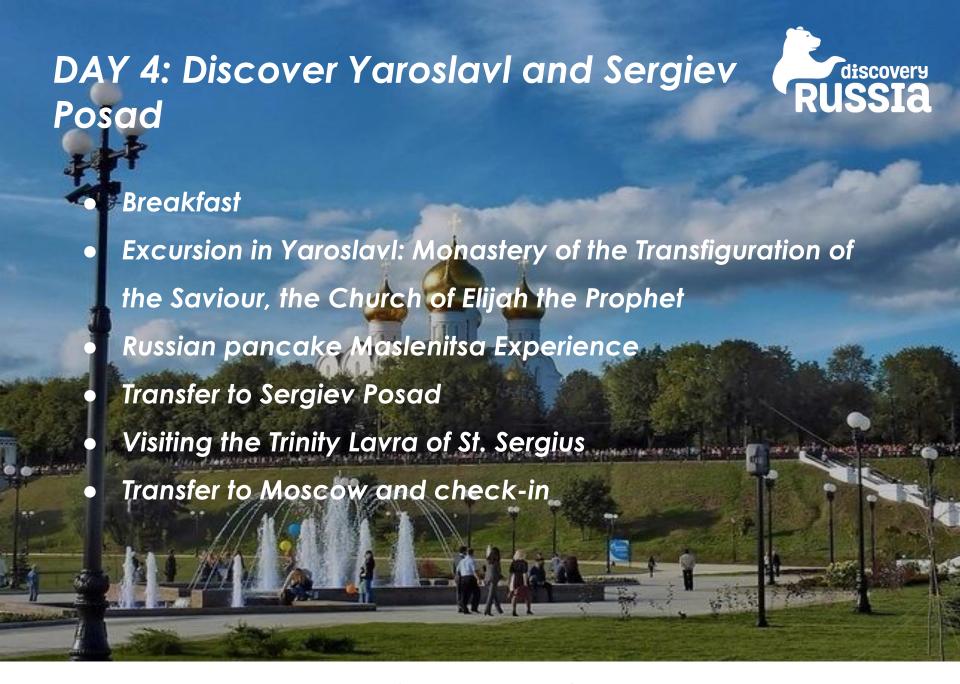


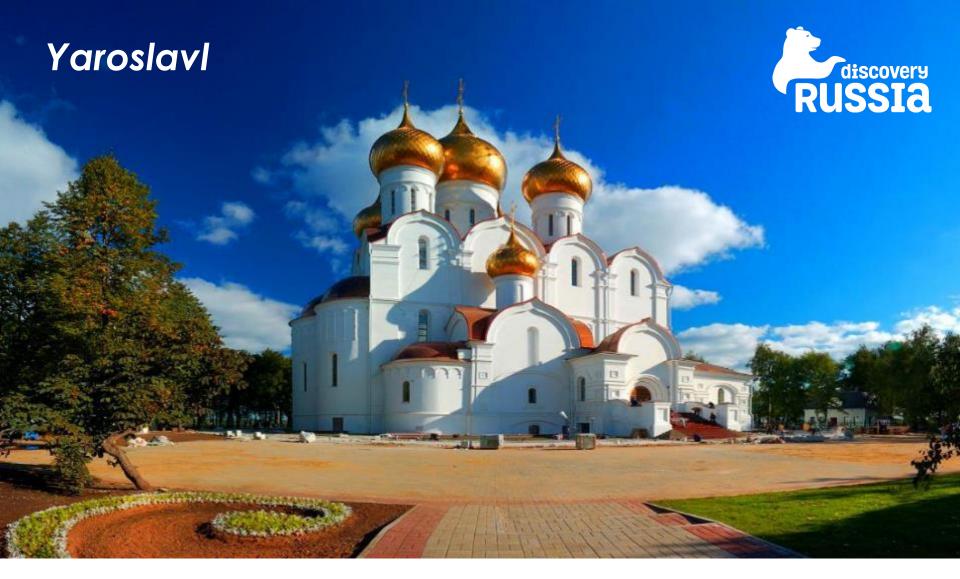


A part of its art and cultural importance, Kostroma was closely linked to the Russian royals. Ipatievsky Monastery is not only one of many amazing old structures and a place of not only spiritual, but also rare historical meaning: it was here that the first Romanov was elected as the new Tsar of Russia.

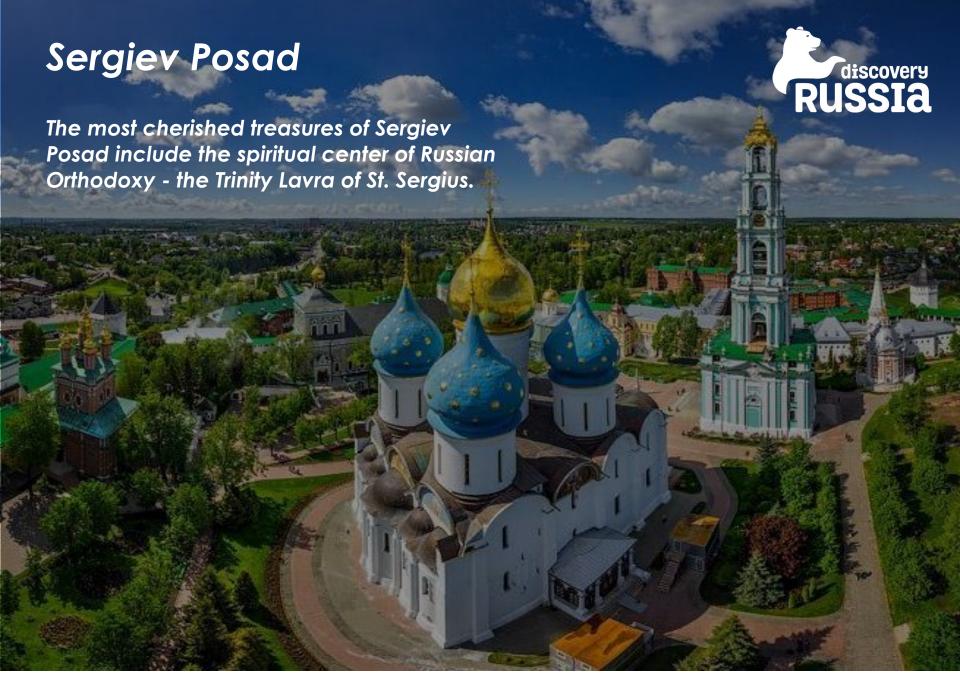


One of the main tourist attractions in Kostroma is the Museum of Flax and Birch Bark. "Kostroma – the land of flax" is the title of the exhibition which shows ancient and modern fabrics and clothes, and illustrates the detailed processing of flax. The second hall of the museum is called "Fairy-tales in Birch Bark". The central place of the exhibition is the unique collection of Russian fairy-tales in birch bark. In the exhibition hall, you can not only see the works made by craftsmen from Kostroma but also buy the things that you like.

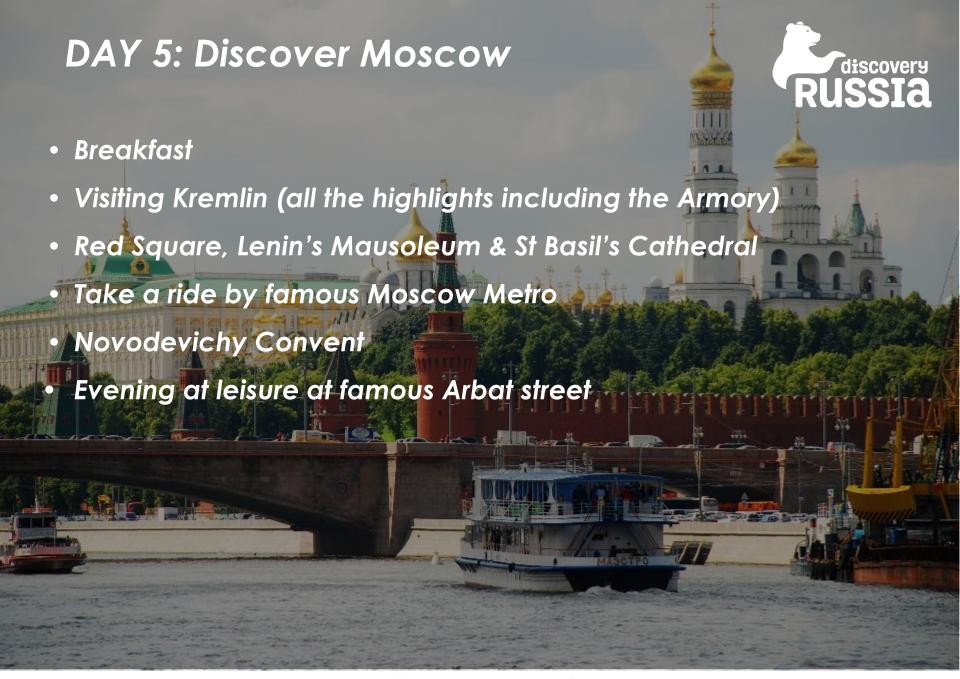


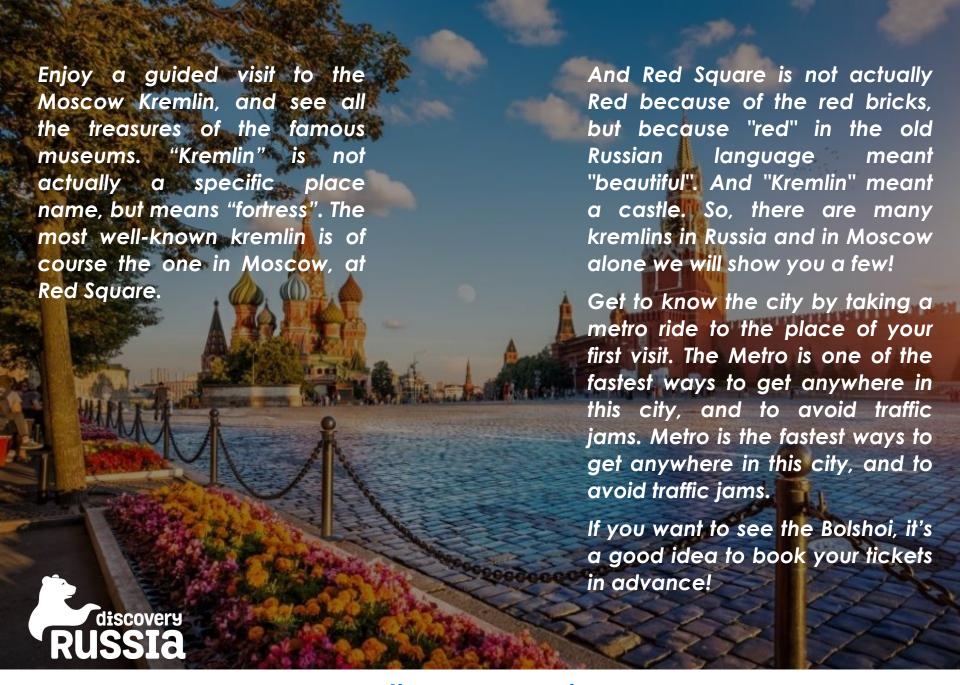


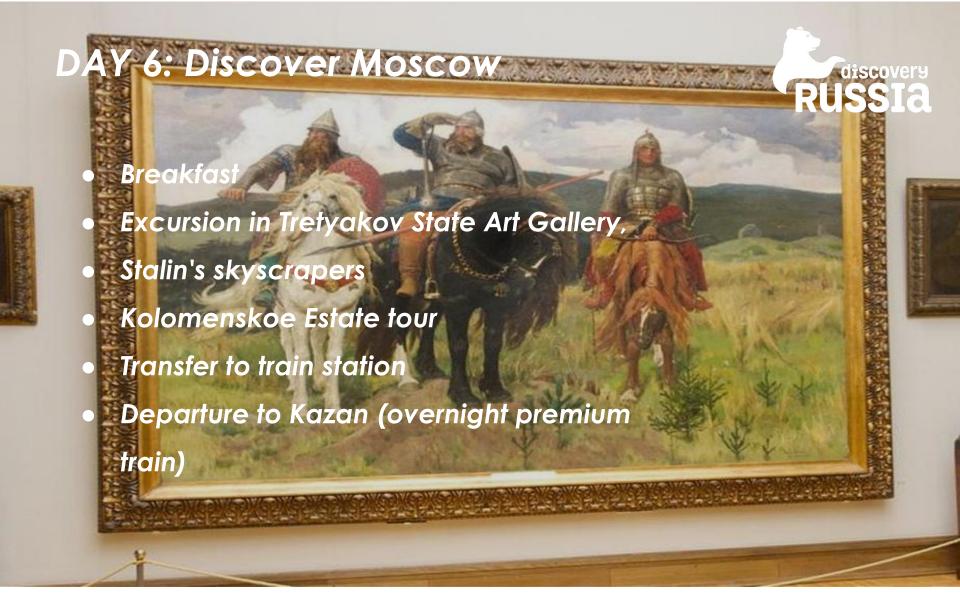
Sightseeing tour of Yaroslavl. As the city lies on a high, steep bank of the Volga river, it offers myriads of photo opportunities of the mighty Volga river. During the tour, you will visit Saviour Transfiguration Monastery and Church of Elijah the Prophet.



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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.



Novodevichy Convent, also known as Bogoroditse-Smolensky Monastery is probably the best-known cloister of Moscow. Its name, sometimes translated as the New Maidens' Monastery, was devised to differ from the Old Maidens' Monastery within the Moscow Kremlin. Unlike other Moscow cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century. In 2004, it was proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

DAY 7: Discover Kazan



- Arrival at Kazan
- Meet and greet at Kazan train station
- Guided tour in Kazan
- Master class on cooking Tatar national food and Tatar

lunch

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
 Traditional lunch

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.







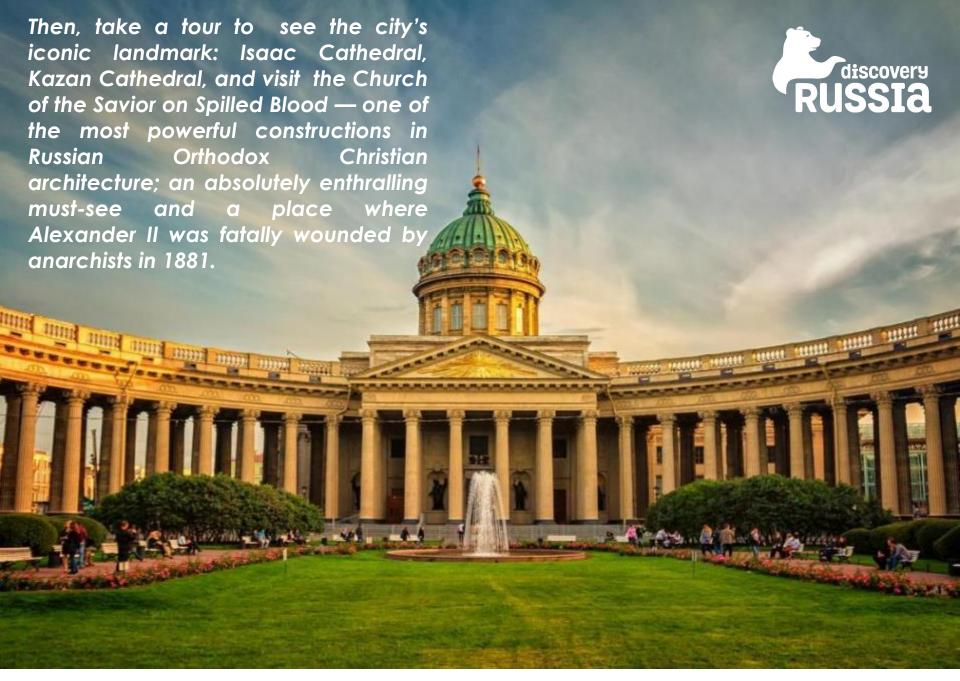
Morning: Walking trip to the Winter Palace and the Hermitage guided tour.

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.

<u>The Hermitage today</u> 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.

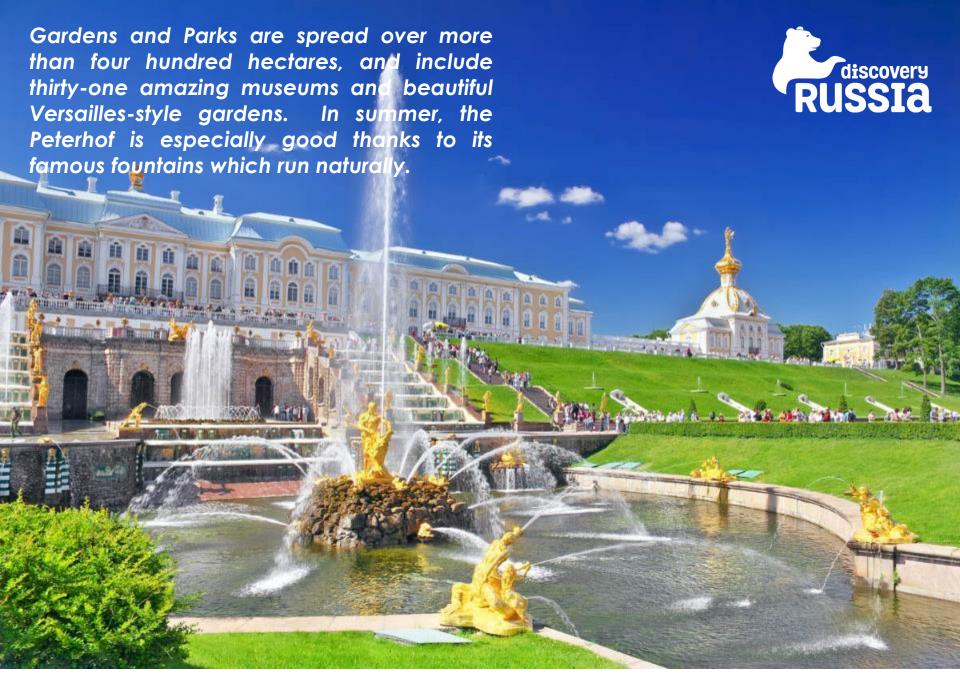


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DAY 11: Discover St. Petersburg RUSSIA Breakfast Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of Peterhof visiting the Grand Palace Optional boat cruise Optional Faberge museum tour

The evening is free at leisure

Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace, located near the seashore of the Gulf of Finland, 60 kilometres away from the city.



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DAY 12: Discover Veliky Novgorod



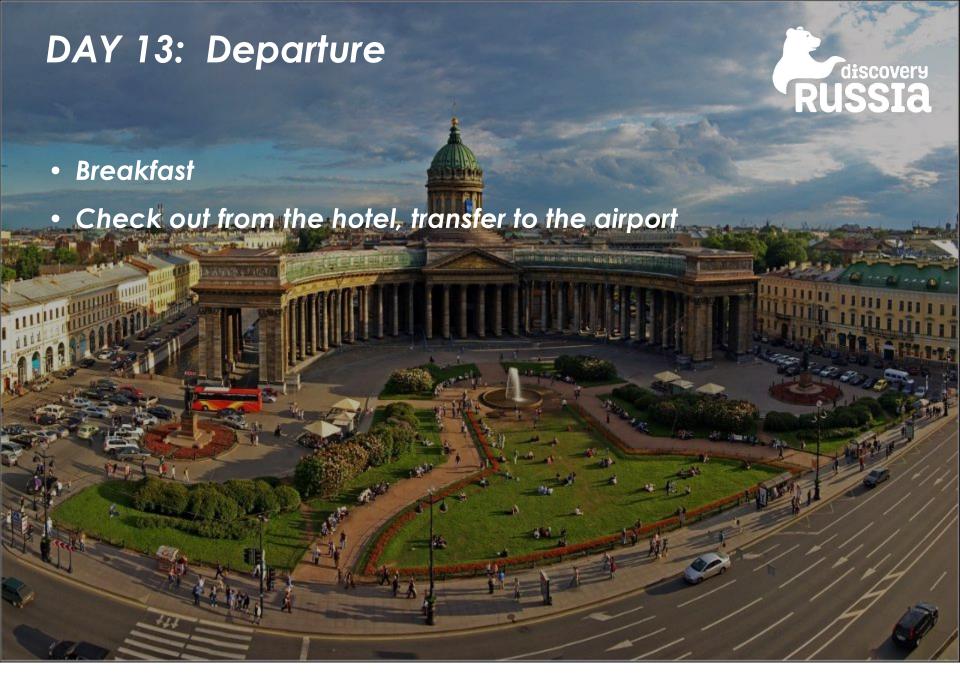
- Breakfast
- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod*
- Full day guided tour in Veliky Novgorod: the Kremlin, the Cathedral of St. Sophia, Yaroslav's Court, the St. George's Monastery, and visit the Wooden Architecture Museum
- Transfer back to St. Petersburg

*Transportation to/from Veliky Novgorod for group tours in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus;

Transportation to/from Veliky Novgorod for private tours by train.



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.



Group Tour, 2019

Set departures 2019: 09 July, 03 September



Group Tour, 2019, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,175 / 3,980 AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,699 / 4,595 AUD

Group Tour, 2019, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,960 / 2,825 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,335 / 3,260 USD

Group Tour, 2019, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,295 / 2,190 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,585 / 2,525 GBP

Group Tour, 2019, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,990 / 3,805 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,495 / 4,395 CAD

Group Tour, 2020

Set departures 2020: 05 May, 02 July, 05 September



Book your tour more than a year in advance at 2019 rate.

Group Tour, 2020, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,380 / 4,180 AUD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,935 / 4,825 AUD

Group Tour, 2020, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,110 / 2,965 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,499 / 3,425 USD

Group Tour, 2020, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,410 / 2,299 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,715 / 2,650 GBP

Group Tour, 2020, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,190 / 3,999 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,720 / 4,610 CAD

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020

Starting dates for 2019-2020: Flexible



Private Tour, 2019, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 6,005 / 5,835 AUD
Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 6,599 / 6,435 AUD

Private Tour, 2019, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,260 / 4,140 USD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 4,685 / 4,565 USD

Private Tour, 2019, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,299 / 3,210 GBP Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,630 / 3,540 GBP

Private Tour, 2019, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 5,745 / 5,580 CAD Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st/2nd class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) 6,315 / 6,150 CAD

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

ACCOMMODATION:

- Hand-picked centrally located hotels:
 - 3 nights Moscow;
 - 1 night Suzdal;
 - 1 night Yaroslavl;
 - 2 nights Kazan;
 - 4 nights St. Petersburg;
 - 1 night on board the train.

MEALS:

- Full breakfast daily except night aboatd the train;
- 6 lunches: 3 lunches on the Golden Ring tour, 1 in Kazan, 1 in Bolgar, 1 in Veliky Novgorod;
- Degustation of Medovukha with Russian pirozhki;
- Russian pancake Maslenitsa Experience.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Moscow Vladimir express train (private tours);
- Moscow Kazan train, 4-berth (2nd class);
- Kazan St Petersburg airfare, economy;
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg;
- Transfers as per program;
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus;
- Transportation to/from Veliky Novgorod for group tours in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus;
- Transportation to/from Veliky Novgorod for private tours by train.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:



SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - Vladimir guided tour: Dormition Cathedral, Cathedral of St. Dimitriy;
 - Bogolyubovo guided tour: the ruins of Prince Bogolyubsky's castle with its Staircase Tower, the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin and the Church of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin on the Nerl River;
 - Suzdal and Kostroma full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius, Museum of Wooden Architecture, Ipatievsky Monastery, the Museum of Flax and Birch Bark;
 - Yaroslavl and Sergiev Posad full dau (8 hours) guided tour: Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, the Church of Elijah the Prophet, the Residence of Maslenitsa, the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius;
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Armory, the Red Square, Moscow metro tour, Novodevichy Convent;
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Stalin's skyscrapers, Kolomenskoe;
 - Kazan full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kazan Kremlin, Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square;

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

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 - Bolgar full day guided tour: Bolgar Historical and Archaeological Complex including the Bolgar ancient settlement, Museum of the Bolgar Civilization and enter the White Mosque;
 - 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 Palaces of Peterhof, channel boat tour;
 - Veliky Novgorod full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kremlin, the Cathedral of St. Sophia, Yaroslav's Court, the St. George's Monastery, the Wooden Architecture 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 TOURS:

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director;
- Group size 20 people maximum;
- Welcome dinner.

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners not mentioned
- Insurance

OPTIONAL TOURS: ASK YOUR TRAVEL MANAGER FOR MORE DETAILS



MOSCOW

MUSEUM OF COSMONAUTICS GUIDED TOUR

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 115 // USD 81 // GBP 63 // CAD 110

COLD WAR TRACES: SECRET ANTI- NUCLEAR BUNKER -42

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 120 // USD 85// GBP 66 // CAD 115

CHANNEL BOAT TOUR

Rate per person: AUD 100 // USD 75 // GBP 60 // CAD 95

EXTRA NIGHT STAY (THE SAME FOR MOSCOW & ST. PETERSBURG)

Rate per person (3*): AUD 63 // USD 45 // GBP 30 // CAD 60

Rate per person (4*): AUD 113 // USD 80 // GBP 62 // CAD 108

Rate per person (5*): AUD 188 // USD 134 // GBP 104 // CAD 180

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

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 250 // USD 185 // GBP 140 // CAD 240

MARIINSKY BALLET

Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)
 Rate per person: from AUD 80 // USD 60 // GBP 45 // CAD 80

COSSACK SHOW

Rate per person: AUD 105 // USD 75 // GBP 60 // CAD 100

CHANNEL BOAT TOUR

Rate per person: AUD 80 // USD 60 // GBP 45 // CAD 75

FABERGE TOUR (MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE TO GO)

Rate per person: AUD 75

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OUR HAND PICKED HOTELS IN THE DOWNTOWNS



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3* Stoleshnikov Boutique Hotel/Apart Hotel Naumov Sretenka/ Forton or similar
4* Peking/Pushkin/Azimut Smolenskaya or similar
5* Metropol'*/National/Savoy or similar

St. Petersburg

3* Asteria/Aglaya/Hotel Mojka nab.Mojki
5/Atlantika or similar
4* Tchaikovsky/Aston/Zolotoy Vek /
Ambassador / Privilegiya or similar
5* Sofitel/Astoria/Hermitage or similar

Suzdal

3* Veliy Hotel/Eco Hotel Suzdal Inn/Medniy Dvor or similar
4* SK Royal Hotel Yaroslavl/Ring Premier Hotel/Baccara or similar

Yaroslavl

3* Parade Hotel/Hotel on the water
 Volzhskaya Zemchuzhina/Alesha
 Popovitch Dvor or similar
 4* SK Royal Hotel Yaroslavl/Ring Premier
 Hotel/Baccara or similar

Kazan

3* Nogay/Tatar Inn/Maxim Gor'kiy or similar

4* Art Hotel/Korona/Courtyard by Marriott Kazan Kremlin or similar

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