

## SPECIAL OFFER ONE WEEK - TWO CAPITALS 8 Days From Moscow to St Petersburg

Your personal Consultant:

18 - 25 June, 2019 17 - 24 September, 2019

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This package is available either **Group Tour** (scheduled departures) or **Private Tour** (flexible dates) MOSCOW & ST. PETERSBURG



- Australian-owned company
- Over 10 years experience in Russia
- 24/7 support in Australia and Russia











Day 1 – Arrival at Moscow Day 2 – Moscow full day guided tour (8 hours) Day 3– Moscow full day guided tour (8 hours) Day 4 – Departure to St Peterburg (4 hours by high speed bullet train)+night drawing bridges tour Day 5 – St Petersburg full day guided tour Day 6 – St Petersburg full day guided tour (8 hours) Day 7 – Catherine's palace guided tour (6 hours) Day 8 – Departure





DAY 1

- Arrive at Moscow
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Free time
- Group tour: welcome
   dinner

### <u>DAY 2</u>

Breakfast

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- Moscow Kremlin Tour, including the Armory and
  - Red Square
- Moscow metro tour
  Novodevichy Convent tour Sparrow Hills

## **DAY 3**

Breakfast

Itinerary

- The Tretyakov State Art
   Gallery
  - Stalin's skyscrapers tour The VDNKh

#### **DAY 4**

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St. Petersburg
- Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Night boat tour: drawing bridges

### <u>DAY 5</u>

- Breakfast
- Private guided tour to the Royal Palaces of
  - Peterhof
- Afternoon: visit

Faberge Museum

## <u>DAY 6</u>

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

## DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace
- Free time in the park

## DAY 8

- Breakfast
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for the departure flight



Discovery Russia hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia!

If you're hesitating about going to Russia, you may find these reviews useful:

- Trustpilot <u>https://www.trustpilot.com/review/www.discoveryrussia.com.au</u>
- Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/pg/discoveryrussia.com.au/reviews/</u>



# <u>Russian visa</u>

- 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

# DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT MOSCOW



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- Meet & Greet at Moscow airport
- Transfer to your hotel in the downtown
- Free time
- Group tour: welcome dinner

# Day 2: Discover Moscow

- Breakfast
- A visit to the Moscow Kremlin including Armory and to the Red Square
- Moscow Metro tour
- Excursion in Novodevich Convent
- And Sparrow Hills

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.

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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. So, there are many kremlins in Russia and in Moscow alone we will show you a few!

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 3: Discover Moscow



#### • Breakfast

- The Tretyakov State Art Gallery - the must see collection of Russian art
- Stalin's skyscrapers tour
- The VDNKh & Museum
  - of Cosmonautics

<u>The VDNKh (</u>"Vystavka Dostizheniy Narodnogo Khozyaystva"—the "All-Russia Exhibition Centre") complex was built to be an exhibition centre of the entire USSR.

Today it is a remarkable place to visit with lots of museums, amazing buildings, the modern art exhibition centre and the Museum of Cosmonautics.

A remarkable feature of Stalin's era are the so-called "Stalin's skyscrapers", each built in different areas of the city, following common principles of design, but all very different from each other. One of them is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, another is a hotel, a third the Moscow State University, etc! Every building has its own story—and its own famous residents. Private car at disposal for this day.



### DAY 4: Transfer to St.Petersburg



- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to St.Petersburg

 Meet and greet at St Petersburg railway station

Transfer to your hotel in the downtown

Night boat tour: drawing bridges

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. Experience the thrilling spectacle of the drawbridges in full operation.

## DAY 5: Discover St. Petersburg



Breakfast

Visiting the royal Peterhof Palace

- Guided tour
- Faberge Museum

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.



## **DAY 6: Discover St. Petersburg**

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#### 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 worldfamous 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.

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.

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### DAY 7: Discover St. Petersburg



- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace
- Free time in the park

Catherine's palace - the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family <u>Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo</u>, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Private car at disposal for this day

The world-famous "Amber Room", known as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World', is here in Catherine's palace.

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# **DAY 8: Farewell**

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Breakfast

Check out from the hotel
Transfer to the airport

for departure flight

#### Private Tour, 2 people

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,460 AUD Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,965 AUD Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 3,670 AUD Dates are flexible

#### Group Tour

Rate per person (3\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 1,695 AUD Rate per person (4\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,050 AUD Rate per person (5\* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) 2,750 AUD Starting dates for 2019: June 18, September 17

#### **INCLUSIONS:**

- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations
- Accommodation 3\* or 4\* hotels, central locations, sharing, with breakfast included
- Dedicated private local English-speaking guide in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Tickets to all listed attractions
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Private transfers as per program: airport-hotel Moscow, hotel-train station, train station St Petersburg hotel, hotel-airport
- St. Petersburg private sightseeing tours as specified
- Moscow-St. Petersburg intercity high-speed train SAPSAN, one way
- Moscow sightseeing tours as specified
- Russian visa supporting documents
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia
- Group tour: full time bilingual escort and welcome dinner

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#### NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee (AUD 135 per person)
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance

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