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★★★★★ 4,8 out of 5

Russia Uncovered

14 days / 13 nights

This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour

Set group departures: 15 May 2020, 11 September 2020, 12 July 2021, 4 September 2021

St Petersburg - Petrozavodsk - Kizhi Island - Petrozavodsk - Veliky Novgorod - Vladimir -
Bogolyubovo Yaroslavl - Suzdal - Moscow - St. Petersburg



What our travelers say



Russian Visa? Easy!

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Day 1: Arrive at St. Petersburg

Welcome to Russia!

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.

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

Afternoon at leisure.



Day 2: Petrozavodsk - Kizhi

Early wake up and transfer to the train station to board high-speed train Petrozavodsk and a boat to Kizhi Island in Lake Onega.

The Kizhi museum has been researching, preserving and popularizing culture of the native peoples of Karelia for more than 40 years and now includes 83 masterpieces of wooden architecture: old chapels and houses, windmills and granaries, threshing barns and racks for drying crops...

The gem of this collection is the 22 domed Church of the Transfiguration of Our Savior, 37 meters height. The Church of the Intercession of Holy Mary and the Bell-Tower located nearby emphasize the harmony and magnificence of the main Church.

Late evening, return boat ride and check-in at the Petrozavodsk hotel.



Day 3: Arrive Veliky Novgorod

After breakfast, transfer to the train station to board the train to Veliky Novgorod.

Veliky Novgorod (usually shortened to Novgorod) is a proud and beautiful city, billed as the 'Birthplace of Russia'. Historical center of the city is declared as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and it's quite worth a visit.

Take a transfer to the hotel, check-in.

Evening free at leisure.



Breakfast



Veliky Novgorod
hotel



Bullet train
Petrozavodsk -
Veliky Novgorod



Day 4: Veliky Novgorod

Start your tour to Veliky Novgorod, one of Russia's most ancient cities. It was Russia's first capital. No other Russian city can compete with Novgorod in the variety and age of its medieval monuments. In the 12th century, the Novgorod city-state controlled most of Europe's North-East, from today's Estonia to the Ural Mountains making it one of the largest states in medieval Europe.

During the tour, we will visit the Cathedral of St. Sophia, Yaroslav's Court, the St. George's Monastery, the Wooden Architecture Museum and the Novgorod Kremlin, or Detinets, as it was called in Novgorod in old times. It is the most ancient out of the preserved Kremlins in Russia (it is first mentioned in the chronicle of 1044). From this place, squads of Alexander Nevsky marched out to the battle with the Swedes.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the overnight train to Vladimir.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



On board the
train



Bullet train Veliky
Novgorod -
Vladimir

Day 5: Bogolyubovo & Vladimir

Start the day with the tour to Vladimir. Vladimir was one of the medieval capitals of Russia, with significant buildings surviving from the 12th century. Here you will visit the Dormition Cathedral and the architectural complex of the Cathedral of St. Dimitriy.

The tour continues to Bogolyubovo. During the tour we will visit the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin and the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl, UNESCO World Heritage Site, built in 1165 by Prince Andrey Bogolyubsky. It still remains a model of beauty and harmony.

Proceed to Yaroslavl for overnight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Yaroslavl hotel



Day 6: Yaroslavl & Rostov the Great

Start the day with the guided tour to Yaroslavl. Yaroslavl was the first Christian city on the Volga River. Apparently, there are plenty of decent cathedrals and churches here to visit, however, we feel it's better to skip and instead, visit the Residence of Maslenitsa. What is, or who is Maslenitsa? You will learn it there!

Proceed to Rostov the Great, one of the most ancient Russian cities. It was first mentioned in chronicles in 862, and the word 'the Great' was added to the official name of the city much later, in the 12th century. We visit outstanding Rostov Kremlin, which is probably not that old by Russian standards - it dates back to 17th century only - but is a truly magnificent fairy-tale town. We shall visit great local museum, one-of-a-kind place to get acquainted with this unique Russian art. For centuries, the most outstanding artists and jewelers of these land have kept secrets of the technology. The master class will allow you to create your own enamel miniatures.

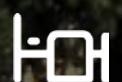
Transfer to Suzdal and overnight.



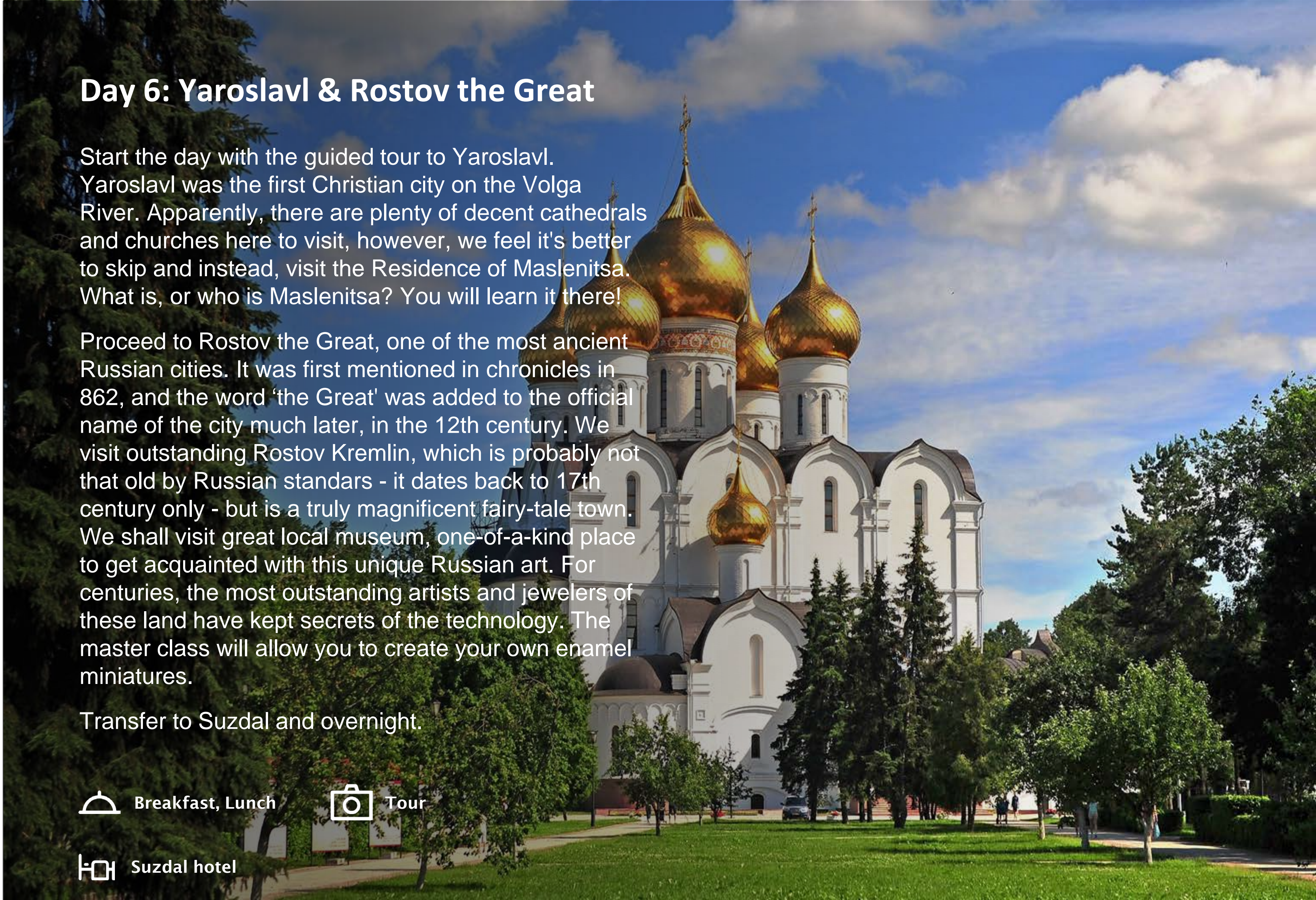
Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Suzdal hotel



Day 7: Suzdal

Take off for a guided tour in Suzdal. During the tour, you will see the brilliant architectural complex of the Suzdal Kremlin and its gem - the beautiful Chamber of the Christ, explore the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius (or Intercession Convent).

In Suzdal will try "medovukha" - famous Russian soft drink based on honey. Suzdal produces the very best one!

Also, we visit the Museum of Wooden Architecture and take part in traditional local crafts master-class. The museum keeps numerous examples of old wooden architecture and is considered to be a little corner of classical ancient Russia.

In the evening, take a transfer to Moscow.



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Breakfast, Lunch,
Degustation of
Medovukha



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 2: 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".



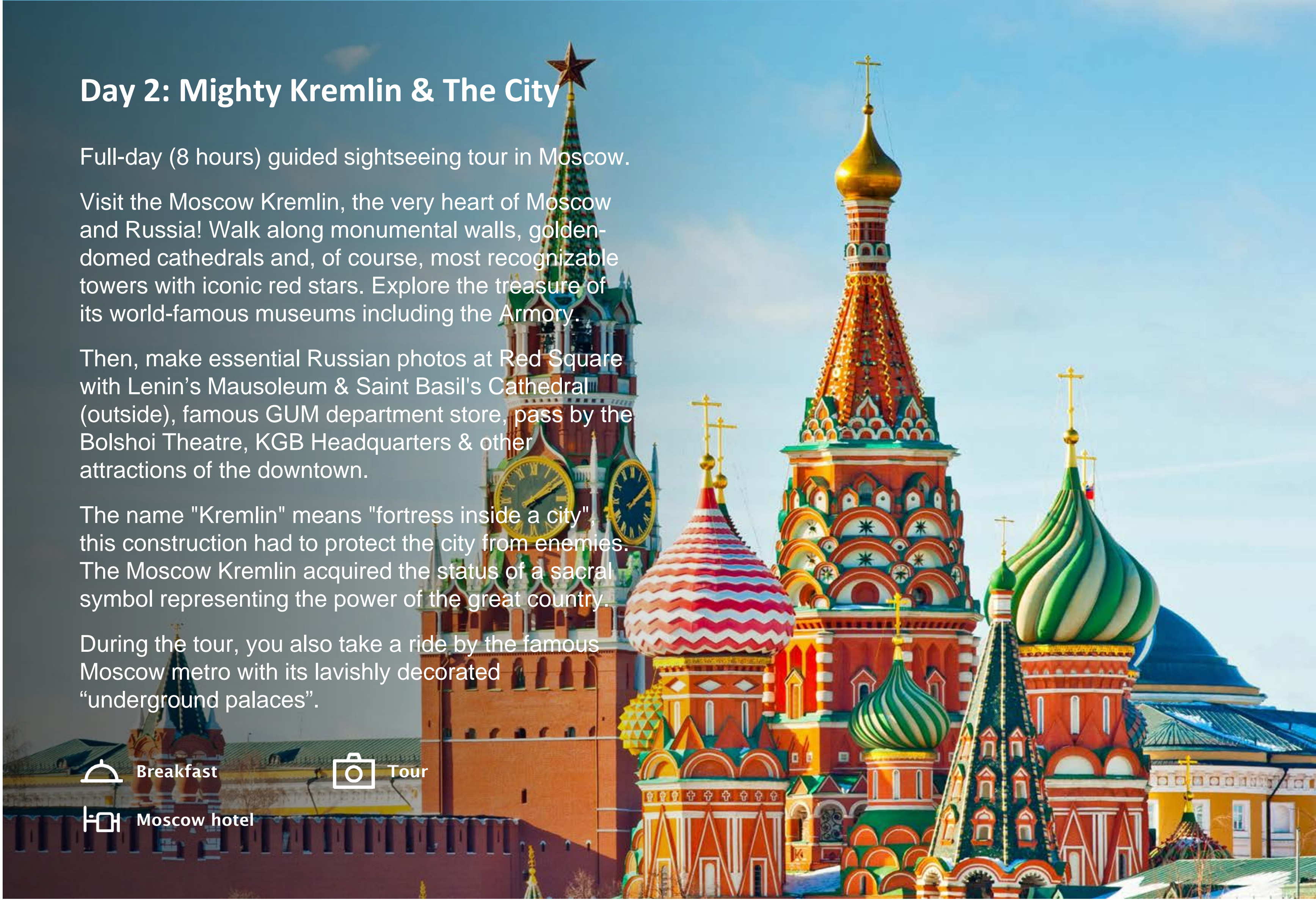
Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 3: 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.

In the evening, join your fellow travelers for group dinner to celebrate the success of your trip.



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Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel

Day 4: 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.

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Afternoon at leisure.



Day 5: Peterhof Palace

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).



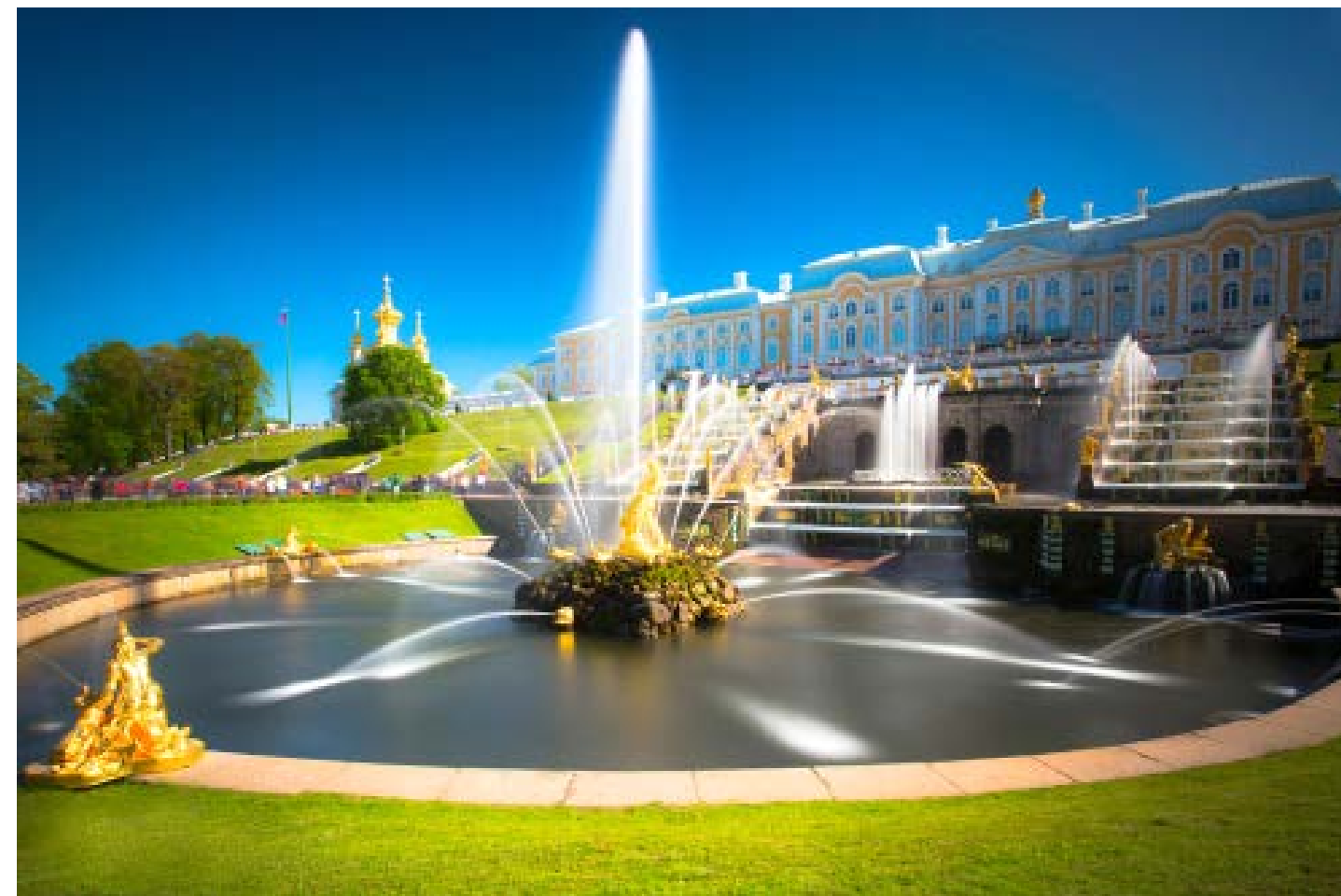
Breakfast



Tour



St. Petersburg
hotel





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Day 6: 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.



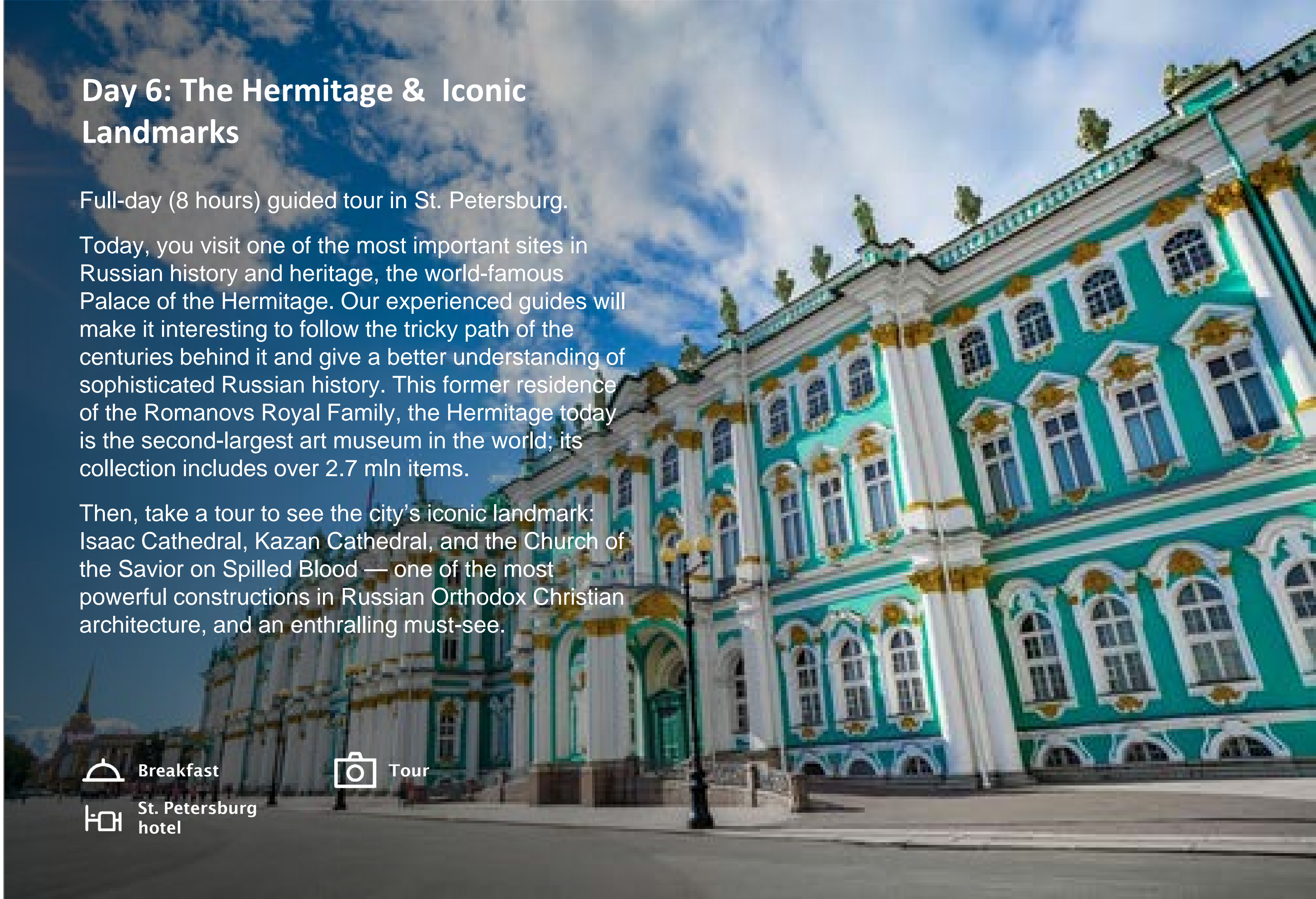
Breakfast



St. Petersburg
hotel



Tour



Day 7: 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



St. Petersburg
hotel

Day 8: Farewell

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



Breakfast





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Dates & Rates USD per person in twin/double room

Early book: Get 2020 rate on your 2021 departure if you book 365 days in advance.

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	\$ 2,465 USD	\$ 3,025 USD	
Single supplement	\$ 805 USD	\$ 1,325 USD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. Contact us for a custom quote.	\$ 5,445 USD	\$ 5,965 USD	

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Dates & Rates AUD per person in twin/double room

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	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	\$ 3,475 AUD	\$ 4,265 AUD	
Single supplement	\$ 1,135 AUD	\$ 1,865 AUD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. Contact us for a custom quote.	\$ 7,675 AUD	\$ 8,405 AUD	

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Group package	£ 1,910 GBP	£ 2,345 GBP	
Single supplement	£ 625 GBP	£ 1,025 GBP	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. Contact us for a custom quote.	£ 4,220 GBP	£ 4,625 GBP	

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Dates & Rates CAD per person in twin/double room

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	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	\$ 3,325 CAD	\$ 4,080 CAD	
Single supplement	\$ 1,085 CAD	\$ 1,785 CAD	on request
Private tour	\$ 7,340 CAD	\$ 8,040 CAD	
Based on 2 people to go. Contact us for a custom quote.			

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Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels:

- 5 nights St. Petersburg
- 3 nights Moscow
- 1 night Yaroslavl
- 1 night Suzdal
- 1 night Veliky Novgorod
- 1 night Petrozavodsk

1 night aboard the train Veliky Novgorod - Vladimir, first class

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)
- 4 lunches: Russian pancakes experience in the Residence of Maslenitsa (lunch) in Yaroslavl, degustation of Medovukha (lunch) in Suzdal, 1 lunch in Vladimir, 1 lunch in Veliky Novgorod

TRANSPORTATION

- Bullet train Moscow to St. Petersburg, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options
- St. Petersburg - Petrozavodsk, intercity bullet train, one way, standard class
- Petrozavodsk - Veliky Novgorod, intercity bullet train, one way, standard class
- Veliky Novgorod - Vladimir intercity overnight train, one way, 1st class
- Full metro/public transport passes in 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

Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING

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

- 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
- 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

- Vladimir and Bogolyubovo full day (8 hours) guided tour: Dormition Cathedral, the Cathedral of St. Dimitriy, the ruins of Prince Bogolyubsky's castle, the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl
- Yaroslavl half day (4 hours) guided tour: the Residence of Maslennitsa, the main cathedrals // Rostov the Great half day (4 hours) guided tour: the Rostov Kremlin, master Class on national crafts
- Suzdal day (6 hours) guided tour: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius, Museum of Wooden Architecture
- 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
- Kizhi Island guided tour



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Tour Inclusions

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

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 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*)



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SAINT PETERSBURG

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

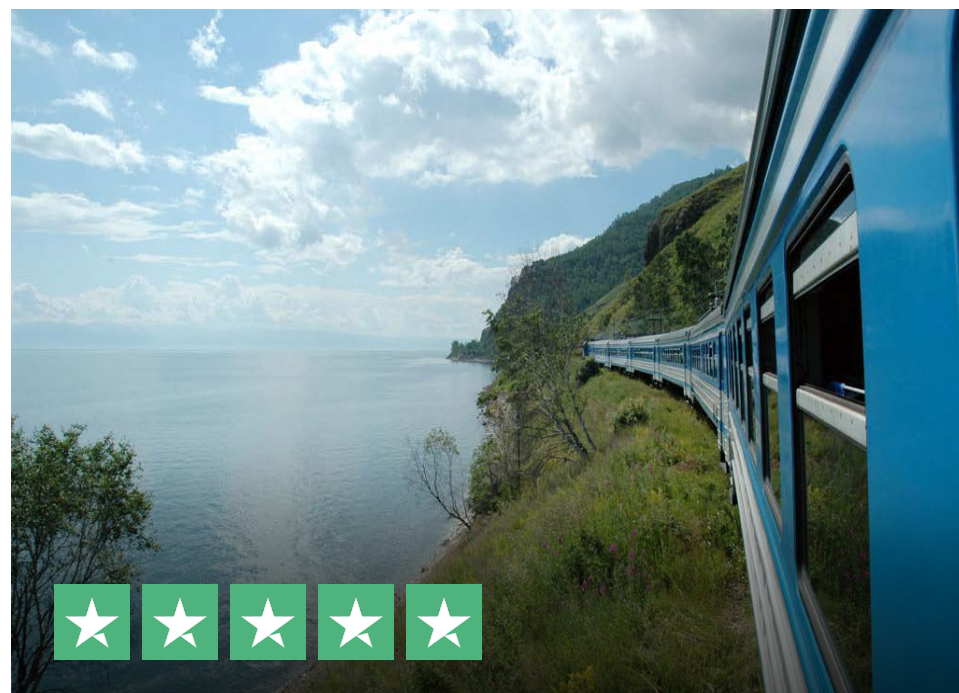
Faberge Tour with audio guide

- Ticket only (no guidance/ with transportation)
USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 74
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

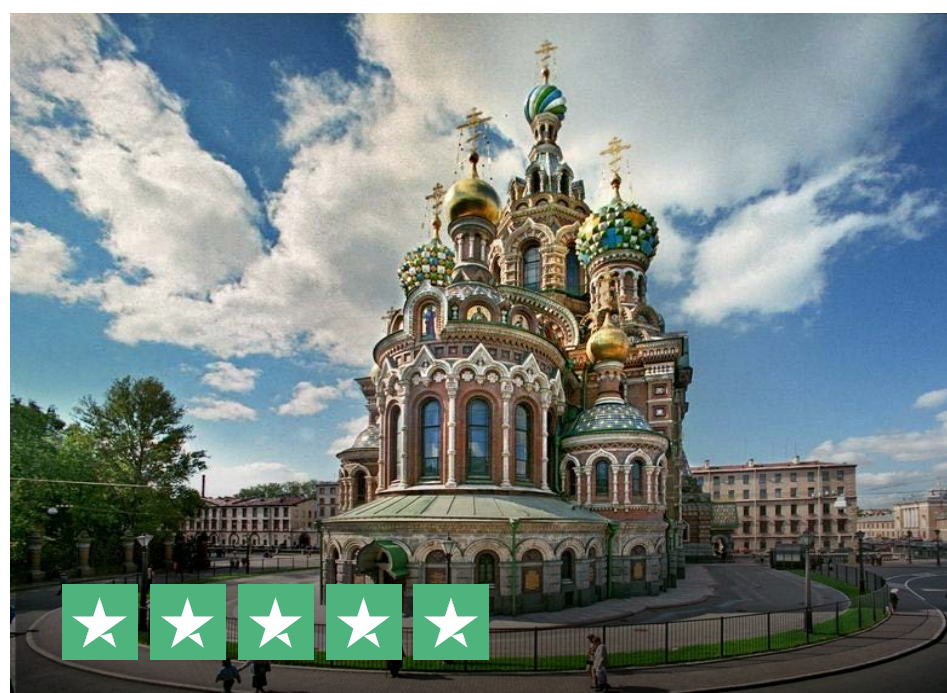
USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75 per person (3*)
USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4*)
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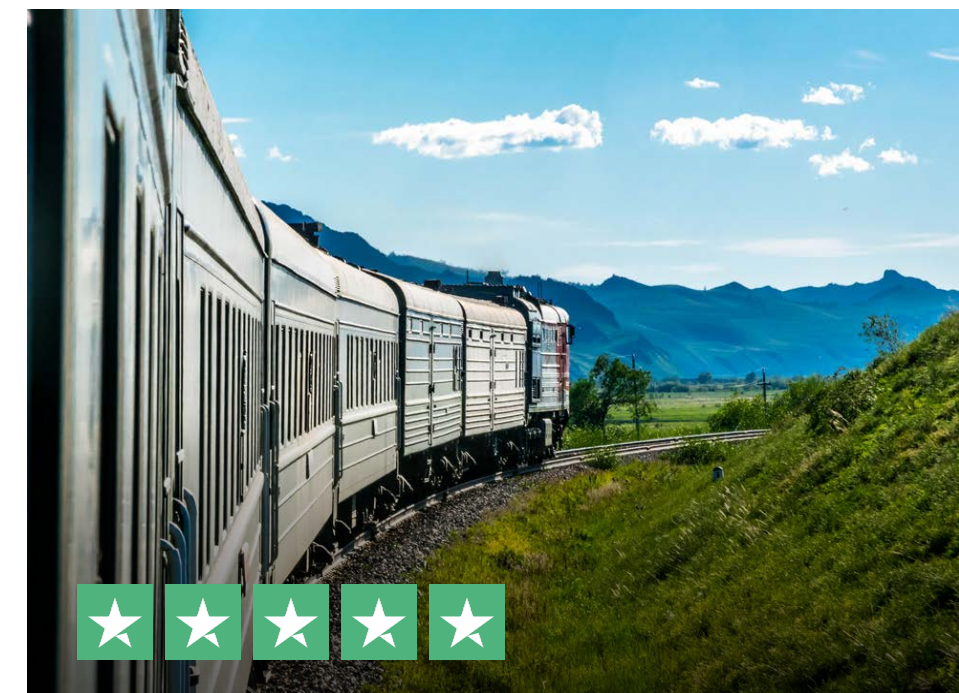
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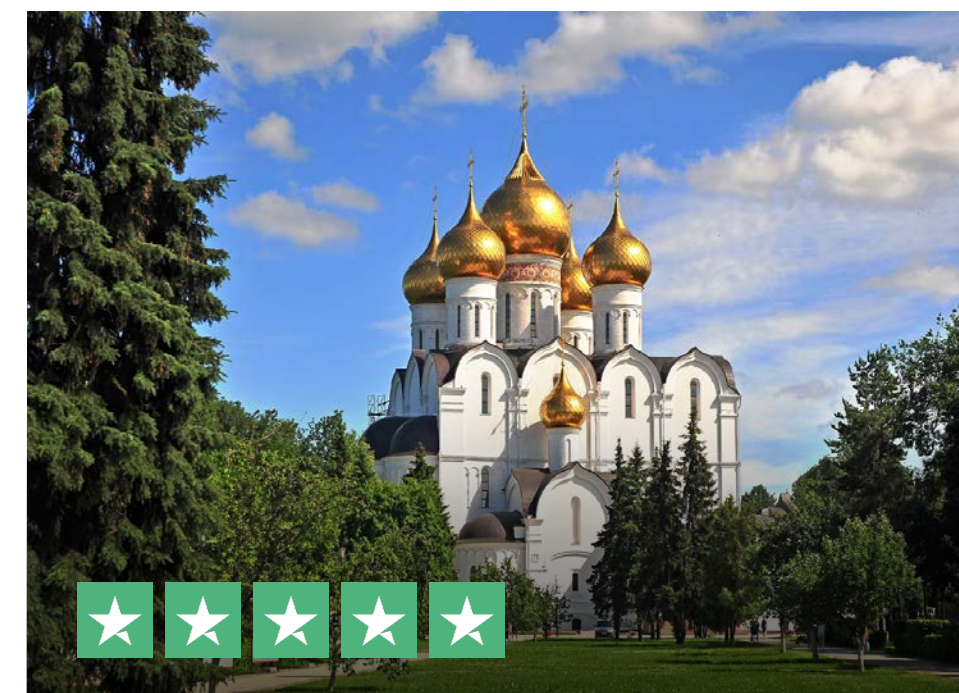
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