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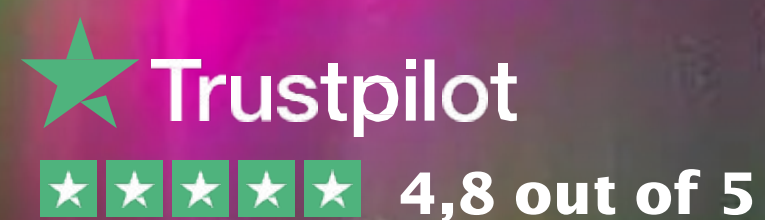
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★★★★★ 4,8 out of 5

Moscow, St Petersburg & Northern Lights

11 days / 10 nights

**This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour
(on request)**

St Petersburg – Moscow – Murmansk : 26 December 2021 (New Year), 12 February 2022 (Men's Day)

Moscow – St Petersburg- Murmansk : 30 December 2021 (New Year), 26 February 2022 (Spring Fest)



What our travelers say



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Day 1: Arrive St Petersburg (tour operates Moscow –St Petersburg too)

Welcome to St Petersburg, the Venice of the North!

Founded by the Tsar Peter the Great on the 27th of 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.

Winter is a very special time to Russia and its people. You will see one of the most beautiful cities in the world covered with snow and ice — it feels like you're stepping into a famous Russian novel! See how the locals deal with cold and snow — and participate! Open-air skating, snowball play in the parks, tobogganing down hills, walking along the frozen river banks of the Neva — experience the winter in one of the Snow Empire's two capitals!

Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the hotel in downtown. Afternoon at leisure. Group tours enjoy welcome dinner & vodka tasting!



Group Tour:
Welcome dinner &
Vodka tasting



St Petersburg
hotel



Day 2: 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, Peter & Paul Fortress and 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.



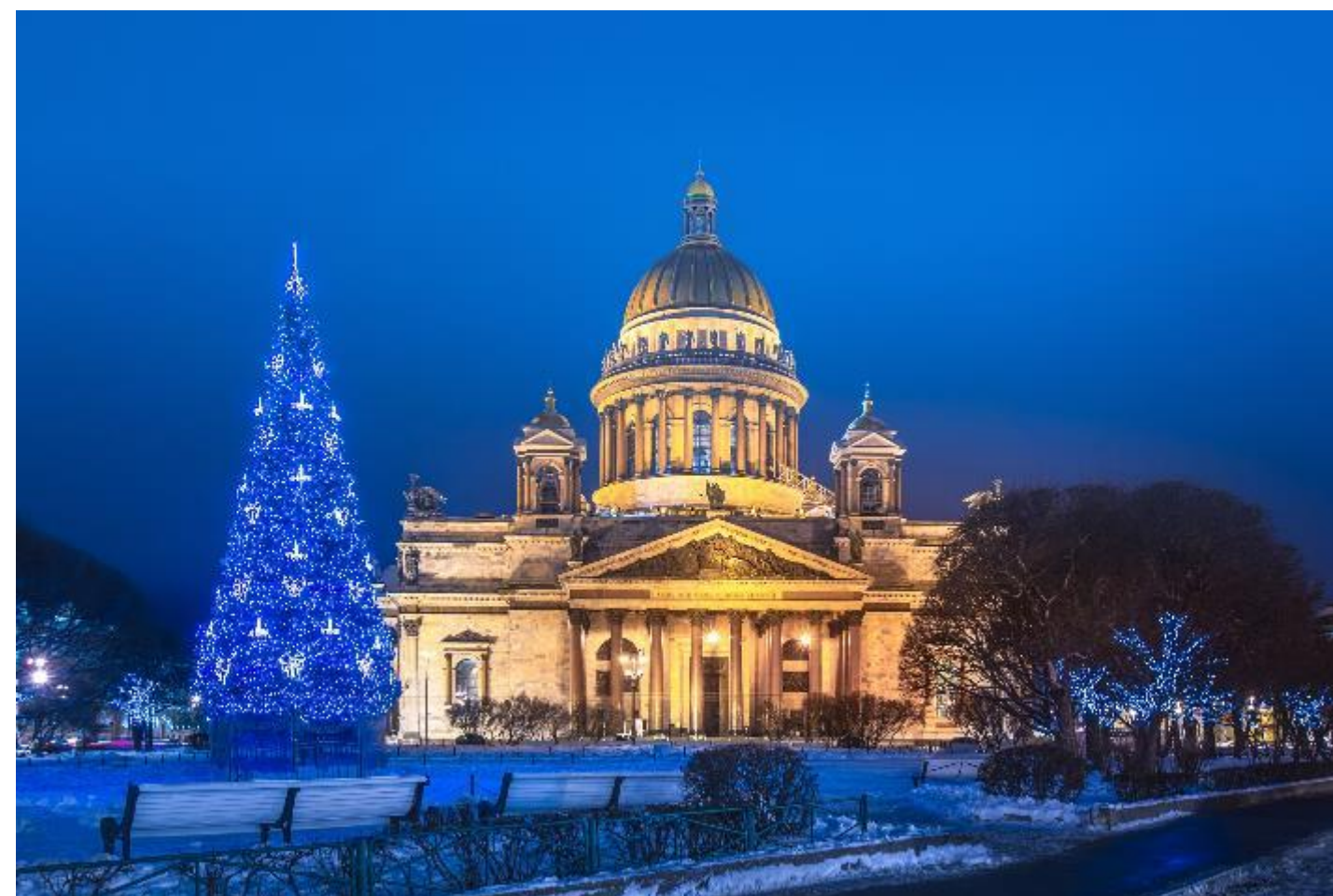
Breakfast



Tour



St Petersburg
hotel



Day 3: Catherine's 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.

Today you will also enjoy Troika ride experience. Troika is a traditional harness driving combination using a team of three horses abreast and pulling a sleigh or a carriage.

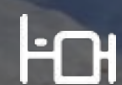
Return to St Petersburg. Extra tours are available, please inquire.



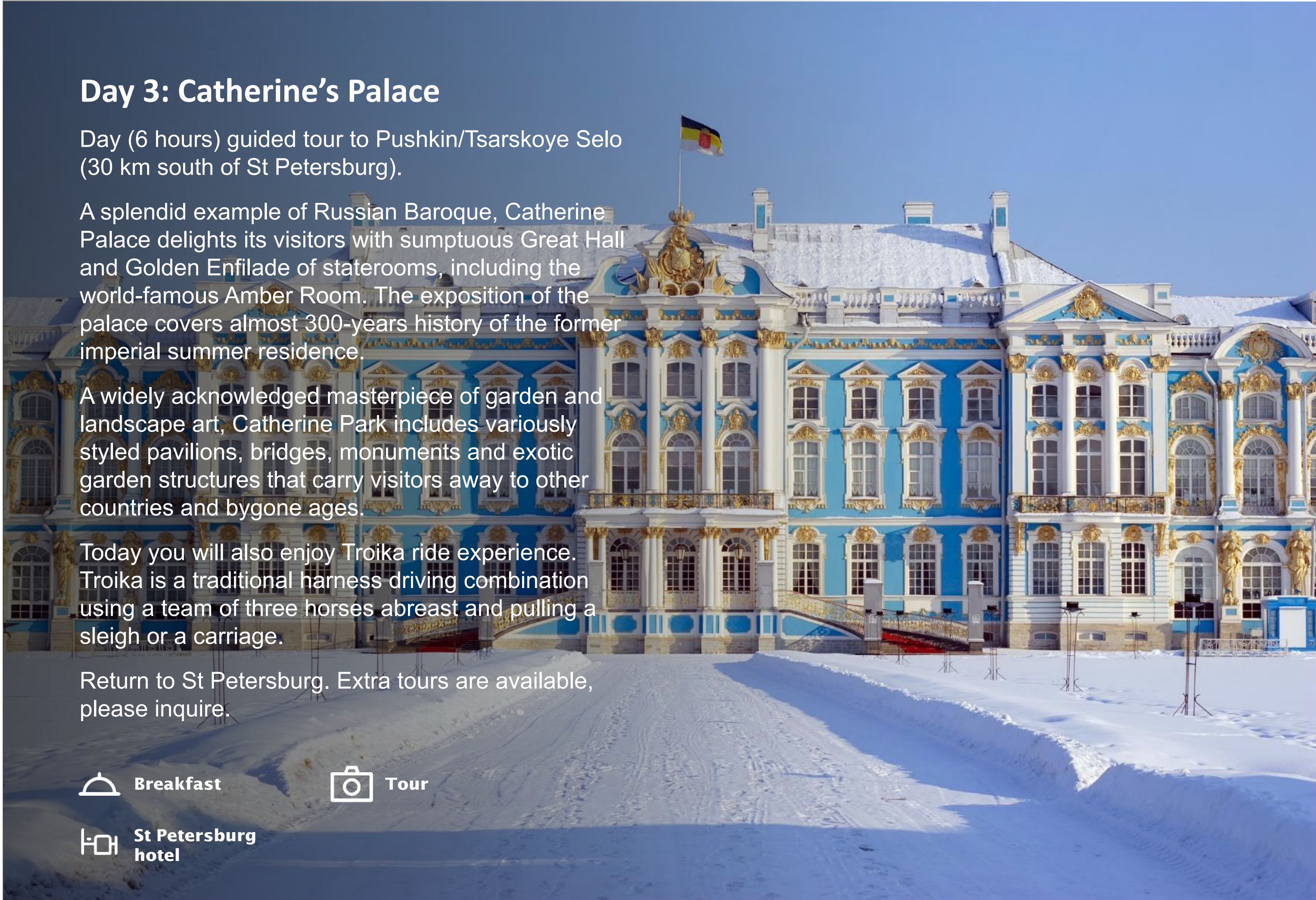
Breakfast



Tour



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hotel**




Day 4: At Leisure

Today optional tours are available: visit Faberge museum, Russian museum or go out of the megapolis to discover Veliky Novgorod.

Veliky Novgorod was Russia's first capital in the 9th century, as well as a centre for Orthodox spirituality, Russian democracy, literacy and architecture. The city boasts medieval monuments, churches and monasteries. Veliky Novgorod is the place to discover the richness of Russia's great and glorious history and the touch of the living antiquity. The ancient lands of Novgorod, the birthplace of Russia, is a must-see for a discerning traveller.

In the evening, enjoy folk show "Feel Yourself Russian" at the Nikolaevsky Palace. It is a unique performance, which allows feeling the history and soul of Russia. The classical music, performed by the quartet "Classique", create the gorgeous atmosphere of the XIX century.

 **Breakfast,**
Group Tour: Nikolaevsky
Palace performance with
dinner (ticket only)

 **Tour**

 **St Petersburg**
hotel



Day 5: Arrive Moscow

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

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 was founded in 1147. Now Moscow 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.

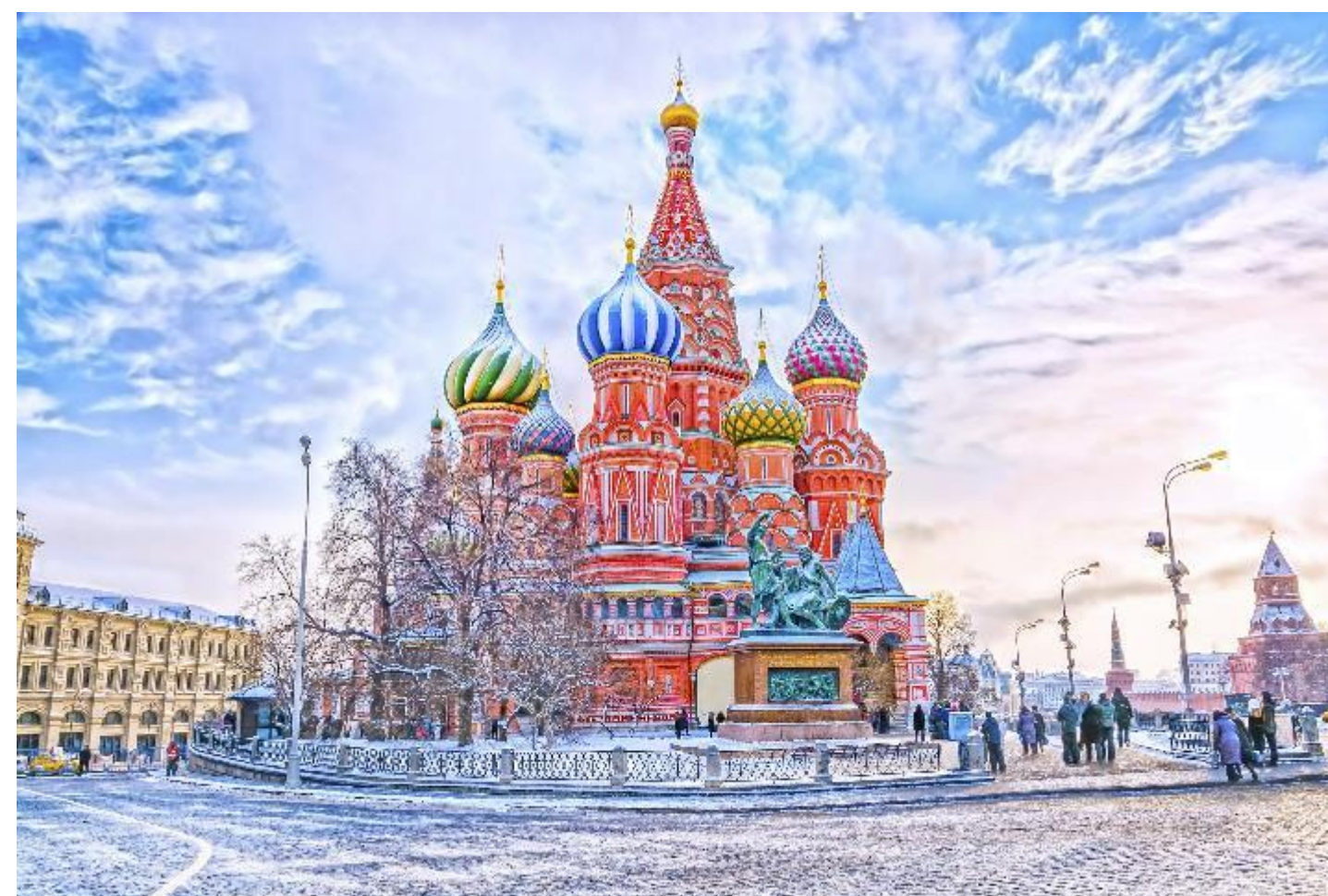


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Day 6: Mighty Kremlin & The City (New Year)

Full-day (8 hours) guided sightseeing tour in Moscow.

Take the bus city tour covering city's most remarkable highlights such as Novodevichy Convent, Sparrow Hills, Arbat and Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. 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.

The Red Square Christmas market is set around one of Moscow's largest ice rinks and surrounded by the imposing walls of the Kremlin, the colourful St Basil's Cathedral and famous GUM shopping centre. This is the main Christmas market in Moscow, where you can enjoy pleasant and nice atmosphere of New Year, buy different traditional Russian presents and taste many types of traditional Russian food and drinks.

Manezhnaya Square Christmas market is right next to the Red Square. Here you'll get the opportunity to see the highest Christmas tree of the festival (20 meters!).



Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 7: Discover Moscow

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in Moscow.

A short ride from the city centre will take you to Kolomenskoe Museum-Reserve, where you can get an idea of what Medieval Moscow looked like.

Today, visit the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world. The collection contains more than 130,000 exhibits.

During the tour, you also take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated “underground palaces”. End a day at VDNKh with its world's largest open-air skating rink (skating is optional).

In the evening, join a New Year Celebration Party in the Russian capital! In Russia, the New Year holiday trumps even Christmas in importance. Major celebrations take place all over the country in recognition of the holiday.



**Breakfast,
Group Tour: Gala
Dinner, New Year
Celebration**



Tour



Moscow hotel



Breakfast





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The Arctic Itinerary

DAY 1

- *Meet and greet at Murmansk airport*
- *Transfer to the eco-lodge in Lovozero Tundras (3 h)*
- *Snowmobile transfer to the island*
- *Lunch & Dinner in the lodge*
- *Optional: Russian banya*
- *Northern lights viewing*

DAY 2

- *Breakfast*
- *Ice fishing*
- *Lunch*
- *Snowmobiling*
- *Dinner*

DAY 3

- *Breakfast*
- *Check out*
- *Visiting Husky Park, Husky dog sledding*
- *Saami village and reindeer sleigh tour with local lunch in a "chum"*
- *Transfer to Murmansk & check in*
- *Midnight northern lights hunt*

DAY 4

- *Breakfast*
- *Teriberka tour to the Arctic Ocean*
- *Snowmobiling access to top attractions of the oceanfront*
- *Transfer to the airport for departure flight*
- *or to Murmansk hotel/ Arctic Glamping if you take post tours*

Optional Post-Tours

- *Tour 1: overnight in Arctic Glamping, Dinner and breakfast at the Igloo. (Japanese bath. Skiing) Transfer to airport.*
- *Tour 2: overnight in Murmansk, city tour, breakfast in the hotel & transfer to airport*



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Day 8: Arrival, eco-lodge in tundra, Northern lights hunting

Arrival at Murmansk by early morning flight.

Our driver will meet you at the airport and transfer to the Lovozersky tundras, the best location in Russia to watch Aurora. The only observatory specializing on Northern Lights in Russia is located just a few miles away from the lodge. Lovozersky tundras is the heart of Kola Peninsula and the second highest mountainous terrain of the area.

We will use snowmobiles to access secluded private island and the lodge with just 4 rooms. Meals in the lodge.

Optional: Russian banya. Ski, snowmobiles and other winter activities available.





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Day 9: Snowmobiling & Ice fishing

The days are short, and we will spend light hours on winter activities: ice fishing and snowmobiling. We will use fresh fish to prepare a tasty picnic. Enjoy day fun tour with activities in the middle of nowhere!

2 person per snowmobile, 1 hour driving is included.
We will have all meals in the lodge.





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Day 10: Husky park / Reindeer sleight/ Saami People

Breakfast, check out.

Guided tour around the Saami village. Get to know about traditional Saami way of life and wildlife of the area. Feed a deer, skate on a reindeer sleigh - feel yourself Saami! Lunch serving traditional Saami meals will be served in a “chum”.

Visit husky park, where you will get acquainted with the breed of these sled dogs, learn about their breeding, communicate, play and make pictures with Husky. Ride a sledge through magnificent Lovozersky tundras.

Return to Murmansk and check-in.

After dinner prepare for your Northern Lights Hunt tonight at 8-10 pm (or the other night if the forecasts hints on better chances). Our ground team is constantly monitoring the forecast. We travel to tundra to the locations where Aurora is best seen
*subject to most recent forecast.





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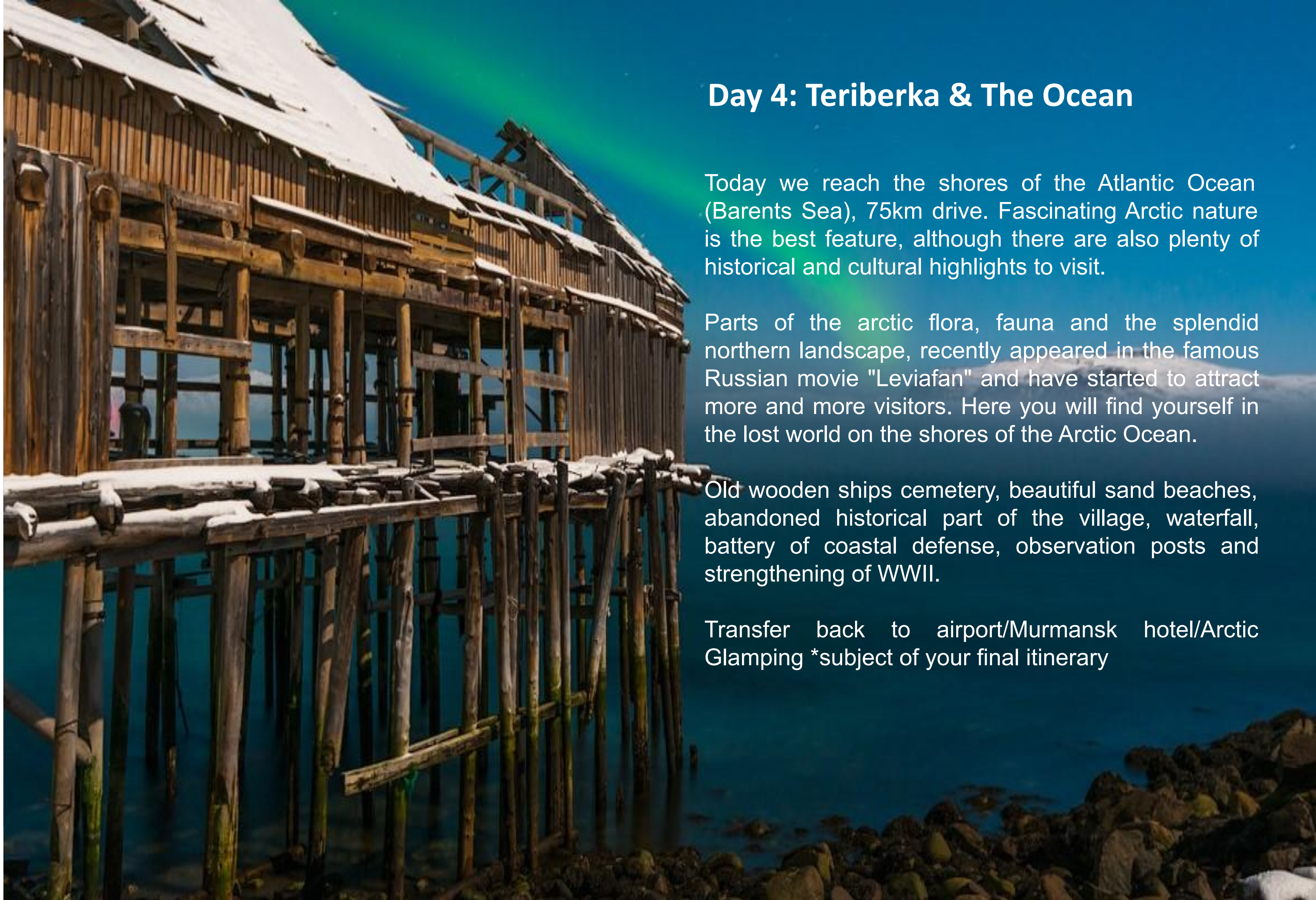
Day 4: Teriberka & The Ocean

Today we reach the shores of the Atlantic Ocean (Barents Sea), 75km drive. Fascinating Arctic nature is the best feature, although there are also plenty of historical and cultural highlights to visit.

Parts of the arctic flora, fauna and the splendid northern landscape, recently appeared in the famous Russian movie "Leviathan" and have started to attract more and more visitors. Here you will find yourself in the lost world on the shores of the Arctic Ocean.

Old wooden ships cemetery, beautiful sand beaches, abandoned historical part of the village, waterfall, battery of coastal defense, observation posts and strengthening of WWII.

Transfer back to airport/Murmansk hotel/Arctic Glamping *subject of your final itinerary





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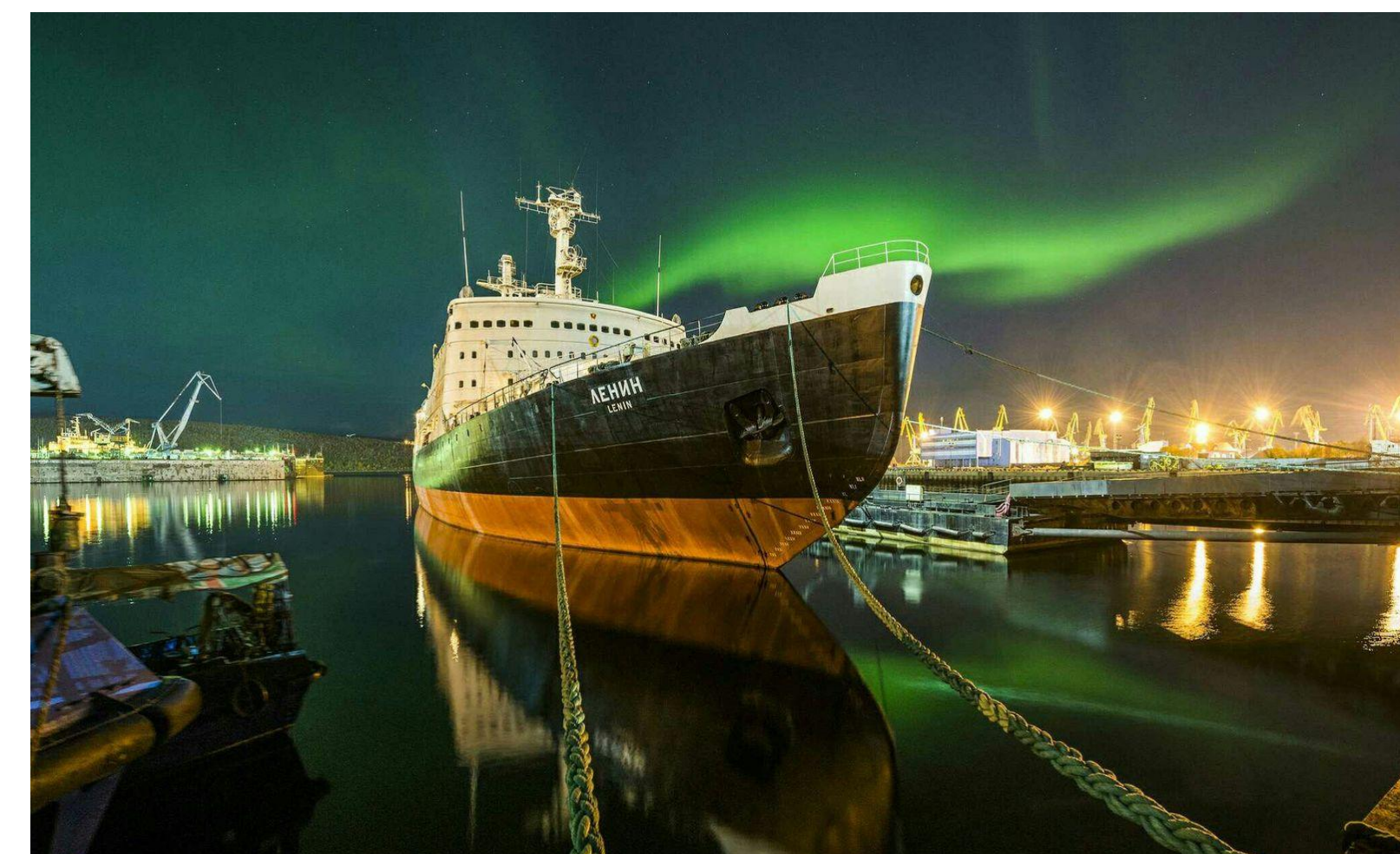
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Post Tours: the igloo experience

It is absolutely dark here and the city lights do not interfere at all with a comfortable Aurora viewing. There is a restaurant serving Arctic meals and great seafood, including fresh crab. Japanese Furoco bath under the skies and dinner in arctic glamping will be the highlights of your Arctic trip.

Nest morning, opt for a city tour in Murmansk before departure to learn about military history of the XX century (the famous Artic Convoy) and visit the first nuclear ice-breaker in the world, named – surprise! – Lenin. Murmansk played an important role as a Russian trade link with the Allies during the Second World War II. Various supplies were brought to the city with the help of the Arctic convoys. Murmansk was heavily damaged during the war. It was restored in the beginning of the 1950ies.

We will visit the monument to the Defenders of the Polar Region (Alyosha), fragment of conning tower of nuclear submarine «Kursk» and the Lighthouse — a memorial dedicated to the memory of sailors who died in peacetime and enjoy a beautiful panoramic view to Murmansk and the Kola bay from viewpoint



Dates & Rates USD

Group Package

Rate per person in twin/double room (set arrivals 25th December from St Petersburg and 29th December from Moscow)

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ Moscow, St Petersburg & Murmansk	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	\$ 3,085 USD	\$ 3,420 USD	\$ on request
Single supplement	\$ 675 USD	\$ 985 USD	\$ on request

Set group departures 2021-2022:

St Petersburg – Moscow: 26 December 2021, 12 February 2022

Moscow – St Petersburg: 30 December 2021, 26 February 2022

Dates & Rates AUD

Group Package

Rate per person in twin/double room (set arrivals 25th December from St Petersburg and 29th December from Moscow)

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ Moscow, St Petersburg & Murmansk	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	\$ 4,350 AUD	\$ 4,815 AUD	\$ on request
Single supplement	\$ 950 AUD	\$ 1,385 AUD	\$ on request

Set group departures 2021-2022:

St Petersburg – Moscow: 26 December 2021, 12 February 2022

Moscow – St Petersburg: 30 December 2021, 26 February 2022

Dates & Rates GBP

Group Package

Rate per person in twin/double room (set arrivals 25th December from St Petersburg and 29th December from Moscow)

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ Moscow, St Petersburg & Murmansk	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	£ 2,390 GBP	£ 2,650 GBP	£ on request
Single supplement	£ 520 GBP	£ 765 GBP	£ on request

Set group departures 2021-2022:

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Dates & Rates CAD

Group Package

Rate per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ Moscow, St Petersburg & Murmansk	★★★★★ hotels
Group package	\$ 3,825 CAD	\$ 4,605 CAD	\$ on request
Single supplement	\$ 735 CAD	\$ 1,325 CAD	On request

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Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels:

- 4 nights St Petersburg
- 3 nights Moscow
- 2 nights Lovozero Eco lodge
- 1 night Murmansk

MEALS

Full breakfast daily (except Day 1)

2 Lunches & 2 Dinners in Lovozero Eco Lodge

Saami lunch in Saami village

New Year dinner (26 & 30 Dec tours)// Spring Fest dinner (26 Feb Tour)// Men's Day dinner (12 Feb tour)

TRANSPORTATION

- High-speed train St Petersburg to Moscow, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options
- Flight to Murmansk from either Moscow or St Petersburg
- Meet and greet at the airports/train stations
- Metro pass in Moscow
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except Nikolaevsky Palace dinner)

SIGHTSEEING & ACTIVITIES

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: Winter Palace and the Hermitage, Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral, and Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- St Petersburg day (6 hours) guided tour: Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo, the Catherine palace, Amber room, Troika ride experience
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Kremlin Armory, the Red Square, Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre (outside), Novodevichy Convent, Sparrow hills, Christmas markets
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Kolomenskoye Estate & Wooden Palace, Metro tour, VDNKh, skating experience (optional)
- Saami village tour, reindeer sleigh ride
- Husky tour & husky sleigh ride
- Snowmobiling (1 hour, 2 people per van)
- Ice fishing & ice picnic
- Northern Lights Hunt at midnight in tundra
- English-speaking guides on tours

Tour Inclusions

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Russian visa supporting documents
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

GROUP TOUR

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director
- Group size: small group up to 22 people
- Welcome dinner & Vodka tasting
- Nikolaevsky Palace performance with dinner
- Gala Dinner, New Year Celebration for groups staying in Moscow on 31st December set arrivals 25th December from St Petersburg and 29th December from Moscow)

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*)

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 74
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

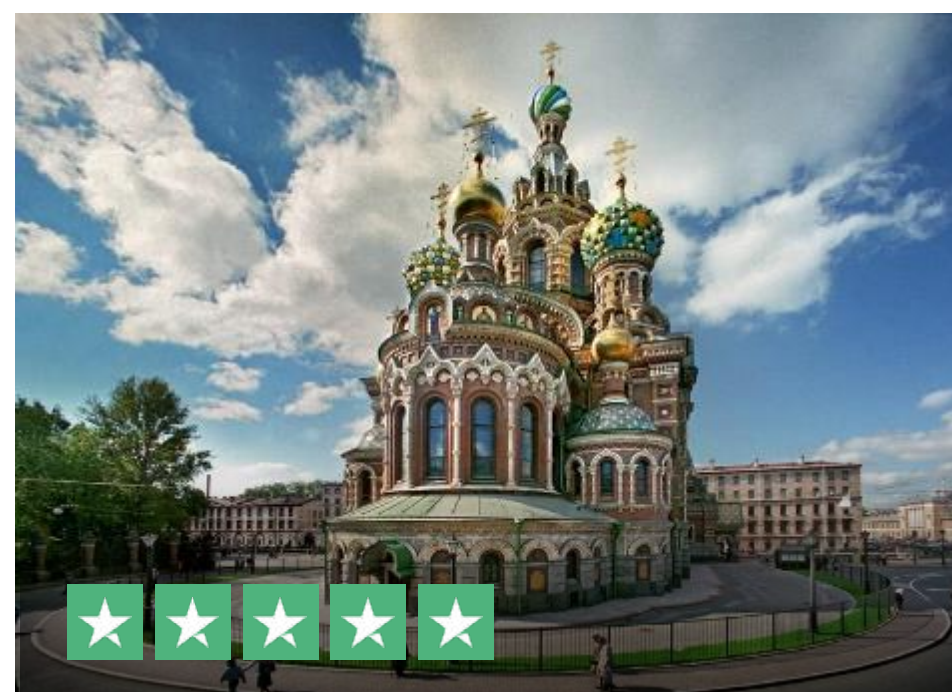
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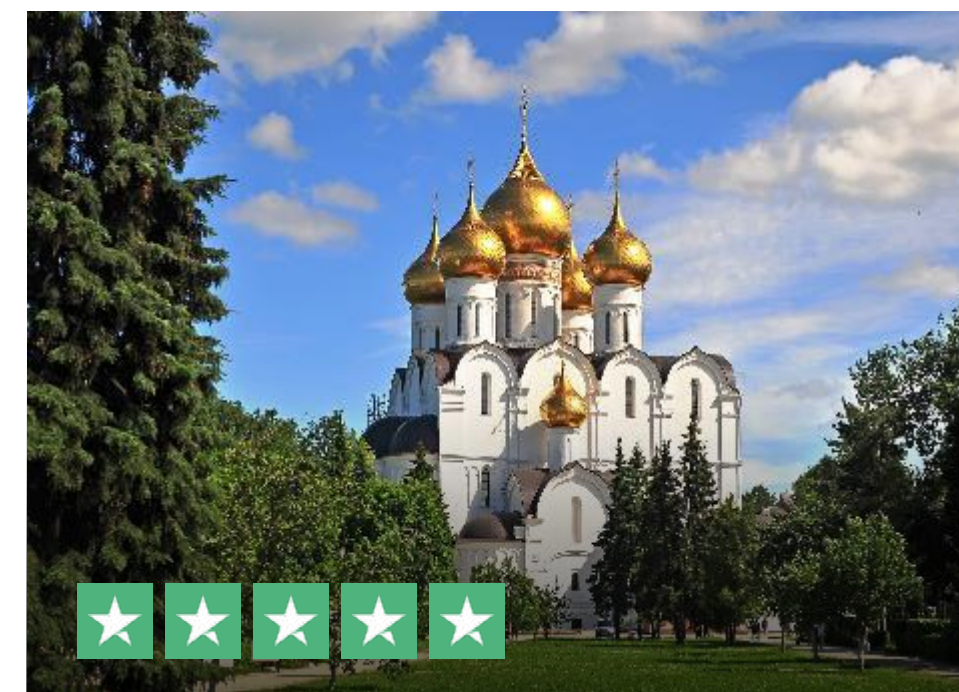
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