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

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Itinerary

DAY 1

- Meet & Greet at Moscow airport
- Transfer to your cosy hotel in the downtown
- The evening is free at leisure

DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Moscow city tour
- Guided tour to Novodevichy Convent
- Sparrow Hills (Lenin Hills)
- Take a ride by famous Moscow metro
- Arbat street

DAY 3

- Breakfast
- The State Tretyakov Gallery
- Kolomenskoye Museum-Reserve

DAY 4

- Arrival at Kazan
- City tour
- A master cooking class of Tatar dishes at a traditional restaurant
- The National Museum
- The evening is free at leisure

DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Bolgar
- Bolgar tour
- Transfer back to Kazan
- The evening is free at leisure

DAY 6

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport to take a flight to St. Petersburg
- Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check-in
- The evening is free at leisure

DAY 7

- Breakfast
- The Winter Palace/Hermitage guided tour
- St. Isaac's Cathedral
- Kazan Cathedral
- The Church of the Spilled Blood
- The Peter and Paul Fortress and cathedral

DAY 8

- Breakfast
- Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace
- Boat cruise
- The evening is free at leisure

Itinerary

DAY 9

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Kiev
- Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check-in
- The evening is free at leisure

DAY 10

- Morning arrival at Kiev
- Meet & greet
- Transfer to your hotel
- Kiev panoramic city tour
- Kiev Pechersk Lavra

DAY 11

- Breakfast
- The National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War
- Mezhyhirya Residence

DAY 12

- Early breakfast
- Transfer to the train station to board the train to Odessa
- Arrival at Odessa
- Transfer to the hotel and check-in
- Tour at Wine Culture Centre and wine degustation
- Optional sea boat tour

DAY 13

- Breakfast
- Odessa panoramic city tour
- Tour to Odessa Catacombs

DAY 14

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Lviv
- Arrival at Lviv airport and transfer to your hotel
- 3-hour guided city tour in Lviv
- Coffee tour

DAY 15

- Breakfast
- Ancient castles tour
- The evening is free at leisure

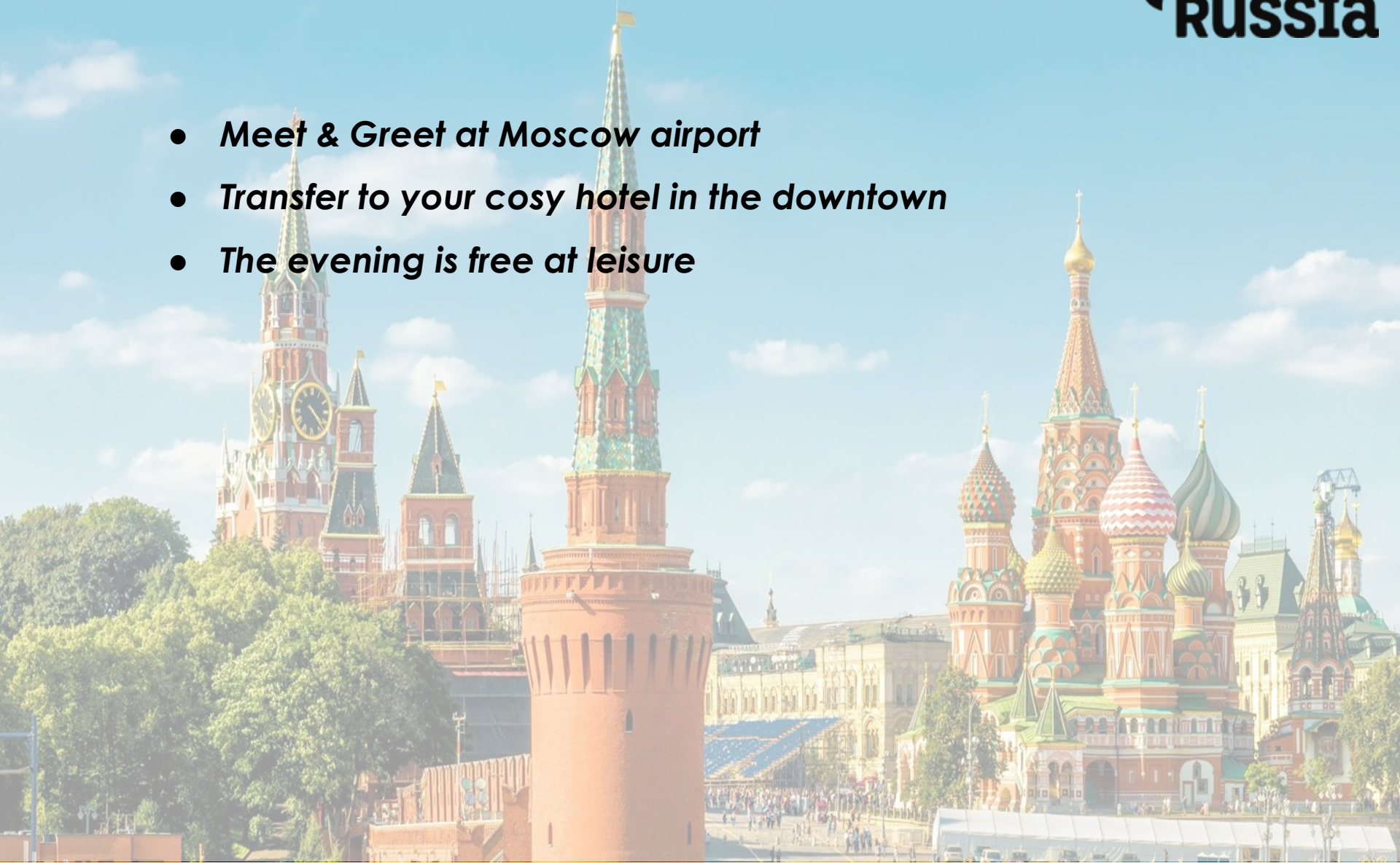
DAY 16

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport and departure

DAY 1: Welcome to Russia!



- ***Meet & Greet at Moscow airport***
- ***Transfer to your cosy hotel in the downtown***
- ***The evening is free at leisure***

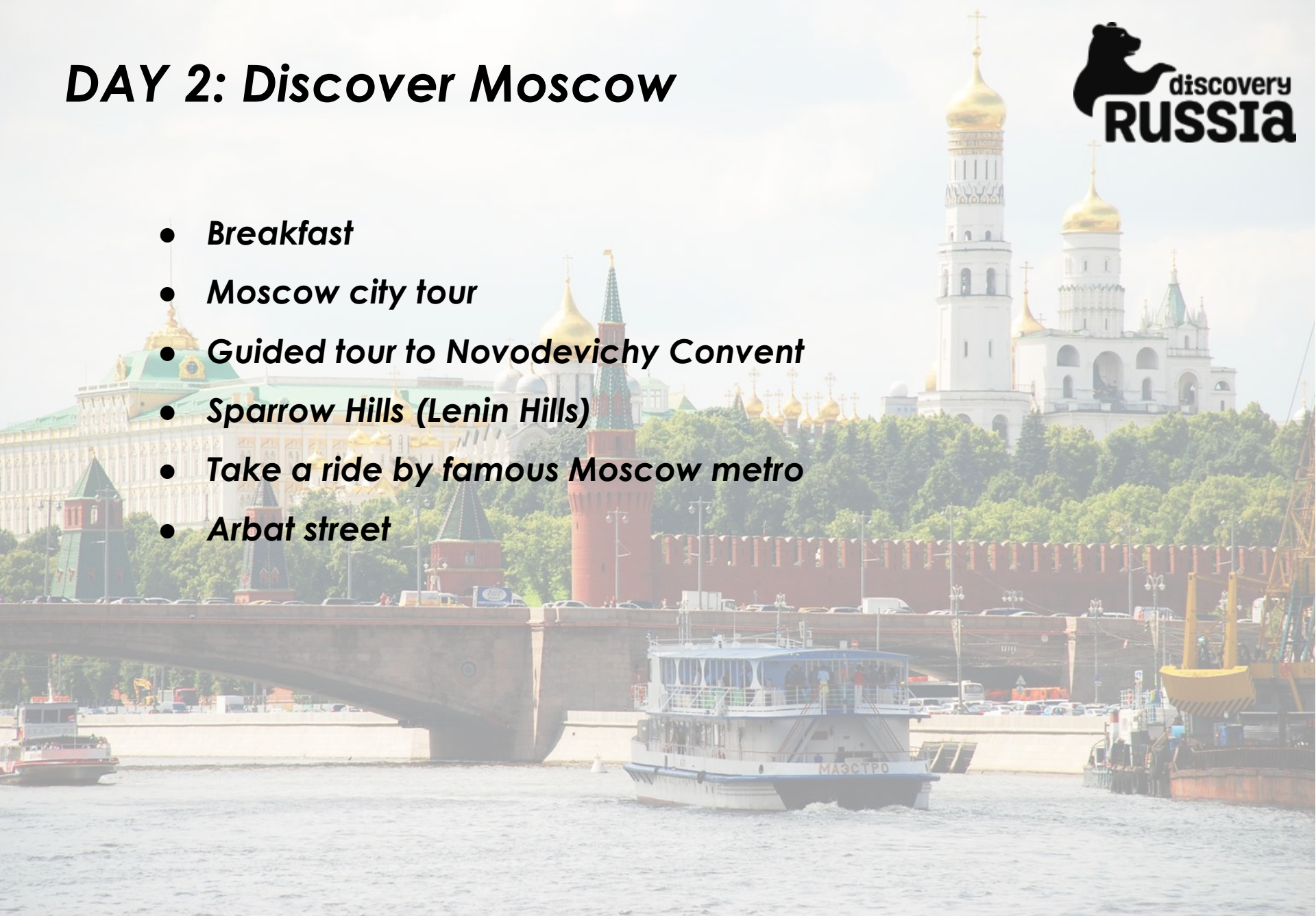


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DAY 2: Discover Moscow



- *Breakfast*
- *Moscow city tour*
- *Guided tour to Novodevichy Convent*
- *Sparrow Hills (Lenin Hills)*
- *Take a ride by famous Moscow metro*
- *Arbat street*



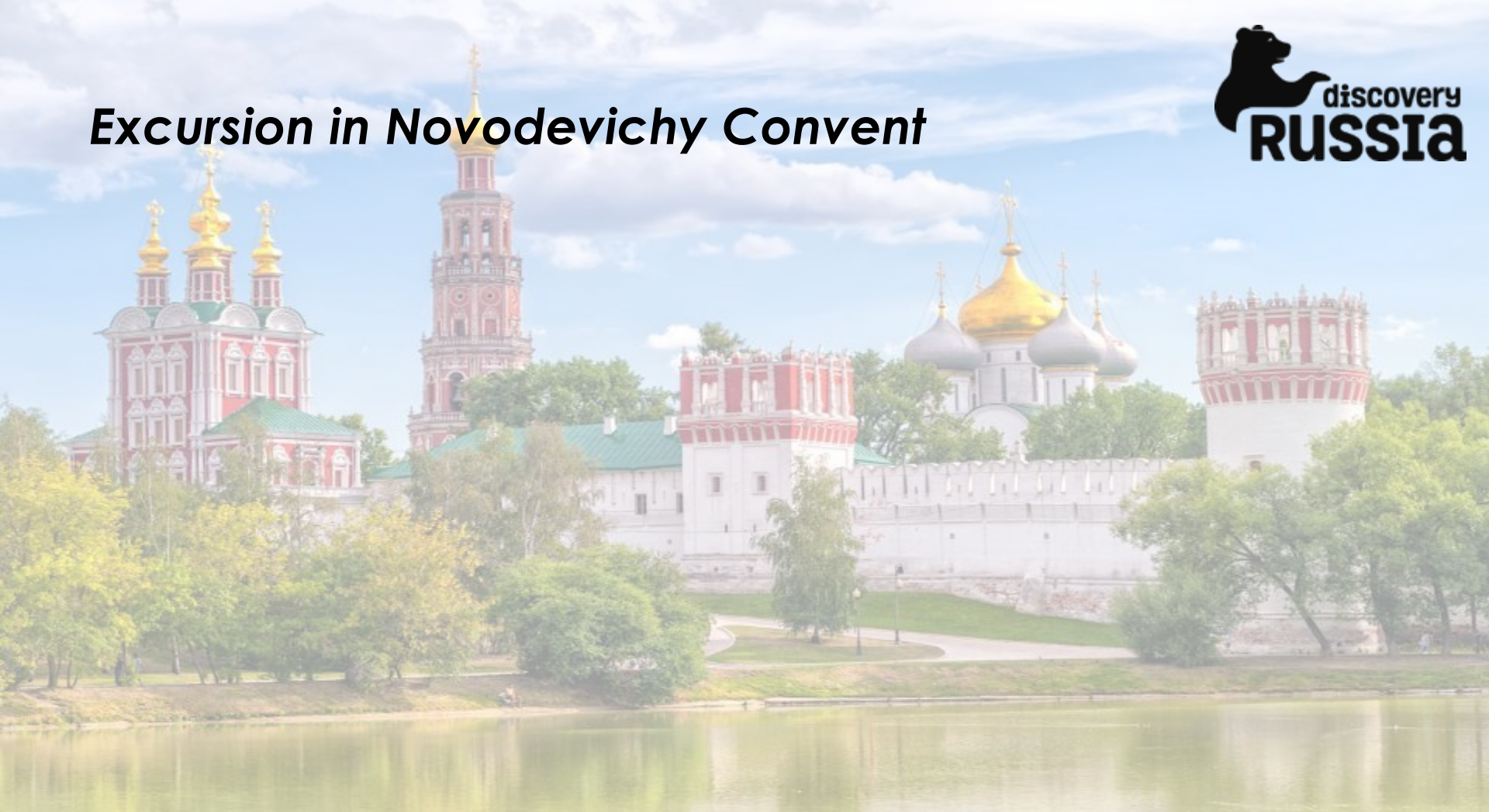
Enjoy a guided visit to the Moscow Kremlin, and see all the treasures of the famous museums. "Kremlin" is not actually a specific place name, but means "fortress". The most well-known kremlin is of course the one in Moscow, at Red Square.

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. 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!

Excursion in Novodevichy Convent



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.

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DAY 3: Tretyakov Gallery & Kolomenskoe Estate



- **Breakfast**
- **The State Tretyakov Gallery**
- **Kolomenskoye Museum-Reserve**

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.

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DAY 4: Explore Kazan



- *Arrival at Kazan*
- *City tour*
- *A master cooking class of Tatar dishes at a traditional restaurant*
- *The National Museum*
- *The evening is free at leisure*

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 5: Bolgar tour



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to Bolgar*
- *Bolgar tour*
- *Transfer back to Kazan*
- *The evening is free at leisure*

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 6: Flight to St. Petersburg



- ***Breakfast***
- ***Transfer to the airport to take a flight to St. Petersburg***
- ***Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check-in***
- ***The evening is free at leisure***

DAY 7: Discover St. Petersburg



- **Breakfast**
- **The Winter Palace/Hermitage guided tour**
- **St. Isaac's Cathedral**
- **Kazan Cathedral**
- **The Church of the Spilled Blood**
- **The Peter and Paul Fortress and cathedral**



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.

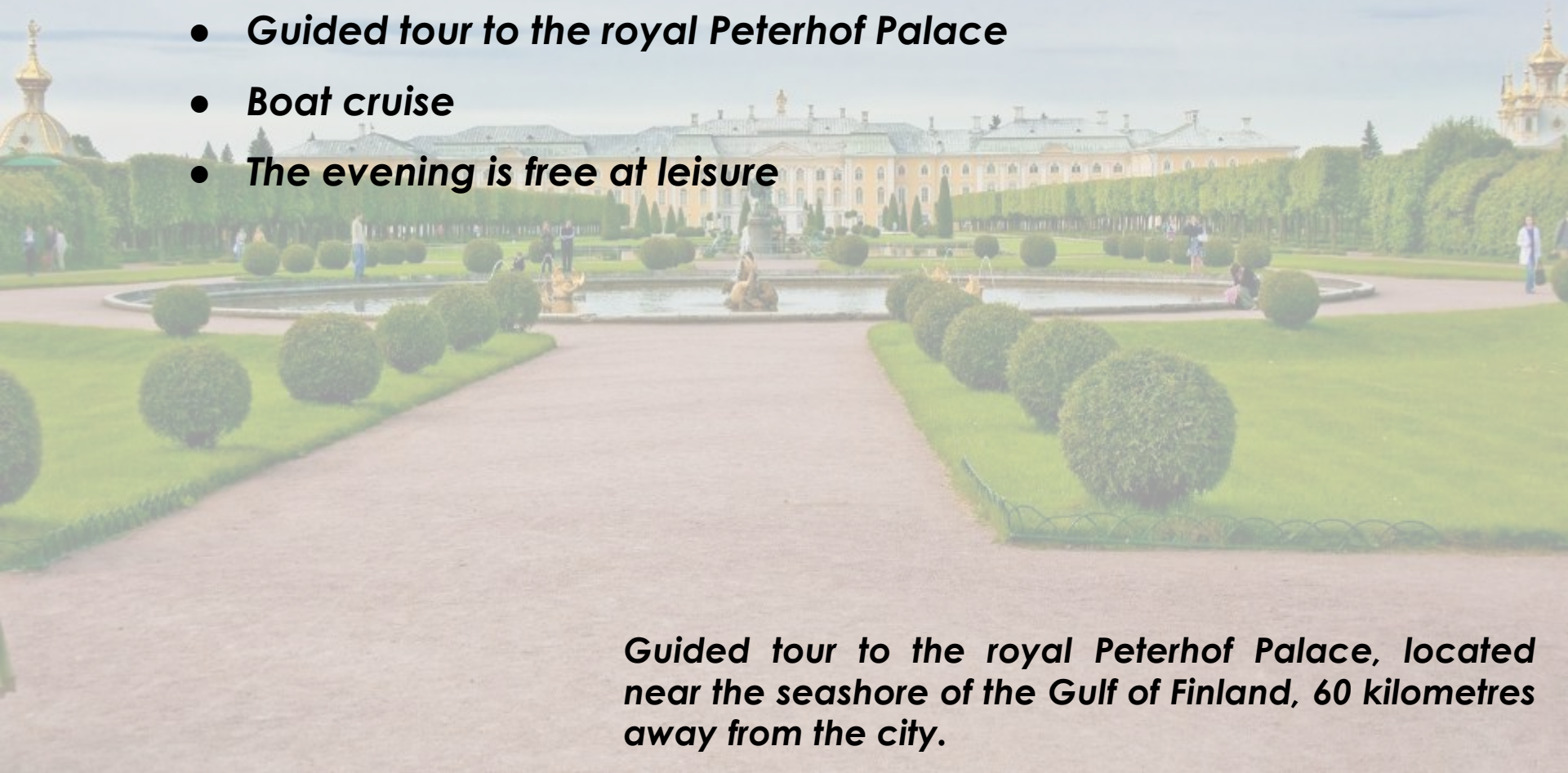
Then, take a tour to see the city's iconic landmark: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, and visit the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture; an absolutely enthralling must-see and a place where Alexander II was fatally wounded by anarchists in 1881.



DAY 8: Peterhof Palace



- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace*
- *Boat cruise*
- *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.

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 9: From Russia to Ukraine



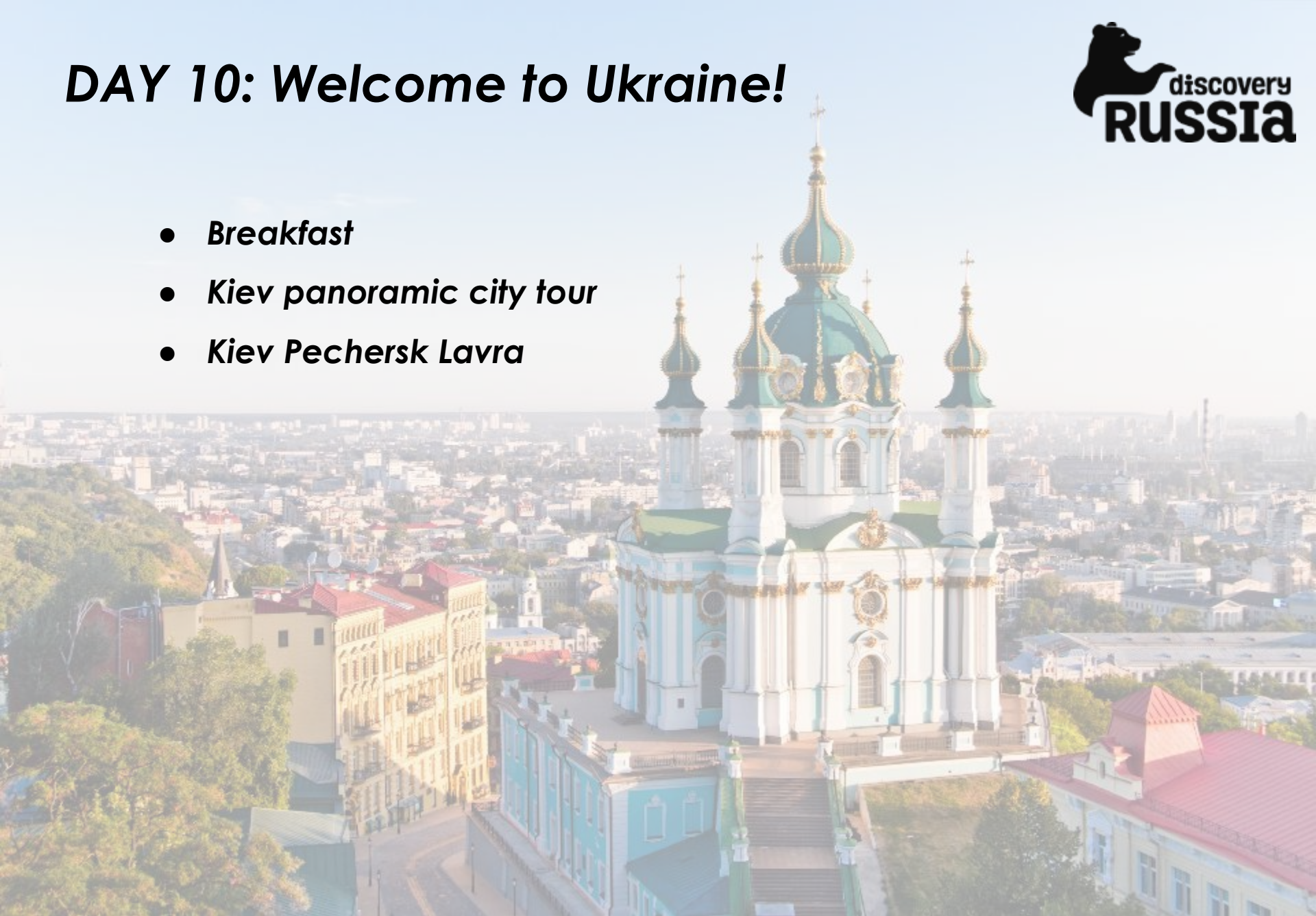
- ***Breakfast***
- ***Transfer to the airport to take the flight to Kiev***
- ***Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check-in***
- ***The evening is free at leisure***



DAY 10: Welcome to Ukraine!



- ***Breakfast***
- ***Kiev panoramic city tour***
- ***Kiev Pechersk Lavra***



Kiev panoramic city tour

A sightseeing tour around Kiev will allow you, practically without leaving the bus, to see all the main sights of one of the oldest European capitals. You will see Starokievsky mountain, from where the "Russian Land" came from, famous Golden Gate, take photographs of the domes of St. Sophia, St. Michael and St. Vladimir. You will enjoy the splendour of St. Andrew's Church and you will admire the cosy architecture of the city, many centuries standing on the mighty Dnepr River.

Kyiv Monastery of the Caves (Kyiv Pecherska Lavra)

The date of the foundation of the Monastery is 1051, and it is one of the most sacred places in Ukraine. Wandering through the Lavra paved paths, you will see restored Dormition Cathedral and a marvellous Belltower that dominates the whole territory of the monastery and is 96 m high. The highlight of this tour is a visit to the famous Lavra Caves - a place where hermit monks ones lived.

DAY 11: Discover Kiev



- *Breakfast*
- *The National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War*
- *Mezhyhirya Residence*

National Museum of the Second World War



Containing more than 300,000 exhibits - and related memorials cover approximately 25 acres. You will walk through a promenade of sculptures surrounding the museum depict the defence of the Soviet border from the 1941 German invasion, resulting occupation, resistance, and the epic 1943 Battle of the Dnieper and Battle of Kyiv, one of the war's largest operations involving more than four million combatants. Nearby is the iconic, 62-meter tall Motherland monument, one of the best-recognized landmarks of Kyiv.

Mezhyhirya Residence

Explore one of the most shocking and at the same time fascinating places in Ukraine – ex-president V. Yanukovych residence in Mezhyhirya. Created in just several years, the property of former Ukrainian president gives you a striking impression of the excessive luxury. An expert guide will enlighten you about the contemporary history of Ukraine. During the tour, you will discover the main mansion known as “Honka” and a health centre near it; explore the spacious park with specially heated lakes and golf course; visit the private president’s farm with exotic animals; see luxury restaurant in a form of a Spanish galleon; admire the panorama of the Kiev Sea from the park.

DAY 12: From Kiev to Odessa



- **Early breakfast**
- **Transfer to the train station to board the train to Odessa**
- **Arrival at Odessa**
- **Transfer to the hotel and check-in**
- **Tour at Wine Culture Centre and wine degustation**
- **Optional sea boat tour**

Tour at Wine Culture Centre



The presentation of wine culture at Shabo Wine Culture Center is comprehensive and has strong emotional power. The duration of a tour conducted by a highly professional guide (which includes wine tasting) is approximately 2.5 hours. Our tour programs are diverse but equally captivating. Everything here is breathing with history yet inspires with innovation. Every connoisseur of noble beverages visiting Shabo's marvellous 200-year-old Royal, Sherry and Two-Level Cellars, underground wine storage, and other facilities will receive a unique opportunity to learn about the history of winemaking and see Shabo terroir with his own eyes.

DAY 13: Explore Odessa



- *Breakfast*
- *Odessa panoramic city tour*
- *Tour to Odessa Catacombs*



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Odessa panoramic city tour

Odessa is the city, at the crossroads of the epochs with romantic streets with the aromas of the delicious smell of European cuisine. The city lawfully called the pearl of the sea. You will explore luxurious European hotel service, the hospitality of local residents and the atmosphere of the city on the sea. During your visit, you get to know Odessa as the city of the great Italian architecture: the Opera House, the Philharmonic Hall, the City Council. You get to see magnificent photos that tell history alongside the Potemkin stairs (since 1837) with its 192 steps, take a walk along the ancient streets of Deribasovskaya, Pushkinskaya, Lanzheronovskaya, Rishelyevskaya. Odessa is the moderator of fashion, a city of incredible shopping. You can buy both clothes and accessories of national designers and visit brand shops with affordable prices.

Deep dive into Odessa's Catacombs

This excursion can be justly called immersion into a mystery. You may wonder what is there so special that you have not seen yet? There's only one reply! Everything! The underground bunker of the Cold War era with the 4th degree of protection and 1200 person capacity. The cemetery of petrified animals with an average age of 3.5 million years. The underground lakes with new species of small creatures unknown to modern biology. The chance to try on working in quarries with the 19th-century tools. The real secret hideouts of Moldavanka's raiders. The permanent dislocation post of the most secret partisan detachment of Odessa, which perished exactly in this area of the catacombs. Believe it or not, but we didn't list everything.

WARNING! The air temperature in the Odessa catacombs is + 13C at any time of the year, so please get dressed accordingly. Comfortable sport shoes and clothes are strongly advised.

DAY 14: From Odessa to Lviv



- ***Breakfast***
- ***Transfer to the airport to catch the flight to Lviv***
- ***Arrival at Lviv airport and transfer to your hotel***
- ***Lviv panoramic city tour***
- ***Coffee tour***

Lviv panoramic city tour



You will walk old town's main avenues, squares, and narrow cobbled streets. One of the places you will see is the Opera House, laid out above the underground Poltva River. You will also walk by the historic building housing the Maria Zankovetska Drama Theatre that was once the biggest in Europe and is the oldest in Ukraine. You will see the oldest and most gorgeous churches and cathedrals in the old town including the Baroque-style Jesuit Cathedral, the Virgin Mary Assumption church, the Armenian Cathedral with 16-17th-century tombstones, the Church of the Blessed Eucharist (former Dominican Church), the Latin Cathedral.

Coffee Tour



On this walking tour, you will stroll through the most famous coffee shops of the city and feel how proud the locals are to be called the Ukrainian capital of coffee. You will learn, how Lviv has developed its coffee traditions for centuries and you will taste famous Lviv coffee in the coffee houses. During this tour, you will visit an intriguing “Kopalnya Kavy” and see an amusing coffee mining. After we will visit “Kavarna Pid Synoju Flazkoju” – this is the name of the first coffee house in Vienna, was opened by Franz Yuriy Kulchitsky, who brought coffee to Europe.

DAY 15: Ancient castles tour



We are heading to Olesko: the oldest of the preserved castles in this region. Here the king of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth Jan III Sobiesky was born and Bogdan-Zinoviy Khmelnitsky spent his childhood here. The castle has a museum with unique paintings, sculptures, furniture.

The next castle is Pidhirtsi, built for the Great Crown Hetman Stanislav Konetspolski by the French architect Andre del Aqua and the Marquis Guillaume Levasseur de Beauplan in 1630. Podgoretsky castle was considered one of the most beautiful in Europe. We visit Zolochiv Castle, a fortress of the "Dutch" style (1634 - the end of construction), which was built by Jakub Sobieski, a participant in the Battle of Khotin and the father of King Jan Sobieski. High earthen ramparts with escarpments remained here. In the castle, there are two palaces: the Royal Palace and the Chinese Palace (one of three in Europe).

DAY 16: Farewell



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to the airport and departure*



Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020

Starting dates for 2019-2020: Flexible



Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, AUD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **8,210 AUD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **9,075 AUD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **10,680 AUD**

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, USD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,825 USD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,440 USD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **7,580 USD**

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, GBP

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,515 GBP**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,995 GBP**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,875 GBP**

Private Tour, 2 people, 2019-2020, CAD

Rate per person (3* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **7,850 CAD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **8,685 CAD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, 1st class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **10,220 CAD**

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TOUR



Accommodation:

- Centrally located hand-picked hotels:
 - 2 nights Moscow
 - 2 nights Kazan
 - 3 nights St. Petersburg
 - 3 nights Kiev
 - 2 nights Odessa
 - 2 nights Lviv

Meals:

- Full breakfast daily (Except Day 1)
- 2 lunches: 1 in Kazan & 1 in Bolgar
- Degustation of wine

Transportation:

- Meet & greet at every location
- Return airport/train station transfers
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow & St. Petersburg

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TOUR INCLUSIONS



Sightseeing:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
 - 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 Arena, Millennium Bridge, Tatar Sloboda, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square
 - 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 day (5-6 hours) guided tour: the Royal Palaces of Peterhof, boat cruise
 - Kiev panoramic city tour // Tour to Kiev Pechersk Lavra
 - Kiev day guided city tour: the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, Mezhyhirya Residence
 - Odessa panoramic city tour // Tour to Odessa Catacombs // Tour at Wine Culture Centre
 - Lviv panoramic city tour // Coffee tour // Ancient castles tour

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TOUR INCLUSIONS



Entrance tickets, visas & misc.:

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions
- Russian visa letter of invitation (required by the Ministry of Tourism to grant you a Russian visa) is provided free of charge
- Dedicated local English-speaking guide in all places as per program
- Russian local sim card with data
- Discovery Russia 24/7 English-speaking support line

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights
- Visa fee
- Extras of Personal nature
- Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance

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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 // USD 54 // GBP 42 // CAD 72

MOSCOW

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

TANK DRIVING (MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE TO GO)

Rate per person: AUD 2730 // USD 1940 // GBP 1500 // CAD 2610

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