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**SPECIAL OFFER**

*Trans Siberian Xmas*  
**Eastbound**  
*St. Petersburg to Vladivostok*  
**21 Days**

*27 December 2019– 16 January 2020*

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*This package is available either*  
**Group Tour** (scheduled departures)  
*or*  
**Private Tour** (flexible dates)

*ST. PETERSBURG - MOSCOW - KAZAN - EKATERINBURG -  
IRKUTSK / LAKE BAIKAL - VLADIVOSTOK*



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

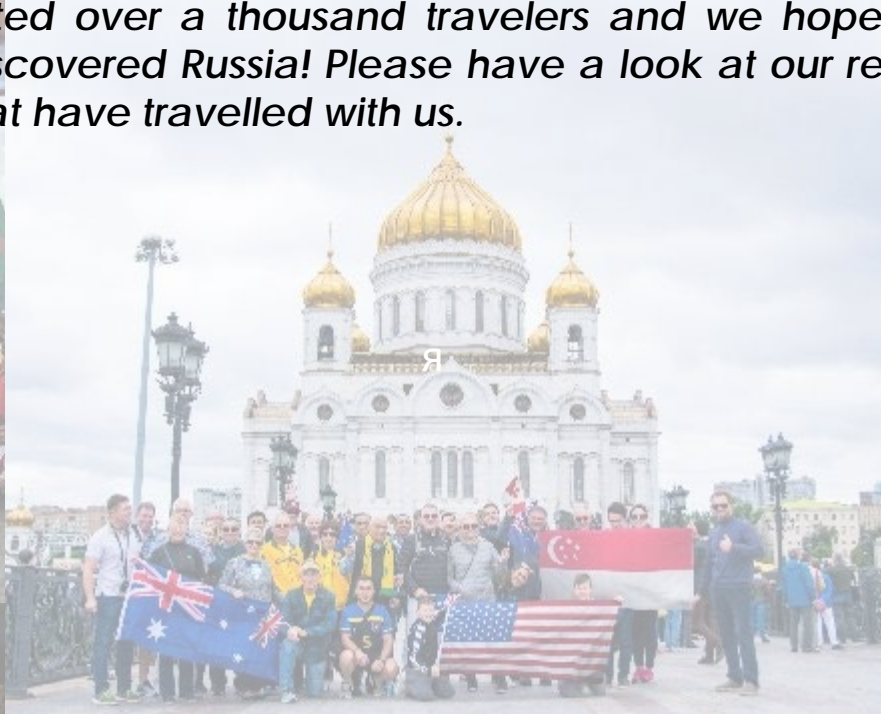
- 1. Book your tour with Discovery Russia, get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals*
- 2. Fill in Visa Application form*
- 3. Apply to the Embassy or Russian Visa Center personally or send Application, passport, photo to the Embassy or Russian visa Center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



# Happy Travelers



*In 2018 we have hosted over a thousand travelers and we hope all of them not only enjoyed it but truly discovered Russia! Please have a look at our reviews and feedbacks below from people that have travelled with us.*



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

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





St. Petersburg

# 21 days itinerary



Moscow

Kazan



Kazan

Yekaterinburg



Ekaterinburg

Novosibirsk



Irkutsk



Irkutsk

Ulan-Ude



Khabarovsk



Vladivostok



Vladivostok

Day 1 – Arrival at St. Petersburg

Day 2-4 – St. Petersburg

Day 5 – Train to Moscow

Day 6-7– Moscow

Day 8 – Moscow–Kazan

Day 9 – Kazan

Day 10 – Kazan–Ekaterinburg

Day 11 – Ekaterinburg

Day 12-13 – On board

Day 14 – Irkutsk / Lake Baikal

Day 15 – Lake Baikal

Day 16 – Lake Baikal / Irkutsk

Day 17, 18, 19 – On board

Day 20 – Vladivostok

Day 21 – Departure



Baikal



# Itinerary



## DAY 1

- Hello St. Petersburg
- Meet and greet at St. Petersburg airport
- Transfer to the hotel
- Welcome dinner & vodka tasting

## DAY 2

- Breakfast
- Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage
- Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- Visiting Peter & Paul Fortress and royal tombs, passing by Aurora warship cruiser

## DAY 3

- Breakfast
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace
- Amber Room
- Russian Troyka ride experience
- Optional: Mariinsky ballet

## DAY 4

- Breakfast
- Day at Leisure/optional tours
- Nikolaevsky Palace Russian national performance with dinner

## DAY 5

- Breakfast
- Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to Moscow
- Meet and greet at Moscow railway station, transfer to the hotel in the downtown
- Walking city tour & Christmas markets
- **GROUP DEPARTURE: NEW YEAR Gala Dinner**

## DAY 6

- Breakfast
- Visiting Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory)
- City tour & visit to Novodevichy Convent

## DAY 7

- Breakfast
- Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Kolomenskoye Estate & Wooden Palace
- Metro tour
- VDNKh & skating experience

## DAY 8

- Breakfast
- Free time in Moscow
- Check-out from the hotel
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure for Kazan



# Itinerary



## DAY 9

- Early morning arriving at Kazan railway station
- Early check-in at the hotel and short rest
- Guided tour in Kazan

## DAY 10

- Kazan-Ekaterinburg train
- Transfer to the hotel and check in
- Overnight stay in Ekaterinburg

## DAY 11

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Ekaterinburg
- Train departure for Irkutsk

## DAY 12-13

- Train ride continues 2 days and 10 hours on the train

## DAY 14

- Arrival at Irkutsk
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shores (65 km)
- Check-in at the hotel

## DAY 15

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology
- Chersky Stone observation point
- Try local Buryat cuisine
- Visit local souvenir market
- Dog sledding

## DAY 16

- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Museum on the way
- Guided tour in Irkutsk
- Board the train to Vladivostok

## DAY 17-19

On board

## DAY 20

- Early arrival in Vladivostok
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and early check-in
- Guided city tour
- Optional – late evening excursion
- GROUP DEPARTURE: Farewell dinner

## DAY 21

- Final day of your long Trans Siberian winter journey!
- Transfer to the airport and departure



# DAY 1: Arrival at St. Petersburg



- *Hello St. Petersburg*
- *Meet and greet at St. Petersburg airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel, check-in and free time*

- *GROUP DEPARTURE:*

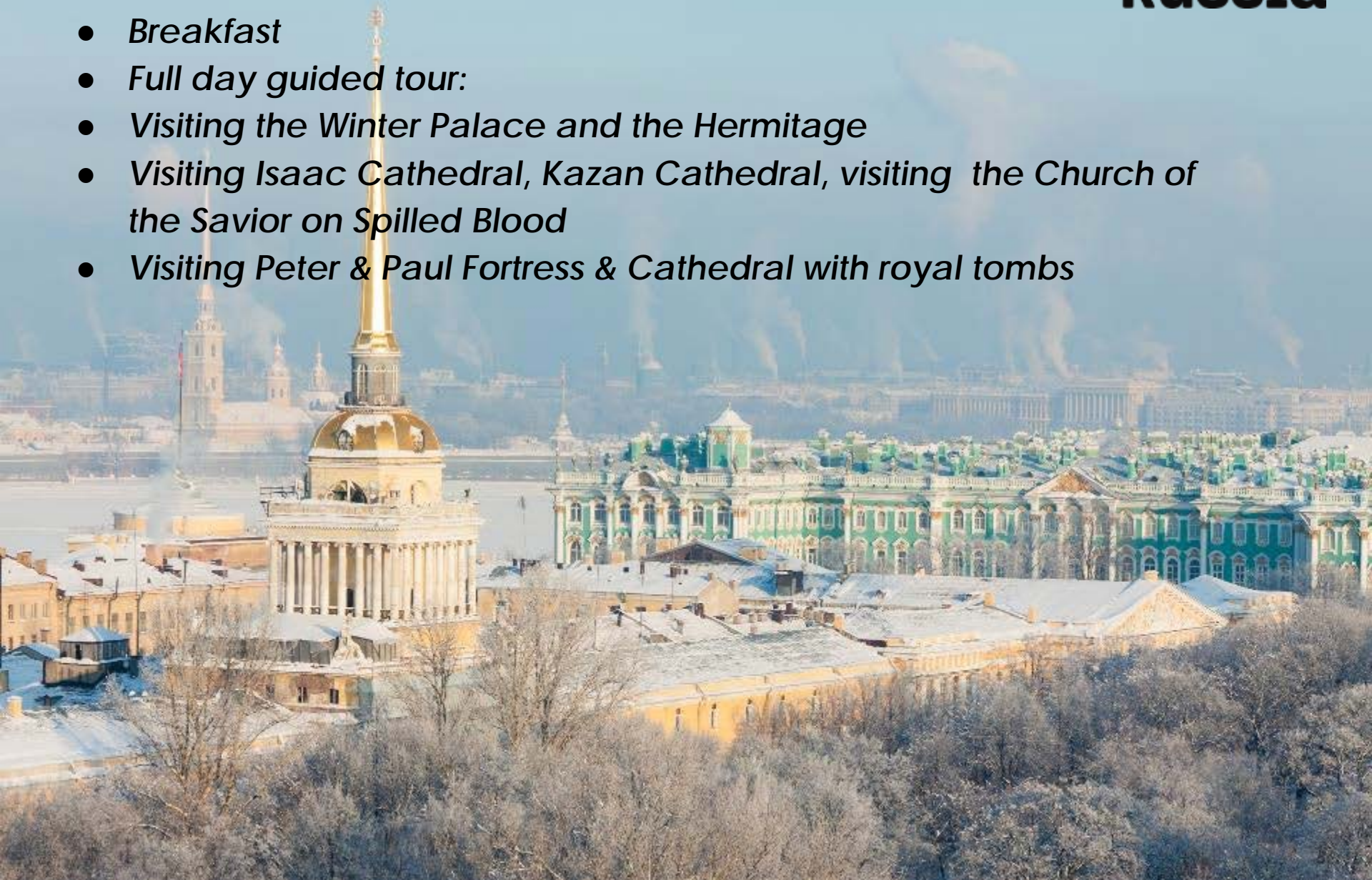
*Welcome dinner & vodka tasting! Feel yourself Russian*



# DAY 2: Discover St. Petersburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Full day guided tour:*
- *Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage*
- *Visiting Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, visiting the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood*
- *Visiting Peter & Paul Fortress & Cathedral with royal tombs*



## DAY 2: Continued



*Morning: The Winter Palace and the Hermitage guided tour.*

*We politely insist you to do it on foot so you can truly 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.*



# DAY 2: Continued...



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 architecture; an absolutely enthralling must-see and a place where Tsar Alexander II was fatally wounded by anarchists in 1881.

We continue the day with a visit to Peter and Paul Fortress, a place where the city was founded.





# DAY 3: Discover St. Petersburg



- Breakfast, followed by 6 hours guided tour
- Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace & Amber room
- Troyka ride experience

Catherine's palace is the most famous palaces of the countryside. You will see renowned palaces of the Romanov imperial family Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.



## DAY 3: Continued...

*Top attractions include huge Catherine's palace, Alexander's palace and other buildings and parks. And we shall also have a look at—strange as it may seem—its own Chinatown. The world-famous "Amber Room", known as the 'Eighth Wonder of the World', is here in Catherine's palace.*



## DAY 3: Continued...



***Russian winter... Incredible, unbelievable time! Winter offers us a change to get a truly Russian experience and take a traditional troika ride. And as we're out of town, we will not miss this opportunity to get stunned by enchanted by winter landscape and dash through the snow on a colorful sleigh pulled by three horses!***



# DAY 4: At leisure



- Breakfast
- Free time in St Petersburg or **OPTIONAL** tours: Peterhof palace/ Palace square skating / Russian museum/ Faberge museum/ 1 day tour to Veliky Novgorod

*In the evening, attend famous national folk show in Nikolaevsky Palace. Enjoy this unique opportunity of getting acquainted with the history and cultural traditions of Russia! Classical quartet is playing lovely melodies of the XVIIIth century, two stunning ladies in crinolines and a handsome gentleman in a wig (ballet trio "Reverence") are welcoming guests at the Gala stairs of the Palace. How nice to be a guest of the Grand Duke!*



# DAY 4: Evening at Nikolaevsky Palace

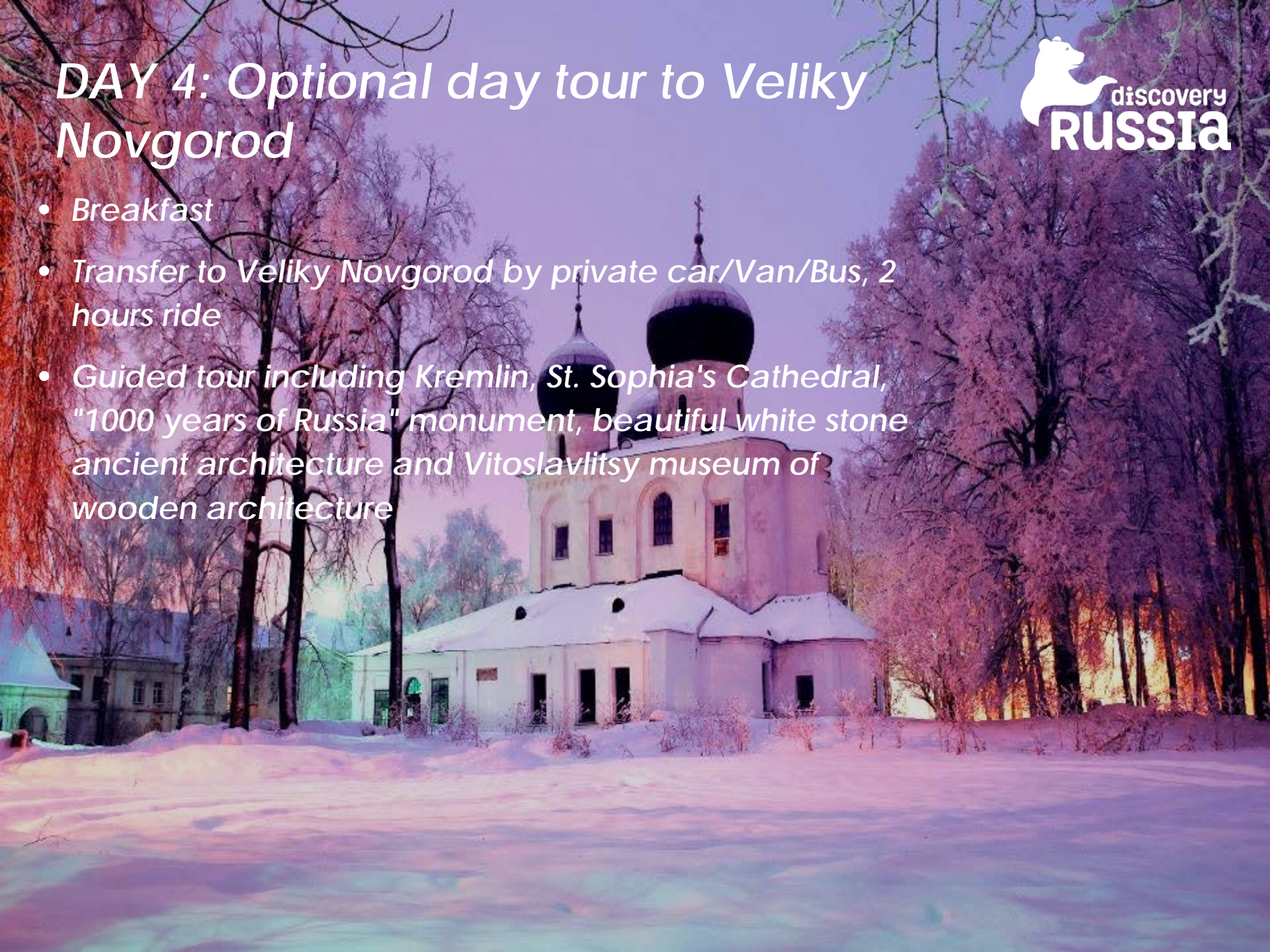




# DAY 4: Optional day tour to Veliky Novgorod



- Breakfast
- Transfer to Veliky Novgorod by private car/Van/Bus, 2 hours ride
- Guided tour including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument, beautiful white stone ancient architecture and Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture





# DAY 5: Transfer to Moscow



- *Breakfast*
- *Transfer to railway station, board high speed bullet train for 4 hours journey to Moscow*
- *Meet and greet at Moscow railway station*
- *Transfer to your hotel in the downtown*
- *Group departure: Christmas markets walking tour in Moscow*

A journey from the centre of St. Petersburg to the centre of Moscow now takes only 4 hours by a modern high speed train. Top two Russian cities are now connected more conveniently to enrich your Russian travel experience.

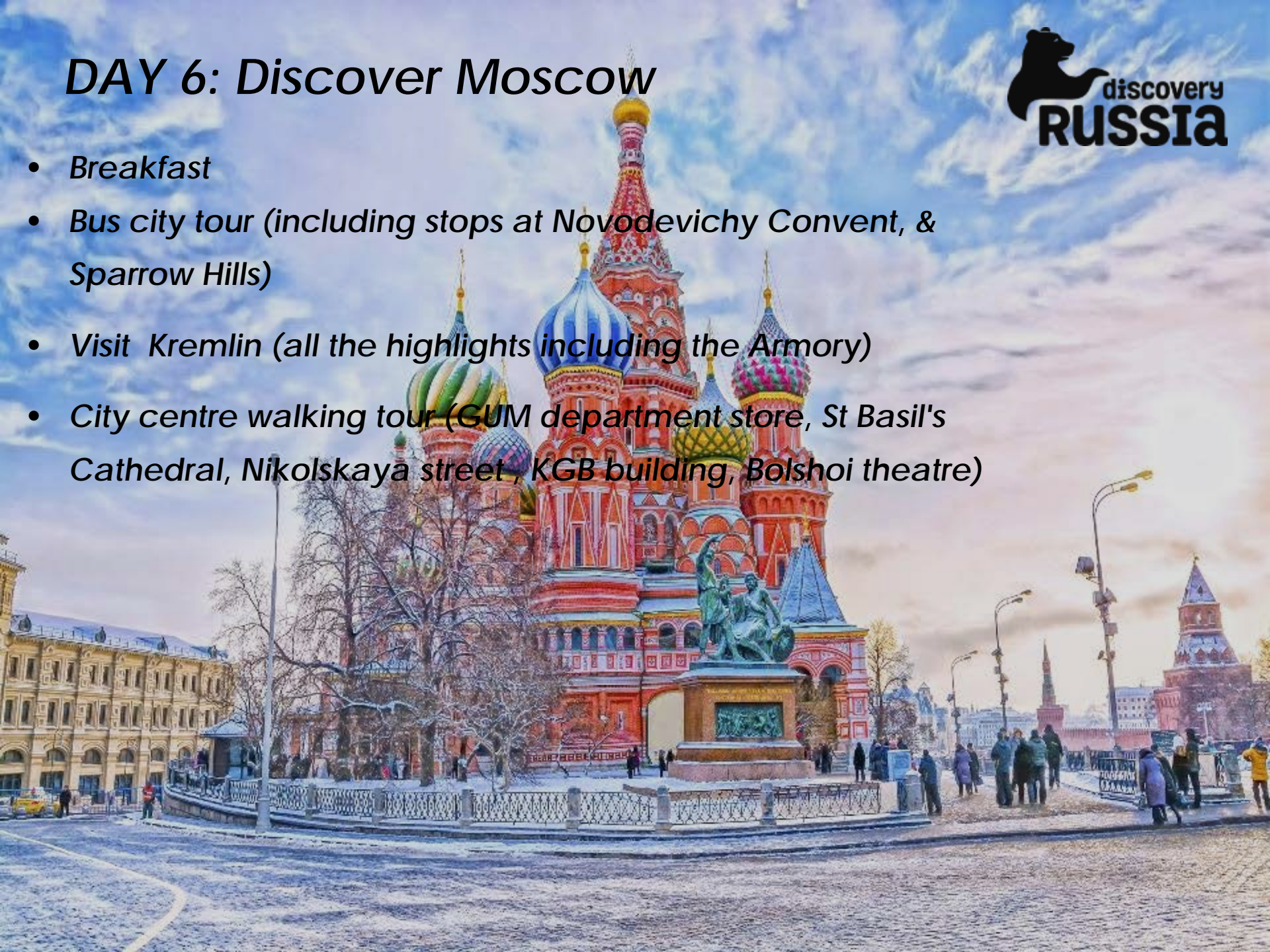




# DAY 6: Discover Moscow



- Breakfast
- Bus city tour (including stops at Novodevichy Convent, & Sparrow Hills)
- Visit Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory)
- City centre walking tour (GUM department store, St Basil's Cathedral, Nikolskaya street, KGB building, Bolshoi theatre)





# DAY 7: Discover Moscow



- Breakfast
- Kolomenskoye Estate, UNESCO World Heritage Site & Wooden Palace
- Visiting Tretyakov State Art Gallery & Metro tour
- Today we will also use Moscow metro, the fastest and most reliable means of transport in this city. Old central stations are so beautiful that Josef Stalin called them “palaces for people”
- Visiting VDNKh Soviet exhibition complex and skating (optional)





# DAY 8: Transfer to Kazan



- Breakfast
- Free time to enjoy winter in Moscow
- Check out from the hotel
- Transfer to the train station
- Departure to Kazan





# Day 9: Discover Kazan



- Early arrival in Kazan in the morning
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and guaranteed early check-in
- Full day guided tour: Kazan Kremlin, Kul Sharif Mosque, Syumbike tower, Christmas markets
- Chak-Chak museum
- Old Tatar village
- Tatar cooking master-class & Degustation

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.



# *Day 10: Departure for Ekaterinburg*



- *Check-out from the hotel*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure for Ekaterinburg, Ural mountains*
- *Late evening arrival to Ekaterinburg*
- *Transfer to your hotel and check-in*

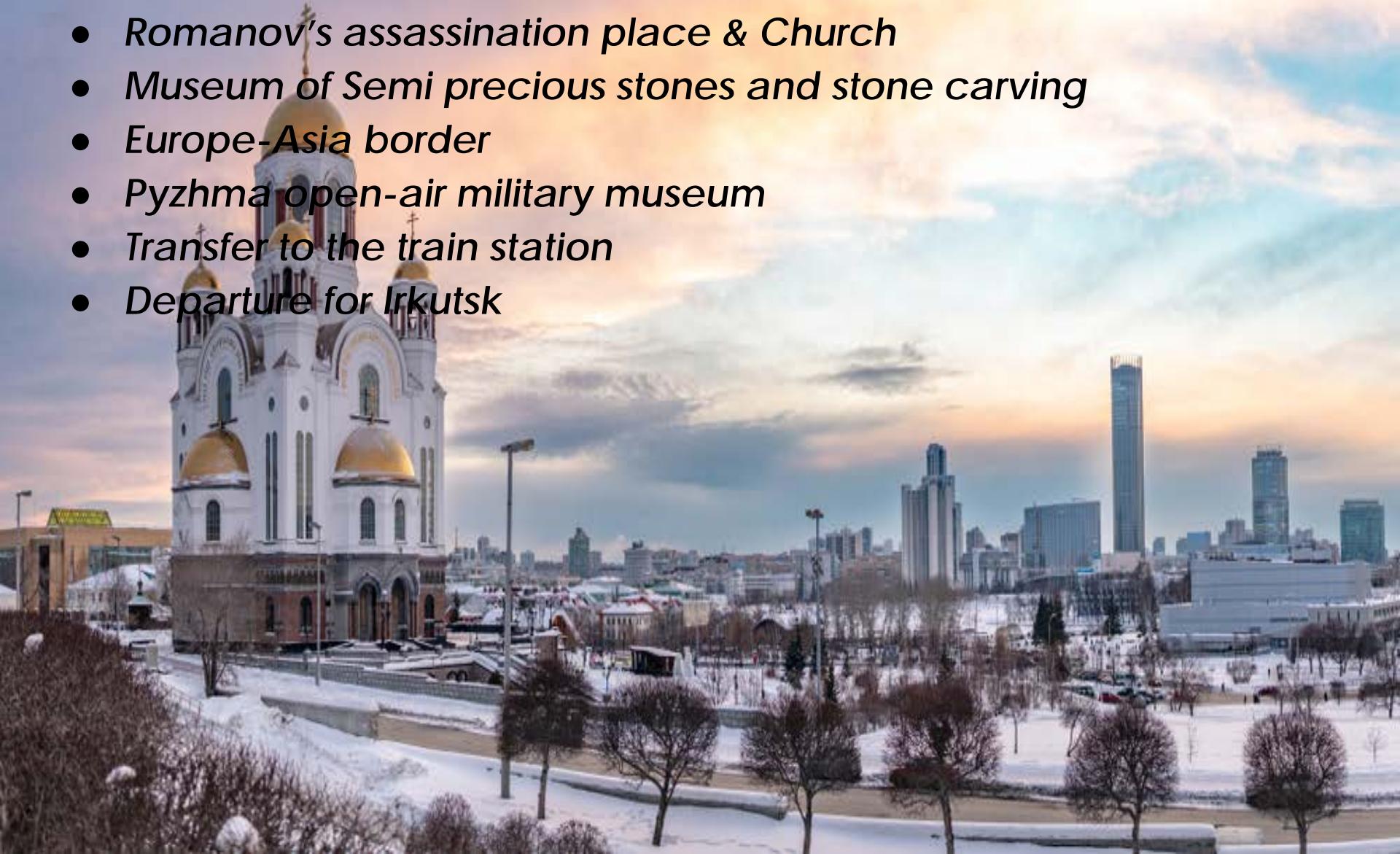




# Day 11: Arrival in Ekaterinburg



- *Breakfast*
- *Romanov's assassination place & Church*
- *Museum of Semi precious stones and stone carving*
- *Europe-Asia border*
- *Pyzhma open-air military museum*
- *Transfer to the train station*
- *Departure for Irkutsk*

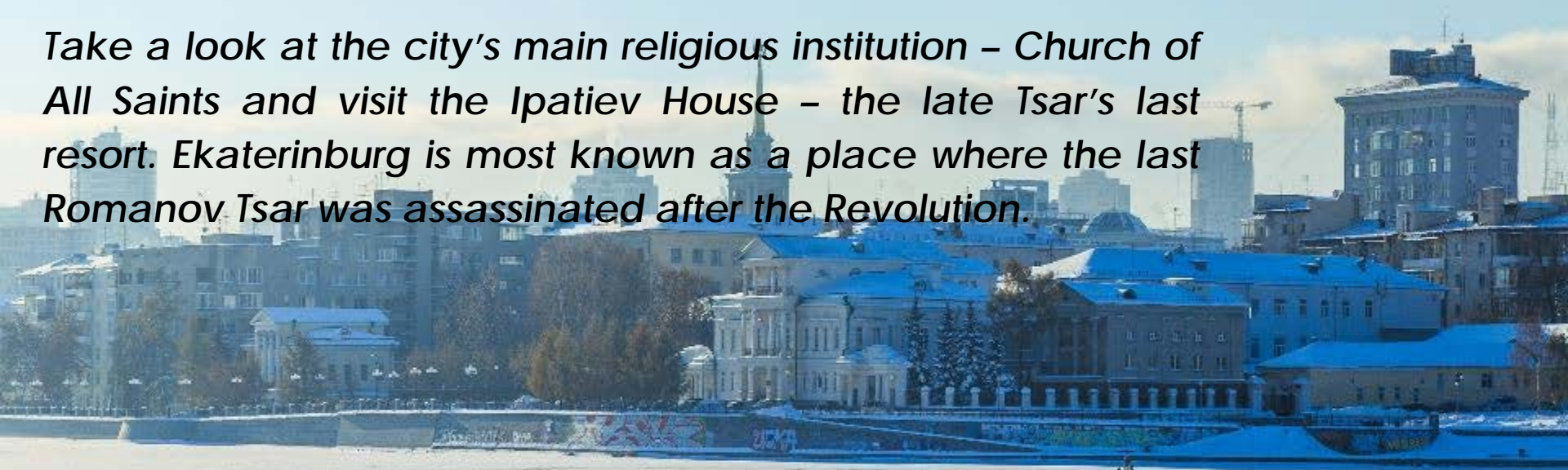




*Ekaterinburg is the official border between Europe and Asia. You can even travel several times from Europe to Asia and back and of course take a photo standing in two parts of the world simultaneously!*



*Take a look at the city's main religious institution – Church of All Saints and visit the Ipatiev House – the late Tsar's last resort. Ekaterinburg is most known as a place where the last Romanov Tsar was assassinated after the Revolution.*



*Here you can also visit the residence of KGB, Gorodok Chekistov, the largest in Russia museum of semi-precious stone that contains a wonderful collection of stone mosaics and carvings and the largest in Russia open-air military museum.*



*Day 12-13: On board*





# Day 14: Arrival in Irkutsk

- Arrival in Irkutsk
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal
- Siberian lunch at traditional hunter's house "Zaimka"



# Day 15: Discover Baikal

- Breakfast
- Baikal Museum of Limnology, Shaman Rock
- Chersky Stone observation point & cable car
- Try local Buryat cuisine
- Visit local souvenir market
- Dog sledding tour!





*Visit Baikal Museum and the aquarium, where you will see Baikal fish and freshwater seals—nerpas, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market.*



*Shaman Rock is a natural boundary between the deepest lake in the world and the only river that flows out of the lake—the Angara river. Locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.*



# Day 16: Taltsy & Irkutsk



- Breakfast
- Transfer to Irkutsk
- Visit Taltsy Open Air Siberian Museum; Interactive program Tea in Russia & Great Tea Way with tea degustation
- Guided tour in Irkutsk: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square
- Transfer to Irkutsk train station
- Departure for Vladivostok

Irkutsk has a rich history that dates back to 17th century. After the Decembrist Revolt of 1825, many Russian artists, officers, and nobles were sent into exile to Siberia for their part in the revolt against Tsar Nicholas. Irkutsk became the major centre of intellectual and social life for these exiles. You will see many of their wooden houses, adorned with ornate, hand-carved decorations.



*The open-air museum Taltsy is located 20 kilometers away from Listvyanka. The exposition features wooden buildings brought from all over Siberia. Right now, 40 landmarked buildings and 8000 artifacts dated by XVII-XIX centuries are presented as part of the exhibition. The museum looks like an ancient village with long streets, wooden houses, water mills, and even a small school. It should be noted, that in the past real village "Taltsy" was located here. However, with the construction of the Ust-Ilimskaya hydroelectric power station, a part of the village came under the threat of flooding. Authorities decided to preserve the unique village and turned it into the museum.*





*Day 17-19: On board*





# Day 20: Vladivostok. Where the Trans Siberian ends...

- Early arrival in Vladivostok - Russian Far East
- Meet and greet at the train station
- Transfer to the hotel and early check-in
- Guided city tour and Russky Island tour via the second highest bridge in the world//Harbour and Golden Bridge, Submarine -56, Eggershield lighthouse - "the end of the world" spot
- **GROUP DEPARTURE:** Farewell dinner



# Day 21: Departure



*Final day of your long Trans Siberian journey!*

- *Transfer to the airport and departure*





## Group Tour

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin / double room) **5,876 / 5,150** USD

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,024 / 5,876** USD

**Starting date: 27 December**

## Private tour

Rate per person (3\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,394 / 5,583** USD

Rate per person (4\* hotels, 1st / 2nd Class train, sharing 1 twin/double room) **7,011 / 6,201** USD

## **Flexible dates**

## **INCLUSIONS:**

### Accommodation:

- 3\* / 4\* / centrally located hand-picked hotels:
  - 4 nights St. Petersburg;
  - 3 nights Moscow;
  - 1 night in Kazan with early check-in;
  - 1 night Ekaterinburg;
  - 2 nights Irkutsk/Lake Baikal;
  - 1 night Vladivostok with early check-in.
  - 5\* hotels on request
- 8 nights on board.



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## INCLUSIONS:

### Meals:

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- 4 lunches: Nikoaevsky Palace dinner in St Petersburg//Buryat lunch at Lake Baikal// Russian lunch in Taltsy-Irkutsk // Tatar cooking master class in Kazan;
- Welcome dinner with vodka tasting
- Group tours: farewell dinner/ New Year Gala Dinner

### Transportation:

- Train tickets\*:
  - St. Petersburg - Moscow bullet train;
  - Moscow - - Kazan;
  - Kazan - Ekaterinburg;
  - Ekaterinburg - Irkutsk;
  - Irkutsk - Vladivostok.

Note: In case the train does not have a 1st class carriage, 4 berths in 2nd class compartments can be bought out (1 full compartment of 4 berths).

Note 1: Train schedule may change, tickets are subject of availability; in case of the train schedule changes, Discovery Russia will use other trains and rearrange the tour without deterioration of the program.



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## INCLUSIONS:

### Transportation:

- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;
- 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

### Sightseeing:

- All guided tours as per program with professional English-speaking guides:
  - St. Petersburg tours as specified;
  - Moscow tours as specified;
  - Kazan tour as specified;
  - Ekaterinburg tours as specified;
  - Irkutsk & Listvyanka tours as specified;
  - Vladivostok tour as specified.

### 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 tour:

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

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### NOT INCLUDED:

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

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### Moscow

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\* Privilegiya / Aglaya / Hotel Mojka or similar

4\* Chaykovskiy / Aston / Zolotoy Vek or similar

5\* Sofitel / Astoria or similar

### Ekaterinburg

3\* Marins Park Hotel / Chekhov / Tenet or similar

4\* Onegin / Voznesenskiy / Renome or similar

5\* Vysotsky or similar

### Kazan

3\* Nogay / Maxim Gorky or similar

4\* Art Hotel / Corona or similar

5\* Korston Royal / Mirazh or similar

### Lake Baikal

3\* Krestovaya pad' or similar

4\* Mayak / Legenda Baikala or similar

### Irkutsk

3\* Mikhail Strogov / Europe / Imperia  
or similar

4\* Marriott / Armat / Sayen or similar

### Vladivostok

3\* Teplo Hotel / Sibirskoe Podvorie or  
similar

4\* AZIMUT Hotel / Astoria Hotel or  
similar

5\* Lotte Hotel or similar

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\*Placement in the following hotels is available on demand and depends on dates