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Group Tour (scheduled departure)
or

Private Tour (flexible dates)

*ST. PETERSBURG VELIKY NOVGOROD,
MOSCOW & THE GOLDEN RING*





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Russian visa

- **get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL)**
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- **get your Russian visa delivered to you 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/>

Itinerary

Day 1

- Hello St. Petersburg
- Meet and greet at St Petersburg airport
- Transfer to your hotel
- Group departure: welcome dinner

Day 2

- Breakfast
- Drive out towards Staraya Russa town
- A visit to the memorial house of Fyodor Dostoyevsky
- Visiting Museum of Medieval Russian Village
- Drive to Veliky Novgorod for overnight

Day 3

- Breakfast
- Veliky Novgorod Guided city tour
- Return to Saint Petersburg for New Year Celebration
- Group departure" New Year Gala dinner and Party

Day 4

- Breakfast
- Guided Saint Petersburg city Tour including Palace Square, Nevsky Prospect and many other attractions like the Church on the Spilled blood

Day 5

- Breakfast
- Drive to the traditional Russian village Mandrogi
- Visiting mysterious "Lukomorye"
- Lunch in a local "tractir"
- Visiting the Museum of Vodka and taking "Russian troika" horse ride
- return to Saint Petersburg

Day 6

- Breakfast
- 6 hours Guided tour to Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- Catherine's palace, Free time in the park
- Afternoon free at leisure

Day 7

- Breakfast
- Visiting the Winter Palace and the Hermitage
- 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

Day 8

- Breakfast
- Moscow city bus tour (including Stalin's skyscrapers, Novodevichy convent, Sparrow hills)
- Visiting Kremlin
- Walking tour in the city centre (GUM department store, St Basil's Cathedral, Nikolskaya street , KGB building, Bolshoi theatre, Arbat street)

Itinerary

Day 9

- Breakfast
- Visiting the Kolomenskoye estate
- Visiting The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
- Moscow metro tour
- Optional tour to The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics

Day 10

- Breakfast
- A morning drive to Vladimir
- Vladimir city tour
- Lunch
- Drive to Suzdal and medovukha degustation
- Free time and overnight in Suzdal

Day 11

- Breakfast
- Sightseeing tour of Suzdal
- A visit to the Arts and Crafts National centre in Suzdal
- Visiting the small village of Kideksha
- Transfer to Yaroslavl
- Late evening gingerbread degustation

Day 12

- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Yaroslavl
- Transfer to Rostov the Great
- Visiting the Rostov Kremlin and the exhibition of Finfit (Rostov painted enamel)
- Transfer to Moscow

Day 13

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



DAY 1: ARRIVAL TO ST PETERSBURG



- *Meet and greet at
St. Petersburg airport*
- *Transfer to your hotel*
- *Group departure:
welcome dinner*



DAY 2: STARAYA RUSSA (OLD RUSSA)



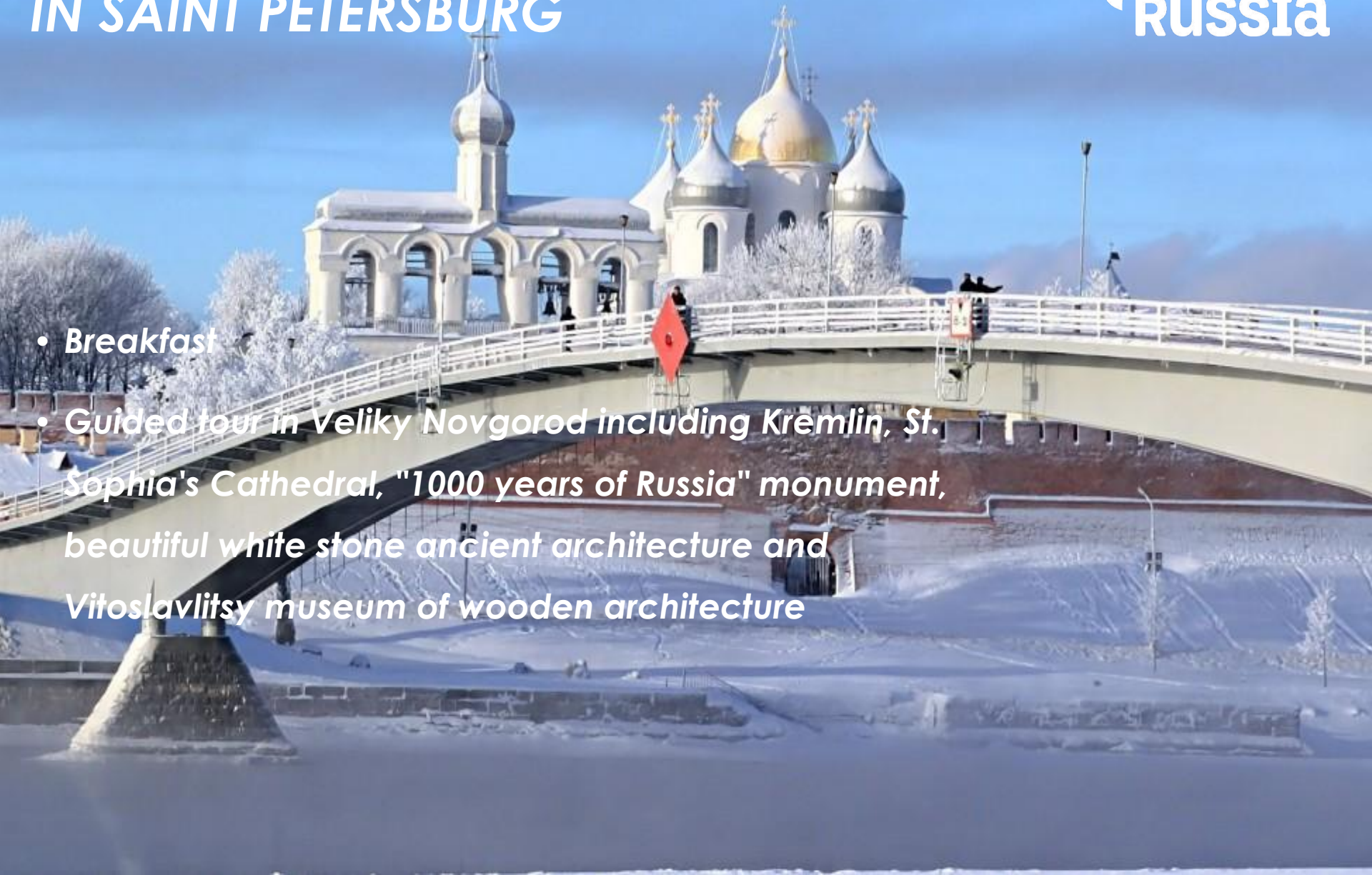
- *Breakfast*
- *Drive out of Saint Petersburg towards Staraya Russa (Old Russa) town*
- *A visit to the memorial house of Fyodor Dostoyevsky*
- *Visiting museum of Medieval Russian Village, perfectly restoring the daily routing and atmosphere of old Russian settlements*
- *Drive to Veliky Novgorod for overnight*



DAY 3: VELIKY NOVGOROD & NEW YEAR IN SAINT PETERSBURG



- Breakfast
- Guided tour in Veliky Novgorod including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument, beautiful white stone ancient architecture and Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture



DAY 3: Continued



- Late afternoon depart to Saint Petersburg for New Year Celebration

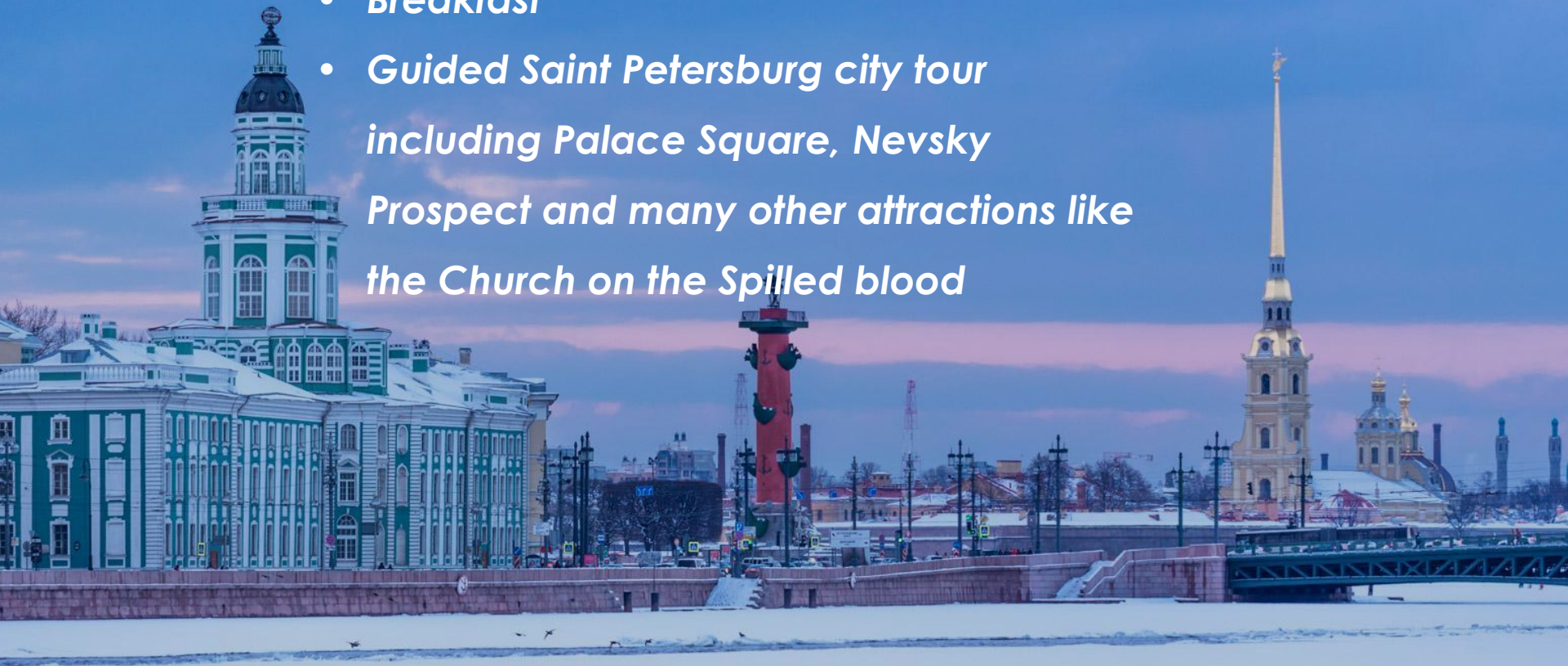
GROUP DEPARTURE: Gala dinner and New Year Party



DAY 4: ST PETERSBURG



- *Breakfast*
- *Guided Saint Petersburg city tour including Palace Square, Nevsky Prospect and many other attractions like the Church on the Spilled blood*



DAY 5: MANDROGI VILLAGE, WHERE THE FAIRY TALES LIVE

- *Breakfast*
- *Drive to the traditional Russian village Mandrogi to witness ancient Russian folk crafts: potters, birchbark goods makers, wooden carvings, lace makers and painters on wood.*
- *Visiting mysterious “Lukomorye” where all the famous Russian tales’ characters live.*
- *Lunch in a local “tractir” – a tavern.*
- *Visiting the Museum of Vodka and taking “Russian troika” horse ride*
- *Return to Saint Petersburg*

DAY 6: DISCOVER ST PETERSBURG



- *Breakfast, followed by 6 hours guided tour*
- *Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo*
- *Catherine's palace*
- *Free time in the park*
- *Afternoon free at leisure.*



Catherine's palace - 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. Private car at disposal for this day

DAY 6: 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 7: THE HERMITAGE AND TRAIN TO MOSCOW



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 7: Continued



- **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**

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 8: THE GLORY OF MOSCOW KREMLIN



- Breakfast
- Moscow city bus tour (including Stalin's skyscrapers, Novodevichy convent, Sparrow hills)
- Visiting Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armoury)
- Walking tour in the city centre (GUM department store, St Basil's Cathedral, Nikolskaya street, KGB building, Bolshoi theatre, Arbat street)



DAY 8: *Continued*



We will also visit the traditional Christmas markets in the centre of Moscow

DAY 9: TRETYAKOV GALLERY AND KOLOMENSKOYE ESTATE



- Breakfast
- Visiting the Kolomenskoye estate to see the Ascension church, which is listed as UNESCO World Heritage monument
- Visiting The Tretyakov State Art Gallery
 - the must see collection of Russian art
- Moscow subway (metro) tour
- The VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics



DAY 9: Continued

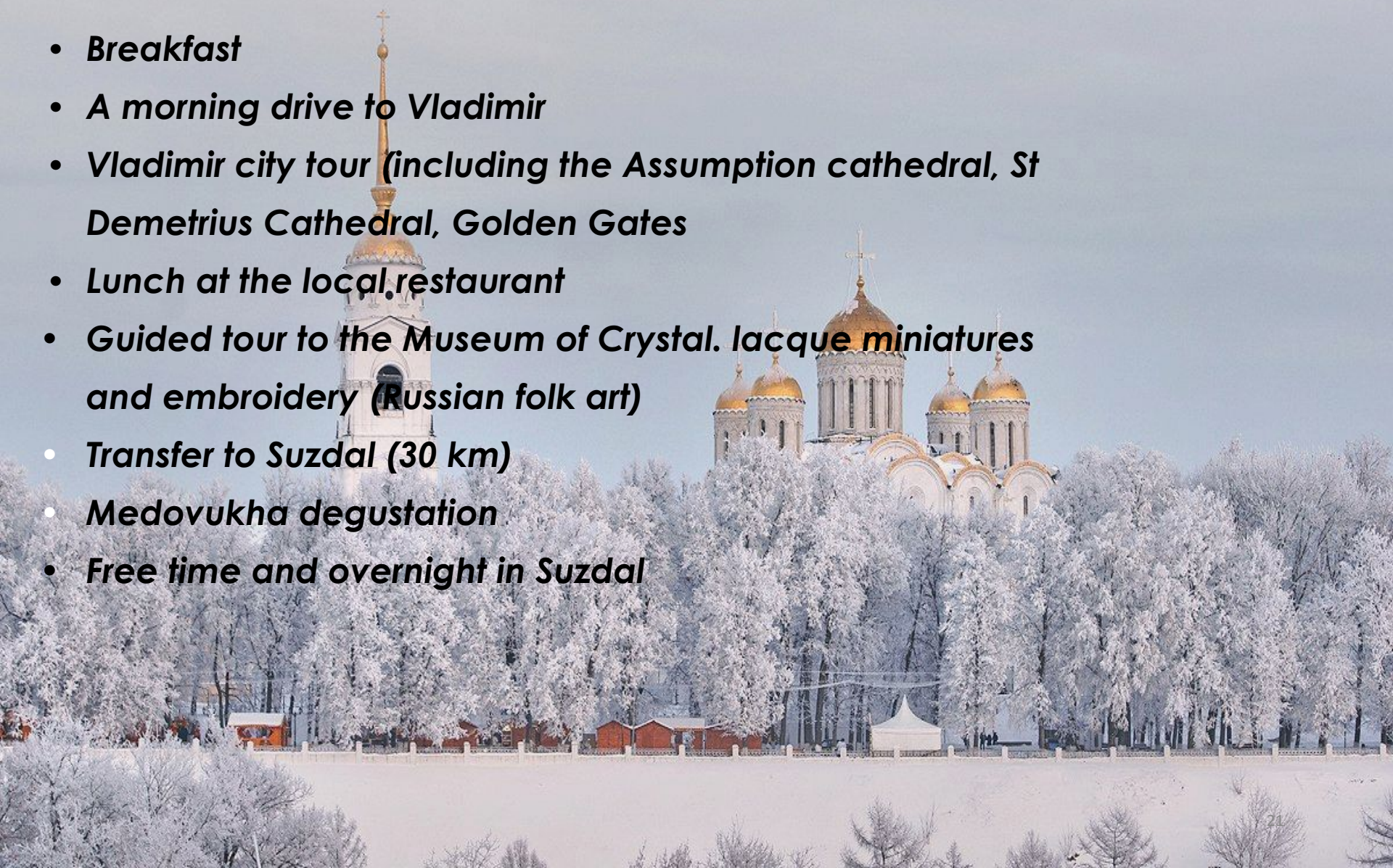


Today we will also use Moscow metro, the fastest and most reliable means of transport in this city. Some stations are like palaces and museums

DAY 10: VLADIMIR AND SUZDAL



- **Breakfast**
- **A morning drive to Vladimir**
- **Vladimir city tour (including the Assumption cathedral, St Demetrius Cathedral, Golden Gates)**
- **Lunch at the local restaurant**
- **Guided tour to the Museum of Crystal, lacque miniatures and embroidery (Russian folk art)**
- **Transfer to Suzdal (30 km)**
- **Medovukha degustation**
- **Free time and overnight in Suzdal**



DAY 11: SUZDAL AND KIDEKSHA



- Breakfast
- Sightseeing tour of Suzdal (St Euthimius monastery, Suzdal Kremlin)
- A visit to the Arts and Crafts National centre in Suzdal
- Arrive at the small village of Kideksha to see the first white-stone building of the North-East Russia dating back to the year 1152
- Transfer to Yaroslavl (150 km) for overnight
- Late evening gingerbread cooking master-class and degustation with tea ceremony

DAY 12: YAROSLAVL AND ROSTOV



- *Breakfast*
- *Yaroslavl city tour with Maslenitsa experience*
- *Transfer to Rostov the Great (57 km)*
- *Visiting the Rostov Kremlin*
- *Lunch*
- *Visiting the exhibition of Finfit (Rostov painted enamel)*
- *Transfer to Moscow (150 km)*
- *Late evening arrival and check in*



DAY 13: Farewell



- 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) **5,650** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,235** AUD

Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room*not available on Golden Ring) **7,760** AUD

Dates are flexible



Group Tour

Rate per person (3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,066** AUD

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **4,650** AUD

Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **5,995** AUD

Rate for Single 3* / 4* / 5* - **5,050** AUD / **6,150** AUD / **8,715** AUD

Departure date: December 29, 2019

INCLUSIONS:

- Meet at greet at the airport and Transfer to the hotel
- 12 nights accommodation in Russia of the chosen category: 5 nights St Petersburg. 1 night Veliky Novgorod, 4 nights Moscow, 1 night Suzdal, 1 nights Yaroslavl
- Dedicated private local English-speaking guide in St. Petersburg and Moscow
- Dedicated English-speaking guide on Golden Ring tour and local guides in small towns
- 3 days sightseeing tours in St Petersburg: Hermitage, Catherine's Palace, St Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, Church of the Spilled Blood, Faberge museum, Mandrogi Village
- 2 days tour (8 hours daily) to Veliky Novgorod and Staraya Russa: Kremlin, 1000 years of Russia monument, St Sofia, Vitoslavlitsy; Dostoevsky house in Staraya Russa
- Full day (8 hours) guided sightseeing tour in Moscow: Kremlin, Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral, Moscow metro tour, Novodevichy Convent, GUM department store, KGB headquarter, Bolshoi theatre, Arbat.

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INCLUSIONS: Continued.

- Full day (6 hours) guided tour in Moscow: Kolomenskoe Estate and Tretyakov Art Gallery.
- 3 days Golden Ring Tour: Suzdal, Vladimir, Yaroslavl, Rostov with 3 lunches included, medovukha degustation, gingerbread cooking master class with tea ceremony and all entrance tickets included
- Petersburg-Moscow intercity high-speed train SAPSAN, one way; Yaroslavl-Moscow fast train, 4 hours ride. 2nd Class, optional upgrade to the 1st class. Flights on request
- All entrance tickets as per program
- Meet and greet services upon arrival in each city
- Transportation as per program
- Full metro pass in Moscow and St. Petersburg. We strongly recommend this fastest means of transport for big cities during peak season of winter holidays
- Local SIM card with data
- Discovery Russia 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia
- Best places to stay, to eat, to go out and have fun - safe and secure with the Australian tour operator, that specializes in Russia
- Russian visa letter of invitation (required by the Ministry of Tourism to grant you a Russian visa) is provided free of charge

GROUP tour is fully escorted by English-speaking tour director

GROUP tour includes welcome dinner and New Year Gala dinner and Party

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NOT INCLUDED:

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

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