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THE SNOW RUSSIAN EMPIRE
13 Days

29 December – 10 January, 2019-2020

This package is available as
Private Tour (flexible dates)
*ST. PETERSBURG VELIKY NOVGOROD,
MOSCOW & THE GOLDEN RING*





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Safe.

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- *Australian-owned company*



- *Over 10 years experience in Russia*



- *24/7 support*





Russian visa: easy to obtain

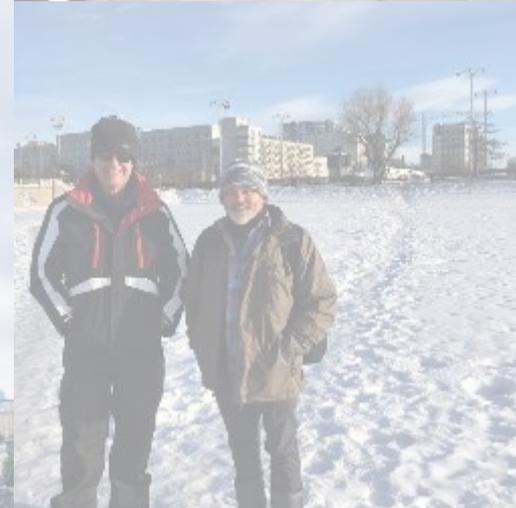
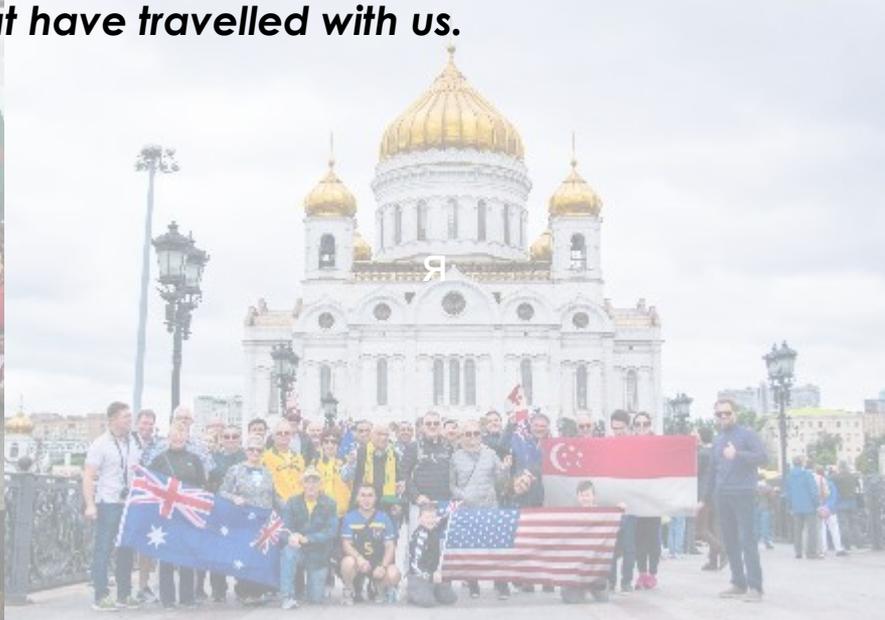
**How to obtain a Russian Visa in an easy way:
Step by Step Guide**

- 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/>



Itinerary

Day 1

- Hello St. Petersburg
- Meet and greet at St Petersburg airport
- Transfer to your hotel

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

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*



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

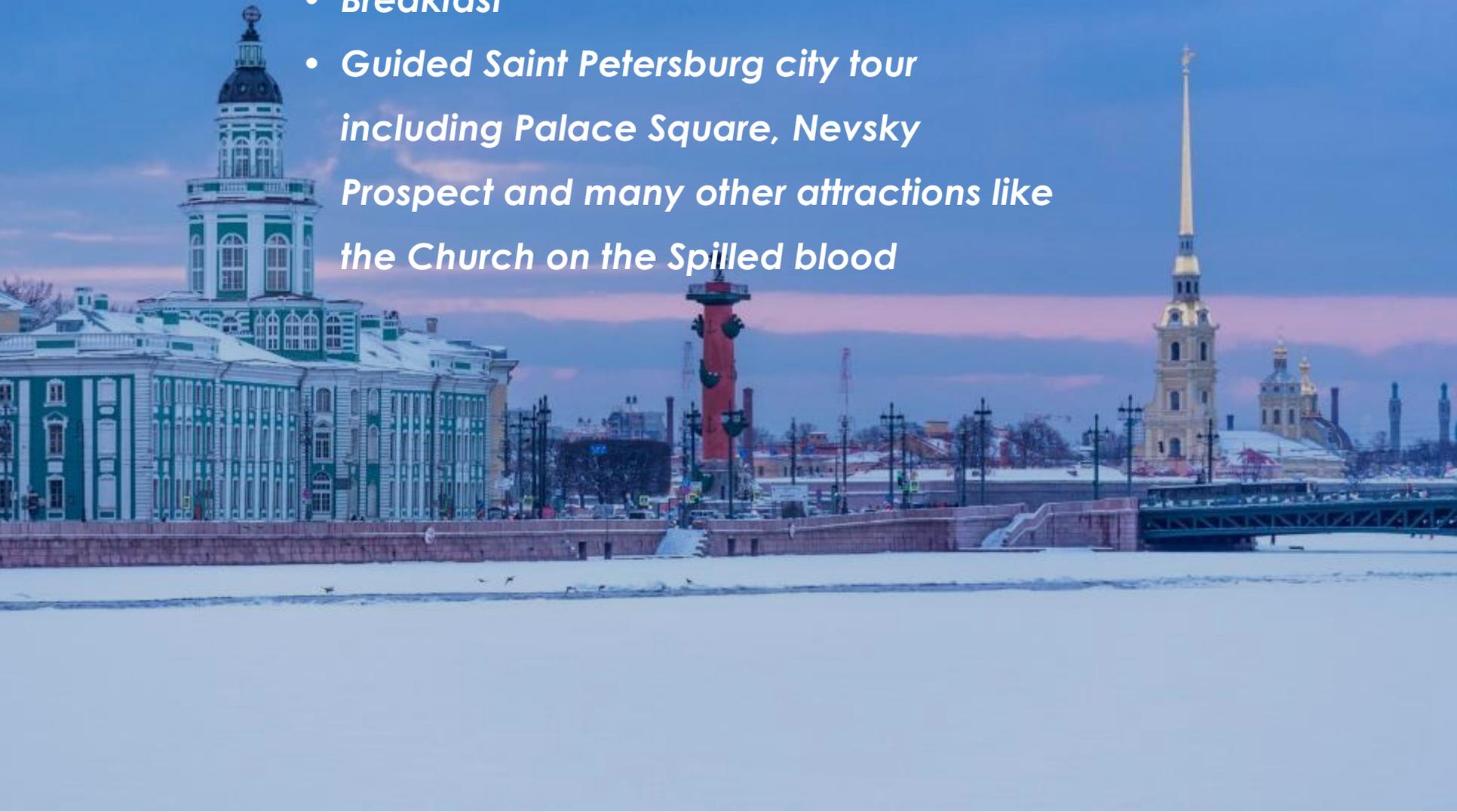


- *Breakfast*
- *Guided tour in Veliky Novgorod including Kremlin, St. Sophia's Cathedral, "1000 years of Russia" monument, beautiful white stone ancient architecture and Vitoslavlitsy museum of wooden architecture*
- *Return to St Petersburg*

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 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

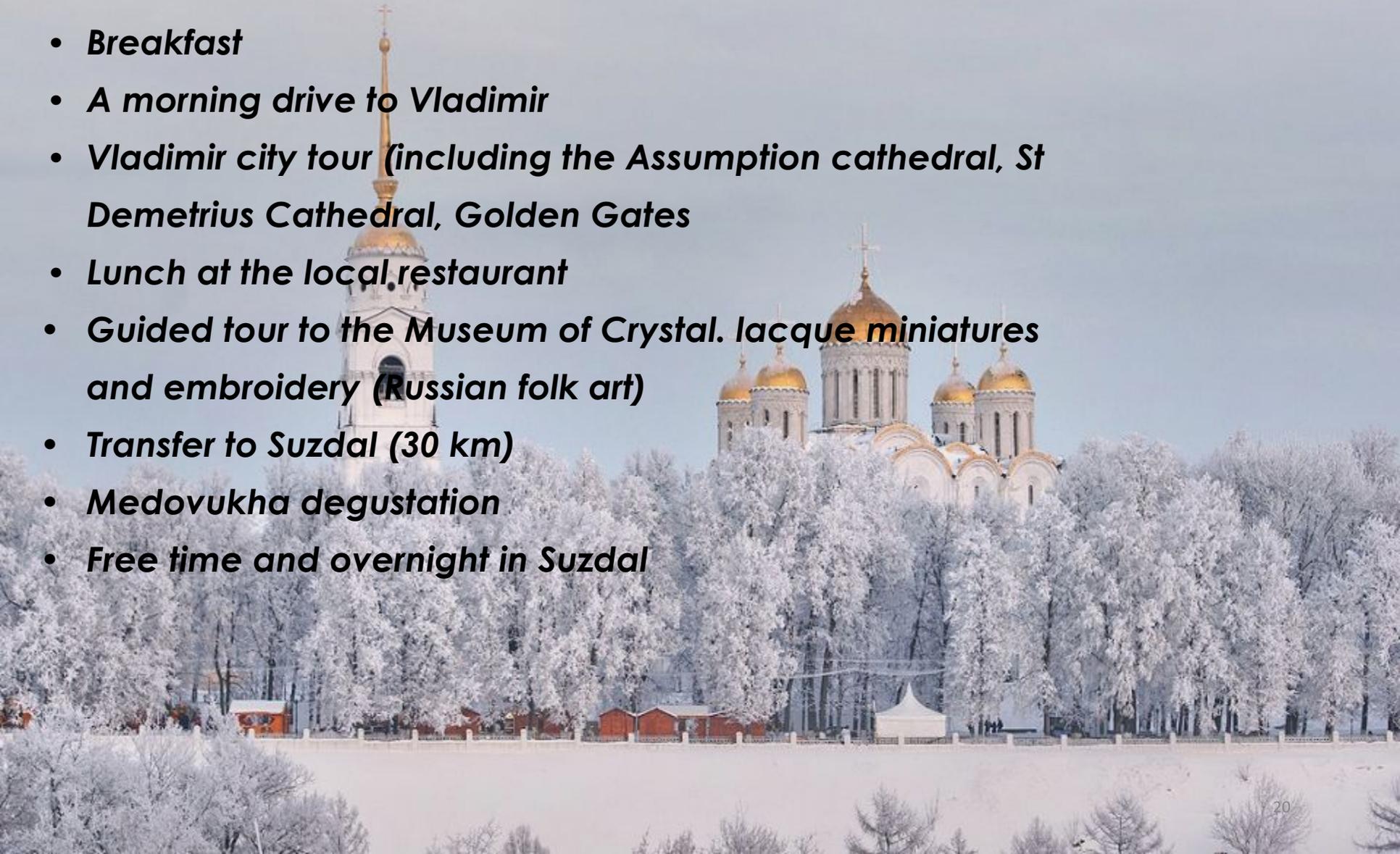


Today we will also use Moscow metro, the fastest and most reliable means of transport in this city. Some stations are like palaces and museums

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) **5,540 AUD // 3930 USD**

Rate per person (4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room) **6,230 AUD // 4425 USD**

Rate per person (5* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room*not available on Golden Ring) **7,560 AUD // 5375 USD**

Dates are flexible

Please inquiry to a custom quote if there are more travelers in your party

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

ACCOMMODATION:

- Hand-picked centrally located hotels:
 - 5 nights St. Petersburg;
 - 1 night Veliky Novgorod;
 - 4 nights Moscow;
 - 1 night Suzdal;
 - 1 night Yaroslavl.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:



MEALS:

- Full breakfast in the hotels;
- 3 lunches on the Golden Ring tour;
- Russian pancakes experience in the Residence of Maslenitsa in Yaroslavl;
- Degustation of Medovukha in Suzdal;
- Traditional Russian lunch in Mandrogi village;

TRANSPORTATION:

- St. Petersburg-Moscow intercity high-speed train SAPSAN, one way;
- Transportation according to the itinerary:
 - St, Petersburg - Staraya Russa;
 - Staraya Russa - Veliky Novgorod;
 - Veliky Novgorod - St. Petersburg;
 - St. Petersburg - Mandrogi village and back;
 - Moscow - Vladimir;
 - Vladimir - Suzdal;
 - Suzdal - Kideksha;
 - Kideksha - Yaroslavl;
 - Yaroslavl - Rostov the Great;
 - Rostov the Great — Moscow;
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow & St. Petersburg;
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations;

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TOUR INCLUSIONS:



TRANSPORTATION:

- Return airport/train station transfers;
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus.

SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- All guided tours as per program:
 - Staraya Russa full day (8 hours) guided tour: Dostoevsky House Museum, the Museum of Medieval Russian Village;
 - Veliky Novgorod full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Kremlin of Novgorod, the cathedral of St. Sophia, the Millennium of Russia Monument;
 - Mandrogi village full day (8 hours) guided tour: traditional old wooden houses, visiting the real estate of a Russian noble family, Troika ride;
 - The Golden Ring full day (8 hours) guided tour. Vladimir: the Assumption Cathedral, St Demetrius Cathedral, Golden Gates, Museum of Crystal // Suzdal: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of St. Euthymius;
 - The Golden Ring full day (8 hours) guided tour. Yaroslavl: the Residence of Maslennitsa // Rostov the Great: the Rostov Kremlin, master class on national crafts;
 - The Golden Ring half day (4 hours) guided tour. Kideksha: discovering historical area.
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: Kremlin, the Armory, St Basil's Cathedral, Novodevichy convent & Sparrow Hills, Moscow metro tour, Arbat street;
 - Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Kolomenskoye Estate, the VDNKh & Museum of Cosmonautics;

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SIGHTSEEING TOURS:

- All guided tours as per program:
 - St. Petersburg half day (4 hours) guided tour: the Winter Palace and the Hermitage;
 - St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo, Catherine's palace & Amber room, Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral.

ENTRANCE TICKETS & VISAS:

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions;
- Russian visa letters of invitation (required by the Embassies to grant you the visa) is provided free of charge.

YOUR COMFORT COUNTS:

- Russian local sim card with data;
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia.

GROUP TOUR ADD ONS:

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

NOT INCLUDED:

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

**OPTIONAL TOURS: ASK YOUR TRAVEL MANAGER
FOR MORE DETAILS**



MOSCOW

**COLD WAR TRACES: SECRET ANTI-NUCLEAR
BUNKER -42**

Rate per person (based on minimum 2 people to go): AUD 120

**EXTRA NIGHT STAY (THE SAME FOR MOSCOW
& ST. PETERSBURG)**

Rate per person (3*): AUD 63

Rate per person (4*): AUD 113

Rate per person (5*): AUD 188

SAINT PETERSBURG

MARIINSKY BALLET

- Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)

Rate per person: from AUD 80

COSSACK SHOW

Rate per person: AUD 105