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Three Capitals: Moscow, St. Petersburg & Kiev

12 Days/11 nights

This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour.

TrustPilot Score 4,7 out of 5



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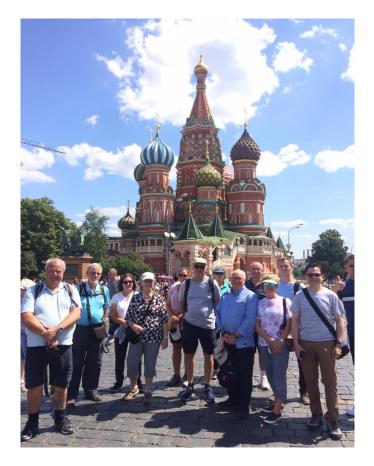
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What our Travelers Say:

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Russian Visa: easy

- 1. Get you personal Visa Support Letter (VSL) & Discovery Russia's detailed Visa Manuals
- 2. Fill in online Visa Application form
- 3. Send your passport, photo, and application form to the Embassy or your nearest Russian visa Center



Tour at a Glance

DAY 1

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

DAY 4

- Check out of the hotel
- Transfer to the railway station to board the bullet train for 4 hours journey to St. Petersburg
- Meet & greet at the railway station
- Transfer to your hotel and check-in
- > The evening is free at leisure

DAY 2

- Guided tour to the Moscow
 Kremlin, including the
 Cathedrals and the Armory
- The walking city tour in the downtowns: Red Square & St Basil's Cathedral, and other highlights
- The Moscow metro tour
- The evening is free at leisure on the Arbat

DAY 5

- Guided tour to the royal Peterhof Palace
- Guided tour to the Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral
- Optional Faberge Museum Tour
- Boat cruise

DAY 3

- Guided tour to the State Tretyakov Gallery,
- Panoramic driving city tour: the Novodevichy Convent with the guided tour inside, Sparrow Hills, Stalin's skyscrapers tour, the VDNKh
- Guided tour to the Museum of Cosmonautics

DAY 6

- The Winter Palace/Hermitage guided tour
- The city sightseeing tour visiting: St. Isaac's Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Spilled Blood





Tour at a Glance

DAY 7

- The tour to Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo
- The Catherine Palace and world-famous Amber Room with guided tour inside

DAY 8

- 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 9

- Guided Kiev panoramic city tour
- Guided tour to Kiev Pechersk Lavra

DAY 10

- Guided tour to the National Museum of the History of Ukraine in the Second World War
- Guided tour to Mezhyhirya Residence

DAY 11

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Transfer to the airport and departure





Day 1: Moscow Arrival

Welcome to Moscow!

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 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.

Moscow is the heart of the Russian performing arts, including ballet and film, with 68 museums 103 theaters, 132 cinemas and 24 concert halls.

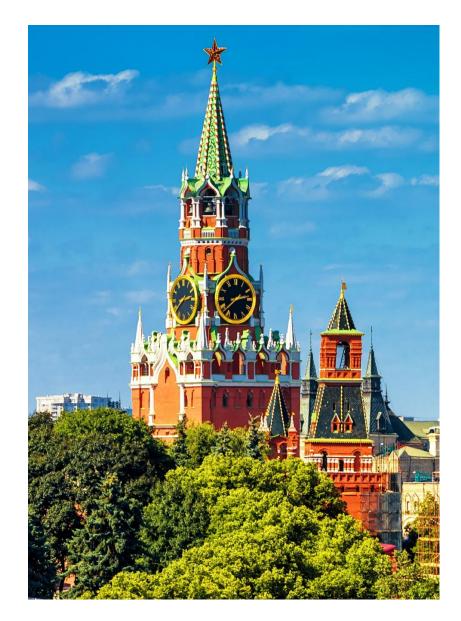
Your driver will be waiting at the airport/train station to take you to the cozy hotel in the downtown.

Afternoon at leisure.





Moscow hotel







Day 2: Mighty Kremlin & the City

After breakfast, take the full-day sightseeing tour in Moscow including the Moscow Kremlin (all the highlights including the Armory), the Red Square, Lenin's Mausoleum, Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters & other attractions of the downtown, and Arbat street.

The name "Kremlin" means "fortress inside a city", this construction had to protect the city from enemies. The Moscow Kremlin acquired the status of a sacral symbol representing the power of the great country. A holiday to Moscow is not complete without a visit to the Kremlin.

During the tour, you also take a ride by the famous Moscow metro.

We draw your attention that the schedule of the excursions can be changed.











Day 3: Moscow Tour

After breakfast, take the guided tour to the State Tretyakov Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world.

Next, transfer to Novodevichy Convent for the guided tour inside. 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.

Enjoy panoramic driving city tour to see Sparrow Hills, Stalin's skyscrapers, the VDNKh and visit the Museum of Cosmonautics.















Day 4: Moscow - St. Petersburg



Breakfast



St. Petersburg hotel

Day 5: St. Petersburg Tour

Today, you visit the royal Peterhof Palace. Gardens and parks are spread over more than four hundred hectares and include thirty-one amazing museums and beautiful Versailles-style gardens. Interiors, as always in Russia, are all made of gold. In summer, the Peterhof is especially good thanks to its famous fountains which run naturally. Optional Faberge Museum Tour is available.

Next, take the guided tour to the Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral. Enjoy a romantic cruise down the canals of St. Petersburg, and see some of the city's monuments on the banks of the River Neva, all beautifully illuminated for the evening.











Day 6: The Hermitage & Iconic Landmarks

After breakfast, take the full-day 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, the former residence of the 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, and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture, an absolutely enthralling must-see.

We draw your attention that the schedule of the excursions can be changed.











Day 7: The Catherine Palace

After breakfast, take the guided tour to Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo (30 km south of St. Petersburg).

The tour includes the Catherine Palace and world-famous Amber Room. The stunning Rococo palace was the summer residence of the Russian Tsars. The residence originated in 1717 when Catherine I hired German architect Johann-Friedrich Braunstein to construct a summer palace for her pleasure.

Amber room is a reconstructed chamber decorated in amber panels backed with gold leaf and mirrors, located in the Catherine Palace.

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Day 8: St. Petersburg -Kiev

After breakfast, take a transfer to the airport for the flight to Kiev. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and check-in The evening is free at leisure.





Breakfast



Kiev hotel





Day 9: Kiev 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.

Then take the guided tour to Kiev Pechersk 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.









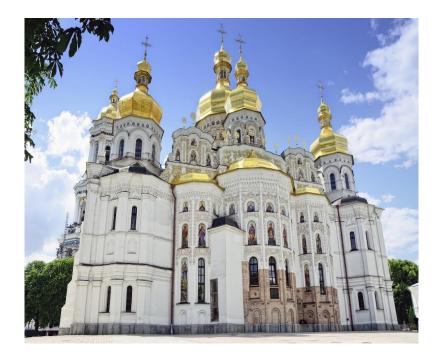


Day 10: National Museum & Mezhyhirya Residence

National Museum of the Second World War contains 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. Nearby is the iconic, 62-meter tall Motherland monument, one of the best-recognized landmarks of Kyiv.

Explore one of the most shocking 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.

Kiev hotel



Day 11: Farewell

Breakfast

After breakfast, take a transfer to the airport and departure.



Breakfast



Dates & Rates

Small Group Tour

Set departures 2020: 18 April, 21 May, 18 July, 17 September

Rate per person 3* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room:\$3,490AUDRate per person 4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room:\$4,240AUDRate per person 4* hotels, sharing 1 twin/double room:\$5,970AUD

PRIVATE TOUR: on request





Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION:

- > Hand-picked centrally located hotels:
 - 4 nights St. Petersburg
 - 3 nights Moscow
 - 3 nights Kiev

MEALS:

> Full breakfast daily (Except Day 1)

TRANSPORTATION:

- Moscow-St. Petersburg intercity high speed train, one way, 4 hours ride, economy fare
- St Petersburg- Kiev flight (connecting), economy fare
- Meet at greet at the airports/train stations
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Transfers as per program: airport-hotel Moscow, hotel-train station Moscow, train station-hotel St Petersburg, hotel-airport St Petersburg, airport-hotel Kiev, hotel-airport Kiev
- Transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus

SIGHTSEEING:

- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin (including the Cathedrals and the Armory), the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters and other highlights, Moscow metro tour
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the State Tretyakov Gallery, the Novodevichy Convent with the guided tour inside, Sparrow Hills, the VDNKh and the guided tour to the Museum of Cosmonautics, Stalin's skyscrapers tour
- St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: Peter & Paul Fortress & Cathedral, the Royal Palace of Peterhof, boat cruise
- St. Petersburg full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Winter Palace and the Hermitage, Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood
- Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: Catherine's palace & Amber room





Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING:

- Kiev panoramic city tour \succ
- Tour to Kiev Pechersk Lavra \succ
- Kiev day guided city tour: the National Museum of \succ the History of Ukraine in the Second World War, Mezhyhirya Residence

GROUP TOUR:

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour \succ director
- Group size: small group up to 20 people \succ

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.:

- Entrance Tickets to all listed attractions \succ
- / Russian Ukrainian visa supporting \succ documents
- Russian & Ukrainian local sim card with data \succ
- 24/7 English-speaking support line \succ

NOT INCLUDED:

- International flights \succ
- Visa fee \succ

- Extras of Personal nature \succ Lunches and dinners
- Travel insurance



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TRUSTWORTHY

➤ Australian-owned and based company
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EASY BOOKING

≻No	hidden	costs,	no b	ooking	fee
≻All	С	urrencies	acceptable		
≻All	major	credit	cards	acce	epted

DESTINATION EXPERTS

➤We specialize in tours to Russia and neighbouring

In-depth local experience and knowledge
 Hand-picked hotels, proven itineraries & the best guides

24/7 SUPPORT

➤ We operate in Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong at local times
 ➤ 24/7 online chat and phone support
 ➤ 24/7 English-speaking personal tour manager during the trip & emergency line

SAFETY & VALUE

≻Our tours have more inclusions than many lookalikes

We tailor your trip even if you join one of our set group
 Frequent group departure dates: easy to combine with European destinations
 Fully escorted small groups up to 20 people
 Guaranteed departures, 0% cancellation rate in 2018-2019

➤ Customizable private tours





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 // USD 85// GBP 66 // CAD 115

EXTRA NIGHT STAY (THE SAME FOR <u>MOSCOW &</u> <u>ST. PETERSBURG</u>)

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 2450 // USD 1740 // GBP 1350 // CAD 2345



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

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 TICKET ONLY

Rate per person: AUD 105 // USD 75 // GBP 60 // CAD 100

FABERGE TOUR WITH AUDIO GUIDE (MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE TO GO) Rate per person: AUD 75 // USD 54 // GBP 42 // CAD 72





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