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Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Vladivostok - Ulan-Ude - Irkutsk / Lake Baikal - Yekaterinburg - Kazan - Nizhny Novgorod -

Vladimir - Yaroslavl - Suzdal - Moscow - St. Petersburg

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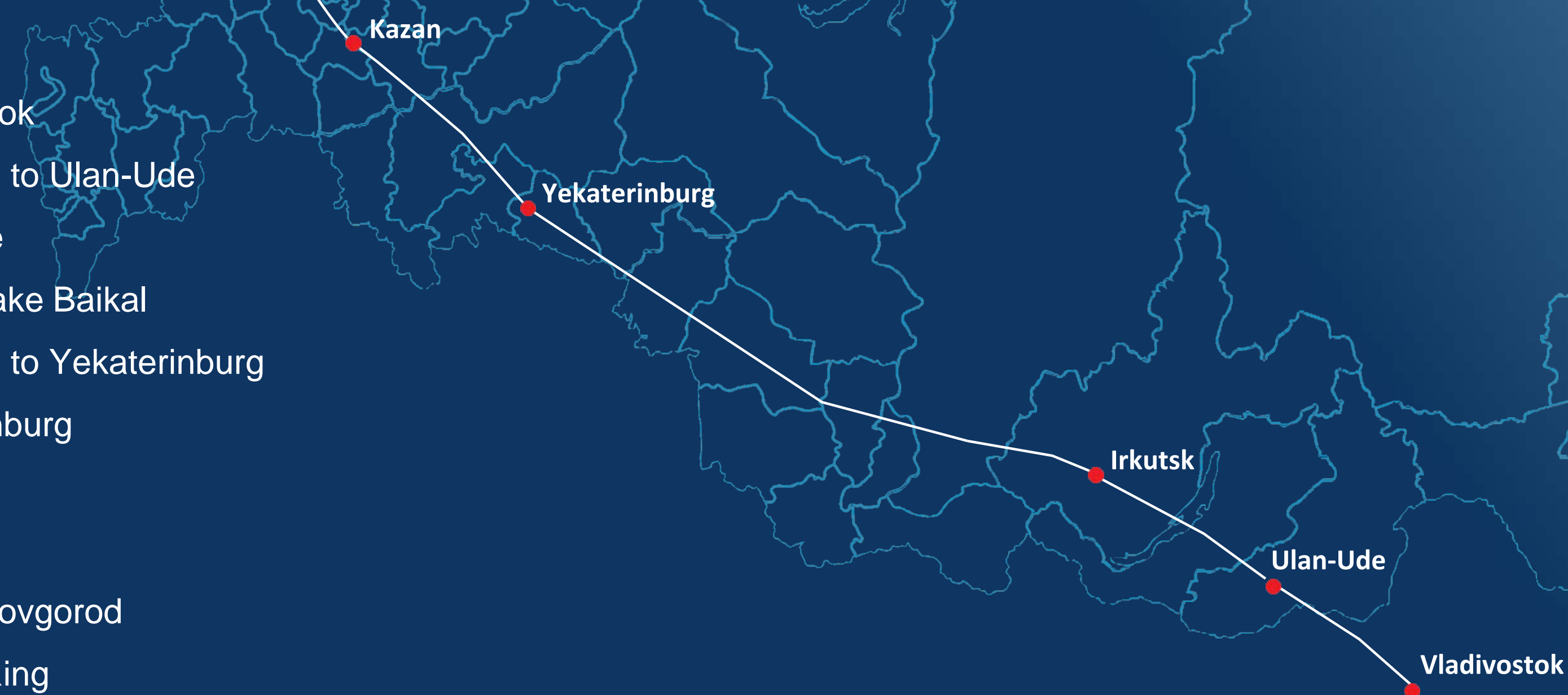
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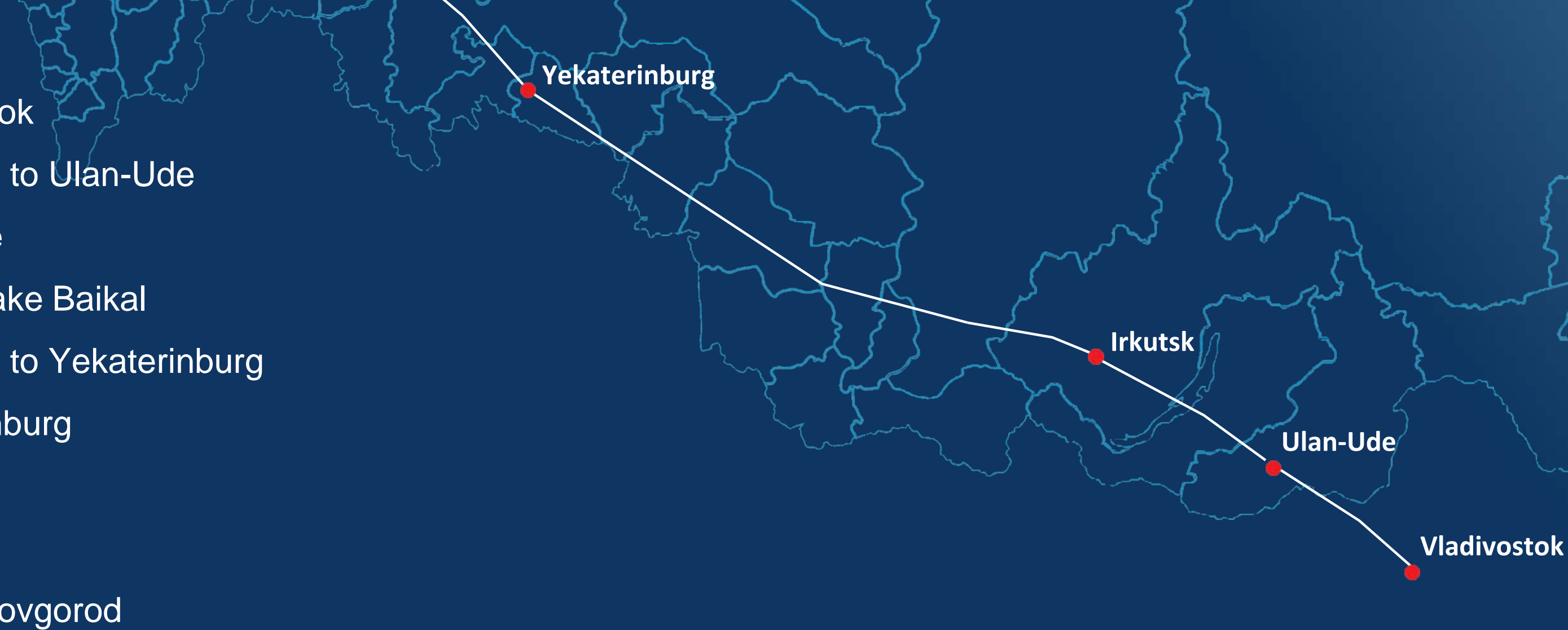


Tour at a glance: Vladivostok to St. Petersburg



Day	Town
1-2	Vladivostok
3-4	On board to Ulan-Ude
5-6	Ulan-Ude
7-9	Irkutsk/Lake Baikal
10	On board to Yekaterinburg
11-12	Yekaterinburg
13-14	Kazan
15	Gorodets
16	Nizhny Novgorod
17-19	Golden Ring
20-21	Moscow
22	Moscow - St. Petersburg\
23-25	St. Petersburg
26	Farewell

Tour at a glance: Vladivostok to Moscow



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Day 1: Arrive Vladivostok

Welcome to the capital of Primorye!

Vladivostok is one of the most picturesque and interesting cities in the Russian Far East, a mysterious entity saturated with sea salt and wind. It is a Russian city, but is it Asian or European? Is it the centre of a new world, or is it an ambitious world's end? It is a city that lets you go, but never lets you forget... Every traveller finds his own meaning in what connects him with Vladivostok. You need to try it all to discover your own connection.

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

Evening free at leisure.

Your train tickets will be delivered to your hotel in advance.

Group tour will enjoy welcome dinner.



Group tour:
Welcome dinner



Vladivostok hotel



Private transfer
airport - hotel

Day 2: Discover Vladivostok

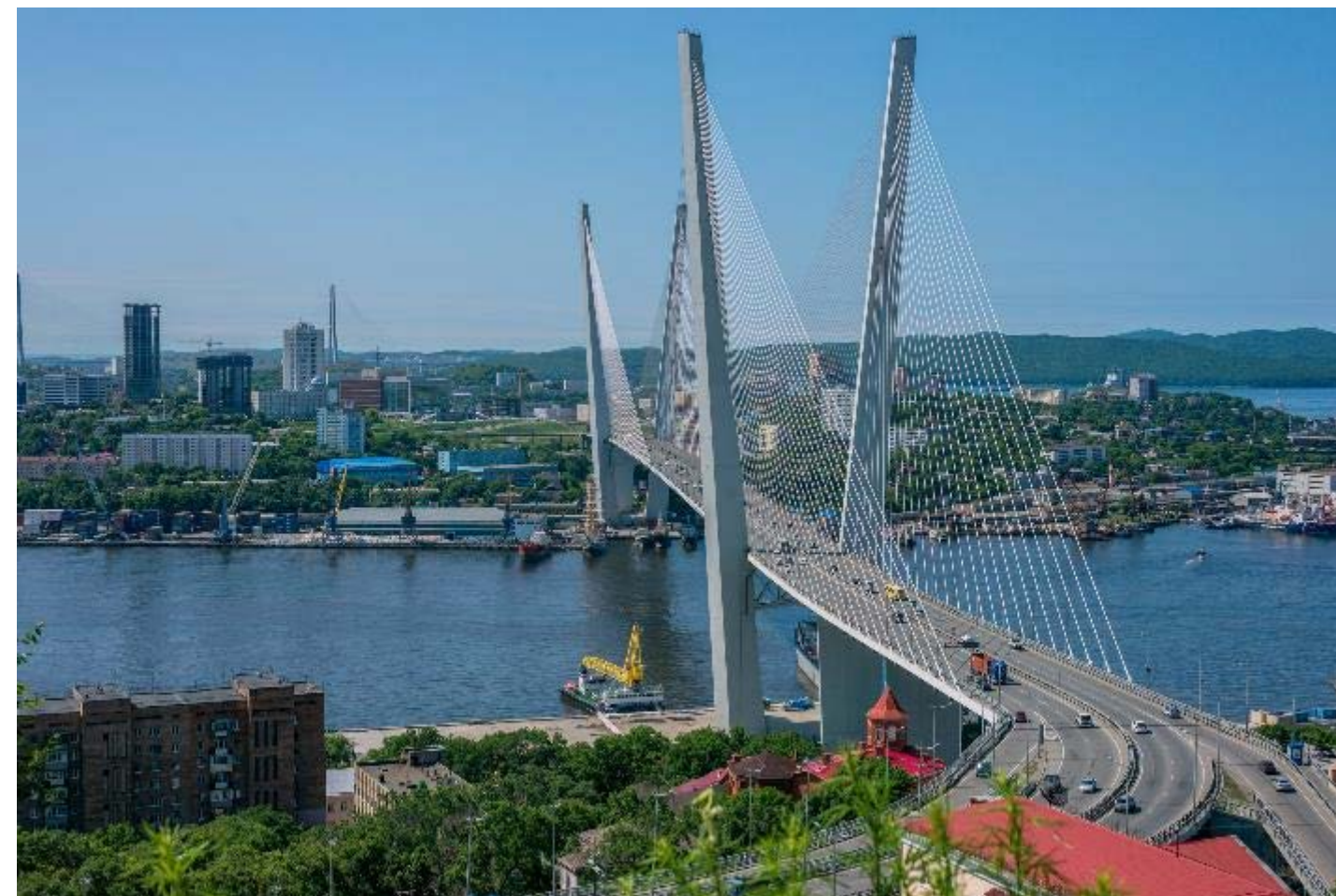
Full day (8 hours) guided tour in Vladivostok.

Vladivostok started to grow with the Trans Siberian when the construction commenced in 189. Amazing landscapes, the ocean, historical sightseeing, naval base, active marine sports, seafood - everyone will find something appealing here, at the eastern side of Russia.

Today you will visit all major highlights: harbour, Submarine S-56, view point Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum.

One of the highlights of the tour is of course Golden Bridge, an astonishing cable-stayed bridge across the Zolotoy Rog (Golden Horn). It is considered the world's 12th longest cable-stayed bridge.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Ulan-Ude.



Day 3: On board

The Russian Far East is extraordinarily far from Russia's major population centres in Europe and is usually visited separately unless... by the Trans-Siberian Railway of course. The largest city in the region, Vladivostok, is a full seven time zones away from Moscow, with 9,300 km of railroad between them.

The first leg of your journey will last two days.

NB: our professional guides will assist at every train station with stocking necessary snacks before each leg of the train ride and use our Trans-Siberian Manuals to pack properly and you will find it to be pretty comfortable journey.



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Breakfast



On board
the train



Train
Vladivostok - Ulan-Ude

Day 4: On board

Train ride continues. A long train journey is a fine opportunity to relax and calm down. Read your favourite book, talk to fellow travellers and enjoy unique landscapes.

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And here is more. The Trans Siberian is the best way to make new friends. Safe ride!



Day 5: Ulan-Ude Tour

Early arrival at Ulan-Ude. Your driver will be waiting at the train station to take you to the cosy hotel in downtown. Guaranteed early check-in.

After breakfast, start the guided city tour. Today you visit Atsagatski Datsan, famous Lenin's head monument, and Old town.

The Buryats practice Tibetan Buddhism but, along with all other religions, this was suppressed under communism. All of the Datsans (monasteries) were destroyed and the monks sent off to the Gulags. Now they are being rebuilt. They are not as big and grand as those in Tibet, somehow they have a more homely, approachable feel to them.

The main sight of Ulan-Ude is Lenin's head monument. Every tourist who is interested in unusual monuments and amazing architecture should see this 7,7 meters-high bronze head of Vladimir Lenin. This monument is the largest head sculpture in the world.



Breakfast



Tour



Ulan-Ude hotel



Day 6: Discover Ulan-Ude

Unique samples of old Buryat art, as thangkas, sculptures, ritual objects are gathered and preserved at the Ivolginsky datsan. We start the day here. Among the monastery's treasures, there is a collection of old Buddhist manuscripts written in the Tibetan language on natural silk, and a greenhouse with a sacred Bodhi tree.

Proceed to Old Believers village. The Old Believers are Orthodox Christians, who maintain traditional religious way of life and follow very old religious rules. They separated from the official Russian Orthodox Church as a protest against church reforms introduced between 1652 and 1666. Saving their lives, Old Believers had to run away to Siberia and the Far East. Another name of these people — Semeyskie or Family People — was given because they moved to Siberia with their big families. These special people keep the traditions of their ancestors, many do not recognize modern technologies, medicine and internet.

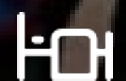
Late evening boarding the train to Irkutsk



Breakfast



Tour



On board
the train



Train
Ulan-Ude - Irkutsk



Day 7: Arrive Lake Baikal

Welcome to Siberia, the best part of Russia! Arrive at Irkutsk and take a transfer to Listvyanka village at Lake Baikal shore.

One of the world's oldest geographical features (formed 25 to 30 million years ago), magnificent Lake Baikal is the highlight of Eastern Siberia. Most visitors agree that Siberia doesn't get better than this.

Stop for lunch, try local Buryat cuisine.

Arrive Listvyanka village. Check-in at the hotel. The evening is free at leisure. Relax after train journey, take a walk along the lake shore and get ready for busy tomorrow.

Optional Russian banya.



Breakfast,
Buryat Lunch



Tour



Listvyanka
hotel



Day 8: Baikal Tour & Cruise

Visit Baikal Museum, Shaman Rock, St. Nicholas church and a Fish Market. Baikal Museum is a splendid museum where information about lake Baikal wildlife is kept, studied and exhibited: including the origins of the lake, the endemic flora and fauna from the surface of the lake to its maximum depth, an excellent model of the lake, etc. 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. Apparently, locals have thousands of legends about this place, which is believed to be the house of one of the Buryat gods.

In the evening, enjoy Lake Baikal boat cruise. It is one of the most exciting trips, a great opportunity to get acquainted with the main attractions of Baikal. During the cruise, you will enjoy the vastness of the lake and magnificent landscapes, feel the power and energy of the Siberian land.

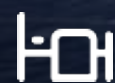
Optional Russian banya.



Breakfast



Tour



Listvyanka
hotel


Day 9: Siberian culture & Irkutsk

Today you will take the transfer to Irkutsk to have a guided city tour. But first we will make a stop at Taltsy Open Air Siberian 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. Here you will see the traditional folk-show and have a lunch. And even try Russian vodka!

In the afternoon, we will arrive at Irkutsk and explore the city. The town is famous for its wooden houses and wooden lace perfectly preserved. In fact, the Irkutsk historic centre is one huge open air museum!


In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Yekaterinburg.



Breakfast,
Siberian Lunch,
Vodka tasting



Tour



On board the
train



Train Irkutsk -
Yekaterinburg



Day 10: Crossing Siberia

A long train journey is a fine opportunity to relax and calm down. Read the favorite book, talk to fellow travelers and enjoy unique landscapes of Russia behind your window.

This train experience lasts for 2 days. Each train is equipped with a dining-car where you will be able to have a rest at any time. But nevertheless, we advise to get some food in advance.

Russian branded trains offer a high standard of service, design, comfort and additional services. Most trains are air-conditioned and have electric heating and TVs. Some also have Internet connections and cable television. Discovery Russia uses the best available trains for each leg of your train journey.

Staff is always available to offer passengers hot tea or coffee, make the beds, provide all necessary information en route and hand out periodicals and safety belts to passengers.



Day 11: Arrive Yekaterinburg

Welcome to Yekaterinburg! This city has a feast of sights to discover. It attracts travellers by rich historical heritage. Your driver will be waiting at the train station to take you to the cosy hotel in downtown.

Evening at leisure.



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None today



Yekaterinburg
hotel



Train Irkutsk -
Yekaterinburg

Day 12: Discover Yekaterinburg: between Europe and Asia

It was nearly three hundred years ago when this town was founded on the eastern slopes of the Urals mountains on the banks of the beautiful Iset river.

The guided city tour today includes Cathedral on the Blood, place where the last Romanov Tsar was assassinated after the Revolution, Ganina Yama, Museum of Minerals.

We also drive outside of the city to visit one of its most remarkable attractions: the Europe-Asia border. The monument was erected in 2004 and represents two intertwined letters A and E. There you can happily put one foot in Europe and other in Asia and take some unique photographs.

Also, we shall visit the largest in Russia open-air military museum Verkhnyaya Pyshma.



Breakfast



Tour



Yekaterinburg
hotel

Day 13: Arrive Kazan

In the morning, take a transfer to the train station and board the train to Kazan. Day-long train ride.

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And here is more. The long journey is the best way to make new friends!

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Breakfast



Kazan hotel



Train Yekaterinburg -
Kazan

Day 14: Discover Kazan

Today we have a really busy day to explore the main sights of Kazan. Firstl, enjoy the tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Kremlin of Kazan, with our professional English-speaking guide.

Our next stop is the magnificent Kul Sharif Mosque. The impressive Qol-Şärif Mosque (also transliterated as Kul-Sharif) is the most important mosque in Tatarstan and one of the largest mosques in Europe.

As Kazan is the centre of Tatar culture, we will also visit the old Tatar villages to try a local Tatar tea. Later, have a culinary master-class of Tatar dishes at a traditional restaurant.

During our city tour will also see Kazan Arena, Millennium Bridge, Mardzhani Mosque, Kaban Lake, Bogoroditsky Monastery, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Bauman Street, Freedom Square. In the evening, transfer to the train station to board the train to Nizhny Novgorod.



Breakfast, Tatar
lunch



Tour



On board
the train



Train Kazan - Nizhny
Novgorod

Day 15: Discover Central Russia

Early arrival at Nizhny Novgorod and guaranteed check-in. Time to refresh.

Today, we travel to now peaceful Gorodets settlement and tomorrow will explore Nizhny Novgorod and its cultural treasures.

As there was an abundance of woods around the town, becoming a woodcarver or carpenter was always considered the best option for a profession. Today Gorodets is known as the “town of masters” – a place where numerous crafts are plied. The famous Gorodets painting style, gold embroidery, wood carving, honey cake baking, pottery and basket weaving all still flourish here.

In a largely illiterate society, Gorodets has gained a reputation of “museum-town’. Russian Samovar tea ceremony with the town's speciality, “pryaniki” – hard honey-rich cakes, it is your quintessential Russian experience of the day!



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Day 16: Discover Nizhny Novgorod

Get ready for a guided tour in Nizhny Novgorod - one of the hidden gems on the Russian touristic map. Nizhniy Novgorod is lucky to host one of the most beautiful provincial Kremlins built on high Volga river banks. Apparently, you will get the complete set of Russia's attractions: the Kremlin, the State Art Museum with a collection of icons and national crafts dated back to XIV century, wooden architecture on streets and an open-air museum of traditional architecture and cultures, beautiful churches, ancient monasteries, great traditional Russian food and heartily people.

During Polish invasion of 1621 it was Nizhny Novgorod and its citizens who assembled the people's army to fight for Moscow. In memory of it, you have seen Minin and Pozharsky monument in front of St. Basil's Cathedral at the Red Square. Since XIX century, Nizhny Novgorod was the leading Russian international trade centre.

In the evening, take a transfer to the train station to board the train to Vladimir. Arrival and check-in.



Breakfast



Tour



Vladimir hotel



Train Nizhny
Novgorod - Vladimir

Day 17: Nerli & Vladimir

Pick up at your hotel and transfer to Vladimir (2-3 hours depending on traffic). Take a tour to enjoy all the wonders of this UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Vladimir was one of the medieval capitals of Russia, with significant buildings surviving from the 12th century. We shall visit the Dormition Cathedral that preserves the world famous frescoes of Andrei Rublev, the architectural complex of the Cathedral of St. Dimitriy.

Russians borrowed its early architecture, like its icon painting, from Byzantium. One of the best-known Russian churches in the northern style is the Church of the Intercession on the Nerl.. Today it stands alone in the midst of green meadows, the small lake below reflecting its white walls and single dome. This church is one of the most poetic creations of early Russian architecture which ever come down to us out of the past. It was built in 1164 and it now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Transfer to Yaroslavl for overnight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Yaroslavl hotel



Day 18: Yaroslavl & Rostov the Great

Historical centre of Yaroslavl, is, of course, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Yaroslavl was the first Christian city on the Volga River. Apparently, there are plenty of decent cathedrals and churches here to visit, however, we feel it's better to skip and instead, visit the Residence of Maslenitsa. What is, or who is Maslenitsa? Sign up to our tour to find out!

After lunch, transfer to Rostov the Great, which has been known since the 9th century. It is famous for the 17th century Kremlin with numerous churches and gorgeous views from the Kremlin walls. (Unlike in Moscow Kremlin, here you might walk along the fortified wall). Tour of Rostov Kremlin and exhibition of Finift (Rostov painted enamel). We shall visit great local museum, one-of-a-kind place to get acquainted with this unique Russian art. The master class will allow you to create your own enamel miniatures.

Transfer to Suzdal for overnight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Suzdal hotel



Day 19: Suzdal Kremlin & Wooden Houses

A day to explore treasures of ancient Suzdal, UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the brilliant Suzdal Kremlin and its gem - the beautiful Chamber of the Christ, explore the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius.

Try Russian national drink - "medovukha" - a soft drink based on honey. Suzdal produces the very best one!

Visit Museum of Wooden Architecture. It keeps numerous examples of old wooden architecture and is considered to be a little corner of classical ancient Russia.

In the evening, take a transfer to Moscow. Check-in at the hotel.

Please, pay your attention that in 2021 the excursion program of the Golden Ring towns will be changed. You will visit Sergiev Posad instead of Bogolyubovo. Itinerary of the Golden Ring program in 2021: Vladimir - Suzdal - Rostov the Great - Yaroslavl - Sergiev Posad.



Breakfast,
Degustation of Medovukha



Tour



Moscow hotel

Day 20: Mighty Kremlin & The City

Full-day (8 hours) guided sightseeing tour in Moscow.

Take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated underground stations which Stalin called "people's palaces". Also, It is the fastest way to travel in Moscow and avoid traffic jams.

Visit the Moscow Kremlin, the very heart of Moscow and Russia! Walk along monumental walls, golden-domed cathedrals and, of course, most recognizable towers with iconic red stars. Explore the treasure of its world-famous museums including the Armory.

Then, make essential Russian photos at Red Square with Lenin's Mausoleum & Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), famous GUM department store, pass by the Bolshoi Theatre, KGB Headquarters & other attractions of the downtown. Take a walking tour in the downtown.

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.



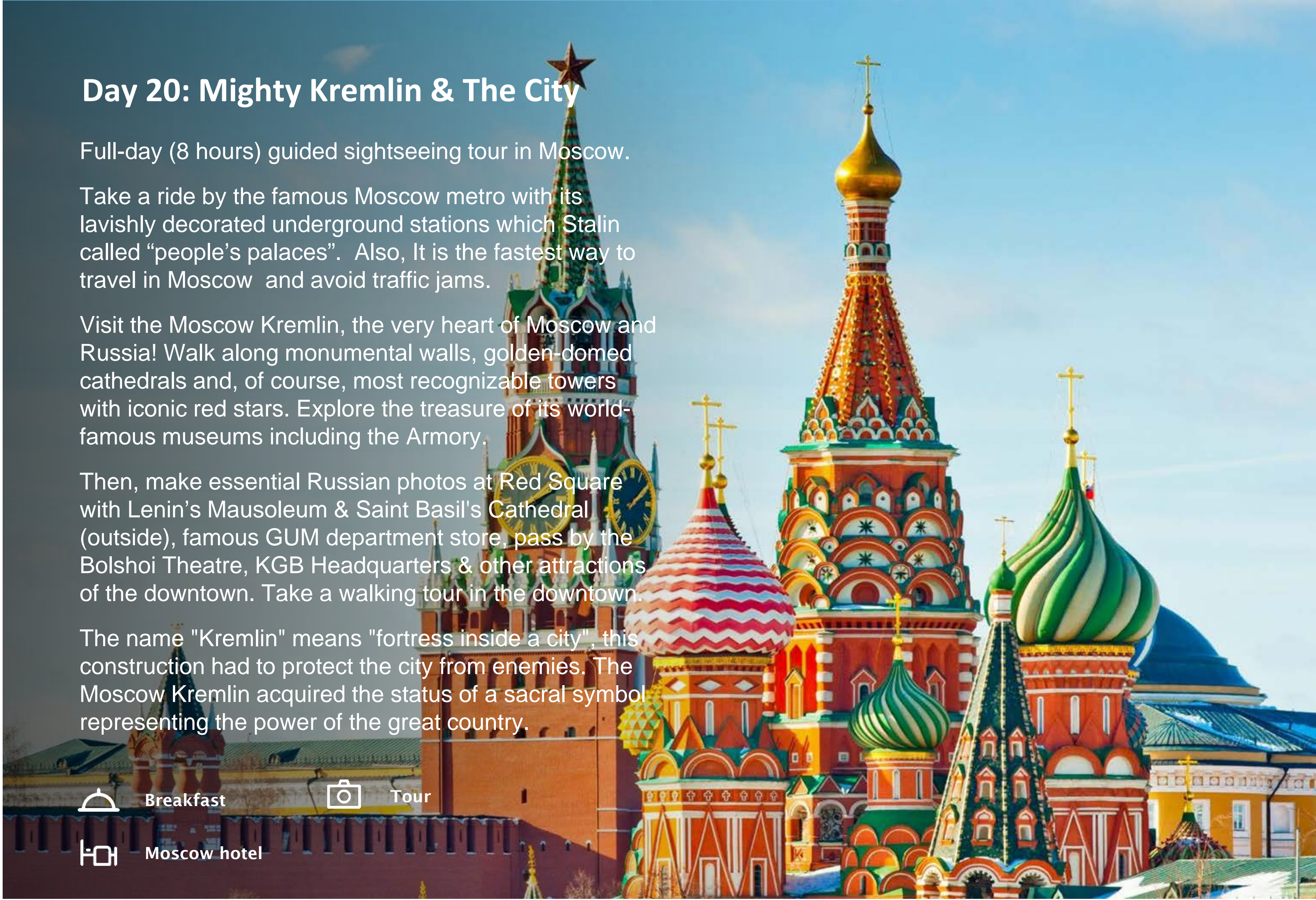
Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 21: Moscow Tour

Full-day (8 hours) guided tour in Moscow.

Today, visit The Tretyakov State Art Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world.

We continue with a trip to Novodevichy Convent, probably the best-known cloister of Moscow and take a guided visit inside its medieval walls. Unlike many other cloisters, it has remained virtually intact since the 17th century and is now the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Enjoy a panoramic driving city tour to see Sparrow Hills with the best iconic views, hear the stories behind famous Stalin's skyscrapers, and finally, visit the VDNKh Soviet exhibition with the outstanding Museum of Cosmonautics.



Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 22: Moscow - St. Petersburg

Check out from your hotel and transfer to the train station to board high-speed train for your comfortable 4-hour journey to St. Petersburg. On arrival at St. Petersburg, take a transfer to your hotel and check-in. The evening is free at leisure to explore downtown.

Founded by the Tsar Peter the Great on 27 May 1703, St Petersburg was planned and built as the capital of newly emerged Russian Empire. Today, it is arguably one of the most beautiful cities in Europe and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Immerse yourself deep into rich Russian history, art and culture, Russian Revolution & Romanov Imperial legacy. The White Nights, luminous northern midsummer eves, are the summer weeks when the Venice of the North is sparkling like good champagne.

Afternoon at leisure.



Breakfast



St. Petersburg
hotel



Bullet train



Day 23: Peterhof Palace

Full day (8 hours) guided tour in St. Petersburg.

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. We draw your attention that this tour is seasonal and available only from May till October (weather permitting).



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Breakfast



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Day 24: The Hermitage & Iconic Landmarks

Full-day (8 hours) 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. Our experienced guides will make it interesting to follow the tricky path of the centuries behind it and give a better understanding of sophisticated Russian history. This former residence of the Romanovs 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 visit the city's iconic landmarks: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood — one of the most powerful constructions in Russian Orthodox Christian architecture, and an enthralling must-see.



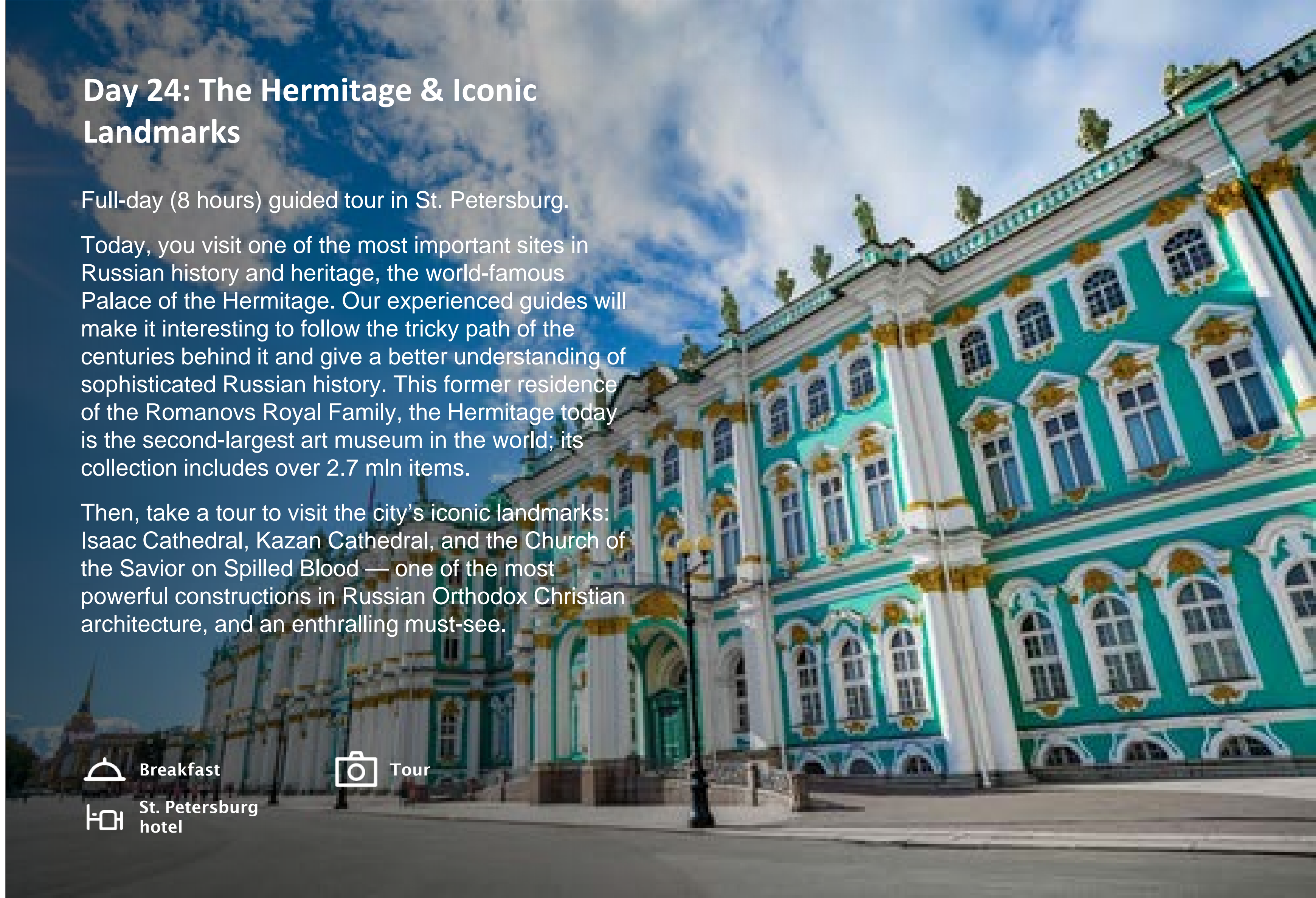
Breakfast



St. Petersburg
hotel



Tour



Day 25: Catherine's Palace

Day (6 hours) guided tour to Pushkin/Tsarskoye Selo (30 km south of St. Petersburg).

A splendid example of Russian Baroque, Catherine's Palace delights its visitors with sumptuous Great Hall and Golden Enfilade of staterooms, including the world-famous Amber Room. The exposition of the palace covers almost 300-years history of the former imperial summer residence.

A widely acknowledged masterpiece of garden and landscape art, Catherine's Park includes variously styled pavilions, bridges, monuments and exotic garden structures that carry visitors away to other countries and bygone ages.

Return to St Petersburg, the afternoon is free at leisure to explore the city on your own or get some Russian souvenirs. Extra tours are available, please inquire. Group tour will enjoy farewell dinner.



Breakfast
Group tour:
Farewell dinner
with wine



Tour



St. Petersburg
hotel

Day 26: Farewell

After breakfast, take a private transfer to the airport for your departure flight.



Breakfast



Private transfer
hotel- airport



Dates & Rates USD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to St. Petersburg Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 6,175/5,245 USD	\$ 6,930/5,995 USD	
Single supplement	\$ 1,150 USD	\$ 1,795 USD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 8,380/7,399 USD	\$ 8,935/7,955 USD	




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Dates & Rates AUD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to St. Petersburg Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 8,699/7,390 AUD	\$ 9,760/8,450 AUD	
Single supplement	\$ 1,620 AUD	\$ 2,530 AUD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 11,805/10,425 AUD	\$ 12,590/11,210 AUD	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates GBP per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to St. Petersburg Group Tour

	 3 hotels 1st/2nd class train	 4 hotels 1st/2nd class train	 5 hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	£ 4,785/4,065 GBP	£ 5,370/4,645 GBP	
Single supplement	£ 890 GBP	£ 1,390 GBP	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	£ 6,495/5,735 GBP	£ 6,925/6,165 GBP	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates CAD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to St. Petersburg Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 8,325/7,070 CAD	\$ 9,335/8,080 CAD	
Single supplement	\$ 1,550 CAD	\$ 2,420 CAD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 11,290/9,970 CAD	\$ 12,040/10,720 CAD	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates NZD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to St. Petersburg Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 9 338/7932 NZD	\$ 10 480/9 066 NZD	
Single supplement	\$ 1 739 NZD	\$ 2 715 NZD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 12 672/11 189 NZD	\$ 13 512/12 030 NZD	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates USD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to Moscow Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 4,200/3,235 USD	\$ 4,655/3,685 USD	
Single supplement	\$ 715 USD	\$ 1,095 USD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 5,805/4,790 USD	\$ 6,060/5,045 USD	

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Dates & Rates AUD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to Moscow Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 5,920/4,560 AUD	\$ 6,555/5,195 AUD	
Single supplement	\$ 1,005 AUD	\$ 1,540 AUD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 8,185/6,750 AUD	\$ 8,540/7,110 AUD	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates GBP per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to Moscow Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	£ 3,260/2,505 GBP	£ 3,605/2,855 GBP	
Single supplement	£ 555 GBP	£ 850 GBP	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	£ 4,500/3,715 GBP	£ 4,695/3,910 GBP	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates CAD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to Moscow Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 5,665/4,360 CAD	\$ 6,270/4,970 CAD	
Single supplement	\$ 960 CAD	\$ 1,475 CAD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 7,830/6,460 CAD	\$ 8,580/7,140 CAD	

Set group departures 2021: 17 May, 7 June, 23 August, 5 September

Dates & Rates NZD per person in twin/double room Vladivostok to Moscow Group Tour

	★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train	★★★★★ hotels 1st/2nd class train
Group package	\$ 6 356/4 892 NZD	\$ 7 035/5 576 NZD	
Single supplement	\$ 1077 NZD	\$ 1,655 NZD	on request
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 8 785/7 248 NZD	\$ 9 626/8 011 NZD	

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Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

Hand-picked centrally located hotels of selected category (3*, 4* or 5* hotel of your choice):

- 1 night Vladivostok
- 1 night Ulan-Ude with early check-in and late check-out
- 2 nights Lake Baikal
- 2 nights Yekaterinburg
- 1 night Kazan
- 1 night Nizhny Novgorod with early check-in
- 3 nights the Golden Ring **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- 3 nights Moscow **(2 nights in Tour Vladivostok to Moscow)**
- 4 nights St.Petersburg **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- 7 nights on board

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)
- Buryat lunch in Irkutsk (or at Lake Baikal)
- Siberian lunch at the Taltsy museum
- Tatar cooking master-class with lunch in Kazan
- Russian tea ceremony in Gorodets (on Day 15)
- Russian pancakes experience in the Residence of Maslenitsa (lunch) in Yaroslavl **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Degustation of Medovukha (lunch) in Suzdal **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Lunch in Vladimir **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Russian visa letter of invitation (required by the Embassies to grant you the visas) are provided free of charge
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line

Tour Inclusions

TRANSPORTATION

- Train tickets of the chosen category according to the itinerary:
 - Vladivostok - Ulan-Ude
 - Ulan-Ude - Irkutsk / Lake Baikal
 - Irkutsk - Yekaterinburg
 - Yekaterinburg - Kazan
 - Kazan - Nizhny Novgorod
- Nizhny Novgorod - Vladimir intercity high-speed train, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Nizhny Novgorod - Moscow intercity high-speed train, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options **(Vladivostok to Moscow Tour only)**
- Moscow-St. Petersburg intercity high-speed train, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**

TRANSPORTATION

- Superior trains on the route with a/c, heaters and dining carriage for your comfort. 1st class: one place in 2-seats compartment. 2nd class: one place in 4-seats compartment
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations
- Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except on walking tours)
- Full metro/public transport passes in Moscow & St. Petersburg

TRAIN CONFIGURATION

- 1st class carriage: 2 seats compartments.
- 2nd class carriage: 4 seats compartments.
- One seat at each leg of the train journey is included. Should you prefer to have extra seat/seats per person, please inquire.

Tour Inclusions

TRANSPORTATION NOTE:

All train tickets are subject to availability.

1st class train tickets supply is limited especially during peak season. If 1st class is not available/or not provided by the railway company at a certain leg of your journey, two seats in a 2nd class carriage will be provided per person at no extra costs.

SIGHTSEEING

Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of Vladivostok: Highlights include harbour, Submarine S-56, Golden Bridge, viewpoint Eagle's Nest, Vokzalnaya Square, the monument of the Trans-Siberian Railway, Vladivostok fortress museum
- Ulan-Ude full day (8 hours) guided tour: Atsagatski Datsan, Lenin's head monument, Old town // Ulan-Ude full day (8 hours) guided tour: Ivolginsky Datsan, Old believers village

SIGHTSEEING

- Lake Baikal (Listvyanka) full day (8 hours) guided tour: Shaman rock, Baikal Museum of Limnology, Chersky Stone observation point (Cable car), local souvenir market, boat cruise
- Irkutsk half-day (4 hours) guided tour: St. Epiphany Cathedral, Kirov Square, Taltsy Museum with national folk performance
- Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of Yekaterinburg: Highlights include Ganina Yama Monastery, Museum of Minerals, Church of All Saints, Europe-Asia Border, the UMMC military museum
- 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
- Gorodets full day (8 hours) guided tour with Russian craft master-class and Russian tea ceremony
- Nizhny Novgorod day (6 hours) guided tour: the Kremlin, historic downtown
- Vladimir and Bogolyubovo full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Dormition Cathedral, the architectural complex of the Cathedral of St. Dimitriy, Intercession Church on the Nerl
(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)

Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING

Please take note that due to logistic issues we might occasionally amend the sequence of the tours.

- Yaroslavl half-day (4 hours) guided tour: the Residence of Maslenitsa, the main cathedrals
- Rostov the Great half-day (4 hours) guided tour: the Rostov Kremlin, master class on national crafts **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Suzdal half-day guided tour: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of Saint Euthymius, Museum of Wooden Architecture, master class on national crafts **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of Moscow; Highlights include Moscow Kremlin (visiting the Cathedrals and the Armory), the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre (outside), metro tour

SIGHTSEEING

- 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 **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of St. Petersburg; Highlights include the Winter Palace and the Hermitage, St. Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral and the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Full-day (8 hours) guided tour of St. Petersburg; Highlights include the Royal Palace of Peterhof, the Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral, boat cruise **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**
- Pushkin/Tsarskoe Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: Catherine's palace & Amber room **(Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only)**



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Tour Inclusions

NOTE:

Please, pay your attention that **in 2021** the excursion program of the Golden Ring towns **will be changed**. You will visit Sergiev Posad instead of Bogolyubovo. Itinerary of the Golden Ring program in 2021: Vladimir - Suzdal - Rostov the Great - Yaroslavl - Sergiev Posad.

GROUP TOUR

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director
- Group size: small group up to 22 people
- Welcome dinner
- Farewell dinner (**Vladivostok to St. Petersburg tour only**)

NOT INCLUDED

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

OPTIONAL TOURS

Ask your travel manager for more details

MOSCOW

Cold war traces: secret anti-nuclear bunker - 42

USD 85 // AUD 120 // GBP 66 // CAD 115
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Moscow River Yacht Panoramic Cruise

Year round. Transfer included.

USD 70 // AUD 100 // GBP 55 // CAD 95
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Tank driving

USD 1315 // AUD 1850 // GBP 1020 // CAD 1770
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75 per person (3*)
USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4*)
USD 165 // AUD 230 // GBP 130 // CAD 220 per person (5*)



OPTIONAL TOURS

Ask your travel manager for more details

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

USD 185 // AUD 250 // GBP 140 // CAD 240

per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Mariinsky Ballet

- Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)

from USD 60 // AUD 80 // GBP 60 // CAD 100

per person

Cossack Show

- Ticket only (no guidance/transportation)

USD 75 // AUD 105 // GBP 60 // CAD 100

per person

Faberge Tour with audio guide

- Ticket only (no guidance/with transportation)

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75

per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 75 per person (3*)

USD 95 // AUD 130 // GBP 75 // CAD 125 per person (4*)

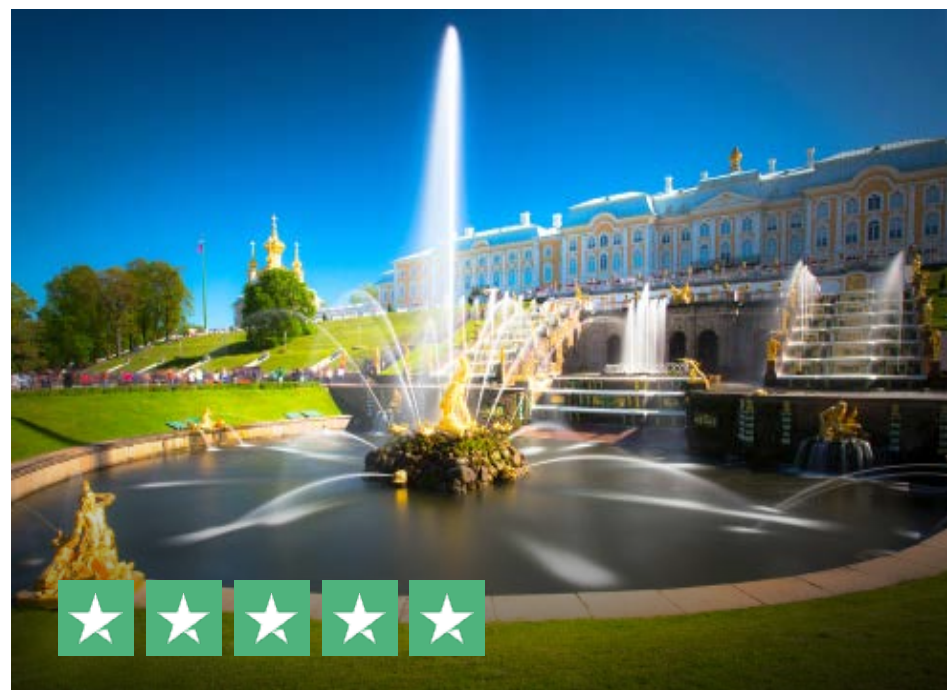
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