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Winter Magic

11 days / 10 nights

This package is available as either Small Group or Private Tour

Set group departure: 27 December 2021 - 6 January 2022

Moscow - Vladimir - Bogolyubovo - Suzdal - Kideksha - Yaroslavl -
Rostov the Great - Moscow - St Petersburg





What our travelers say



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Day 1: Arrive Moscow

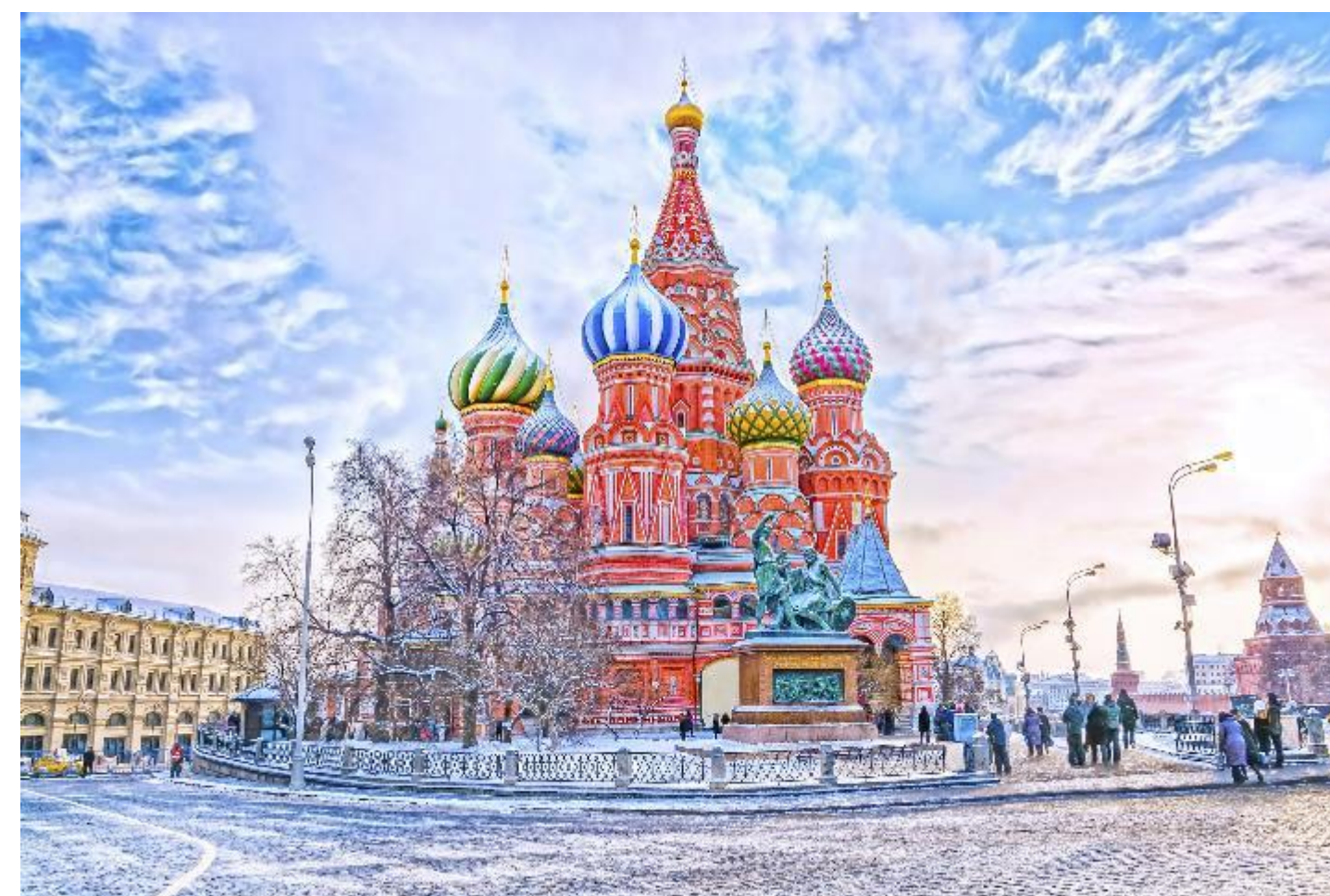
Welcome to Moscow!

A tour to Russia is not complete without a tour to Moscow, 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. Optional tours are available, please inquire.



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Moscow hotel



Private transfer
airport - hotel

Day 2: Vladimir & Nerli

In the morning, your driver will pick you up at your hotel to Vladimir (subject to traffic jams situation, we might use express train from Moscow to Vladimir) to visit the Assumption cathedral (famous for Andrey Rublev frescoes), St Demetrius cathedral (outside only), Golden gates.

After lunch in a local restaurant, serving traditional Russian meals, we will continue our trip to Bogolyubovo. 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 (Pokrova na Nerli). 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. Take a note, there is no road for cars/vans. We will drive as close as we can.

Transfer to Suzdal for overnight. .



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Suzdal hotel



Transfer
Moscow - Vladimir

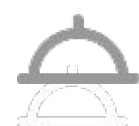


Day 3: Suzdal & Kideksha

A day to explore treasures of ancient Suzdal, UNESCO World Heritage Site. We shall visit the famous Kremlin, St Euthymius monastery (or Intercession Convent). We will travel around to take great photos and enjoy the winter day in Russia exploring snow-white Suzdal in a relaxing atmosphere. Try some of the local activities: straw plaiting in the Arts and Crafts National centre, make your own famous “Dymov” toy ceramics or produce the real masterpiece based on Suzdal Kremlin’s ornaments. And of course, today we will try “medovukha” - famous Russian soft drink based on honey. Suzdal produces the very best one!

Arrive at the small village of Kideksha to visit another highlight of our tour, the first white-stone building of North-East Russia dating back to the year 1152, and one of the very few original structures of that time that remain. Your guide will help you navigate through the history of the different “Russias” of those days.

Take a transfer to Yaroslavl for overnight.



**Breakfast, Lunch,
Degustation of
Medovukha**



Tour



Yaroslavl hotel



Day 4: 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, dating back to 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 expect a late arrival to your Moscow hotel tonight.



Breakfast, Lunch



Tour



Moscow hotel



Transfer
Rostov the Great - Moscow



Day 5: Mighty Kremlin & The City

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

Take the bus city tour covering city's most remarkable highlights such as Novodevichy Convent, Sparrow Hills, Arbat and Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. 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.

The Red Square Christmas market is set around one of Moscow's largest ice rinks and surrounded by the imposing walls of the Kremlin, the colourful St Basil's Cathedral and famous GUM shopping centre. This is the main Christmas market in Moscow, where you can enjoy pleasant and nice atmosphere of New Year, buy different traditional Russian presents and taste many types of traditional Russian food and drinks.

Manezhnaya Square Christmas market is right next to the Red Square. Here you'll get the opportunity to see the highest Christmas tree of the festival (20 meters!).



Breakfast



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 6: New Year in Moscow

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

A short ride from the city centre will take you to Kolomenskoe Museum-Reserve, where you can get an idea of what Medieval Moscow looked like.

Today, visit the Tretyakov State Art Gallery, the foremost depository of Russian fine art in the world. The collection contains more than 130,000 exhibits.

During the tour, you also take a ride by the famous Moscow metro with its lavishly decorated “underground palaces”. End a day at VDNKh with its world's largest open-air skating rink (skating is optional).

In the evening, join a New Year Celebration Party in the Russian capital! In Russia, the New Year holiday trumps even Christmas in importance. Major celebrations take place all over the country in recognition of the holiday.



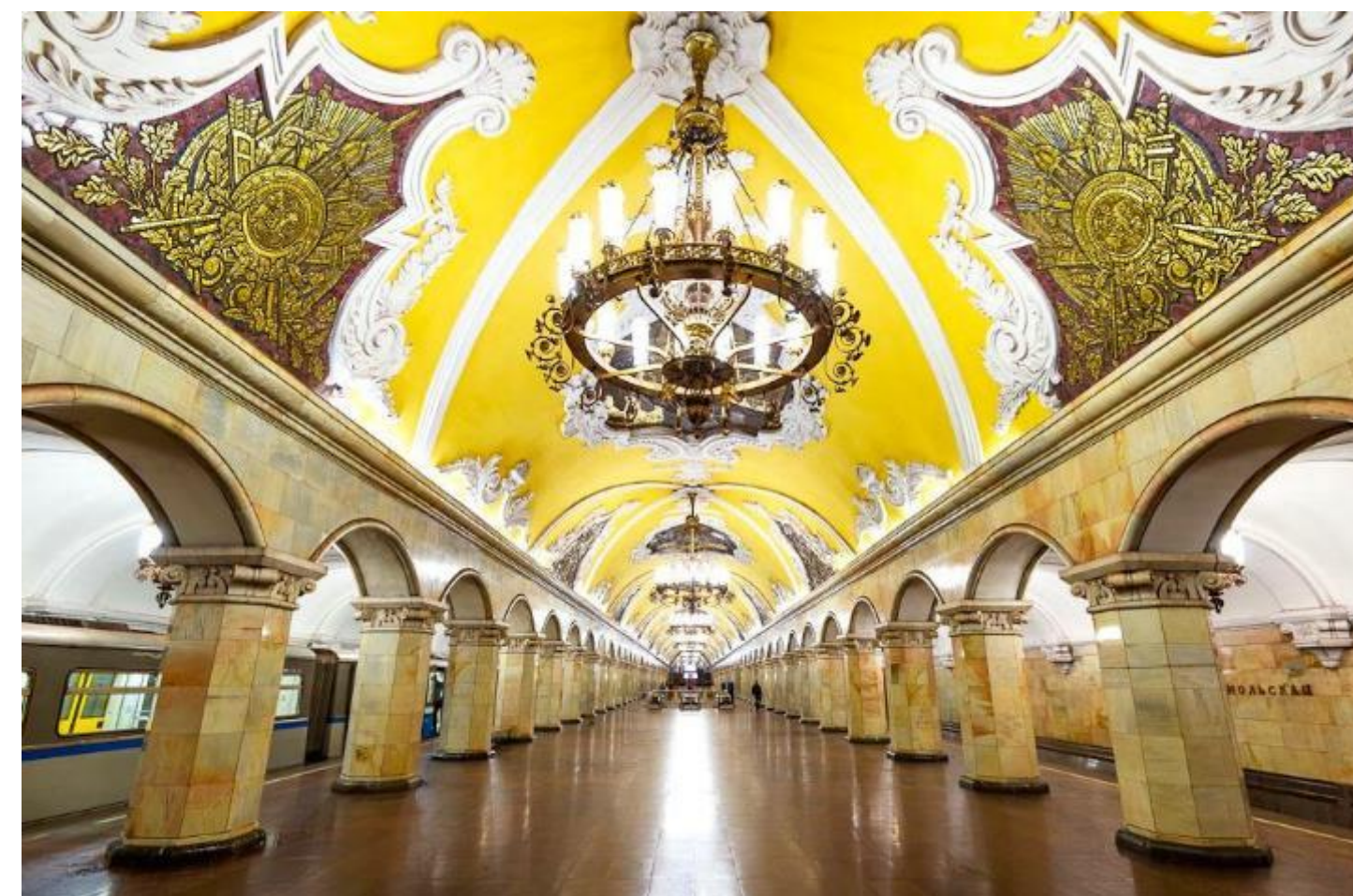
**Breakfast,
Group Tour: Gala
Dinner, New Year
Celebration**



Tour



Moscow hotel



Day 7: Arrive St. Petersburg

After check out of the hotel in Moscow, transfer to the railway station to board high-speed train for our comfortable 4-hour journey to St. Petersburg. Upon arrival, take a transfer to your hotel and check-in. 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 most famous attractions of St. Petersburg are undoubtedly its cathedrals and bridges. There are at least five incredible cathedrals in the city and about 800 in St. Petersburg, and 218 are only for pedestrians.



Breakfast



St. Petersburg
hotel



Day 8: 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 see the city's iconic landmark: Isaac Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, Peter & Paul Fortress and 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.



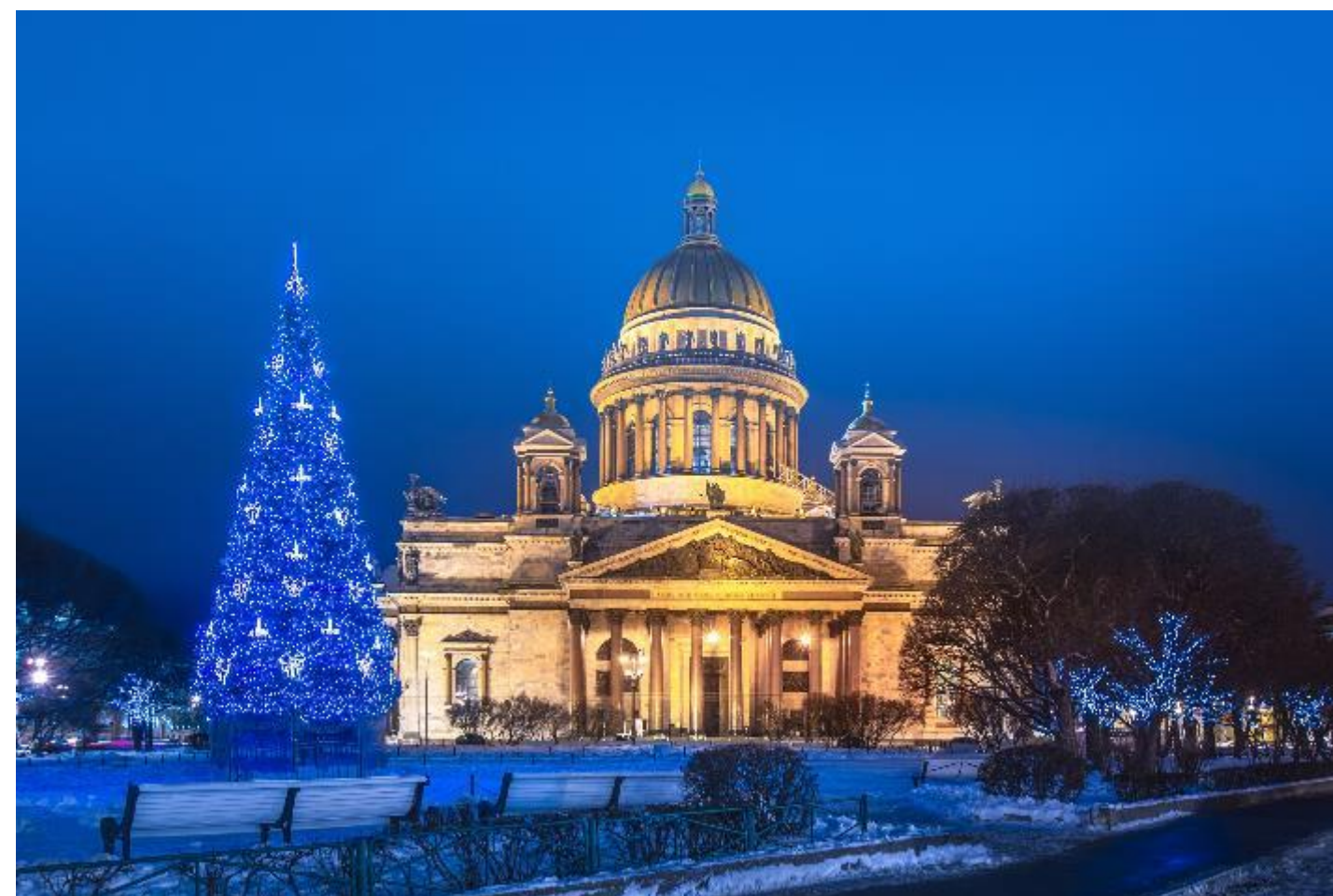
Breakfast



Tour



St. Petersburg
hotel



Day 9: Catherine's Palace & Troika Ride

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

A splendid example of Russian Baroque, Catherine 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 Park includes variously styled pavilions, bridges, monuments and exotic garden structures that carry visitors away to other countries and bygone ages.

Today you will also enjoy Troika ride experience. Troika is a traditional harness driving combination using a team of three horses abreast and pulling a sleigh or a carriage.

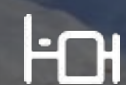
Return to St Petersburg. Extra tours are available, please inquire.



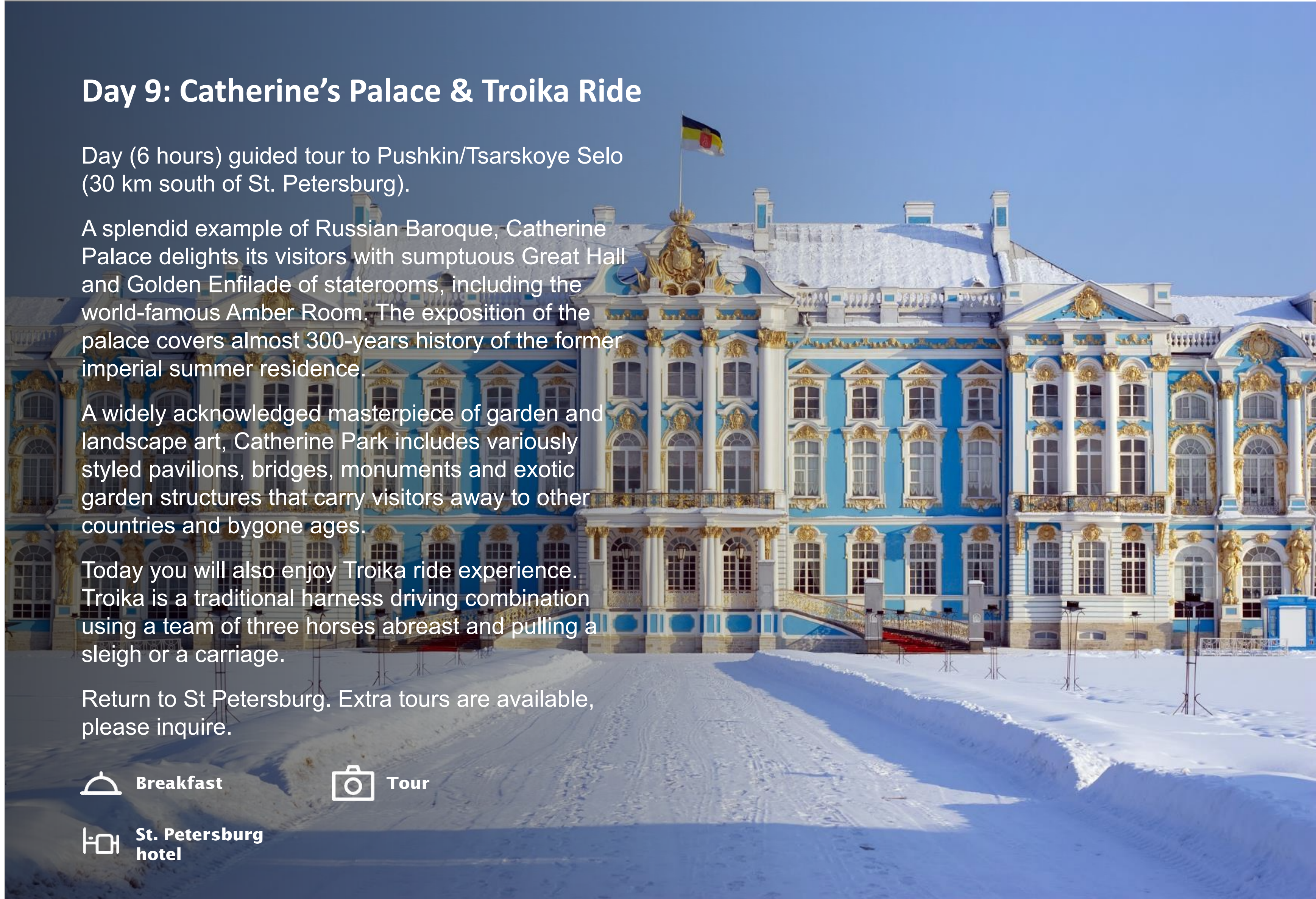
Breakfast



Tour



St. Petersburg
hotel



Day 10: At Leisure

Today optional tours are available: visit Faberge museum, Russian museum or go out of the megapolis to discover Veliky Novgorod.

Veliky Novgorod was Russia's first capital in the 9th century, as well as a centre for Orthodox spirituality, Russian democracy, literacy and architecture. The city boasts medieval monuments, churches and monasteries. Veliky Novgorod is the place to discover the richness of Russia's great and glorious history and the touch of the living antiquity. The ancient lands of Novgorod, the birthplace of Russia, is a must-see for a discerning traveller.

In the evening, enjoy folk show "Feel Yourself Russian" at the Nikolaevsky Palace. It is a unique performance, which allows feeling the history and soul of Russia. The classical music, performed by the quartet "Classique", create the gorgeous atmosphere of the XIX century.



**Breakfast,
Group Tour: Nikolaevsky Palace
performance with dinner (ticket only)**



**St. Petersburg
hotel**

Day 11: Farewell

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



Breakfast



**Private transfer hotel
-airport**



Dates & Rates USD

Rate per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group tour	\$ 2,349 USD	\$ 2,765 USD	\$ 3,060 USD
Single supplement	\$ 699 USD	\$ 1,120 USD	\$ 2,050 USD
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 3,430 USD	\$ 3,865 USD	on request

Set group departures: 27 December 2021, 23 February 2022

Dates & Rates AUD

Rate per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group tour	\$ 3,299 AUD	\$ 3,895 AUD	\$ 4,310 AUD
Single supplement	\$ 999 AUD	\$ 1,575 AUD	\$ 2,999 AUD
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 4,830 AUD	\$ 5,445 AUD	on request

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Dates & Rates GBP

Rate per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group tour	£ 1,890 GBP	£ 2,140 GBP	£ 2,370 GBP
Single supplement	£ 555 GBP	£ 865 GBP	£ 1,690 GBP
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	£ 2,660 GBP	£ 2,995 GBP	on request

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Dates & Rates CAD

Rate per person in twin/double room

	★★★ hotels	★★★★ hotels	★★★★★ hotels
Group tour	\$ 3,165 CAD	\$ 3,725 CAD	\$ 4,125 CAD
Single supplement	\$ 960 CAD	\$ 1,505 CAD	\$ 2,940 CAD
Private tour Based on 2 people to go. For customized tours, please inquire.	\$ 4,620 CAD	\$ 5,210 CAD	on request

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Tour Inclusions

ACCOMMODATION

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

- 4 nights Moscow
- 1 night Suzdal
- 1 night Yaroslavl
- 4 nights St. Petersburg

MEALS

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)
- 3 lunches: Russian pancakes experience in the Residence of Maslenitsa (lunch) in Yaroslavl, degustation of Medovukha (lunch) in Suzdal, 1 lunch in Vladimir

TRANSPORTATION

- High-speed train Moscow to St. Petersburg, standard class, 4 hours ride. Please inquire about business or 1st class upgrade and flight options
- Transportation according to the itinerary: Moscow - Vladimir // Vladimir - Suzdal // Suzdal - Kideksha // Kideksha - Yaroslavl // Yaroslavl - Rostov the Great // Rostov the Great - Moscow
- Metro pass in Moscow
- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations
- Private return airport/train station transfers
- Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except on walking tours)

Tour Inclusions

SIGHTSEEING

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

- 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
- Suzdal guided tour: Kremlin and the ensemble of the Monastery of St. Euthymius
- Kideksha guided tour: the Church of Boris and Gleb
- Yaroslavl guided tour: the Residence of Maslenitsa // Rostov the Great: the Rostov Kremlin, master class on national crafts
- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: the Moscow Kremlin, the Kremlin Armory, the Red Square, Saint Basil's Cathedral (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre (outside), Novodevichy Convent, Sparrow hills, Christmas markets

SIGHTSEEING

- Moscow full day (8 hours) guided tour: Tretyakov State Art Gallery, Kolomenskoye Estate & Wooden Palace, Metro tour, VDNKh, skating experience (optional)
- 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/Tsarskoye Selo day (6 hours) guided tour: the Catherine palace, Amber room, Troika ride experience



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Tour Inclusions

GROUP TOUR

- Group tours are fully escorted by bilingual tour director
- Group size: small group up to 22 people
- New Year Gala Dinner
- Nikolaevsky Palace performance with dinner

ENTRANCE TICKETS, VISAS & MISC.

- Entrance tickets to all listed attractions (except optional)
- Russian visa supporting documents
- Russian local sim card with data
- 24/7 English-speaking support line in Russia

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 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

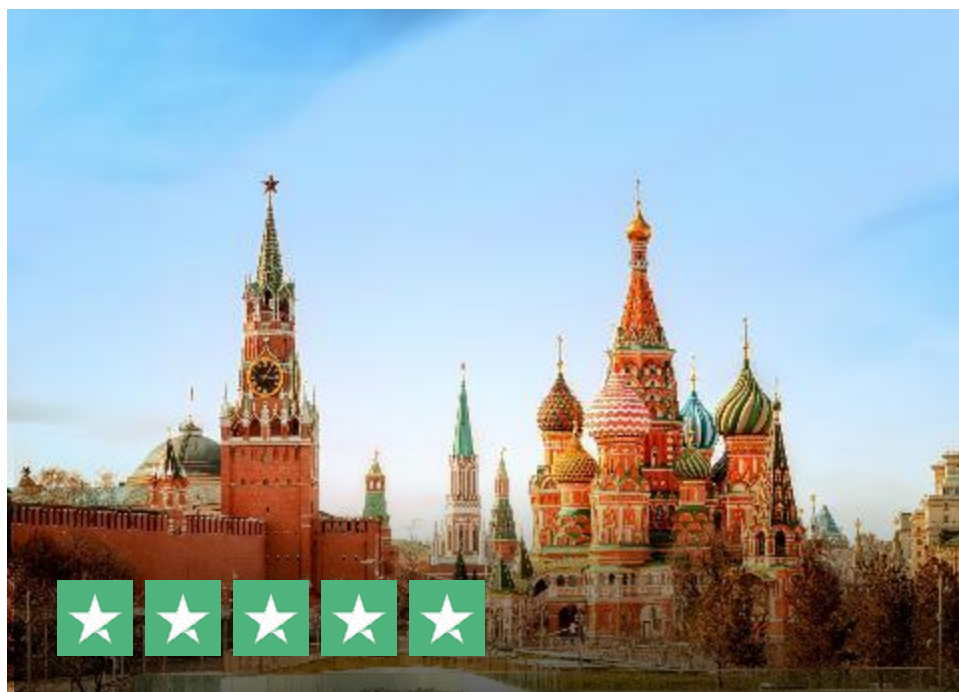
- Ticket only (no guidance/ with transportation)

USD 55 // AUD 75 // GBP 45 // CAD 74
per person (min. 2 ppl to go)

Extra night stay

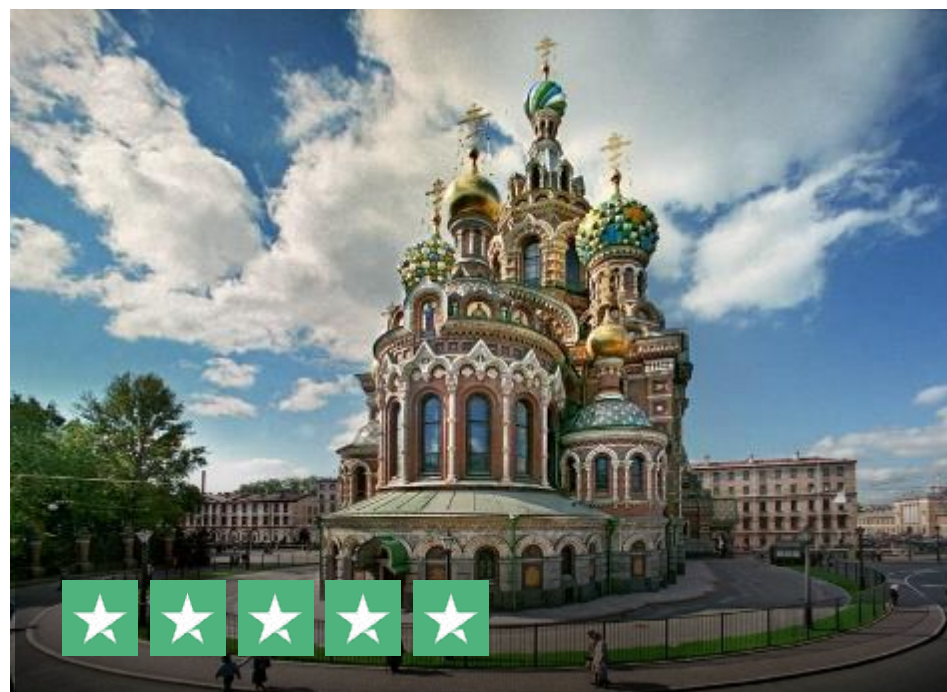
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USD 165 // AUD 230 // GBP 130 // CAD 220 per person (5*)

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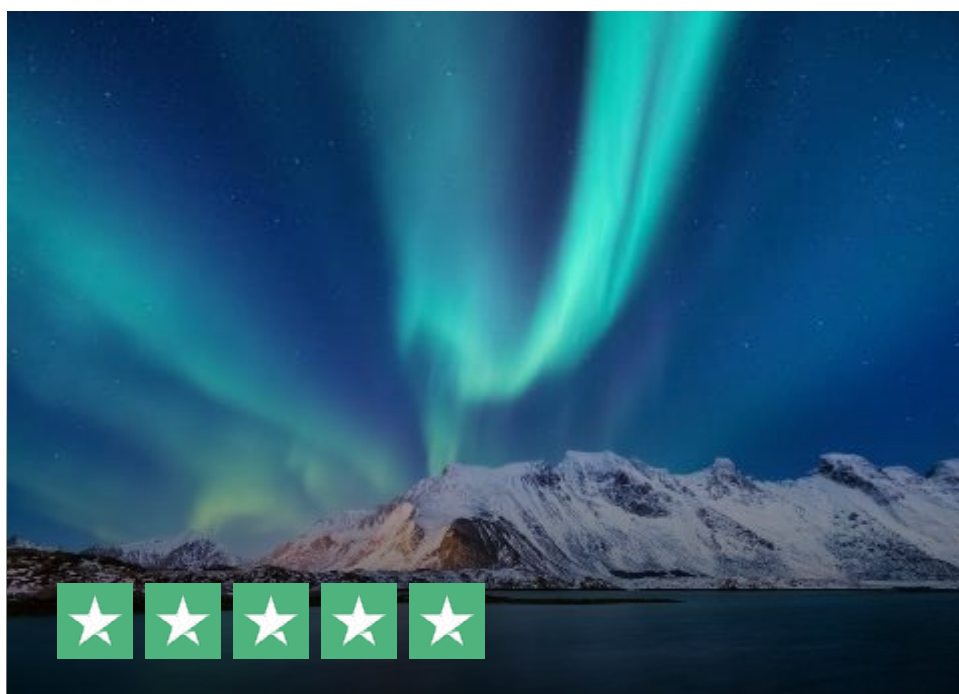
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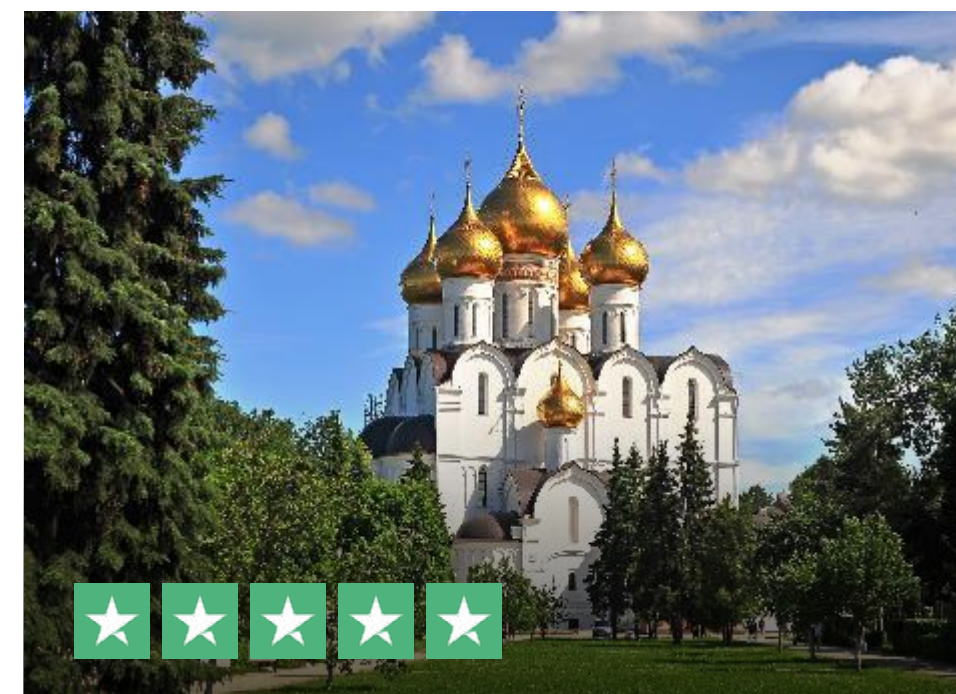
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