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THE Icons

CITY TOUR in St. Petersburg and Moscow

VISIT the Hermitage Museum for a sightseeing tour, the Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Basil’s Cathedral in Moscow

VIEW the Tsar’s Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great in St. Petersburg, Red Square and the Walls of the Kremlin in Moscow

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING enjoy a guided tour of St. Petersburg’s Hermitage Museum with a group size of no more than 25 guests

ST. PETERSBURG

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Russian Doll
ARRIVE ST. PETERSBURG (3 NIGHTS) Tread in the footsteps of tsars and tzarinas, of artists, poets and musicians, whose great gifts to the romantic city of St. Petersburg you will have an opportunity to see during an orientation drive through Russia’s Imperial City after meeting your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and light dinner. (WR) Hotel: Solo Sokos Vasilievsky

ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING AND HERITAGE MUSEUM VISIT! Explore opulent royal history and the might of imperial Russia on a sightseeing tour with a Local Specialist. View the magnificent Tsar’s Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great, whose inspired vision for this Baltic settlement saw it rival even the most sophisticated of European capitals. Explore the Peter and Paul Fortress on an included visit before we ‘Connect With Locals’, meeting some of the students of St. Petersburg’s Theatre for the Theatre visit to enjoy a fascinating Russian performance at our Be My Guest experience. Learn how your visit will ‘Make A Difference’ to theatrical education of St. Petersburg’s youth. Later, join a Small Group Sightseeing visit with a Local Specialist to the Hermitage Museum. Occupying five buildings on the banks of the Neva, the Hermitage features some three million artefacts, representing the development of world culture and art from the stone age to the 20th century. This evening, consider a theatre visit to enjoy a fascinating Russian Folkslore performance. (BB, S)

ST. PETERSBURG AT LEISURE The narrow lanes and grand boulevards of St. Petersburg are ours to explore today. Admire the ornate domes and colourful mosaics of the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood and the gold-plated dome of St. Isaac’s Cathedral. Perhaps consider joining an Optional Experience to the gardens and miracle of engineering reflected in the fountains of Peter the Great’s summer residence at Peterhof, designed to rival the opulence of Versailles. (BB)

ST. PETERSBURG – HIGH-SPEED TRAIN – MOSCOW (3 NIGHTS) After a hearty breakfast, enjoy some time at leisure before boarding a train to the Russian capital. On route, contemplate the tumultuous and captivating history of an ancient city that oozes grandeur, and the indomitable spirit of the Russian nation which saw it send the first man to outer space. Straddling the Moskva River, this city is the country’s political, cultural, economic, religious and financial hub – and your home for the next three nights. (BB) Hotel: Hilton Leningradskaya

MOSCOW SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE The imposing Red Square - the site of grand pilgrimage and the largest religious and cultural centre in Russia. This evening, we toast to the magic and magnificence of Mother Russia, joining our fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. (BB, FD)

DEPART MOSCOW We close the door on our epic At Leisure holiday in two iconic Russian cities and say farewell to newfound friends. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. (BB)

MORE ABOUT YOUR TRIP * All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport transfers: On arrival at St. Petersburg Airport transfers will operate at 2.30pm and 5pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport at 5am, 10am and 1pm at Moscow Domodedovo Airport at 5am, 10am and 12pm.

Important Visa Information: Visas are required for this trip. Please speak to your travel agent at the time of booking to assess your specific requirements. Visas cannot be issued at borders in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US$68 per person.

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MOSCOW AT LEISURE Kick-start your morning immersing yourself in the bohemian culture of Moscow, before taking to its streets to learn about its triumphs and defeats. Consider visiting one of the city’s fascinating museums, explore the city’s extraordinary literary and artistic heritage or take an Optional Experience to the 14th-century Sergiyev Posad, a place of pilgrimage and the largest religious and cultural centre in Russia. This evening, we toast to the magic and magnificence of Mother Russia, joining our fellow travellers for a Farewell Dinner. (BB, FD)

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

When in Russia hunt for ‘Red October’ chocolate, an old Soviet favourite that is still in production today. Of the many varieties produced by the company, maybe the most famous is Alenka, their award-winning chocolate bar.

Malcolm Macrae, Travel Director

TRAFALGAR TIP

Here’s just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip:

**CONNECT WITH LOCALS**

This is a unique Be My Guest opportunity to meet and chat with the locals over drinks and canapés at the Theatre of Youth in the centre of St. Petersburg. Enjoy a stage performance by the students in one of the beautiful theatre halls. (Day 2)

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

The St. Petersburg Theatre of Youth will enlighten you on the institute’s work and show you how funds contributed on your behalf are used to promote the theatrical education of St. Petersburg’s youth. (Day 2)