

## Moscow-Saint Petersburg

7Nights/8 days

### DAY 1 : ARRIVAL MOSCOW

On arrival in Moscow you will be met by our friendly representative who will escort you by car or mini bus to your hotel. Your Russian travel itinerary begins right away as on the way to the hotel, you will have the opportunity to get your first glimpse of this truly unique city. **Panoramic City Tour.** This tour is a great start to your trip and the best way to get acquainted with many of the city's major highlights. Our professional guide will escort you on a route that includes **Vorobyevi Hills** where you will get an incredible view of the city from an observation point, you will proceed to **Moscow State University** which is an example of architecture from the time of **Stalin** and one of Russia's leading schools of higher education, then on to **Novodevichiy Convent**, the Diplomatic Village, **Victory Park**, the **Triumphal Arch**, **Kutuzovsky Prospect**, the **Arbat** and much more. Moscow is the capital and the **largest city in Russia** as well as the **largest metropolitan area in Europe** with a population well over 10 million. This amazing city has served as the capital of the **Soviet Union**, the **Russian Empire** and the **Grand Duchy of Moscow**. The city is filled with unique architecture from the **Kremlin** and **Red Square** to giant **Stalin** skyscrapers to new office blocks built during the economic boom of recent years and it contains a strikingly beautiful metro system.

### DAY 2 : MOSCOW

#### Breakfast at the hotel

**Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin and Kremlin Cathedrals.** (please note that a visit to the Armory Chamber and the Diamond Fund is not included in the tour price. It can be added upon request for extra payment). The Kremlin is a fascinating structure, at the same time it is an ancient tower, the city's former military fortification, a palace, an armory, the sovereign treasury and the workplace of the Russian President.. You will see several ancient cathedrals on its territory the most famous of which are the **Assumption Cathedral**, the **Archangel's Cathedral** and the **Annunciation Cathedral**. **Red Square** is just outside the Kremlin's walls. While walking on Red Square you will admire the **Mausoleum of Lenin**, the clock on the Savior (Spasskaya) Tower - showing the most correct Moscow time, the **History Museum**, the beautiful **Cathedral of the Intercession** (the **Church of St Basil the Blessed**), **Kazansky Cathedral** and many other outstanding pieces of Russian architecture. **Free time.** In the evening, enjoy a ballet or opera performance at the **Bolshoi Theater** - one of the world's greatest musical companies (optional).

### DAY 3 :MOSCOW

Breakfast at the hotel. The day is free to explore on your own. Overnight at hotel.

### DAY 4 : SAINT PETERSBURG

Arrival in St. Petersburg by Train

On arrival by train in St. Petersburg you will be met by our friendly representative who will escort you by car or mini bus to your hotel. On the way to the hotel, you will have the opportunity to get your first glimpse of this truly unique and beautiful city. After settling in at the hotel, you can sit down to a short lunch (optional), to prepare you for the city tour. **Panoramic City Tour.** This tour is a great start to your trip and the best way to get acquainted with all of the city's major highlights. Our professional guide will take you down **Nevisky Prospect**, St. Petersburg's most famous and vibrant thoroughfare.

There you will see some of the city's most interesting architectural monuments including the **Kazan Cathedral** and the **Winter Palace**. You will then proceed to Vasilevsky Island - the area of the city that **Peter the Great** originally planned to be the city center. This island juts out into the Gulf of Finland - reminding you of St. Petersburg's close proximity to the sea and maritime history. The tour will include a visit to the **Peter and Paul Fortress** - a symbol of St. Petersburg and also the oldest building in the city. While there, you will visit **Peter and Paul Cathedral**, the burial place of the Russian Tsars from Peter the Great onward. You will then be taken back to your hotel to relax. In the evening you will have **free time** to stroll along the city streets and to dine at a restaurant of your choice.

#### **DAY 5 :SAINT PETERSBURG**

After a good breakfast at the hotel, you will be escorted to the town of **Pushkin** (formerly TsarskoyeSelo). The Palace and **Park of TsarskoyeSelo** is a former country residence of the Russian emperors. It is a fascinating monument of the world's architectural and gardening arts of the XVIII-XIX centuries. Its 3 parks occupy an area of 600 hectares on which are located over 100 architectural monuments: from magnificent palaces and grand monuments to intimate pavilions and park sculptures designed by masters of the Venetian school such as P. Baratta, A. Tarsia and D. Bonazza. The center of TsarskoyeSelo is **Catherine's Palace**, containing exquisite decorative objects, furniture, Russian and Western-European paintings, unique collections of porcelain, amber, arms and decorative bronze sculptures. The Palace also contains the **Amber Room**- a truly unique work of craftsmanship – a room made entirely of amber. The room was looted by the Nazi's during WWII but luckily most of its pieces were recovered. The room was fully rebuilt in 2003. TsarskoyeSelo was also the main residence of the last **Tsar Nicolas II** and his family. **Free time**.In the evening, enjoy a ballet or opera performance at the **MariinskyTheater** - one of the world's greatest musical companies (optional). Another option would be to attend one of Russia's premier folk shows, "Feel yourself Russian!" The show is performed by the best folk company in the city. During the intermission, delicious Russian appetizers will be served. (optional)

#### **DAY 6 :SAINT PETERSBURG**

Breakfast at the hotel

After breakfast we will head to one of the greatest and largest art museums in the world - the **Hermitage**. The museum consists of five historical buildings including the **Winter Palace** - the residence of the Russian Tsars. The museum contains over 3 million pieces of art with dates ranging from high antiquity to the present day. Among the Hermitage's treasures are artworks by Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt, Rubens and a large collection of impressionists and post impressionists including Matisse and Picasso as well as many others. We will spend 3 hours at the museum, however, to view the collection in its entirety would take almost 15 years, spending 8 hours a day in the museum and taking one minute to examine each exhibit. **Free time**

#### **DAY 7 :SAINT PETERSBURG**

Breakfast at the hotel. Rest of the day is free to explore on your own

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**DAY 8 :DEPARTURE**

Breakfast at the hotel,check out &transfer to airport. Say goodbye to Russia, we hope that you enjoyed your time with us and we look forward to welcoming you back sometime in the future.

Tour Ends

**PROPOSED HOTELS:**

CITY	HOTEL	NIGHTS
Moscow	Aminievskaya or similar 3star	3Nights
St.Petersberg	Azimuth or similar 3star	4 Nights
Day Train	Moscow – St. Petersburg	4.30Hours Journey time



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