



St. Petersburg, Bank Bridge

Russia a la Carte

Tailor-made tour - 8 days/7 nights

This suggested itinerary offers you the flexibility of being able to choose your own departure date and standard of hotel. We have included the 'must see' sights, but have allowed free time to explore independently or to include additional sights. The itinerary can be taken in reverse and can be tailor-made to your own personalised design. If you arrange your dates to coincide with a weekend in Moscow you can take advantage of the special weekend rates offered by many Moscow hotels. For a more leisurely experience, why not extend your stay in both cities or spend a few days in the unspoilt cities of the Golden Ring towns (see pages 8 & 9).

Inclusions

- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast in hotel combination of your choice
- Meals - 1 lunch at Café Pushkin, 1 dinner at the Stroganov Palace
- Arrival/departure transfers by car
- Business class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Sightseeing by car and on foot with your own **English speaking** guides
- Moscow - City tour with Eliseevsky food store & St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin & Cathedral, Armoury Museum
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Fabergé Museum, Hermitage Museum, choice of Peterhof or Pushkin

Day 1 Moscow

Arrive Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Moscow.

Day 2 Moscow

Your morning city tour includes the major landmarks - Red Square with a visit to St. Basil's Cathedral, the Bolshoi Theatre, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, a panoramic view of Moscow from Sparrow Hills and some time to browse through the amazing Eliseevsky food store. A guided tour of the most impressive stations of the Moscow Metro follows. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 3 Moscow

After breakfast, visit the Kremlin grounds. You will see Cathedral Square, the political and governmental buildings and the Kremlin walls and towers. Visit the State Armoury - Russia's oldest museum. It houses a unique collection of crown jewels, gems, thrones, carriages, Fabergé Eggs and more. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Café Pushkin, acclaimed for its classic Russian cuisine and 19th century ambience. Overnight Moscow. **BL**

Day 4 Moscow to St. Petersburg

Free morning. This afternoon, board your train to St. Petersburg, founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, and enjoy the scenery on the way. Evening arrival St. Petersburg where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 5 St. Petersburg

Morning city tour of the highlights of this former imperial capital, including a visit to Peter & Paul Fortress, the site chosen by Peter the Great in 1703 as the foundation of St. Petersburg. Continue with a guided tour of the fabulous Fabergé Museum which houses nine Imperial Easter Eggs. Your tour concludes with a visit St. Petersburg's most iconic site, the Church on of the Saviour on Spilt Blood, reminiscent of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 6 St. Petersburg

After breakfast, choose from two excursions - Peterhof (Petrodvorets) on the Gulf of Finland or head 30 km south to the town of Pushkin, which was known as Tsars' Village until 1917. Peterhof was commissioned by Peter the Great to rival

Versailles. In summer months, the grounds feature cascading fountains and gilded statues. At Pushkin, the residence of the tsars from the beginning of the 18th century to 1917, you'll visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 7 St. Petersburg

Morning visit to the State Hermitage Museum, the second-largest art museum

in the world, founded in 1764. Your afternoon is free to explore independently. Dinner this evening is in the stunning Russian Empire restaurant, housed inside the Stroganov Palace, where Beef Stroganov was invented. Overnight St. Petersburg. **BD**

Day 8 St. Petersburg

Your tour services end after breakfast with a transfer to the railway station or airport. **B**

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD, based on low season. Daily departures 2019. (M) = Moscow, (SPB) = St. Petersburg.

Hotel	Twn	Sgl
(M) BUDAPEST (SPB) GOLDEN TRIANGLE (superior room)	from	2235 3485
(M) PETER I (SPB) PETRO PALACE	from	2309 3718
(M) METROPOL (SPB) ANGLETERRE	from	3183 4903
(M) BALTSCHUG KEMPINSKI (SPB) BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE	from	2763 4349
(M) NATIONAL (Kremlin view studio) (SPB) BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (deluxe room)	from	3300 5372
(M) FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MOSCOW (SPB) FOUR SEASONS LION PALACE	from	4658 8525

■ Other hotel combinations available. Hotel descriptions - see pages 5 & 11.