



Moscow, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

# Imperial Capitals & the Golden Ring

## Tailor-made tour - 11 days/10 nights

This itinerary combines the must-see sights of Moscow and St. Petersburg with the Golden Ring town of Suzdal, one of Russia's most beautiful and best preserved rural towns. The pace is unhurried and the itinerary can be taken in reverse or tailored to your requirements.

### Inclusions

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast at hotel combination of your choice
- Meals - 2 lunches (1 at Café Pushkin), 1 dinner at Stroganov Palace
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout
- Economy class train Moscow-Vladimir-Moscow
- Business class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Sightseeing as specified by car & on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- Moscow - City tour with St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin & Armoury Museum
- Vladimir & Suzdal - City tours
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Fabergé Museum, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof or Pushkin

### Your hotels

- ★★★ Moscow - Budapest
- Suzdal - Kremlevsky or Suzdal Inn
- St. Petersburg - Golden Triangle (*superior room*)
- ★★★★ Moscow - Peter I
- Suzdal - Kremlevsky or Suzdal Inn (3.5-star)
- St. Petersburg - Petro Palace
- ★★★★★ Moscow - National (*Kremlin view studio*)
- Suzdal - Kremlevsky or Suzdal Inn (3.5-star)
- St. Petersburg - Belmond Grand Hotel Europe (*deluxe room*)

### Day 1 Moscow

Independent arrival Moscow where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Moscow.

### Day 2 Moscow

Morning city tour of Moscow's highlights, including a visit to St. Basil's Cathedral and a tour of the incredible Moscow Metro. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Moscow. **B**

### Day 3 Moscow

Morning walking tour of the Kremlin grounds and a cathedral. Tour the State Armoury Museum with its unique

collection of the tsars' treasures, and then enjoy a leisurely lunch at Café Pushkin, acclaimed for its classic Russian cuisine and 19th century ambience. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Moscow. **BL**

### Day 4 Moscow to Vladimir & Suzdal

After breakfast, transfer to the rail station with guide assistance for your 2-hour train journey to Vladimir, departing at 09:30 hrs. After lunch at a local restaurant, you have a city tour which includes the 12th century Church of the Intercession on the Nerl at Bogolyubovo. Short car transfer to Suzdal. Overnight Suzdal. **BL**

### Day 5 Suzdal

This morning you have a sightseeing tour of Suzdal. You will see the Kremlin, Cathedral of the Nativity and enjoy a performance of bell-ringing at the Saviour Monastery of St. Euthymius. The afternoon is free to explore independently. Overnight Suzdal. **B**

### Day 6 Suzdal to Moscow

After breakfast, transfer by car with guide assistance to Vladimir to catch your 12:57 train to Moscow. Arrive Moscow early afternoon with the remainder of the day free. Overnight Moscow. **B**

### Day 7 Moscow to St. Petersburg

Morning free before you catch your 13:30 Sapsan train to St. Petersburg. Afternoon free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

### Day 8 St. Petersburg

This morning's city tour introduces you to this beautiful northern city and includes visits to the Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress and the fabulous Fabergé Museum. Your afternoon is free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

### Day 9 St. Petersburg

This morning, visit the State Hermitage Museum. You may stay on at the Hermitage after your guided tour has ended. Dinner this evening is in the stunning Russian Empire restaurant, housed in the Baroque Stroganov Palace, where Beef Stroganov was invented. Overnight St. Petersburg. **BD**

### Day 10 St. Petersburg

Today, choose between two excursions - Peterhof on the Gulf of Finland, or the town of Pushkin, known as 'Tsars' Village' before the Revolution. In summer months Peterhof boasts magnificent landscaped gardens with fountains and statues. At Pushkin, you visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture, housing the famous 'Amber Room'. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

### Day 11 St. Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast, with a transfer to the airport or rail station. **B**

## Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD, based on low season. Applicable 2019.

Hotel	TwN	Sgl
★★★	from 3370	5520
★★★★	from 3518	5878
★★★★★	from 4587	7709

■ **Hotel descriptions - see pages 5 & 11.**

### Extend your stay

Why not combine this tour with the Baltics and continue on to Tallinn. Ask us for details or refer to the relevant pages in this brochure.

