



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
- 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 Metro, St. Basil's Cathedral, Park Zaryadye, Kremlin & Cathedral, Armoury Museum, Eliseevsky food store
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Fabergé Museum, Hermitage Museum, choice of Peterhof or Catherine's Palace at Pushkin*

Business class cars utilised for 5-star packages

** Catherine's Palace is currently experiencing an unprecedented number of visitors during the summer months and availability may be restricted and subject to change.*

Day 1 Moscow

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

Day 2 Moscow

Your city tour covers the major landmarks - Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and a panoramic view of Moscow from Sparrow Hills. You will see the most impressive stations of the Moscow Metro, visit St. Basil's Cathedral and enjoy

excellent photo-opportunities from the viewing point in Park Zaryadye near Red Square. 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. Browse through the opulent Eliseevsky Food store, before enjoying 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 to St. Petersburg's most iconic site, the Church of the Saviour on Spilt Blood. 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 2020. (M) = Moscow, (SPB) = St. Petersburg.

Hotel	Twn	Sgl
(M) BUDAPEST (SPB) GOLDEN TRIANGLE (superior room)	from 2513	3970
(M) PETER I (SPB) PETRO PALACE	from 2852	4610
(M) METROPOL (SPB) ANGLETERRE	from 3335	5305
(M) BALTSCHUG KEMPINSKI (SPB) BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE	from 3390	5530
(M) NATIONAL (Kremlin view studio) (SPB) BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (deluxe room)	from 4147	6972
(M) FOUR SEASONS HOTEL MOSCOW (SPB) FOUR SEASONS LION PALACE	from 5405	9672

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