



Moscow, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

Imperial Capitals & the Golden Ring

Tailor-made tour - 10 days/9 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 and inclusions can be tailored to your personal requirements.

Inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast
- Meals - 2 lunches (1 at Café Pushkin), 1 dinner at Stroganov Palace
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout, with guide assistance where specified
- Economy class train Moscow-Vladimir
- Business class train Vladimir-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, Bogolyubovo
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Fabergé Museum Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace & Gardens

Business class cars utilised in Moscow & St. Petersburg for 5-star package

Your hotels

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- **Moscow** - Budapest
- **Suzdal** - Suzdal Inn
- **St. Petersburg** - Golden Triangle (*superior room*)

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- **Moscow** - Peter I
- **Suzdal** - Suzdal Inn (3.5-star)
- **St. Petersburg** - Petro Palace

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- **Moscow** - Baltshug Kempinski (*grand deluxe*)
- **Suzdal** - Suzdal Inn (3.5-star) (*junior suite*)
- **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.



Your afternoon is 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 to explore Moscow independently. 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. After lunch at a local restaurant, you have a city tour of Vladimir 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 Vladimir & St. Petersburg

Early morning transfer to Vladimir with guide assistance to catch your high-speed train at 07:04 bound for St. Petersburg. Arrive St. Petersburg at 13:20. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Your afternoon is free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 7 St. Petersburg

Your morning city tour introduces you to the major landmarks of this beautiful

northern city. You will also visit the Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress and the fabulous Fabergé Museum with a collection that includes nine Imperial Easter Eggs. Afternoon free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 8 St. Petersburg

This morning, you will 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 9 St. Petersburg

Today you travel 20 km west to the Gulf of Finland to visit Peterhof Palace with its landscaped gardens and spectacular cascading fountains. The palace was commissioned by Peter the Great as a summer residence to rival Versailles. The remainder of your afternoon is at leisure. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 10 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 2020.

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	from 2989	5119
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	from 3328	5758
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	from 4369	7730

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