



Latvia, Riga, House of Blackheads

Russian Highlights & the Baltics

Small group tour - 17 days/16 nights



Join this small group tour in Moscow and continue from St. Petersburg to the Baltics. We have allowed free time for a more relaxed experience and to enable you to explore at your own pace. However, if your time is limited, the itinerary from Day 8 may be adjusted to fit in with your schedule.

Inclusions

- 16 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels
- Meals - 1 lunch
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout
- Economy class Sapsan train Moscow-St. Petersburg
- Intercity coach service St. Petersburg-Tallinn-Riga-Vilnius
- Sightseeing as specified conducted by local guides in **English only**
- Moscow - Lenin's Dacha, City tour, Kremlin & Cathedral, Armoury Museum, Metro & Arbat tour, Tretyakov Art Gallery
- St. Petersburg - City tour, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace & Gardens (May-Sep), Catherine's Palace (Jan-Apr & Oct-Dec)
- Tallinn, Riga & Vilnius - walking tours, Trakai Castle by car

Your hotels

- **Moscow** - Holiday Inn Lesnaya
- **St. Petersburg** - Radisson Sonya
- **Tallinn** - Merchant's House
- **Riga** - Semarah Metropole
- **Vilnius** - Artis Centrum

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Day 1 Sat. Moscow

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

Day 2 Sun. Moscow

Morning excursion to the country estate of Gorki Leninskiye, 30 km south of Moscow and known as Lenin's Dacha. Lenin convalesced there after his assassination attempt in 1918. It houses many of his personal effects. Overnight Moscow. **BL**

Day 3 Mon. Moscow

Morning walking tour of the Kremlin grounds, then a visit to the State Armoury Museum. Afternoon tour of the Moscow Metro and walking tour of the Arbat pedestrian zone. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 4 Tue. Moscow to St. Petersburg

After breakfast, check out of your hotel for a tour of the original Tretyakov Art Gallery. Afternoon transfer to the railway station

for your high-speed train to St. Petersburg, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 5 Wed. St. Petersburg

Morning city tour including a visit to Peter & Paul Fortress, the foundation site of the city and burial place of the Romanovs. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 6 Thu. St. Petersburg

Morning visit to the Hermitage Museum. Afternoon free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 7 Fri. St. Petersburg

Travel by hydrofoil to the Gulf of Finland to visit Peterhof Palace, commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles (May to Sep) or (Oct to Apr) drive to the town of Pushkin to visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 8 Sat. St. Petersburg

Free day or you may pre-book additional excursions. Refer to pages 12 and 13. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 9 Sun. St. Petersburg to Tallinn

This morning, you will be transferred to the coach station to catch your intercity coach to Tallinn (approx. 7 hrs). Upon

arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Tallinn. **B**

Day 10 Mon. Tallinn

Morning walking tour of medieval Tallinn, Estonia's capital. Your afternoon is free to relax or explore. Overnight Tallinn. **B**

Day 11 Tue. Tallinn to Riga

Morning checkout and transfer to the coach station for your 4.5-hour coach trip to Riga. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Riga. **B**

Day 12 Wed. Riga

Morning walking tour of Riga's Old Town, rich in different architectural styles. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring independently. Overnight Riga. **B**

Day 13 Thu. Riga

Free day or take an excursion (additional cost) to magnificent Rundale Palace, designed by the architect of St. Petersburg's Winter Palace. Overnight Riga. **B**

Day 14 Fri. Riga to Vilnius

Morning transfer to the coach station for your 4-hour journey to Vilnius, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Vilnius. **B**

Day 15 Sat. Vilnius

Your morning walking tour takes you into the Old Town, one of the most extensive and beautiful in Europe. Afternoon free. Overnight Vilnius. **B**

Day 16 Sun. Vilnius

After breakfast, travel with your private guide and driver to Trakai Castle, on an island in Lake Galve. Overnight Vilnius. **B**

Day 17 Mon. Vilnius

Tour services end today after breakfast with your departure transfer. **B**



Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Saturday departures Jan-Dec 2020.

Departures	TwN	Sgl
11 Jan, 25 Jan, 8 Feb, 22 Feb, 7 Mar, 21 Mar, 28 Mar, 4 Apr, 24 Oct, 31 Oct, 14 Nov, 5 Dec, 19 Dec	4504	6878
11 Apr, 18 Apr, 26 Sep, 3 Oct, 10 Oct, 17 Oct	4582	7055
9 May, 16 May, 23 May, 30 May, 6 Jun, 13 Jun, 20 Jun, 27 Jun, 4 Jul	4791	7436
25 Apr, 2 May, 11 Jul, 18 Jul, 25 Jul, 1 Aug, 8 Aug, 15 Aug, 22 Aug, 29 Aug, 5 Sep, 12 Sep, 19 Sep	4737	7332

■ **Maximum capacity - 25 guests.**