# **Two Capitals of Russia**

# 6 Days tour of Moscow and Saint Petersburg





Moscow is the capital of Russia and its political and economic center. This amazing city has served as the capital of the Soviet Union, the Russian Empire and the Grand Duchy of Moscow. The city is filled with unique architecture from the Kremlin and Red Square to giant Stalin skyscrapers to new office blocks built during the economic boom of recent years and it contains a strikingly beautiful metro system. This is a city which never sleeps and amazes people with its luxury, crazy tempo and surprising mix of cultures. If you haven't been to Moscow you haven't really seen Russia.

Saint Petersburg is a cultural center of Russia and has a unique atmosphere. Founded on a swamp by Peter I, it became the most powerful and important center of the Russian Empire as Peter the Great moved the capital from Moscow to Saint Petersburg in 1712 and it was the capital of the Russian Empire for more than 200 years. The city was named after Saint Peter, the patron of Peter I.

Cities visited: Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

Duration: 6 days / 5 nights.

# Day 1 - Arrival in Moscow, City Tour of Moscow, Kremlin & Cathedrals Tour

- Arrival in Moscow. The guide will meet you at the airport.
- Transfer to hotel.
- Check in at hotel.
- City Tour of Moscow.





We offer you a panoramic City Tour of Moscow. During the city tour you will see all the major sights including the Red Square, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, the Novodevichiy Convent, Poklonnaya and Vorobievy Mountains, Tverskaya Street, Bulvarnoye Koltso, and other attractions.

• Kremlin & Cathedrals Tour.



## Visit to Kremlin and the Assumption Cathedral, the Archangel's Cathedral, the Annunciation Cathedral.

This guided tour comprises visiting the Kremlin – ancient fortress located in the historical center of Moscow. During the guided tour you will have an opportunity to enjoy the historical monuments, such as the Great Kremlin Palace and the Arsenal building, see the trophy weapons of the war of 1812 and admire the cathedrals on the territory of the Kremlin. Besides you will have internal visits to the Assumption Cathedral, the Archangel's Cathedral and the Annunciation Cathedral.

#### • Excursion to Red square.

Red Square is one of the most famous squares in the country where you can see St. Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's Mausoleum, and the GUM – one of the oldest and most luxurious Department stores, etc.

• Arrival at the hotel.

#### The guide and the car / bus service for 11 hours.

Recommended optional tours:

- Kremlin & Cathedrals & Armory Tour;
- Kremlin & Cathedrals & Armory & Diamond Fund Tour;
- Night City Tour of Moscow.

### Day 2 - Moscow Metro & Old Arbat Tour

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Moscow Metro & Old Arbat Tour.



#### Visit to Moscow metro.

Nowadays, Moscow metro has about 200 stations and it is considered to be one of the most beautiful undergrounds in the world. You will be stopping and getting off at its most beautiful stations.

As part of the tour you will take a walk down the Old Arbat, a picturesque pedestrian street where you can stop to watch one of the many street entertainers and buy souvenirs.

• Arrival at the hotel.

#### The guide and the car / bus service for 3 hours.

Recommended optional tours:

- Russian Folk Show "Kostroma" Tour;
- Bunker-42 Tour.

# Day 3 - Departure from Moscow, Train to Saint Petersburg, Arrival in Saint Petersburg

Today is a day of our departure to Saint Petersburg.

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Hotel check out.
- Transfer to the train station.
- Departure to Saint Petersburg by high-speed train "Sapsan".

- Arrival in Saint Petersburg. The guide will meet you at the train station.
- Transfer to hotel.
- Check in at hotel.

The guide and the car / bus only for the transfers in Moscow and Saint Petersburg.

Recommended optional tours:

• Night City Tour of Saint Petersburg.

### Day 4 - City Tour of Saint Petersburg & Peter and Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum Tour

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- City Tour of Saint Petersburg & Peter and Paul Fortress.





A lot of Russian noble families intended to move to a new Northern capital, Saint Petersburg. A huge number of Palaces were built on the territory of Saint Petersburg in different architectural styles with impressive and rich interiors. During the city tour you will see the best places of our city. Peter and Paul Cathedral, the first and oldest landmark in Saint Petersburg, which houses the remains of Russian Emperors and Empresses, Church of our Saviour on the Spilled Blood which is richly decorated with mosaic (over 7,000 square meters), Saint Isaac Cathedral which is the fourth Cupola Cathedral in the world, Smolny Institute for Noble Maidens which marked the beginning of women's education in the country, etc.

#### Visit to Peter and Paul Fortress and Peter and Paul Cathedral.

You will also visit Peter and Paul Fortress. The fortress was founded by Peter the Great in 1703. Besides the ancient fortifications, the fortress includes Peter and Paul Cathedral, built in the early XVIII century. Peter and Paul's Cathedral is one of the oldest symbols of Saint Petersburg and is the burial place of nearly all Russian Emperors and Empresses from Peter the Great to Nicholas II. • Hermitage Museum Tour.



#### Visit to Hermitage Museum.

The Hermitage is one of the greatest museums in the world. With a collection of more than 3 million works of art, from the Stone Age up to the present time, it's hard to say that the Hermitage is just a museum. It's the house of the World's best treasures. During the tour you will visit the Winter Palace, one of the greatest Royal residences in the world, and the main buildings of the world-famous Hermitage Museum – Small Hermitage, Old Hermitage, Hermitage Theater, and New Hermitage. The guide will show you the masterpieces – the works by the most famous Italian, French, Spanish, Dutch and other foreign artists and sculptors.

• Arrival at the hotel.

The guide and the car / bus service for 8 hours.

Recommended optional tours:

- Boat Tour along rivers and canals of Saint Petersburg;
- Russian Ballet Tour.

### Day 5 - Tour to Peterhof: Palace & Park

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Tour to Peterhof: Palace & Park.



#### Visit to Grand Palace and Lower Park.

Peter the Great first mentioned the Peterhof site in his Tsar's Campaign Journal in 1705 during the Northern War, as a good place to construct a landing for use in travelling to and from the island fortress of Kronstadt. According to Peter's concept, Peterhof had to become the most splendid residence in Europe, and also become a triumphal monument as a successful conclusion of Russia's struggle to the Baltic Sea. In 1723 the grand residence was formally inaugurated. Peter proudly showed foreign visitors the "paradise" that he had constructed on a deserted marshy coast. After his death Peterhof Palace remained the official summer Royal residence for 200 years.

Peterhof is a jewel of Russian art – a town of parks, palaces and fountains. The museum-reserve consists of the Grand palace, small palaces and amazing Fountain park, which deserves most of your time in Peterhof.

Peterhof palace and park is one of the most popular tourist attractions not only in Saint Petersburg, but also in Russia. Peterhof park with a unique fountain system is considered to be one of the most spectacular parks in the world. There are about 300 fountains on the territory of the Lower Park of Peterhof.

#### • Arrival at the hotel.

#### The guide and the car / bus service for 6 hours.

Recommended optional tours:

- Saint Petersburg Metro Tour;
- Russian Folk Show "Feel Yourself Russian" Tour.

### Day 6 - Departure from Saint Petersburg

Today is the day of your departure.

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Hotel check out.
- Transfer to the airport.

#### The guide and the car / bus only for the transfer.

Thank you that you decided to travel with us. We hope to see you again soon! You are always welcome here!

The price includes breakfasts and accommodation at the hotels near the city center during high season.

#### The price per person in euros: Valid Till: Dec 2020

Pax	Price (Hotel 3*)	Price (Hotel 4*)
34 - 40	€ 736	€ 894
28 – 33	€ 757	€ 917
22 – 27	€ 778	€ 941
16 – 21	€ 832	€ 999
12 – 15	€ 850	€ 1024
10 – 11	€ 894	€ 1072
8-9	€ 958	€ 1 144
6 – 7	€ 1066	€ 1 263
4-5	€ 1063	€ 1 213
3	€ 1 206	€ 1 356
2	€ 1 444	€ 1 594
single supplement	€ 300	€ 432

#### Inclusions:

- Electronic visa support letter;
- Return airport / train railway station transfer;
- Private guide and transport (car / minivan / minibus / bus) as in the itinerary;
- Accommodation: 5 nights at a 3 4 star hotel (DBL or TWN). The price includes breakfasts and accommodation at the hotels near the city center. The price for the hotels will be calculated again according to your requests;
- Meals (BB basis);
- Entrance tickets (architectural ensemble of the Cathedral Square, Moscow Metro, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Hermitage, Peterhof Grand Palace, Peterhof Lower Park);
- Train tickets (Moscow Saint Petersburg).

#### **Exclusions:**

- Visa processing costs;
- Travel insurance;
- International flights;
- Gratuities / Tips;
- Optional tours.

#### Notes:

- The tour is available the whole year round starting on any day, but, please, take into account that the museum's working hours and days-off vary so we reserve the right to change the itinerary while trying to save the excursion programme;
- Kindly note that we are not holding any reservation on the mentioned services at the moment;
- All services are subject to confirmation;
- Should we receive the flight details and understand the precise requirements for the program the quote will be counted more accurately;
- The price for the tour can be changed if the exchange rate fluctuation is changed for more than 5 %.

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