

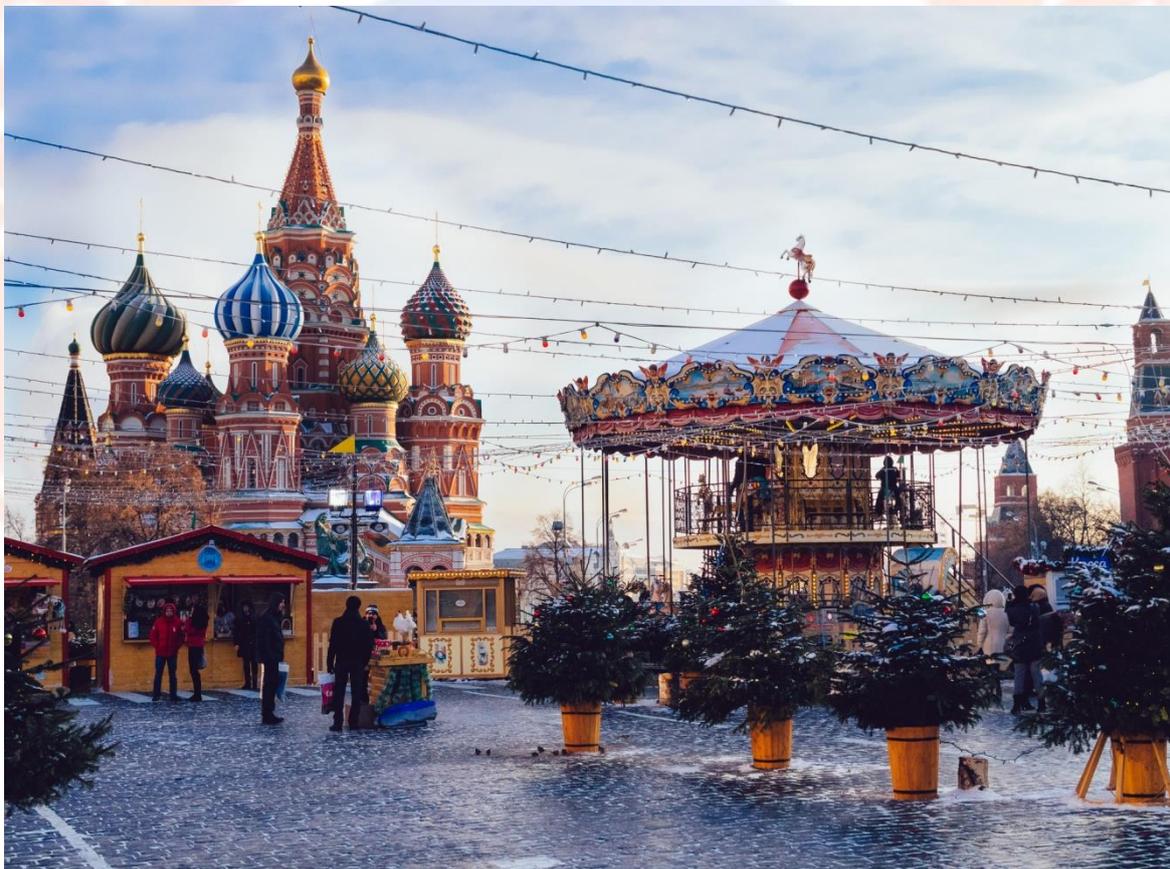


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Moscow-Saint- Petersburg- Murmansk

11 days / 10 nights



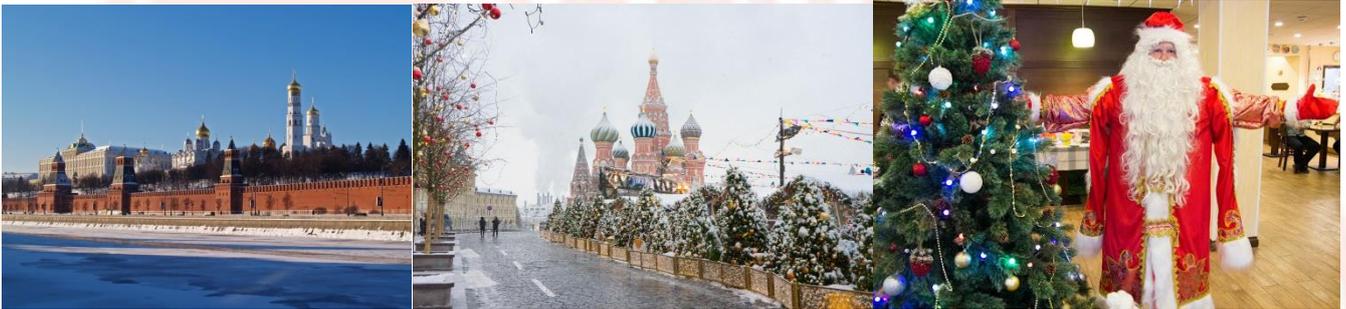


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DAY 1: Meeting the guide. Transfer to the hotel. Meeting Father Frost at the hotel

- Welcome to Russia and let us start the Russian winter holidays from Moscow. Moscow is a fashionable cosmopolitan city with more than 12 million inhabitants of more than 100 different nationalities living and working together. We are glad you are here to explore multinational city combining a great variety of cultures and traditions forming a unique atmosphere of the former Soviet capital.
- You will meet your guide and be transferred to the hotel for checking in. Upon the arrival to the hotel, you will be welcomed by a very special person called Father Frost, Russian Santa. He would like to tell you something very important and to treat with some Russian traditional gifts.



DAY 2: Walking tour around the city centre of Moscow. Kremlin tour with the visit to three Cathedrals

- This morning you will have a walking panoramic tour around the city centre. Varvarka street, Nikolskaya street and of course a visit to the Red Square where you will have enough time to explore the area with your guide: Alexander Garden, Kremlin Walls, Red Square, Mausoleum Building, GUM and many other sightseeings.
- After the lunch we will have a traditional tour to the Kremlin. The magnificent Moscow Kremlin is the sacred heart of the Russian Federation and the most ancient part of the city. It is the historic, social and political centre of Moscow. It is the starting point from where Moscow grew into a megalopolis, and it is where all Russian leaders have lived and worked. You will see the Tsar Bell, Tsar Cannon, visit the Assumption Cathedral, Archangel Michael's Cathedral and Annunciation Cathedral.
- Then, you might visit Yeliseev Grocery Store at Tverskaya Street or Walk along beautifully decorated Stolechnikov and Christmas Lane by yourselves or travel back to the hotel accompanied by your guide using Moscow Underground.



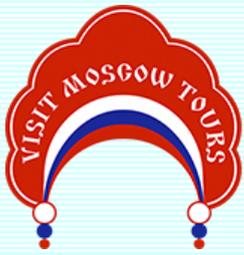
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DAY 3: Metro tour. Visit to Christ the Saviour Cathedral. Lunch at Uzbek restaurant. Tretyakov Gallery tour

- After breakfast you will be met by your guide and taken to the tour around The Moscow Underground railroad network , commonly called the Moscow Metro, masterpiece of art and architecture. In this tour, we visit several train stations, which look like palaces, and boast of amazing statues, murals, mosaics, colorful marble, and ornate chandeliers. The tour will proceed to Moscow Mosque, the central biggest Muslim centers in Russia.
- After the lunch at the Wondrous People restaurant specializing on Uzbek food, you will travel by Underground to visit the world famous Tretyakov Gallery which contains works of Russian art from the 10th century up to the present. You will view exquisite Russian icons and paintings from the 18th and 19th century including works by Rublev, Kandinsky, Karavak, Vishnyakov, Nikitin, Antropov, Levitsky, Kiprensky, Tropinin, Fedotov, Repin and many others.
- You will have a choice to stay in the city centre afterwards or to be accompanied to the hotel by your guide this afternoon.
- Each district of Moscow from December 18 till January 14 turns into a part of a winter festival: unique art objects, exciting street shows and concerts, master classes on cooking and decoration, traditional food and unusual souvenirs.
- At 7 p.m. your guide will meet you at the lobby of the hotel for a Snow Fun Game. During Snow Fun, you will visit the Ice Palace, play street games, try some Russian hot herbal drinks and have some uniquely Russian winter fun with the most expert and cheerful guides in Moscow. This is a walking tour and we will use the Moscow Underground to travel all around best Moscow winter points.
- Christmas fairs and markets invite residents and visitors of Moscow to take part in multiple fun winter activities and New Year shopping.
- “Journey into Christmas” is considered to be the biggest in the world New Year Festival and one of the most picturesque annual festivals in Moscow as it combines original traditional elements of Russian Christmas fun fairs and new contemporary ideas for all ages.
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DAY 4: Transfer to the train station with representative. Sapsan train to Saint Petersburg. Lunch at the restaurant. Introductory tour around the city centre by car. Transfer to the hotel. Free time

- After breakfast you will check out from the hotel, meet your guide and have a transfer to the train station. We are travelling to Saint Petersburg today. With a population of 6 million people, Saint Petersburg is the second largest city in Russia. It was founded in 1703 by the Tsar Peter the Great, the country's greatest reformer who opened Russia to Europe. It was also the capital of the Russian Empire from 1712 till 1918. You can see and feel the heritage of Russia's historical monarchy in its streets, parks, monuments, museums and citizens.
- Upon the Arrival to Saint Petersburg, you will be met by the guide and have a lunch at the Georgian restaurant. After the lunch, you will have a panoramic driving tour around the city
- Afterwards, you will be transferred to the hotel for checking in. The rest of the day is free. Tonight, you might plan to head out on the town or enjoy a Christmas hot drink in a bar or café or at our hotel. During the journey you can choose our optional tours like "Folklore Show at Nikolaevsky Palace" or a night at the Russian Ballet.



DAY 5: Hermitage Museum. Peter and Paul Fortress, Cathedral and Prison

- After the breakfast we take you to the Hermitage Museum in Winter Palace. It houses one of the biggest and best art collections on earth. Then, we will visit Peter & Paul Fortress and the Peter & Paul Cathedral, which houses the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. The Peter and Paul Fortress is the original citadel of St. Petersburg, Russia, founded by Peter the Great in 1703 and built to Domenico Trezzini's designs from 1706 to 1740. In the early 1920s, it was still used as a prison and execution ground by the Soviet government.



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- Afternoon is free for you to further explore. Most of the city sights are dotted along and just off the main street - Nevsky Prospekt. It's an easy city to find your bearings and get around. St Petersburg has a spirited restaurants, bars and jazz clubs.



DAY 6: Visit to the Spilt Blood Church and Saint Isaac Cathedral. Visit to the Museum of Faberge

- Today we further explore the city centre and its numerous must see places: the Cathedral of Spilt Blood and Saint Isaac Cathedral. The Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood was built in 1883-1907 on the spot where the Russian Emperor Alexander II was assassinated. It holds the largest number of mosaics in Europe. It is a treasure box, gleaming with precious stones, gold and colorful mosaic mural panels which cover the walls and the dome of the Cathedral. The monumental building of Saint Isaac's Cathedral was built in 1818-1858 by French architect Montferrand. There are up to 600 pieces of art inside the building including paintings, sculptures and icons.
- This day you will also visit the Museum of Faberge. It contains more than 4,000 works of decorative applied and fine arts, including gold and silver items, paintings, porcelain and bronze. A highlight of the museum's collection is the group of nine Imperial Easter eggs created by Fabergé for the last two Russian Tsars.
- This afternoon, you have a choice to be transferred back to the hotel or stay in the city centre and have a lunch, you might visit Yusupov Palace or plan a shopping at Nevsky Prospekt.





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DAY 7: Pushkin. Cathedrine palace and Amber room tour

- The day is devoted to Pushkin and Catherine Palace. It takes 1 hour to reach this place from Saint Petersburg. Upon the arrival in Pushkin, you will have an inside tour of the Catherine Palace, and you will visit the famous Amber Room. This room was built in 1716 as a gift to Peter I from the King of Prussia Frederick William I. The King of Prussia wanted to celebrate peace between his state and Russia and to cement their alliance against Sweden by making such a magnificent gift. The panels of the Amber Room are made from several tons of amber.
- We travel back to Saint Petersburg and leave you in the city centre or at the hotel to spend your last day in Saint Petersburg with your friends or family and enjoy the last winter evening in Russia.



DAY 8: Arrival to Murmansk, city tour

- Breakfast
- Transfer to the airport
- Arrival to Murmansk.
- Welcome to Murmansk, the northernmost city in Russia, with a population of around 300,000 people, by far the largest city above the Arctic Circle. An important Russian naval base, Murmansk served as a port for the Arctic convoys during the Second World War.
- Our guide will meet you at the airport
- Check in
- Lunch
- After the lunch, you will have a city tour by car. During a tour, we will visit the most significant places of the city such as the memorial "Lighthouse" , the Church of the Savior on Waters, the monument "Alyosha", dedicated to the defenders of the Arctic in the years of the great Patriotic War, the memorial "Pipe" which is a symbol of peaceful homes of Murmansk during the Second World War, and the icebreaker "Lenin"- the world's first ship with a nuclear power plant, which sailed out for its first voyage on September 15, 1959.
- Transfer to the hotel and rest



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DAY 9: Tiberka village. Full day trip

- This day is devoted to the village of Teriberka. It is the only place in Russia on the Barents sea that flows into the Arctic ocean and which can be reached by the road. During the trip, we will enjoy a stunning view of the wild sea and the fascinating landscapes of the Kola Peninsula. In 2015, thanks to the Oscar-nominated drama movie "Leviathan" from producer Alexei Zvyagintsev, Teriberka village became more known in Russia and also abroad.
- Our guide will meet you at the lobby of the hotel. On the way to the village, we will have a photo session in the most beautiful places, as well as hot tea and snacks).
- Arrival in Teriberka, walk through the village and the sandy beach.
- Lunch
- Walk through local attractions. We will be able to visit the cemetery of ancient ships, admire the picturesque waterfall, see the beach of large spherical stones, will see the Bird market and take beautiful photos of this unique place. Teriberka is a place with a great opportunity to observe ocean storms, tides, sunsets, sunrises, lunar sunrises and auroras.
- Departure to Murmansk.
- if Northern Lights appear, we will go hunt them.



DAY 10: Saami village full day trip

- Breakfast
- The guide will meet you at the lobby. The day is devoted to Saami people. They live on the Kola Peninsula among the Northern nature at Lovozersky district of Murmansk region. You will find out about their culture



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and life style. We will meet Sami people, communicate with them, feed their animals, like deers, rabbits, foxes, racoons. You will also ride l a reindeer sled.

- Traditional Saami Lunch. You will try various national dishes such as salmon soup and Northern fish breeds, herbal tea and berry pie. Saami people are very superstitious, they believe in their Gods and spirits, you will see their traditional amulets protecting them from all troubles. You will also have a chance to take pictures in national Saami costumes, in a word, it will be a great fun for adults and children.
- Transfer back to Murmansk.
- Free time. Hope the weather will be good and we will hunt for Aurora in the evening.



DAY 11: Transfer to the airport

- Breakfast
- We say good bye to the northern Murmansk, check out from the hotel and head to the airport with your guide (by car/bus)
- You are always welcome to open new pages of the Russian destinations in your next journeys to our country. Have a safe journey back!



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