

Moscow-Suzdal-Saint Petersburg

9 days / 8 nights





DAY 1: Meeting the guide. Transfer to 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.



DAY 2: Walking tour around Moscow city centre. Kremlin tour with the visit of 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 (optional) 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 beautiful Stolechnikov Lane, Rozchdestvenka Lane by yourselves or travel back to the hotel accompanied by your guide using Moscow Underground.





DAY 3: Metro tour. Visit of Christ the Saviour Cathedral. 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 Christ the Saviour Cathedral, the central biggest Orthodox center in Russia/ Moscow Mosque- Central Mosque in Russia.
- We will give you 1 hour in the city centre for the lunch, afterwards, we will travel to visit the world famous Izmailovo Kremlin and Izmailovo Flea Market by Moscow Underground, the best place in Moscow to buy Matreshka dolls, Russian patterned scuffs, different traditional Russian souvenirs. It takes 15 minutes to get there by Moscow Underground instead of any other transport because of the city traffic jam.
- You will have a choice to stay in the city centre afterwards or to be accompanied to the hotel by your guide this afternoon.



DAY 4: Transfer to the train station. Train to Vladimir (1 hour and 20 minutes). Meeting the guide in Vladimir. Transfer to Suzdal. City tour. Train back to Moscow

- Breakfast
- Our representative will pick you up from the hotel and take to Kursky railway station by Moscow Underground
- Comfortable train will get you to Vladimir railway station
- Local Suzdal guide will meet you at the train station platform with the sign and will take you to Suzdal by car/bus
- After the lunch (optional), you wil have a city tour with the visits to the main Suzdal attractions: St. Euphemius Cathedral (territory and exhibition), Wooden Architecture Museum, Suzdal Kremlin (exhibition), Ilyinsky Lug observation platform, city Centre, Alexander Monastery, Pokrov Monastery, shopping arcade
- Afternoon you will travel back to Vladimir to contemplate the Golden Gates and observation platform with a panoramic view of Klyazma river
- In the evening you have a train back to Moscow. Our local guide in Suzdal will get you right to the train assisting with train tickets and right seats. Back in Moscow you will be met by our Moscow guide who will accompany you to the hotel by Moscow Underground. It takes 1 hour and 20 minutes to get to Moscow





DAY 5: Transfer to the train station. Sapsan train to Saint Petersburg. Transfer to the hotel. Introductory city tour

- 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 (optional). 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 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 6: 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.



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 7: Spilt Blood Church visit. Saint Isaac Cathedral visit. Faberge Museum

- Breakfast
- Pick up from your hotel, guided tour of 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.
- Visit to the Museum of Faberge which was established by Viktor Vekselberg and his Link of Times foundation in order to repatriate lost cultural valuables to Russia. The museum's collection 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.
- Travel back to your hotel or we can leave you in the city centre for further exploring the city.
- Free time





- 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 evening in Russia.



DAY 9: Transfer to the airport

After the breakfast, you check out from the hotel. The driver will meet you at the lobby to transfer you to the airport. We are looking forward to seeing you again, always welcome back.





