

The Little Tour of Russia

Escorted tour



St Petersburg, Catherines Palace

7 days / 6 nights

Day 1: Sat: Moscow

Independent arrival into Moscow. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Meet your fellow group members at dinner. Overnight Moscow. **D**

Day 2: Sun: Moscow

Moscow, one of the largest cities in the world, is the symbolic heart and soul of the country. Your sightseeing starts at Red

Square, dominated by St Basil's Cathedral and the red stone walls of the Kremlin. Visit the State Armoury, Russia's oldest museum, with a collection of crown jewels, coronation robes, royal carriages and Fabergé Eggs. Pass the University and drive through the city's boulevards and historic districts. Stroll through the Arbat pedestrian zone, with its cafes, shops, restaurants and GUM, Russia's largest department store. Opportunity to take an optional tour by night of Moscow and its metro. Overnight Moscow. **B**



St Petersburg, Chesma Church



Day 3: Mon: Moscow to Tver & Novgorod

After an early breakfast, depart for Tver, an ancient trading port, nestled against the banks of the Volga River. The city offers many attractions, including Putyev Palace, built for Catherine the Great as a resting place on her journeys from Moscow to St Petersburg. There is time for a brief sightseeing tour of the city. Continue north to Novgorod, founded in the 9th century, on the banks of the Volkhov River, at the crossroads of one of the oldest trade routes in Russia. Overnight Novgorod. **BD**

Day 4: Tue: Novgorod to St Petersburg

Your morning sightseeing tour of Novgorod starts at the Kremlin with a visit to St Sophia Cathedral in the Citadel. Cross the river via the pedestrian bridge to Yaroslav's Court. Afternoon departure for St Petersburg. Founded by Peter the Great as his "Window to the West," St Petersburg is the most European of Russia's cities. Visit historic Peter & Paul Fortress, founded by Peter the Great in 1703 as a fortress against enemy raids. All the Russian tsars from Peter the Great are buried here. See majestic St Isaac's cathedral, whose gilded dome dominates the city skyline and offers spectacular city views. Overnight St Petersburg. **BD**

Day 5: Wed: St Petersburg

This morning visit the State Hermitage Museum. Housed in five buildings on the Neva Embankment, the Hermitage currently

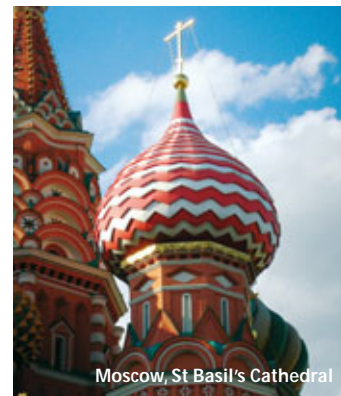
boasts a collection of more than three million items. Afternoon free. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 6: Thu: St Petersburg

Free day for independent sightseeing or you may choose to take an optional tour of Peterhof, Peter the Great's summer palace on the Gulf of Finland. In the evening you may join an optional folklore performance. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 7: Fri: St Petersburg

After breakfast your tour services end with a transfer to the airport. **B**



Moscow, St Basil's Cathedral

Your hotels

📍 **MOSCOW** – Marriott Grand

📍 **NOVGOROD** – Beresta

📍 **ST PETERSBURG** –

Holiday Inn Moskovskoye Vorota

■ Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.
Saturday departures May-Oct 2010.

Departures	Tour code	Twn	Sgl
8 May, 29 May, 19 Jun,			
10 Jul, 31 Jul, 21 Aug,			
11 Sep, 2 Oct	K011	2198	3133

Inclusions

- ① 6 nights accommodation in 4 & 5-star hotels
- ① Meals as specified
- ① Arrival and departure transfers to/from airport (days 1 and 7 only)
- ① Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- ① Tour director
- ① Comprehensive sightseeing as specified conducted in English language only