

# Moscow

## Sightseeing, concerts & trains

### SIGHTSEEING

#### Panoramic City Tour (3.5hrs)

Drive through Moscow's wide boulevards and historic districts. Highlights include Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, the White House, Bolshoi Theatre and a panoramic view of Moscow from Sparrows' Hills. *Daily*.

#### City Tour with Moscow Metro (5hrs)

See Moscow's highlights – Red Square and the Kremlin walls, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Bolshoi Theatre and more. Travel underground for an amazing display of marble, mosaics, chandeliers and sculptures. Each station is unique. Established in 1935, the Moscow Metro is one of the most efficient transport systems in the world. *Daily*.

#### Kremlin, Cathedral & Armoury (4hrs)

Not to be missed! Visit the Kremlin grounds to see the Tsar's Bell and Cannon, Kremlin walls and towers. Enter a cathedral where the tsars were baptised, crowned and buried. Visit the State Armoury Museum, housing a unique collection of crown jewels, gems, thrones, carriages, costumes (including the wedding and coronation dresses worn by Catherine the Great), Faberge Eggs and much more. *Daily except Thu*.

#### Tretyakov Art Gallery (3hrs)

The Gallery houses a collection of Russian art that traces the development of Russian culture from the 11th to 19th centuries. The gallery displays Russian icons, canvases by famous Russian portraitists, paintings and graphics

from the early 20th century.

*Daily except Mon.*

#### Pushkin Fine Arts Museum (3.5hrs)

This museum contains the second largest collection of Western European art in Russia, from the Middle Ages to the 20th century – Italian Renaissance, Dutch still-life paintings, Rembrandt, Rubens, the ancient world (Egypt, Syria, Assyria, Greece, Rome) and the largest collection of French Impressionists in Russia. *Daily except Mon.*

#### Novodevichy Convent & Cemetery (2.5hrs)

The convent was founded in 1524. Apart from its religious significance, it served as a place of imprisonment for noblewomen. Adjoining is a necropolis where many cultural and political figures are buried – the writers Chekhov and Gogol, singer Feodor Chaliapin, poet Mayakovsky, composer Shostakovich and political figures such as Krushchev. *Daily except Tue & first Mon of month.*

#### Sergiev Posad (6hrs)

Travel 75km north of Moscow, passing picturesque dacha settlements, to the historic Trinity monastery complex of St Sergius. Founded in the 14th century by St Sergius of Radonezh, Sergiev Posad is the spiritual bastion of Russian Orthodoxy and a popular place of pilgrimage. Boris Godunov is buried here – the only Tsar not buried in the Kremlin or St Petersburg's Peter & Paul Fortress. The monastery is included in UNESCO's World Heritage List. *Daily except Mon.*



Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

### RUSSIA – RAIL SCHEDULES



Rail transportation can only be booked in conjunction with accommodation. Schedules and prices are accurate at the time of printing, but subject to confirmation. 1st class rail is generally 2 berth, with a sleeper included for overnight sectors. 2nd class rail is usually 4 berth for overnight trains and 6 berth or open carriage for day trains. Prices include seat reservation. Russian Railways do not differentiate between sexes when allocating berths. Passport details required. Seat reservations can generally be confirmed 45-35 days prior to travel at which point the tickets will be purchased and hence will become non refundable.

Route	Timings			Approx. cost AUD	
	Train#	Dep	Arr	2nd cl	1st cl
Helsinki-Moscow	Tolstoi	18:23	08:25+1	362	530
Helsinki-St Petersburg	Repin	15:00	22:51	241	362
	Sibelius	07:00	14:15	241	362
Moscow-Helsinki	Tolstoi	22:50	12:00+1	362	504
Moscow-Kiev	1	23:23	08:00+1	229	444
Moscow-Novgorod	42	21:50	06:10+1	181	306
	160*	16:30	22:00	210	277
Moscow-St Petersburg	156**	13:00	17:15	193	342
	2	23:55	07:55+1	205	357
Moscow-Vladimir	62	13:55	16:05	72	n/a
Novgorod-Moscow	42	21:20	05:32+1	181	306
Novgorod-St Petersburg	802	08:05	11:20	36 (sitting class)	n/a
St Petersburg-Helsinki	Repin	07:17	12:48	188	323
	Sibelius	16:30	21:58	188	323
St Petersburg-Moscow	159*	16:00	21:30	210	277
	155**	13:00	17:15	219	350
St Petersburg-Novgorod	3	23:59	08:00+1	219	350
	801	17:18	20:24	36 (sitting class)	n/a

■ Train \*159/160 operates until 29 May 2010. \*\*\*Train 155/156 operates after 29 May 2010.  
 ■ Trains operate daily. Prices shown per person one way. Prices and schedules are subject to change.

### Sightseeing prices

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2010. Sightseeing is by car with English-speaking guide.

Tour	1 per	2 per	3 per
Panoramic City Tour	229	116	92
City Tour with Metro (by car & on foot)	260	130	101
Kremlin, Cathedral & Armoury (on foot)	193	130	108
Kremlin, Cathedral & Armoury (by car)	301	186	162
Tretyakov Art Gallery	241	128	104
Pushkin Fine Arts Museum	256	140	116
Novodevichy Convent & Cemetery	217	113	96
Sergiev Posad	313	164	140

### THEATRES & CONCERTS

No visit to Moscow is complete without experiencing its rich cultural life. Tickets to the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, Moscow Conservatory and legendary Bolshoi Theatre can be pre-booked in conjunction with accommodation. The Bolshoi Theatre is closed for renovation, however performances by the Bolshoi Theatre Company are held on stage at the New Bolshoi next door. Programmes are usually available one month prior. Tickets for the Moscow Circus are also available.