

A Taste of Russia

Independent tour

This independent tour offers the essential sights of Moscow and St Petersburg with a culinary insight into some of the classic Russian dishes, how they are created and where to shop for the ingredients. The itinerary may be taken in reverse from St Petersburg on Mondays.

10 days/9 nights

Day 1: Fri: Moscow

Arrive Moscow and transfer by private car to your hotel. Overnight Moscow.

Day 2: Sat: Moscow

This morning a city tour by private car. Highlights include Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, the White House, Bolshoi Theatre and a panoramic view of Moscow from Sparrow Hills. Travel underground by metro for an amazing display of marble, mosaics, chandeliers and sculptures. After a light lunch, visit the Eliseevsky food store. Established in 1901, its impeccable service, wide range of goods and lavish décor earned it the title "The Palace of Gluttony". Continue to the Danilovsky farmers' market where the locals shop for their meat, fish, fruit and vegetables. Overnight Moscow. **BL**

Day 3: Sun: Moscow

After breakfast you visit the Novodevichy Convent, founded in 1524. Explore the adjoining cemetery where many famous cultural and political figures are buried, including Chekhov, Shostakovich, Khrushchev and Yeltsin. Continue to the GUM department store and visit the gastronom. After free time at Red Square enjoy a master class and dinner at a restaurant specializing in cuisine from the Caucasus. Overnight Moscow. **BD**

Day 4: Mon: Moscow

This morning it's off to the Kremlin to see the Tsar's Bell and Cannon, one of the cathedrals and the Armoury Museum with its unique collection of crown jewels, thrones, gold carriages, Faberge eggs – and much more. Afterwards a leisurely lunch at Café Pushkin, acclaimed for its classic Russian cuisine and 19th century ambience.



St Petersburg, Hermitage Museum

The afternoon and evening are free for you to explore Moscow. **BL**

Day 5: Tue: Moscow to St Petersburg

Free time until your transfer to the station for your 13:30 departure on the new high speed Sapsan train to St Petersburg. (approx 4.5 hrs). Upon arrival you will be transferred to your hotel. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 6: Wed: St Petersburg

This morning a city tour with a visit to the food department of Gostynny Dvor, built in the 1770s and the city's oldest shopping mall. Continue with a visit to the local Kouznechny produce market. After free time, transfer to the Tchaikovsky restaurant for a master class and dinner. Overnight St Petersburg. **BD**

Inclusions

- ① 9 nights accommodation in hotel category of your choice with breakfast daily
- ① 2 dinners and 3 lunches
- ① Arrival/departure transfers & return transfers to/from restaurants by private car
- ① All sightseeing with private English speaking guide
- ① City tours of Moscow and St Petersburg with guide and private car/driver.
- ① Moscow – visits with guide to Moscow Metro, Eliseevsky shop, GUM gastronom, Danilovsky farmers' market, Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery, the Kremlin and Armoury Museum

- ① Moscow – lunch at Café Pushkin
- ① Master classes in Moscow at a restaurant specialising in cuisine from the Caucasus and in St Petersburg at Tchaikovsky restaurant
- ① Economy class high speed Sapsan train from Moscow to St Petersburg
- ① St Petersburg – visits with guide to Peter and Paul Fortress, food department of Gostynny Dvor, Kouznechny produce market, Hermitage Museum, Peterhof Palace and Park or Catherine's Palace
- ① Folklore concert at Nikolaevsky Palace with light refreshments and return transfers

Your hotels

★★★★★

▲ MOSCOW – Peter I

Stylish hotel with spacious rooms in a central location 5 mins walk from Red Square.

▲ ST PETERSBURG – Pushka Inn

Very popular, boutique hotel just minutes from the Hermitage Museum.

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▲ MOSCOW – Baltschug Kempinski

Grand hotel on the river overlooking the Kremlin with very spacious rooms.

▲ ST PETERSBURG – Astoria

Elegant, historic Art Nouveau hotel opposite St Isaac's Cathedral.

Day 7: Thu: St Petersburg

After breakfast visit Peter & Paul Fortress, burial place of the tsars since Peter the Great. After lunch (not included) continue to the Hermitage Museum for your private tour. Founded in 1764, the museum occupies five buildings including the Winter Palace. It currently boasts a collection of more than 3 million items. Overnight St Petersburg. **B**

Day 8: Fri: St Petersburg

This morning you take a private tour of Peterhof Palace and Park, the summer palace built by Peter the Great to rival Versailles, or Pushkin and Catherine's Palace with its famous Amber Room – you choose. Relax over lunch before returning to your hotel for leisure time. Overnight St Petersburg. **BL**

Day 9: Sat: St Petersburg

Morning and afternoon at leisure. Late afternoon/early evening your driver will take you to the 19th century Nikolaevsky Palace for a folklore show featuring music, singing, dancing and Cossack performance. Spectacular costumes and first class artists in an historic setting make this an unforgettable evening. (Performances at 19:00 and/or 21:00 depending on time of year.) **B**

Day 10: Sun: St Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast with a departure transfer to the airport or station. **B**

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Jan-Dec 2011
Friday departures ex Moscow,
Monday departures ex St Petersburg.
Higher prices may apply during trade fairs,
special events and overlapping seasons.

Season	Twn	Sgl
★★★★★		
1 Jan - 30 Apr, 1 Nov-31 Dec	3598	5873
1-31 May, 26 Aug-31 Oct	3863	6403
1-30 Jun	4088	6853
1 Jul -25 Aug	3483	5751
★★★★★		
1-31 Jan	3782	5894
1 Feb-31 Mar, 1-31 Oct	4490	7310
1-30 Apr, 19 Aug -30 Sep	4566	7454
1 May-17 Jul	5748	9635
18 Jul-18 Aug	4094	6510
1 Nov-31 Dec	4302	6930

Flavours of Russia

Escorted group tour

Extend your stay

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Suzdal & Vladimir

3 days / 2 nights

Day 1: Moscow to Vladimir & Suzdal
Afternoon departure from Moscow for your 2 hour train journey to Vladimir. After a sightseeing tour of Vladimir you will be transferred by car to Suzdal. Overnight Suzdal.

Day 2: Suzdal

Morning sightseeing of Suzdal, its Kremlin and Cathedral of the Nativity. Experience country hospitality during your lunch with a local Russian family. Afternoon free to wander through this unspoilt country town with its whitewashed churches and traditional wooden houses. Overnight Suzdal. **BL**

Day 3: Suzdal to Moscow

Morning transfer to Vladimir for your train journey to Moscow. (11:40/13:55hrs) **B**

Inclusions

- ① 2 nights accommodation with breakfast
- ① Arrival/departure transfers by car
- ① Sightseeing as specified **with your own English speaking guide**
- ① 2nd class rail Moscow/Vladimir/Moscow
- ① Transportation by car Vladimir/Suzdal/Vladimir
- ① Lunch with a Russian family

Tour prices

Prices shown per person in AUD.
Applicable Jan–Dec 2011.

Hotel / Season	Stopover		Extra nts	
	TwN	Sgl	TwN	Sgl
PUSHKARSKAYA SLOBODA (cottages)				
1 Jan-31 Dec	567	910	92	174

■ **Vladimir-Suzdal-Vladimir is by local Volga car (no seatbelts). Supplement for transportation by western car from Moscow to Vladimir and Suzdal and return instead of train and local car: \$47 pp TwN, \$94 pp Sgl.**



Helsinki & Tallinn

5 days / 4 nights

Day 1: St Petersburg to Helsinki
Depart St Petersburg on the new high speed Allegro train at 15:35hrs, arriving Helsinki at 18:00hrs. Overnight Helsinki.

Day 2: Helsinki

Morning city tour by coach with the remainder of the day free. Overnight Helsinki. **B**

Day 3: Helsinki to Tallinn

After an early breakfast make your way to the port to catch the high-speed catamaran to Tallinn. You will be met by your guide and transferred to your hotel, followed by a 2-hour walking tour of the Old Town. Afternoon and evening free. Overnight Tallinn. **B**

Day 4: Tallinn

A full day to explore and enjoy Tallinn and its surrounds. Overnight Tallinn. **B**

Day 5: Tallinn to Helsinki

Free time until your transfer to the port and return catamaran ferry to Helsinki. **B**

Inclusions

- ① 2nd class rail St Petersburg to Helsinki
- ① 4 nights accommodation with breakfast
- ① City tour of Helsinki by coach
- ① Return ferry Helsinki/Tallinn
- ① Return transfers port/hotel in Tallinn
- ① Personal 2 hour guided tour of Tallinn

Your hotels

- ★★★★★ **HELSINKI** – Seurahuone
Charming, elegant, and central.
- ★★★★★ **TALLINN** – Merchant's House
Historic, boutique hotel in the Old Town.
- ★★★★★ **HELSINKI** – Kamp
Elegant, traditional centrally located hotel.
- ★★★★★ **TALLINN** – Schlossle
Historic, luxury hotel in the Old Town.

Tour price & departures

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Departures 1 Jan-31 Dec 2011.
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Hotel/Season	TwN	Sgl
★★★★★		
1 Jan-31 Dec	1019	1464
★★★★★		
1 Jan-31 Dec	1545	2502

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CELEBRITY GUEST MAGGIE BEER



St Petersburg, Hotel Angletierre Caviar Bar

FLAVOURS OF RUSSIA – ESCORTED GROUP TOUR

12 days / 11 nights

Inclusions

- ① 11 nights accommodation with breakfast at 5-star hotels
- ① 10 dinners and 2 lunches at hotels and local restaurants
- ① Comprehensive sightseeing and entrances with expert English speaking guides
- ① Opera or ballet performance
- ① Folklore performance in St Petersburg
- ① Private arrival/departures by car with guide
- ① Business class high speed Sapsan train Moscow – St Petersburg
- ① Porterage and gratuities
- ① Fully escorted by Russian Travel Centre MD, Jayne Thomas

Your hotels

- Ⓜ **MOSCOW** – Baltschug Kempinski ★★★★★
Grand hotel overlooking St Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin, with spacious rooms. We have Kremlin View Deluxe rooms.
- Ⓜ **ST PETERSBURG** – Grand Europe ★★★★★
One of the finest luxury hotels in Russia, located just off Nevsky Prospekt. Built in 1820 and recently restored to its former Russian grandeur.

Tour prices & departures

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Departure	TwN	Sgl. supplement
7 Sep 2011	9980	2260

HIGHLIGHTS

Moscow

- Lunch at acclaimed Café Pushkin
- Master class at Hotel Baltschug
- Master class at restaurant specialising in cuisine from the Caucasus
- Eliseevsky and GUM food stores
- Danilovsky produce market
- Kristall vodka factory
- City tour, Metro, Kremlin and Armoury Museum, River Cruise, Novodevichy Convent

St Petersburg

- Caviar and vodka tasting at the Caviar Bar in the Hotel Angletierre
- Russian cuisine master class
- Gostyny Dvor food department
- Kouznechny farmers' markets
- Imperial Porcelain Factory
- City tour, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum and Gold Treasury, Canal Cruise, Peterhof Palace