

PREMIUM

10D7N BEST OF RUSSIA

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Explore a country steeped in history and culture as you marvel at the remarkable sights of Russia.



St. Basil's Cathedral on Red square, Moscow, Russia

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HIGHLIGHTS

MOSCOW

- State Circus
- Moscow Kremlin
- Cathedral Square
- Assumption Cathedral
- Annunciation Cathedral
- Archangel's Cathedral
- Tsar Bell
- Tsar Cannon
- Red Square
- St. Basil's Cathedral
- GUM Department Store
- Lenin's Tomb
- Moscow Metro tour
- Izmailovo Market

ST. PETERSBURG

- Peterhof
- State Hermitage Museum
- Winter Palace
- St. Isaac's Cathedral
- Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood
- Pushkin
- Catherine Park & Palace

SERGIEV POSAD

- Trinity Sergius Lavra
- Sergiev Posad State History and Art Museum- Preserve

DELICACIES

Meal Plan

- 7 Breakfasts, 3 Lunches, 5 Dinners
- Lunch at Grand Orangerie Restaurant in Peterhof
- Dinner with Folkshow with vodka and wine
- Dinner onboard River Cruise in Moscow

4-5★ HOTELS

ST. PETERSBURG Courtyard by Marriott
MOSCOW National Hotel

*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.

SPECIAL INCLUSION

- 3 special dining experience
- Moscow State Circus



DAY 1

HOME ▶ ST. PETERSBURG

Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **St Petersburg**, second largest city in **Russia**.

DAY 2

ST. PETERSBURG

Meals on Board

Upon arrival, enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure. Partygoers and fans of revelry will find plenty to enjoy within the city's burgeoning night scene, and the constantly evolving nightlife will make the night a unique experience.

Note: If you are taking the morning flight, it will become 9D7N instead.

DAY 3

ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast, Dinner

Enjoy a **St. Petersburg city tour**, which will bring you to take in the sights of the Winter Palace, **St. Isaac's Cathedral** and the **Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood**. The **State Hermitage Museum** is the next on the must-visit list, which comprises of five buildings that were formerly the residence of the **Tsars**. Home to one of the finest art collections in the world, the bulk of the vast collection can be found in the grand **Winter Palace**.

DAY 4

ST. PETERSBURG ▶ PETERHOF ▶ ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pay a visit to **Peterhof**, an imperial estate situated just west of **St. Petersburg** that is

often referred as the '**Russian Versailles**'.

Marvel at the magnificent palaces and their richly decorated interiors, and beautiful fountains adorned with gilded statues of ancient **Greek** and Roman gods and goddesses, lunch at the **Grand Orangerie Restaurant**, by the garden. After Peterhof, enjoy a visit to the picturesque suburbs of St. Petersburg, the town of **Pushkin**.

The **Catherine Park**, an inseparable part of the ensemble and a very poetic place, is a magnificent work of creative labor of several generations of talented Russian architects. During the **Catherine Palace** excursion, you will get to know about the mysterious history the Amber Room and see its splendid interiors, designed by eminent architects and recently restored. At night, enjoy a **folk show and have dinner with vodka and wine** at the authentic Russian restaurant – **Podvorye**, where President Putin held his 50th birthday celebration here.

DAY 5

ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast

Free at leisure today. You could also choose to take an optional day trip and rewind to medieval Russia on a full-day trip to Veliky Novgorod from St. Petersburg. A capital of Russia in the 9th century, this UNESCO-listed city consists of well-preserved medieval buildings and churches. Explore the riverside Kremlin with its St. Sophia Cathedral, see fresco-coated churches, and stroll around the reconstructed buildings of the open-air Wooden Architecture Museum, all built without nails.

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Grand cascade in Peterhof, St. Petersburg, Russia

DAY 6 ST. PETERSBURG > MOSCOW

Breakfast, Dinner

Take a **high-speed train** that will take you to Moscow, the capital of Russia. Go on a sightseeing tour of the unique Russian city, which will bring you to view **the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the GUM Department Store and Lenin's Tomb**.

As dusk falls, prepare yourself for a night of entertainment with a performance by the world-famous **Moscow State Circus**.

Note: Porterage is included, 1 piece per pax, till/from the entrance of the carriage to the drop-off/pick-up point.

DAY 7 MOSCOW > SERGIEV POSAD > MOSCOW

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Take a side trip out of Moscow today and head to the pilgrim town of **Sergiev Posad**, founded by the country's most revered monk, **St. Sergius of Radonezh**, himself. Pay a visit to the **Trinity Sergius Lavra**, the most important landmark of this town as well as one of the most important monasteries of the **Russian Orthodox Church**. Admire the famous icon and other impressive works by **Andrei Rublev** within the **Cathedral**, or take a look at the collections of traditional tapestries, gold and silver tableware, and furniture and embroidery at the **Sergiev Posad State History and Art Museum-Preserve**.

DAY 8 MOSCOW

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Kick off the day with an exhilarating adventure to the **Moscow Kremlin**, an old fortified complex in the heart of **Moscow** that has witnessed generations of Russia's rulers and remains as the official residence of the President of the Russian Federation to this day. Home to some of the most beautiful Russian Orthodox monuments, make your way to the **Cathedral Square** to find some of the most magnificent churches that have each played their part in history. Gaze in wonder at the architectural masterpieces of the **Assumption Cathedral**, the **Annunciation Cathedral** and the **Archangel's Cathedral**, as well as the **Tsar Bell** and the **Tsar Cannon** that are displayed on the grounds of the Kremlin. Then, embark on a **Moscow Metro Ride**, one of the world's most elaborate transport systems and discover for yourself why **Moscow's Metro** is also known as the most beautiful railway as well. We will also visit the **Izmailovo Market**, where original, peculiar, old fashioned articles have had a long story there and now located not far from Partizanskaya metro station. Tonight we will **dine on a river cruise**, while taking in the sights of the enchanting night view of this beautiful Moscow City.

DAY 9 MOSCOW > HOME

Breakfast

Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 10 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursion:

- (St Petersburg) Veliky Novgorod Day Tour: €119
- These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. *minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.*

Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)

- €80 per person

Note:

- A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.
- The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- Activities are subject to weather conditions.
- During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.