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# St Petersburg, Moscow and Northern Lights

## 9 days/ 8 nights

Guaranteed departures 07-15 December 2019 18-26 January 2020

## Day 1 -St Petersburg

- Arrival at the airport
- Transfer from the airport
- Check in at the hotel
- Overnight in the hotel

## Day 2 -St Petersburg

Breakfast at the hotel

#### **CITY TOUR**

During the tour, you will be taken to the most precious monuments of the city's rich history and original architecture carefully preserved as the world cultural heritage. You will be able to hear amazing stories and to take fine pictures of the main architectural and historical sites like Nevsky prospect, the Kazan Cathedral, the Winter Palace, Vasilievsky Island, St.



Isaac Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress, the Senate Square and the Palace Square. The 3-hour sightseeing tour will allow you to get a brief but bright impression of Saint Petersburg.

#### PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS

Peter and Paul Fortress is the place of birth of Saint Petersburg, here began the foundation of this beautiful city. Today it is home to several museums, which exhibit to everyone the splendid history of Saint-Petersburg's foundation and growth. Here you may visit main museums like the Peter and Paul cathedral - the tallest building in the city

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center and the burial place of members of the Imperial family - the Grand Ducan Mausoleum, the Boat house, the Artillery Armory, the Mint, Engineering and Commandant's house, guardhouse and many others. The fortress also used to be a political prison as you may see during a visit to its casemates, in the XIX in became the main political prison of Russia.



## • LUNCH AT THE RESTAURANT (EUROPEAN)

## HERMITAGE. WINTER PALACE (MAIN COLLECTION)

It is hard to imagine a trip to Saint Petersburg without visiting one of the most famous

museums worldwide - the State Hermitage. Its priceless collection occupies 5 historical buildings of which the Winter Palace - the former residence of the Russian Royal family - is the most remarkable. Its rooms, decorated with marble and gold provide a fine background for the treasures of the Hermitage. You might be surprised to know that the collection of this unique museum contains over 3 million exhibits including the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael and other famous artists; however the



collections of the Egyptian, Oriental and Ancient Greek art should not be missed as well. You will be literally overwhelmed by the beauty of the museum and will never forget this magnificent and legendary place.

Overnight in the hotel

## Day 3 -St Petersburg

• Breakfast at the hotel



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## **PUSHKIN (PALACE AND PARK)**

The Summer Palace is the heart of Tsarskoe Selo (Tsar's Village) - one of the most picturesque parks among theformer residences of the Russian Emperors. Here you may feel the atmosphere of the Royal way of life in its entire magnificence. It is hard to believe that almost everything inside palace is a result of a careful restoration, which has been finished just 8 years ago. Nowadays the legendary Amber Room, where this precious resin covered the walls in a magnificent and shining style, as well as the radiant interiors have finally



regained their former splendor after they suffered from severe damages during World War II. Today tourists from all over the world come to the Pushkin to see the marvelous park and the Catherine's Palace, definitely one of the most impressive highlight of every visit to Saint Petersburg.

#### CARRIAGE RIDING IN TROIKA IN PAVLOVSK PARK

Troika is traditional Russian carriage drawn by three horses harnessed side-by-side. In Russia it had firstly appeared in XVIII century and was used mainly by elite. Since then it became one of the symbols of the country and today everyone can feel himself like a tsar and experience that true Russian ride in the snowy park. And Pavlovsk is the best place to do it! It a unique monument of landscape art: beautiful gardens on the hills, avenues of trees, romantic buildings, winding rivers and stone bridges.



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#### **NEVSKY PROSPECT WALKING TOUR**

Nevsky prospect has always been the main street of the city, it remembers many important historical events. On both sides the street is surrounded by architectural masterpieces, keeping their own unique history. During this tour you will see the treasures of Saint Petersburg Anichkov bridge decorated with sculptures, Catherine's garden and monument in front of the Alexandrinsky theatre, Eliseevy Merchants' Shop, Church of the Savior on



blood, Kazan Cathedral, Royal square with Hermitage, Admiralty, St.Isaac's Cathedral at the left side, and much more. On the way you will meet street musicians, artists, actors and even clowns, which will let you feel the unique creative atmosphere of the city. Even Russian Emperors liked to take a walk along Nevsky prospect - today you will follow their steps!

Overnight in the hotel

## Day 4 -St Petersburg, Murmansk

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out of the hotel
- Transfer to the airport
- Flight Saint -Petersburg-Murmansk (2<sup>nd</sup> class)
- Transfer from the airport
- · Check in at the hotel
- Overnight in the hotel

#### Day 5-Murmansk

Breakfast at the hotel

#### VISIT TO THE SAAM'S VILLAGE

We will start exploring the beauty of the Russian north with visit to a very exceptional place - the Saamskaya village, which is located in 110 km from Murmansk. This is an open-air ethnographical





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museum, where you can get acquainted with the history and traditions of the ingenious people of the North - Saams. After a warm welcome, we will have an excursion and see their typical houses, communicate with tamed deer, taste the national cuisine, visit the museum, that introduces rich culture and lifestyle of Saams. In winter it is possible to enjoy snowmobiling and reindeer sledding.

#### • LUNCH AT THE VILLAGE

#### **HUSKY PARK**

The North would not be the same without its sled dogs. Those loyal and tenacious animals have a long and proud history of carrying people and goods in their sleds. With the help of the Husky Centre, you too can experience the exhilarating Arctic tradition of dogsledding first hand. A pack of happy, friendly and well-trained Siberian huskies will pull you along to adventure in and around the winter wonderland. During the excursion you will have time to play with husky and enjoy traditional Saam's dishes: fish soup, reindeer meat and berry pie.



- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight in the hotel

#### Day 6- Murmansk

• Breakfast at the hotel

#### **CITY TOUR**

The city was founded in 1916. Murmansk is a large military and industrial city, the most important center of fishing and large ships. Many landmarks of the city remind of outstanding historical events, one of the most symbolic objects is the famous memorial "Defenders of the Soviet Arctic in the years of the Great Patriotic War." Local residents often call it "Alyosha", the monument is located near the Semenovskoye Lake, next to the hill of the Green Cape. Another outstanding historical monument is the first nuclear icebreaker





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built in the Soviet Union. Up to 2009, it was operational, and was recently reorganized into a kind of museum exposition.

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#### VISIT TO LENIN'S ICEBREAKER

The world's first nuclear icebreaker, the first surface vessel with a nuclear power plant. The icebreaker was built in the USSR, first of all, for servicing the Northern Sea Route. After working for 30 years, in 1989 the icebreaker "Lenin" was decommissioned and put on an eternal parking lot in Murmansk. In the four years since the launch of the nuclear icebreaker Lenin to the pier of the Maritime Station in Murmansk on May 2009, over 130000 visitors have visited it, a large number of business, cultural and social activities have been held.



#### **SEARCHING FOR NORTHERN LIGHTS**

Tonight we will go to search for one of the most inspiring miracles of nature - the Northern Lights. Every winter the sky over the Murmansk is illuminated by bright light - which happens when electrically charged solar particles collide with atoms from our atmosphere. It is almost impossible to predict the appearance of the Northern Lights, but thanks to an experienced guide who will take into account all the features of the search, your chances to see it are very high! You are guaranteed to get to the places which open the best view on it!



Overnight in the hotel

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#### Day 7- Murmansk, Moscow

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out of the hotel
- Transfer to the airport
- Flight Murmansk-Moscow (2<sup>nd</sup> class)
- Transfer from the airport
- Check in at the hotel
- Overnight in the hotel

## Day 8-Moscow

Breakfast at the hotel

#### **CITY TOUR**

Moscow is the capital of Russian Federation and represents a unique set of old architecture masterpieces and modern high-tech buildings. If you want to know more about the history of the Russian capital, you need to take this City tour! In only a few hours, you will have a glimpse of its main landmarks, such as the Red Square, the Kremlin, the Victory Park, the White House, the Arbat, Cathedral Christ-the-Saviour, the observation platform of Sparrow hills, Lomonosov University and much more! It is an interesting and efficient introduction to Europe's biggest city.



• LUNCH AT THE RESTAURANT (EUROPEAN)

#### KREMLIN (TERRITORY AND CATHEDRALS)

Visit one of the most well-known sights of Moscow - the Kremlin with its red brick walls and 20 towers holding their own unique history. Since its first construction in 1156 as a wooden fortress by the order of Grand Duke Yuri Dolgoruky, it has been rebuilt several times. The current appearance was formed in 1495 by the best architects of Russia and Italy. Today





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Kremlin is the residence of Russian President and the main symbol of the country, revered by all of its citizens.

## **RED SQUARE WALKING TOUR**

Even if you have seen this place and its landmarks dozens of times, it will be a breathtaking experience to see it in real life. During the walking tour, you will have the time to take pictures of this 73,000 brick-paved sauare meters square surrounded by the Kremlin Walls, Lenin's Tomb, St Basil's Cathedral, Resurrection gate, GUM superstore and the Russian State Historical Museum. Turn to the left, and find yourself in one of the oldest urban public parks in Moscow - Alexander Garden. It keeps a lot of valuable



architectural monuments: Kutafia tower of the Kremlin, Italian grotto, an obelisk to the 300th anniversary of the Romanov dynasty, as well as sculptures, fountains and mosaics based on popular fairytales. The guide will tell you about the numerous of important historical events, which took place on the Red square and bring you all around it to discover from different points of view.

Overnight in the hotel

## Day 9 -Moscow

- Breakfast at the hotel
- · Check out of the hotel
- Transfer to the airport for departure

The order of the visits might be changed. However, all visits mentioned in the program will be provided in full.



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## NET PRICE PER PERSON PER PACKAGE, IN ½ DBL, IN EUR \*

## 5 days/ 4 nights

Dates	Based on Hotel Saint-Petersburg 4* in St.Petersburg or similar, Hotel Park Inn Poliarnie Zori 4* in Murmansk or similar and Hotel Delta Izmaylovo 4* in Moscow or similar	
	½ DBL	SGL SUP
07-15 December 2019 18-26 January 2020	1470 EUR	250 EUR

<sup>\*</sup> All rates are subject to change in case of EUR/RUR exchange rates fluctuations more than 5% compared to the official Russian Central Bank rate established on 16.08.2019 unless deposit or full payment is already done.

\*\*Cost of domestic flights (St Petersburg-Murmansk and Murmansk-Moscow) € 180 is included in price. But if it increases at the time of confirmation, an additional payment will be applied in accordance with the current value.

#### Price includes:

- 3 nights in chosen hotel in St Petersburg
- 3 nights in chosen hotel in Murmansk
- 2 nights in chosen hotel in Moscow
- Transport services as per program
- English speaking guide services as per program
- Meals as per program: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 1 dinner
- Entrance fee as per program
- Visa support letter (scan) if required

## Price does not include:

- Tips
- Photo and video shooting tickets where required
- Meals and beverages except mentioned
- Russian visa fees
- DHL delivery service
- Flights
- Options