

**Russian Imperial Cities
Moscow, St. Petersburg
6 days – 5 nights
Culture, History, Discovery****Day 1: Moscow**

Upon your arrival in Moscow you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure to discover this phenomenal city. [B]

Day 2: Moscow

Buffet breakfast. This morning city tour will showcase the best and the most interesting parts of Moscow. You'll visit the historical center: worldwide famous Red Square, the Sofiiskaya Embankment with panorama of the Kremlin walls, the buildings of the Bolshoy Theatre, the districts of 18-th and 19-th century. Then we'll take you to the modern part of Moscow: you'll enjoy the panoramic views from the Sparrow Hills, will see the famous «7 sisters» - the soviet skyscrapers built by Stalin, and will see the latest skyscrapers at the Moscow river embankments. This afternoon enjoy a private tour to the Kremlin that has always been perceived as a symbol of power and might of the Russian state, the national idea expressed in stone. Each era in the history of Russia left its significant architectural trace in the Kremlin. On the territory of the Kremlin there are buildings of 5 Russian Orthodox Cathedrals among which the most famous is the Cathedral of Assumption (1475–79) — Russia's principal church; the Bell Tower named after Ivan the Great (1505–08); the Tsar Bell — the biggest bell in the world (1733–35); the Tsar Cannon with the largest caliber of any gun in the world (1586); the Grand Kremlin Palace (which is a group of several buildings with the main section dating back to 1838–1849); the Arsenal (early 19th cent); the Palace of Congresses (1961) and many other objects. The Uspensky (Assumption) Cathedral is one of the oldest edifices of the Kremlin. It was built by the Italian architect Aristotle Fiorovanti, who had spent many years in Russia studying traditional architecture. Topped by five gilt domes, it is both austere and solemn. It contains rare ancient paintings, including the icon of the Virgin of Vladimir (11th cent) and the icons of St. George (12th cent) and the Trinity (14th cent). The carved throne of Ivan the Terrible also stands here. Overnight at hotel. [B]

Day 3: Moscow, St. Petersburg

After breakfast at the hotel you'll have some time for last shopping or relaxation. Be ready to check-out from hotel and take your transfer to the railway station and board the Sapsan bullet train to St. Petersburg departing at 1:30 pm and arriving at 6:00 pm. Meet your guide at the station that will get you transferred to your hotel for checking-in and overnight. [B]

**Train schedule is subject to reconfirmation at time of booking*

Day 4: St. Petersburg

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel and start a panoramic city tour that you will get acquainted with the main sights of St. Petersburg: architectural monuments belonging to different epochs and styles, beautiful Neva embankment, magnificent palaces, cathedrals and unique bridges. You will see St Isaac's Cathedral, Kazan Cathedral, Peter and Paul Cathedral, Savior on Spilled Blood Cathedral, the Hermitage, the Russian Museum, Palace Square, Neva Embankment, a monument to Peter the Great, Summer Garden, the Mariinsky Theatre and many more. The rest of the day at leisure. Overnight at hotel. [B]

Day 5: St. Petersburg

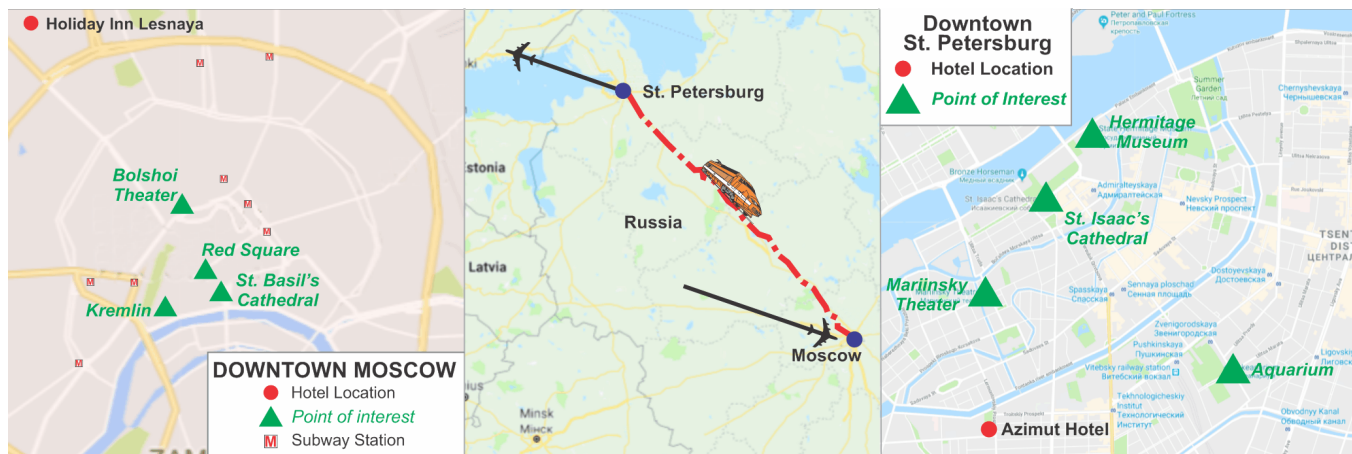
Buffet breakfast at the hotel before your private tour of the Hermitage Complex, the largest and most famous museum in Saint Petersburg, which brings together one of the most beautiful collections of world painting. The main enclosure of the Hermitage Museum is the Winter Palace erected in the middle of the 18th century. The Winter Palace exhibition is so rich that you can spend more than a week there. Painting is, of course, at the center of the exhibition which includes masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Rafael, Rembrandt, Titian, Van Dyck, Rubens and Caravaggio. However, the

museum has many rooms devoted to applied arts, culture, primitive and ancient art, etc. During the guided tour of the Hermitage we usually focus on painting, because the museum collection can be envied by many museums in Europe. The heart of the museum is the Tsars' Theater and the former Winter Palace of the Russian Tsars that offers magnificent walking tours through the stateroom. Free time after the visit. Overnight at hotel. [B]

Day 6: St. Petersburg, USA

Enjoy your breakfast and make sure you'll checkout from the hotel before noon. At the appointed time, depending on your flight you'll be picked-up and transferred to the airport for your journey back home.

[B]= Breakfast



Your Tour Includes:

- Airfare USA-Moscow//St. Petersburg-USA
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 5 nights' accommodation
 - Moscow – 2 nights
 - St. Petersburg – 3 nights
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Tour Moscow's most prominent highlights
- Private tour of the Kremlin
- Panoramic tour of St. Petersburg
- Private visit of the Hermitage Museum
- Sapsan express train Moscow- St. Petersburg in economy class

- Entrance fees to the sites visited
- English speaking tour guides in both cities

Tour does not include:

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Moscow	Holiday Inn Lesnaya	4
St. Petersburg	Azimut	3.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,545 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Additional nights
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

The train itinerary cannot be changed. However, you may add extra days in. Moscow or Vladivostok and combine this itinerary with another tour.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.