



Treasures of Russia

Tailor-made tour - 11 days/10 nights

This itinerary offers the very best of Russia - its majestic imperial capitals and the rural tranquility of its country towns. The itinerary is flexible, can be taken in reverse or tailor-made to your own requirements. We have indicated an **average price April to September**, but travel during peak seasons (e.g. June) will be more expensive, while winter months will be less expensive.

Inclusions

- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast at hotel combination of your choice (includes late checkout Novgorod)
- Meals - 4 lunches (one at Café Pushkin), 1 dinner at the Stroganov Palace
- Arrival/departure transfers by car throughout
- Car transfer St. Petersburg-Novgorod
- Overnight rail Novgorod-Moscow (2-berth sleeper)
- Transportation by car Moscow-Vladimir-Suzdal-Vladimir
- Economy class rail Vladimir-Moscow
- Sightseeing as specified by car and on foot with local **English speaking** guides
- St. Petersburg - City tour with Church on Spilt Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Fabergé Museum, Peterhof or Pushkin
- Novgorod - City tour
- Moscow - City tour with St. Basil's Cathedral, Metro, Kremlin & Armoury Museum, Novodevichy Convent & Cemetery
- Vladimir & Suzdal - City tours

Your hotels

- ★★★ St. Petersburg - Cronwell Inn Stremyannaya
- Novgorod - Volkhov
- Moscow - Budapest
- Suzdal - Kremlevsky or Sokol
- ★★★★ St. Petersburg - Angletterre
- Novgorod - Park Inn
- Moscow - Peter I
- Suzdal - Kremlevsky or Sokol (3.5-star)
- ★★★★★ St. Petersburg - Belmond Grand Hotel Europe
- Novgorod - Park Inn (4-star)
- Moscow - National (*Kremlin view studio*)
- Suzdal - Kremlevsky or Sokol (3.5-star)

Day 1 St. Petersburg

Arrive St. Petersburg. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 2 St. Petersburg

Morning city tour introduces you to the major sights including the Church on Spilt Blood and Peter & Paul Fortress. You will also have a tour of the Fabergé Museum, housing a unique collection of objets d'art including nine Imperial Easter Eggs. Afternoon free. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 3 St. Petersburg

Today, choose between two excursions - Peterhof on the Gulf of Finland, or the

town of Pushkin, known as Tsars' Village before the Revolution. In summer months the highlight of Peterhof is its gardens with cascading fountains and golden statues. At Pushkin you will visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture, housing the famous 'Amber Room'. Tonight's special dinner will be at the stunning Russian Empire restaurant, housed inside the Stroganov Palace. Overnight St. Petersburg. **BLD**

Day 4 St. Petersburg to Novgorod

Morning visit to the State Hermitage Museum. Late afternoon departure for your 3-hour car transfer to Novgorod. Overnight Novgorod. **B**

Day 5 Novgorod to Moscow

Morning city tour of Novgorod, including St. Sophia's Cathedral, the oldest in Russia. Enjoy a relaxing lunch at a local restaurant with free time and late checkout until your transfer to the rail station with guide assistance. Overnight train to Moscow. **BL**

Day 6 Moscow

Morning arrival Moscow. You will be transferred to your hotel for breakfast before commencing your city tour, visiting St. Basil's Cathedral and the most impressive stations of the Moscow Metro. Afternoon visit to Novodevichy Convent and necropolis, where many of Russia's most significant cultural and political figures are buried. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 7 Moscow

Morning tour of the Kremlin grounds and one of the Kremlin cathedrals. Visit the State Armoury Museum, a treasury of the tsars' jewels, coronation robes, carriages, Fabergé Eggs and more. Enjoy a leisurely lunch at Café Pushkin, acclaimed for its classic

Russian cuisine and 19th century ambience. Afternoon free. Overnight Moscow. **BL**

Day 8 Moscow to Vladimir & Suzdal

This morning depart by car for your 4-hour trip to Vladimir. After lunch in a local restaurant, you have a sightseeing tour of Vladimir. Continue with a short drive to Suzdal. Overnight Suzdal. **BL**

Day 9 Suzdal

Morning walking tour of Suzdal, one of the best-preserved and prettiest towns in Russia. Visit the 11th century Kremlin, 14th century Cathedral of the Nativity and Museum of Wooden Architecture. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight Suzdal. **B**

Day 10 Suzdal to Moscow

After breakfast you will be transferred by car to Vladimir to catch your late morning train for your 4-hour journey to Moscow. Overnight Moscow. **B**

Day 11 Moscow

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

Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.
Daily departures Jan-Dec 2017.

Hotel/Season	Twn (from)	Sgl (from)
★★★★		
1 Jan-31 Dec	3433	5826
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1 Jan-31 Dec	4025	6736
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1 Jan-31 Dec	4309	7245

■ Hotel descriptions - see pages 5, 9 & 11.

Extend your stay

Why not combine this tour with Helsinki and the Baltics. See pages 21-24 & 27.

