



Bogolyubovo, Church of the Intercession on Nerl

Russian Capitals & the Golden Ring

Small group tour - 8 days/7 nights



Inclusions

- 7 nights accommodation with breakfast in 4-star hotels and wooden cottage
- Meals - 2 lunches, 2 dinners
- Arrival/departure transfers by car
- Economy class train Moscow-Vladimir, overnight rail (2-berth sleeper) Vladimir-St. Petersburg
- Sightseeing as specified conducted by local guides in **English only**
- Moscow - City tour, Kremlin & Cathedral, Armoury Museum, Lenin's Dacha
- Suzdal - City tour, Museum of Wooden Architecture (in summer)
- Vladimir - City tour, Bogolyubovo
- St. Petersburg - City tour, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage Museum, Catherine's Palace

Your hotels

- **Moscow** - Novotel Centre
- **Suzdal** - Pushkarskaya Sloboda (wooden cottage)
- **St. Petersburg** - Sokos Palace Bridge

Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.

Day 1 Sat. Moscow

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

Day 2 Sun. Moscow

Travel 30 km south to Gorki Leninskiye, often referred to as 'Lenin's dacha'. The country estate was established in the 18th century and belonged to various noblemen. It was nationalised in 1918 and used primarily as a sanatorium. Vladimir Lenin convalesced there after

the assassination attempt on him in 1918 and spent more time there, including the last ten months of his life. The estate was converted into a museum in 1938. It houses many of Lenin's possessions, including his personal car - a Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost adapted for snow conditions. After lunch, return to Moscow for your city tour of the major landmarks. Overnight Moscow. **BL**

Day 3 Mon. Moscow to Vladimir & Suzdal

After breakfast, check out of your hotel to commence your visit to the Kremlin

grounds and one of the cathedrals. Visit the State Armoury Museum, housing a unique collection of the tsars' jewels, thrones, carriages, Fabergé Eggs and coronation robes. This afternoon, you will be transferred to the railway station for your 2-hour rail trip to Vladimir. Upon arrival, you have a short drive to Suzdal. Dinner and overnight Suzdal. **BD**

Day 4 Tue. Suzdal & Vladimir to St. Petersburg

Morning city tour of Suzdal, including the Kremlin grounds, Cathedral of the Nativity and a performance of bell-ringing at the Saviour Monastery of St. Euthymius. Continue with a visit to the Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture (summer) or the Gold Treasury in winter months. After lunch, drive to Vladimir for a city tour with visits to the Assumption or St. Demetrius Cathedral, the Museum of Lacquer Miniatures and Bogolyubovo. After dinner in a local restaurant, board your comfortable overnight train to St. Petersburg. **BLD**

Day 5 Wed. St. Petersburg

You will be served a light breakfast in your compartment, before your arrival in St. Petersburg at 09:45 hrs. Your local guide will meet you at the station for your 3-hour city sightseeing tour, covering the major landmarks. This afternoon, visit

Peter and Paul Fortress, the site chosen by Peter the Great in 1703 as the foundation of the city and the burial place of the tsars. Check in to your hotel and overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 6 Thu. St. Petersburg

This morning, you visit the impressive State Hermitage Museum, housed in five buildings on the Neva Embankment. One of the largest and oldest museums in the world, it boasts a massive collection of more than 3 million items. Afternoon free or you may spend more time in the museum on your own. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 7 Fri. St. Petersburg

After breakfast, travel to the town of Pushkin, also known as Tsars' Village. It was the main summer residence of the Imperial Family from the 18th century until the fall of the monarchy in 1917. Visit the magnificent Baroque-inspired Catherine's Palace housing the famous Amber Room, which has now been restored. Overnight St. Petersburg. **B**

Day 8 Sat. St. Petersburg

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport or rail station. Or you may choose to extend your stay in St. Petersburg or perhaps continue on to Helsinki. **B**



Moscow, St. Basil's Cathedral

Tour prices & departures

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

Departures	Twn	Sgl
28 Jan, 11 Feb, 25 Mar, 14 Oct, 21 Oct, 4 Nov, 23 Dec	1984	2356
22 Apr, 15 Jul, 22 Jul, 5 Aug, 26 Aug, 23 Sep	2067	2501
20 May, 10 Jun	2191	2738

■ Supplement available for sole use of overnight train compartment - ask for details.