Saint-Petersburg - Moscow - Golden Ring

15 days/14 nights
Based on group of 30 PAX
Short program

- Day 1: Arrival to St. Petersburg.
- Day 2: St. Petersburg. Sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg with visit to the Peter’s and Paul’s Fortress. Visit to the Hermitage museum.
- Day 5: Sightseeing tour of Moscow. Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin and Kremlin Cathedrals.
- Day 7: Moscow. Kolomenskoe estate.
- Day 8: Transfer to Sergiev Posad.
- Day 9: Sergiev Posad.
- Day 10: Yaroslavl. City tour.
- Day 11: Kostroma. Tour around Kostroma, visit to Bogoyavlensky Cathedral, Church of Voskreseny-na-Dobre and Ipatyevsky Monastery.
- Day 13: Transfer to Vladimir.
- Day 14: Vladimir. Vladimir city tour and visit to St. Demetrius and Assumption Cathedrals.
- Day 15: Moscow.
DAY 1. Arrival to St. Petersburg.

- Arrival to Saint-Petersburg.
- Transfer to the hotel.
- Check-in in the hotel.
- Overnight at the hotel.


- Breakfast at the hotel.

Sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg.

During the tour you will be taken out on the extra-comfortable bus which will take you to the most precious monuments of the city’s rich history and original architecture carefully preserved as the world cultural heritage. During this panoramic city-tour of Saint Petersburg 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. You will be taken on the extra-comfortable bus which will guide you among the most precious monuments of the city’s rich history and original architecture, carefully preserved as the world cultural heritage. The 3-hour sightseeing tour organized by our travel agency will allow you to get a brief but bright impression of Saint-Petersburg.

Visit to the Peter’s and Paul’s Fortress.

Today the Peter and Paul fortress 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 center and the burial place of the Russian Emperors – the Grand Ducan Mausoleum, and the Museum of history of Saint-Petersburg.
Here you may also encounter more modest museums and temporary exhibitions like the Museum of miniature, Museum of Torture, etc. The fortress also used to be a political prison as you may see during a visit to its casemates. You may stroll on the fortress walls and witness the famous traditional midday cannon shot.

**Visit to the Hermitage museum.**

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 at the hotel.

**DAY 3. St. Petersburg. Visit to the Peterhof Palace and Park.**

- Breakfast at the hotel.

**Visit to the Peterhof Palace and Park.**

Located on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, 34 kilometers from St.Petersburg, spectacular Peterhof attracts thousands of tourists with its parks, palaces and, mainly, fountains. Among the suburban parks, Peterhof is probably the most famous for its fountains and is thus frequently compared to Versailles. ‘The Samson’ of
the Grand Cascade is the most powerful and magnificent of the fountains of Peterhof and thus has been made a symbol of the park. As a former residence of the Emperors, Peterhof is also the home of several palaces with the Grand Palace as its main landmark. It had been destroyed by the Nazis and then carefully restored as to exhibit the splendor of the Royal way of life. You will see the halls, brightly decorated with gold, marble and numerous mirrors. The beauty of Peterhof, its marvelous fountains and palaces has left nobody indifferent, and you will probably be no exception.

- Overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 4. St. Petersburg. Transfer to the railway station. Departure to Moscow by speed train. Arrival to Moscow. Transfer to the hotel.**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Transfer to the railway station.
- Departure to Moscow by speed train.
- Arrival to Moscow.
- Transfer to the hotel.
- Overnight at the hotel.

**DAY 5. Sightseeing tour of Moscow. Excursion to the Moscow Kremlin and Kremlin Cathedrals.**

- Breakfast at the hotel.

**Sightseeing tour of Moscow.**

Moscow is the capital of the Russian Federation and represents a unique set of old architecture masterpieces and modern high-tech buildings. If you want to know more about Moscow’s history, you need to take our city sightseeing 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, Christ-the-Saviour Cathedral, the observation platform of Sparrow hills, Lomonossov University... and much more! It is an interesting and efficient introduction to Europe’s biggest city.
The Moscow Kremlin.

Visit one of the most well-known sights of Moscow – the Kremlin, with its 19 towers and red brick walls. It was rebuilt several times after since its construction in 1156 by order of Prince Yuri Dolgoruky as a wooden fortress. Today’s Kremlin was built during the 15th century by Italian architects after the seat of the Orthodox Church had been moved to Moscow. The rebuilding of cathedrals and chapels of that time shaped the modern appearance of the Kremlin.

- Overnight at the hotel.


- Breakfast at the hotel.

Moscow metro tour.

If you have ever wondered why the Moscow subway is considered one the most beautiful in the world, this tour is made for you. It constitutes a vast museum on its own with crazy labyrinths of stations and transfer. The experienced guide will bring you a full insight into the history and architecture of Moscow metro.

Tretyakov Gallery.

The Gallery was founded in 1856 by the merchant Tretyakov to display the works of Russian artists. Today everyone is able to visit the richest collection of Russian painters and sculptors from the 18th and 19th centuries like Brullov, Kiprensky, Aivazovsky, Ivanov or Repinan, as well as the finest collection of Russian icons. Late exclusive opening of the gallery followed by a dinner for up to 200 persons may be organized on your special request.
The Novodevichy Convent.

The Novodevichy Convent is an ensemble of fortified monasteries for noble women built between the 16th and 17th centuries. Its interior decorations, frescoes, icons and tapestries have been preserved in a perfect state, making the Novodevichy Convent one of the most beautiful monasteries of Russia.

- Overnight at the hotel.


- Breakfast at the hotel.

Kolomenskoe.

The Estate Kolomenskoe is the former residence of Moscow dukes and Russian tsars. It is situated on the picturesque high bank of the Moskva River. In a calm natural environment, you can enjoy there stunning views of the river. This museum-reserve comprises the wonderful 1532 built Church of the Ascension, the restored wooden luxurious country residence of the Tsar’s as well as several monuments of the 16th and 17th century whose construction had a huge influence on Russian architecture. In 1994 Kolomenskoe entered the UNESCO World Heritage List and is now a favorite venue for popular festivities and shows featuring scenes from Russian history.

- Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 8. Transfer to Sergiev Posad.

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check out from the hotel.
- Transfer to Sergiev Posad.
- Check-in at the hotel.
• Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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**DAY 9. Sergiev Posad.**

• Breakfast at the hotel.

_Sergiev Posad._

Nowadays Sergiev Posad is one of the most fascinating sights of the Golden Ring of Russia, however you may visit it during your trip to Moscow as well. It represents the finest pieces of traditional Russian architecture of the 14th – 15th centuries. In the Trinity Cathedral – the town’s main landmark – you may glimpse icons painted by Andrei Rublev and Daniel Chorny.

• Lunch at the local restaurant and transfer to Yaroslavl.
• Check in at the hotel.
• Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

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**DAY 10. Yaroslavl. City tour.**

• Breakfast at the hotel.

_City tour in Yaroslavl._

The city of Yaroslavl celebrated its 1000-years anniversary in 2010. The history of Yaroslavl started with a small wooden fortress on the territory belonging to Rostov in the early 12th century. After several fires the original wooden town was totally rebuilt in stone, and by the 16th century Yaroslavl became the second largest city in Russia.

• Lunch at the Local Restaurant.
• Transfer to Kostroma.
• Dinner and overnight at the hotel.
DAY 11. Kostroma. Tour around Kostroma, visit to Bogoyavlensky Cathedral, Church of Voskresenye-na-Dobre and Ipatyevsky Monastery.

- Breakfast at the hotel.

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Kostroma is a majestic old town – one of the major points of the Golden Ring route. Thoroughly preserved medieval architecture of the historical center of the town, enchanting legends and stories about every sight of the town, stunner landscapes, local color literally magnetize travelers. Kostroma is also a birthplace of Russian Snegurochka (the Snow maiden) – a unique character of Russian fairy-tales, a native land of tasty cheese, fine linens and a jewelry capital of Russia.

- Lunch at the Local Restaurant.
- Transfer to Suzdal.
- Check in at the hotel.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel.


- Breakfast at the hotel.

Suzdal, Suzdal Kremlin, Cathedral of the Nativity and Museum of Wooden Art.

Peaceful and inviting appearance of Suzdal remains due to its picturesque green lanes, chicken and cows grazing freely near the Kremlin and around monasteries, and preserved atmosphere of its historical center. Suzdal was important religious center of Russia during 18th - 19th centuries, and probably still is. Admire the multitude and diverse
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beauty of its churches and cathedrals – each of them is a real masterpiece of Russian church architecture.

- Lunch at the local Restaurant.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

DAY 13. Transfer to Vladimir.

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Lunch at the local restaurant.
- Transfer to Vladimir.
- Dinner and overnight at the hotel.


- Breakfast at the hotel.

Vladimir city tour and visit to St. Demetrius and Assumption Cathedrals.

The city of Vladimir is one of the oldest in Russia. Though, the date of its foundation is still disputed by historians (either 990 or 1108), none doubts in its important role in Russian history. During more than two centuries (from 1157 to mid-1300s) Vladimir was a capital of ancient Rus. Among main attractions, the city boasts three UNESCO World Heritage Sites. These are the Golden Gates, Vladimir’s unofficial symbol, and the Assumption and St. Demetrius Cathedrals.

- Transfer to Moscow.
- Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 15. Moscow.

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Check-out from the hotel.
- Transfer to the airport.
NET PRICE PER PERSON PER PACKAGE IN ½ DBL IN EUR**, 

15 days/14 nights - from 1 051 EUR per person for 30 pax

**All rates are subject to change in case of EUR/RUR exchange rates fluctuations more than 10% compared to the official Russian Central Bank rate established on 18.01.2016 unless deposit or full payment is already done.

### Price includes

- 3 Nights’ accommodation in St. Petersburg in Nevsky Grand hotel 3* or similar;
- 5 Nights’ accommodation in Izmailovo Gamma hotel 3* in Moscow or similar;
- 1 Night accommodation in Sergiev Posad – Posadsky hotel 3* or similar;
- 1 Night accommodation in Yaroslavl – Ring Premier hotel 4* or similar;
- 1 Night accommodation in Kostroma – Zolotoye Koltso hotel 3* or similar;
- 2 Night accommodation in Suzdal – Sokol hotel 3* or similar;
- 1 Night accommodation in Vladimir – Vladimir hotel 3* or similar;
- Bus services as per the program;
- Professional guide services as per the program (European languages);
- Daily breakfasts;
- Lunches and Dinners during the Golden Ring tour as per the program (3 course menu, tea/coffee, mineral water);
- Entrances as per the program;
- Visa support letter.

### Price does not include

- Tips;
- Photo and video shooting tickets;
- Russian visa fees;
- Meals & Beverages except mentioned;
- Porterage;
- Flight tickets;
- Optional.