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Magic of Russian winter: in search of the Northern Lights

Saint-Petersburg, Murmansk, Moscow
8 days / 7 nights
Based on 30 PAX
Day 1) Saint Petersburg

- Arriving in St. Petersburg;
- Meeting with the guide;
- Transfer to the hotel;
- Check in;
- Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2) Saint-Petersburg

- Breakfast at the hotel;
- Meeting with the guide;

- Panoramic 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, Vasilevsky 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

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 members of the Imperial family – the Grand Ducan Mausoleum, the Boat house, the Artillery Armory, the Mint, Engineering
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 local restaurant;

- **Excursion to Hermitage Museum (Main Building and General Staff)**

It is hard to imagine a trip to Saint-Petersburg without visiting one of the most famous museums worldwide – Hermitage and its General Staff. The collection of this unique museum contains over 3 million exhibits including the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and other famous artists; however the collections of the Egyptian, Oriental and Ancient Greek art should not be missed as well. The majestic yellow building across the Winter Palace used to be the head of several ministries of the Russian Empire, hence its name. After its recent renovation, the western wing was chosen to display the Russian and European decorative art, paintings and sculptures from the 19th and 20th centuries, as well as contemporary art of from the Hermitage collection.

- Dinner at the restaurant;
- Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 3) Saint-Petersburg**

- Breakfast at the hotel;
- Meeting with the guide;

- **Pushkin (palace and park)**

The Summer Palace is the heart of Tsarskoe Selo (Tsar’s Village) – one of the most picturesque parks among the former residences of the Russian Emperors. Here you may feel the atmosphere of the Royal way of life in its entire magnificence. 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.

- Lunch at the restaurant;

- **Pavlovsk (palace and park)**

The former residence of the Emperor Paul I and one of the largest English gardens in Europe is located within 3 km from Pushkin. Here you may visit the classical style Emperor’s palace built on the edge of 18 – 19 centuries, and walk over the beautiful parks. The whole ensemble is included in UNESCO World’s Heritage list. The park is divided by 7 different zones with carefully ornamented pavilions in every one of them. Together with Pavlovsk palace you may enjoy the visit to church of Peter and Paul and walk over the monument of Pavel the First, whose statue greets the visitors near the entrance to the ensemble.

- Dinner at the restaurant (Local);
- Overnight at the hotel.

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**Day 4) Saint-Petersburg – Murmansk**

- Breakfast at the hotel;
- Transfer to the Airport;
- Flight St. Petersburg – Murmansk. Arriving in Murmansk;
- Transfer to the hotel
- Lunch at the hotel;
- Overnight at the hotel.

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**Day 5) Murmansk**

- Breakfast at the hotel;
Murmansk - the biggest city at the north of the Arctic Circle. Despite of its young age, it holds many attractions that can surprise every tourist. During our sightseeing tour we will visit the Icebreaker "Lenin" - the world's first surface ship with nuclear engine and one of the brightest symbols of the Soviet era. Here you will enjoy the view of the city from the captain's cabin, come down to the engine room and see a real nuclear reactor.

Then we will move to the area of "5 corners", the central square of the city. We will continue our journey at the Memorial to the unknown soldier, popularly referred to as “the Monument Alyosha”, visit the monument "Waiting" and the Memorial to the sailors who died in peacetime.

- **Northern Lights hunting**;
- Lunch at the restaurant;
- Dinner at the hotel.

### Day 6) Murmansk - Moscow

- Breakfast at the hotel;
- Check out;
- Flight Murmansk - Moscow;
- Arriving in Moscow. Meeting with the guide;

- **Izmailovo market**

Located only five metro stations away from the center of Moscow, Izmailovo is an incredible place with amazing architecture and welcoming atmosphere of real Russian compound. Among the authentic buildings you will see the museums, studios, markets and a lot of possibilities for entertainment. It is the perfect
place for tourist looking for souvenirs and authentic Russian objects like stamps, chapkas, traditionnal clothes, army surplus etc. The entrance of this flea market is free and the prices of matryoshkas and others souvenirs are lower than downtown.

- **Arbat Street Walk**

Arbat Street is one of the oldest surviving street in Moscow. Originally the street was a part of an important trade route and was home to a large number of craftsmen. In the 18th century, Arbat became one of the most prestigious living areas in Moscow and then a place for the intelligentsia and artists to live. During the USSR, it was a place where young people held meetings and protests. The street nowadays reflects this eventful history as it features elegant buildings, a museum in the house of famous Russian poet Pushkin, a lot of nice shops, cafés and restaurants, an entire wall dedicated to the pioneers of Russian rock and the impressive building of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. You must absolutely have a walk in this one kilometer long bustling and vivid street in the very heart of Moscow.

- Dinner at the restaurant;
- Overnight at the hotel.

**Day 7) Moscow**

- Breakfast at the hotel

- **Excursion to 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.

- Lunch at the restaurant;
- **City tour**

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 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, 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.

- Dinner at the restaurant;
- Overnight in the hotel.

**Day 8) Moscow**

- Breakfast at the hotel;
- Transfer to airport;
- Departure.
NET PRICE PER PERSON PER PACKAGE IN ½ DBL IN EUR**,  
8 days/7 nights – up to 30 PAX 

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Price includes

- Accommodation as per the program;
- Transport services as per the program;
- Guide services (transfers/tours);
- Entrance fees as per the program;
- Full board (lunches and dinners included);
- Visa support letter (scan copy).

Price does not include

- Tips;
- Photo and video shooting tickets;
- Train and flight tickets (incl. domestic);
- Meals and beverages except mentioned;
- Russian visa fees;
- Options.