Russian alcoholic beverages: in the footsteps of the history

5 days / 4 nights
Moscow – Saint Petersburg
Based on 15 - 30 PAX
Day 1) Moscow

- Arriving at the airport
- Meeting with English-speaking guide
- Check-in at the hotel. Welcome drink.
- Dinner at the hotel
- Overnight at the hotel

Day 2) Moscow

- Breakfast at the hotel

- 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, Lomonosov University and much more! It is an interesting and efficient introduction to Europe’s biggest city.

- Lunch at the restaurant (Local)

- 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.
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- Vodka museum in Izmailovo market + degustation

Vodka Museum, located in beautiful Izmailovo Kremlin, will give you a full picture on Russian drinking traditions from old times to modern ones. In three rooms there are many different items associated with vodka and objects you can drink it from. Probably the most interesting part for foreign tourists is an exhibition of bottles that are common for vodka storing in villages even nowadays. During the excursion you will hear a lot of interesting stories about the famous Russian drink and myths surrounding it. At the end of the tour you will have an opportunity to participate in degustation of different tastes of vodka: medovukha, nastoyka and many others.

- Dinner at the restaurant (Local) with traditional alcoholic drink
- Overnight at the hotel

Day 3) Moscow, Saint Petersburg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check-out of the hotel
- Transfer to the Railway Station
- Sapsan train Moscow - Saint Petersburg (2nd class)
- Lunch at the restaurant (Local)
- Arriving at the Railway Station
- City tour

During the tour, the extra-comfortable bus will take you 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.

- Dinner at the restaurant (Local) with traditional alcoholic drink
• **Russian vodka Museum + degustation**

Visit to Vodka museum is a good opportunity to experience such an integral part of the Russian culture: you will listen to a fascinating story about the history of the drink, hear some curious facts from the life of “vodka Kings” and know how closely it was connected with the history of the country for many centuries. Probably the most interesting part is an exhibition of bottles that are common for vodka storing in villages! In the end you will participate in degustation of 3 kinds of vodka with traditional snacks.

- Check-in at the hotel
- Overnight at the hotel

**Day 4) Saint Petersburg**

• **Visit to Baltica beer factory**

Baltica is the leading beer producer and one of the largest companies in Russia in the sphere of manufacture of consumer goods. Visit to the factory of Baltica is a great experience which will give you the opportunity to see the whole manufacturing process. During the excursion you will get acquainted with the technology of making beer and visit the main production shops. At the end of your visit you will participate in degustation and know what the best Russian beer tastes like!

- Lunch at the restaurant (Local)

• **Visit to Russian banya (bath)**

Banya is an integral part of Russian culture and history. There are a lot of unique traditions that have been evolved over the centuries. During this visit you will relax and enjoy your time at a premium-class banya, which combines years of bathing tradition, comfort, cozy atmosphere and SPA procedures.
• Dinner at the restaurant (Local) with traditional alcoholic drink
• Overnight at the hotel

**Day 5) Saint Petersburg**

• Breakfast at the hotel
• Check-out of the hotel
• Transfer to the Airport
PRICE UPON THE REQUEST

Price includes
- 2 nights in chosen hotel in Moscow
- 2 nights in chosen hotel in St. Petersburg
- Sapsan train Moscow - Saint Petersburg (2nd class)
- Transport services as per the program
- Guide services as per the program
- Meals and beverages as per program
- Entrance fee as per the program
- Visa support letter (scan) if required

Price does not include
- Tips
- Photo and video shooting tickets
- Meals and beverages except mentioned
- Russian visa fees
- DHL service
- Flights
- Options