

Best of Russian Capitals & Tatarstan

9 Nights / 10 Days

3N St Petersburg / 2N Moscow / 1N On Board Train / 3N Kazan

Day 1 ARRIVAL DAY

Arrival in St. Petersburg, you will be transferred to your hotel. Check-in your hotel. Welcome meeting with your escort. (D)

Overnight in St. Petersburg

Day 2 ST. PETERSBURG

St. Petersburg is an amazing city. Its imperial palaces and museums enjoy worldwide fame, while the Neva River and the many canals have deservedly given the city the title of Venice of the North. During the morning sightseeing tour we get acquainted with all the splendours of the city: the Peter-Paul Fortress, the Winter Palace, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Church of the Bleeding Savior, the Nevsky Convent and much more. The afternoon offers an optional excursion to Zarskoye Selo with the impressive Catherine's Palace and the Amber Room, which vanished during World War II and was restored for St. Petersburg's tri-centennial celebrations. In the evening enjoy an optional visit to the Nikolaevsky Palace with an exciting Russian folklore show and Russian champagne and snacks. (B,D)

Overnight in St. Petersburg

Day 3 ST. PETERSBURG

The morning is reserved for a visit to Peterhof, an uncontested masterpiece of the time of Peter the Great, with the impressive Grand Palace, Grand Cascade and Water Avenue and its wonderful parks. In the afternoon, an optional visit to the world-famous Hermitage Art Museum is offered. In the evening enjoy an optional Russian dinner at Restaurant Pryanosti & Radosti. (B,D)

Overnight in St. Petersburg

Day 4 ST. PETERSBURG-MOSCOW

The early morning is reserved for an optional St. Petersburg channel cruise. Around noon we go to the Moscow Railway Station and board the Sapsan high-speed train bound for Moscow. The train ride takes us through endless Russian landscapes along the River Volga. In the late afternoon we arrive to Moscow and check in at your hotel. (B,D)

Overnight in Moscow

Day 5 MOSCOW

Moscow, The Mother of Russia, is a genuine Russian city with the Kremlin and its onion domed cathedrals. The dramatic changes over the last decade have made the city to one of the most dynamic metropolises in the world. The morning sightseeing tour includes the highlights of the vast city: the Red Square with St. Basil's Cathedral, the Theatre Square with Bolshoi Theatre and Sparrow Hills with Moscow University and we visit the Kremlin grounds and one of the cathedrals. In the afternoon is offered a visit to the Moscow Metro including the historical stations on the Ring-Line and a guided stroll along the famous pedestrian Arbat Street. The evening offers a Moscow-by-night tour including an unforgettable river cruise with the White Flotilla. (B,D)

Day 6 MOSCOW

The day offers an optional full day excursion to the quaint town of Sergiev Posad, where we visit the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, the most important Russian monastery and the spiritual heart of the Russian Orthodox Church. The whole Lavra has been beautifully restored for the 700-years celebrations of the birth of St. Sergius of Radonezh. In the evening, transfer to the Kazanskaya Railway Station and departure with the Tatarstan Premium overnight train bound for Kazan. (B & D on board)

Overnight in On Board Train

Day 7 KAZAN

In the morning, we arrive to Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan. Located at the mighty Volga River, Kazan is a beautiful thousand-year-old city, where Christianity and Islam have co-existed peacefully through the centuries. Upon arrival we are transferred to your hotel, where breakfast is served. The morning and early afternoon sightseeing tour allows us to explore Kazan's rich past and takes us to the old Tatar Quarter, where we visit the city's oldest stone mosque and Kazan Kremlin, a stone fortress of the 16th century with a perfect panoramic view. We also visit the Kul-Sharif Mosque, one of the largest in Europe, and the Catholic Church of Exaltation of the Holy Cross. (B,D)

Overnight in Kazan

Day 8 KAZAN

This morning offers an optional visit to the Admiralteyskaya Quarter and the Raifa Monastery. The monastery, located on the bank of a beautiful lake and surrounded by virgin forests, and is one of the most beautiful sites in Tatarstan. The monastery has an intriguing history dating back to the 17th century and it is still a functioning monastery today. In the afternoon an visit is offered to Iske-Kazan (Old Kazan), a fascinating open-air museum located where the capital of the medieval Khanate of Kazan once stood. We visit the museum dominated by a modern reconstruction of the large wooden fortress from time of the khanate, while an interactive theatrical show with the medieval ruler of the city, the Kazan Khan, and his entourage gives us a further impression of the lives of the people of medieval Kazan. (B,D)

Overnight in Kazan

Day 9 KAZAN

This morning an visit to Sviyazhsk is on our program. This scenic little town located an hour's drive from Kazan at the confluence of the Volga and Sviyaga Rivers has served as a fortress and military base since the 16th century. We visit the Holy Domitian Monastery of Sviyazhsk and the Temple of St. Sergius of Radonezh and enjoy the magnificent panoramic views of the town and the rivers before we return to Kazan. In the evening an optional national cuisine dinner is offered at Restaurant Tatar Cuisine House. (B,D)

Overnight in Kazan

Day 10 DEPARTURE DAY

After breakfast, you will be transferred to your airport for your flight. (B)

(B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner

Information

Inclusions

- 8 overnights at centrally located 4-star hotels
- 1 overnight on board "Tatarstan Premium" train in 2 berth compartment
- Includes 9 BB, 9 x 3 Course dinners meals as per itinerary (BB= buffet breakfast, D= Dinner).
- 1 x boxed dinner on board overnight train
- Welcome meeting with champagne-cocktail or juice
- Personalized welcome package
- Entrances to Peter-Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg, Moscow Kremlin and Kazan Kremlin
- Service of English and German speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of Italian speaking tour escort on all tours
- Service of 1st class motor coaches or 1st class minivans throughout the itinerary
- Sapsan high-speed train St. Petersburg-Moscow OW (2nd class)
- Portage at hotels and railway stations

Highlights

- 4-hour excursion to Peterhof and visit to the Grand Palace.
- 3-hour visit to the Hermitage Art Museum
- Board the Sapsan high-speed train.
- 3-hour Moscow metro and Arbat tour.
- 3-hour Moscow-by-night tour and river cruise.
- 4-hour excursion to Iske-Kazan (Old Kazan) with entrance to the museum and fortress and interactive show.
- 6-hour excursion to Sviyazhsk with entrance to Holy Domitian Monastery and Temple of St. Sergius of Radonezh.

Rates

COST: From EUR 1800 onwards Per Person in standard double room

White Night Supplement for 28-05 to 06-06-19 and 09-07 to 18-07-19

EUR 100.00 (double occupancy)

EUR 100.00 (single supplement)

DEPARTURES: 2019 – May 28; June 11,25 ; July 09, 23; August 06.

At times there may be special deals- enquire at the time of booking.

HOTELS:

REGION	4* HOTELS OR SIMILAR
St. Petersburg	Hotel Sokos Vasilievsky or similar
Moscow	Hotel Park Inn Sadu or similar
Kazan	Hotel Park Inn Kazan or similar

VALIDITY: Till From 28th May 2019 To 15th August 2019

Exclusions

All flights, excess baggage fees, airport departure taxes and other relevant taxes
Inoculations and personal insurance.
4-hour excursion to Zarskoye Selo and visit to Catherine's Palace: EUR 70.00 pp
Visit to folklore show at the Nikolaevsky Palace: EUR 50.00 pp
Russian dinner at Restaurant Pryanosti & Radosti: EUR 50.00 pp
Guided channel cruise: EUR 50.00 pp
8-hour excursion to Sergiev Posad: EUR 80.00 pp
4-hour excursion to Admiralteyskaya Quarter and Raifa Monastery
National dinner at Restaurant Tatar Cuisine House
Optional tours and services.
All meals and drinks not specified in inclusions
Drinks, tips, laundry, bottled drinking water and other personal expenses
Medical, Travel and Baggage Insurance
Holiday Surcharge
Porterage at airport and hotels
Items of a personal nature (i.e. internet, curio, laundry, beverages, etc.) unless specifically quoted for above
Passport and Visa fees
International Airfare
Anything not specifically quoted in the inclusions
Park entrances fees unless otherwise specified
GST extra as applicable

Notes

All prices are correct at the time of printing and subject to availability.
All prices are subject to change without notice. Though care has been taken to put appropriate prices, our suppliers may increase their price depending on the availability and season. We therefore request you to allow for changes to occur before the confirmation of the final price. We will inform you about the increase or decrease in prices at the time of booking
No reservations have been made and accommodation is subject to availability. In case of non-availability, alternate accommodation will be recommended.
Luggage: one normal suitcase and one handbag per person are considered acceptable. The extra suitcase will be charged to the passenger.
All outdoor activities are weather permitting.
Smoking is not allowed in the vehicles. Comfort stops will be made en route.
All distances and travelling times are approximate.
Peak Season Surcharge may be applicable during Xmas, New Year or during any special events.
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All Payments to be made in INR, USD or EUR as per rate of exchange at the time of booking.
Any payments automatically mean adherence to the terms & conditions and our statute.