

RUSSIA BUDGET TOUR 05 DAYS

Moscow & St. Petersburg

Spend the week of your life exploring Moscow

St. Petersburg. This 5-day trip offers unparalleled access to Russia's most famous cities and all their attractions. Our Signature tour, group or private, on your choice, will dazzle you with stunning architecture & heritage under the guidance of our expert local tour guides. This tour runs vice versa.

DAY 1: ARRIVE MOSCOW

Day Schedule

- Meet & greet at Moscow airport
- Private transfer to your cosy hotel in the downtown. All our properties are centrally located within walking distance to the main city attractions. So whatever you choose - our 3*, 4* or 5* hotel based packages, - you stay in the city centre.
- Evening enjoy out 3 hrs Metro tour with the glimpse of Moscow metro in the night. Our guide will take you to oldest shopping street of Europe Arbat Street. Take a walk there enjoy some street shopping, while our guide will charm you with interesting tales. Enjoy Dinner if chosen else our guide will drop you back to hotel

DAY 2: MIGHTY KREMLIN & THE CITY

Day Schedule

MOSCOW TOUR

- Breakfast
- Nikolskya Street/Gum Mall/KGB Bldg
- Moscow Kremlin tour(outside)
- Walking city tour
- Free evening on the Arbat

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THE MOSCOW KREMLIN

The Kremlin's original purpose was to protect Moscow's citizens - the very word 'Kremlin' translates to 'fortress inside a city'. As Russia gained power, the Moscow Kremlin gained status as a symbol of power. Today, the Kremlin is a must-see attraction and holds a coveted place on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Representing the pinnacle of Russian power and prowess, the structure's rich history and physical enormity will amaze you. Enjoy a fully guided tour of the Moscow Kremlin, including the Cathedrals and the Amory, at no additional cost.

ST. BASIL'S CATHEDRAL

Also known as Pokrovsky Cathedral, this monument is so much more than a church. It was constructed in Red Square to commemorate the capture of Kazan and Astrakhan, a victory that occurred on the Intercession of the Theotokos - a feast day for Russian Orthodox churches. The abundance of feasting is evident in the cathedral's integral Russian architecture; towering spires, vibrant colours and a mismatch of patterns.

THE RED SQUARE

With a name originating from 'Krasnaya', or 'red' in modern Russian, and closely related to the Old Russian word for 'beautiful', it's no secret how the Red Square got its name. It's very red and very beautiful - many of our guests say it's one of the highlights of their time in Russia.

NIKOLSKAYA STREET

Being the important street in old Moscow center, Nikolskaya Street was a part of the road to Vladimir, one of the greatest historical Russian cities. Its first mention dates back to the 16th century, although the street itself is much older. After the FIFA World Cup held in Moscow in 2018, Nikolskaya Street is considered to be a unique place for bar hopping, ever since football fans started gathering here in the time of the championship.

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DAY 4 :ARRIVE ST. PETERSBURG

Day Schedule

- Breakfast and check out
- Transfer to the railway station, 4-hour high-speed train journey to St. Petersburg, transfer to your hotel in the downtown and check-in
- Evening tour with Neva Cruise

St. Petersburg Neva Cruise

Russia's imperial capital is the heart and soul of Russia. Scattered along the graceful canals are stately buildings, cobblestone streets, and a lively spirit that only comes from starting one of the biggest revolutions in history. Get ready to immerse yourself in St. Petersburg over the next few days. As one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, you won't be short of things to do. Enjoy a relaxing transfer to your hotel, and be sure to get a good night's rest in preparation for our jam-packed St. Petersburg experience. We suggest to visit in the evening one of famous rooftop restaurants with gorgeous Russian cuisine and amazing views.

DAY 5: THE HERMITAGE & ICONIC LANDMARKS DAY CHEDULE

- Breakfast
- Guided Tour of the Winter Palace and Hermitage
- City Sightseeing Tour: St. Isaac's Cathedral, Kazan, the Church of the Spilled Blood

Hermitage Tour

The State Hermitage Museum is often called St. Petersburg's most important site - a title we think is well deserved. The Winter Palace, the main building of the Hermitage, was home to the Russian Tsars and royal family. There is no better way to understand the heart and soul of St. Petersburg than by roaming the grounds of the Hermitage. Come face to face with history, and the majestic splendour of this unapologetically baroque Palace. The Church of the Saviour on the

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Spilled Blood



Built in the 19th century, the Church of the Saviour on the Spilled Blood is a dramatic feast for the eyes, with an intriguing history. It's shrouded in mystery and legend, stemming from the assassination attempt on Tsar Alexander II. Designed in the quintessential Russian Orthodox style of extravagant colour and texture, it's not difficult to see why the Church of the Spilled Blood took 24 years to complete. During the late Soviet era, the church permanently stood in a falsework. This was lasting for so, so long that finally St. Petersburg residents made an ironic belief that as soon as falsework was removed, the entire USSR would be removed as well. The remainin one is the London's Tower bridge. Optional midnight drawing bridges cruise is seasonally available, please inquire.

St Isaac's Cathedral & Kazan Cathedral

After enjoying some traditional Russian food at a stolovaya, or a 'canteen', take a short walk past St. Petersburg's most iconic churches. St Isaac's Cathedral is one of the world's largest cathedrals, and its dome is unmissable from any vantage point in St Petersburg. If you're looking for ornate, this is it. Surprisingly, St Petersburg is one of the leading gastronomic destinations in Europe. Original and varied, Russian cuisine is famous for exotic soups, which are eaten for lunch. Amongst soups, we should first of all mention "schi" made of sourcroust and "solyanka", made of assorted meats. Russians are great lovers of pelmeni, small Siberian meat pies boiled in broth. Those are very similar to Italian ravioli but larger in size, more like Chinese dumplings. Mushrooms are one of the most abundant gifts of Russian woods. Those are eaten fried, pickled, salted or boiled. We should also mention "pirozhki" and "bliny" - pancakes, the later became a symbolic Russian food every serious traveler has to try with the caviar. Construction of beautiful Kazan cathedral commenced at the start of the 19th century, and this neoclassical beauty has stood tall and proud ever since. Often commended as having some of the most beautiful features of any cathedral in the world, the scale of Kazan is something you must experience for yourself.

DAY 8 : DEPARTURE

Enjoy a private transfer to the airport at the time of your choosing. Be sure to stay in touch with Discovery Russia once you're back home! We love seeing your holiday pictures and hearing your reflections on the trip with a parting gift of russian Vodka To find out more about this incredible tour, chat to our friendly staff now. Already convinced that you'll have the time of your life travelling with us? Secure your spot today!

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INCLUSIONS



Accommodation

- 3-, 4- or 5-star hotel of your choice, hand-picked by our staff for their excellent amenities and central location 2 nights in Moscow // 2 nights in St. Petersburg

Transportation

- 4-hour Standard Class high-speed train fare from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Ask us about upgrading to a Business/First Class ticket or flight options
- Meet & greet at the airports/train stations Private return airport/train station transfers Private transportation on tours as per program in a comfortable a/c car/minivan/bus (except on walking tours) Metro pass for Moscow & St. Petersburg

Meals

- Full breakfast at the hotels (except Day 1)

Sightseeing

- Full-day (5 hours) guided tour of Moscow; Highlights include Moscow Kremlin (visiting the Cathedrals), the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (outside), GUM, the Bolshoi Theatre (outside),
- Metro Tour with Arbat
- Evening Neva Cruise
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- and the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood

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