
RUSSIAN DELIGHT (MOSCOW – ST PETERBURG – KARELIA – ST PETERSBURG)

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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Moscow :

Welcome to Russia! We will pick you up at the airport to transfer you to your hotel, where you can settle in and relax before exploring Moscow, the multicultural capital of Russia known for its rich history, architecture, culture, and cuisine.

Day 2: Moscow City Tour :

Start with a general tour of Moscow, taking in some of its best-known streets and sites along the way. You'll have a chance to see the so-called **Stalin Sisters**, built to compete with New York's skyscrapers. See the **Triumphal Arch** and the **Church of Christ the Savior**, before heading to **New Maidens Convent**, **Sparrow Hills**, and **Moscow State University**. You'll have time to explore some of these sites, as well as to take pictures. **Red Square**, **St. Basil's Cathedral**, and the **Kremlin**. A highlight will be the afternoon tour of the Kremlin, Moscow's icon of power, beauty, and majesty. Moscow is an enormous city and on this tour you'll just scratch the surface. After lunch, spend more time touring on your own, digging deeper into the places and attractions that interest you most. Prepare to be surprised and beguiled by Moscow.

Day 3: Moscow – St Petersburg Train

After Breakfast from your hotel , take a Sapsan express train to St petersburg. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel. Post Lunch indulge in private St Peterburg evening tour with Neva Cruise

Day 4: St. Petersburg Grand Tour

St. Petersburg is Russia's magnificent, history-haunted, legendary, and stunningly beautiful northern capital. You'll find the mood here much different from **Moscow**. St. Petersburg represents Russia's European side, with art and architecture inspired by classical motifs far more than traditional Russian ones. Yet, St. Petersburg is also a very Russian city. Home of the Tsars, cradle of the 1917 Revolution, the city of the Siege, and the hometown of Putin, St. Petersburg has so many rich stories to tell. Your tour of St. Petersburg includes the highlights of **Senate Square**, **St. Isaac's Square**, **Palace Square**, **Nevski Prospekt**, and the **Smolny Institute**. Further explore the **Peter and Paul Fortress**, an early 18th-century fort and where the city

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was founded. It's where many Tsars are buried, and the location of the prison where many of the Tsars' enemies languished.

After lunch, visit the **Hermitage**, one of the world's greatest art museums. It's housed partly in the old **Winter Palace**, the St. Petersburg home of the Tsars. The building is as much of an attraction as the art on display.

Day 5: St. Petersburg – Karelia

After breakfast transfer to train station for your onward journey to Karelia. **Optionally, for add. board to choose from:**

- Visiting the National Museum of the Republic of Karelia: entrance tickets from 200 rubles / adult, from 80 rubles / schools. (excursion is paid separately);
- Visiting the Museum of Fine Arts: entrance tickets from 200 rubles / adult, from 50 rubles / schools. (excursion is paid separately);
- Visit to the water sports center "Aquatika" - 380 rubles per hour;
- Visit to the sports and entertainment center "Gorka": rental of alpine skis, snowboards, skating rink, skiing from the mountains on cheesecakes and much more;
- Snowmobiling (if there is snow) - 2 hours:
 - When boarding 1 person on a snowmobile: 5,000 rubles / person;
 - When boarding 2 people on a snowmobile: 3,000 rubles / person;

Day 6: Karelia Tour - Moscow

Excursion to the first Russian resort, founded by Peter I - "**Marcial Waters**". Its uniqueness lies in the presence of rare in composition and record in iron content of mineral waters. Peter I repeatedly came to the resort for treatment with his family and nobility. Several self-flowing wells are currently in operation. During a tour of the resort, you can taste the water from these springs.

Visit to **the Kivach nature reserve**, which is famous for the waterfall of the same name - the second largest lowland waterfall in Europe. Kivach waterfall is praised by many poets and artists. It is not in vain that a truly beautiful corner of Karelia has received such attention, and you will be convinced of this. But the waterfall is not the only attraction located on the territory of the reserve. You will have the opportunity to see a **collection of** unique plants, including Karelian birch.

After tour drop at train station for overnight journey to Moscow in double decker train with luxurious sleeper coach

Day 6: Arrive Moscow

Your private transfer will pick you up from the station and take you for breakfast at local café. After breakfast you will be dropped at the airport for your destination flight

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Inclusions:

3 star hotel stay with breakfast
St Petersburg PVT city tour with hermitage
Neva Cruise evening
Hermitage Tkts
Moscow - St Petersburg Sapsantrain tkts
ST Petersburg – Karelia train tkts
Karelia-Moscow train tkts
Moscow PVT evening walking tour with Moscow metro tour
Moscow City tour PVT
Karelia pvt tour as mentioned in itinerary
PVT Airport and train station Transfers
Guides: English

Optional Meal cost:

USD PP Per Meal

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