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## 17 Day Russia's Golden Ring

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From the great cities of St Petersburg and Moscow to the ancient towns of the iconic Golden Ring, this phenomenal guided tour of the world's largest nation will be one for the books. Witness the most spectacular architecture and dazzling riches as you learn about Russia's vivid history.

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### TOUR ITINERARY



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### DAY 1

Destination Home ✈ St. Petersburg

Meals included

Hotel 4 ★ Red Stars Hotel , or similar

Zdrastvutye! Welcome to St. Petersburg, Russia's second largest city. Upon arrival at the airport you will be greeted by our representative and transferred to your hotel. After checking in, the rest of the day is yours to rest after your flight or to begin exploring this phenomenal city. St. Petersburg, the 'City of the Tsars', is full of architectural monuments – if you've arrived early, it's well worth tracking down some of the impressive structures throughout the city. The Palace Square, Kazan Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress, Saint Isaac's Square and many more of these historic centres capture the city's imperialist charm, showing touches of European influence in the architecture of these old buildings.

*PLEASE NOTE - Some flights may depart the night prior.*

### DAY 2

Destination St. Petersburg

Meals included Breakfast, Dinner

Hotel 4 ★ Red Stars Hotel , or similar

This morning your adventure begins in earnest with a welcome meeting with your guide and your fellow travellers. Following the meeting we will be travelling by local public transport to the Savior on the Spilled Blood Church which is one of the most fascinating places in St Petersburg and home to one of the largest mosaics in Europe. After our visit here, we'll discover one of Russia's most spectacular sights – the stunning Hermitage museum. Founded by Catherine the Great in 1764, the Hermitage is one of the largest and oldest museums in existence. The museum itself boasts over 2.7 million exhibits, displaying a diverse range of art and artefacts from across the world and throughout history (from Ancient Egypt to the early 20th-century Europe). Experts have calculated if you watch each item for one minute and spend 8 hours in the Hermitage daily, it will still take you almost 15 years to view everything that the museum has to offer. We will enjoy a delightful guided tour here and then later in the evening we will gather for a delicious dinner in a local restaurant.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - ST. PETERSBURG DISCOVERY

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. See St Petersburg through the eyes of a locals and discover the history left behind by Rasputin and Lenin, visit the oldest and most beautiful railway station in St Petersburg and discover the beauty and unusual design of the metro. This tour lasts approximately 3 hours.

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### DAY 3

Destination	St. Petersburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Red Stars Hotel , or similar

After breakfast this morning we will board our private van and start the morning with a half day trip to the stunning Pushkin suburb. Famous for its glorious Catherine's Palace and Amber room, it's considered as one of the main attractions of the city. Constructed in the 18th century in Prussia, the original Amber Room was dismantled and eventually disappeared during World War II. Before its loss, it was considered an "Eighth Wonder of the World". A reconstruction was installed in the Catherine Palace between 1979 and 2003. We will partake on an informative tour with our guide around the palace and revel in the splendor of it's gorgeous interior. In the afternoon we'll enjoy a local lunch at the café before returning to the city. The rest of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure.

*PLEASE NOTE: On occasions, Catherine Palace is shut on a short notice for official delegations, in this case you will be offered alternative program (Pavlovsk, Kronstadt)*

### DAY 4

Destination	St. Petersburg
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Red Stars Hotel , or similar

This morning we'll be travelling a short distance out of the city to uncover the opulence of the stunning Summer Palace and Park of Peter the Great, known as Peterhof or Petrodvorets. Our memorable arrival will be a special moment, much like that of the esteemed guests and European royalty of history. Disembarking at the pier and walking up the Fountain Alley, the magnificence of the water features and the splendour of the Big Palace will all be spread out before you – a breathtaking sight. The Tsar was heavily influenced by European styles and customs and so the place is roughly modelled on Versailles. Built to impress on guests the ruler's wealth and taste, the grounds of the park are filled with fountains, cascades and landscaped gardens, and the location right on the Gulf of Finland makes for beautiful views. The palaces (of which there are three – Great Peterhof Palace, Marly Palace and Monplaisir Palace) are fascinating not only for the elaborate halls and galleries, but also for the fact that they have been so accurately restored after being almost completely destroyed during Nazi occupation in World War II. Following our visit here we will return to St. Petersburg in the early afternoon, where you will be free to use any free time to visit the last minute sites you might have missed.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - ST. PETERSBURG LIKE A LOCAL

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Enjoy less seen sights like panoramic views of the city for a local vantage, visit the oldest structure in the city, pass the summer gardens and Field of Mars and the place Alexander II was assassinated before enjoying an included lunch.

#### DAY 5

Destination	St. Petersburg ✈ Kazan
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Courtyard By Marriott Kazan Kremlin, or similar

Today you may enjoy a morning at leisure. There are plenty of options available and your guide will be able to suggest a variety of options. Shortly after lunch we will travel to the airport of St. Petersburg to board our flight to Kazan. Upon arrival in Kazan you will be transferred via private van from Kazan Airport to the hotel where you can have some rest before your Tatar adventure! Kazan is a city in southwest Russia, on the banks of the Volga and Kazanka rivers and is the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, a semi-autonomous region.

*PLEASE NOTE: Direct flights might not be available and a connection may be necessary.*

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - FABERGE MUSEUM

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Enjoy entry to the famous Faberge Museum the world's largest collection of works by Faberge is at the Shuvalov Palace in St. Petersburg.

#### DAY 6

Destination	Kazan
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Courtyard By Marriott Kazan Kremlin, or similar

Today will begin as we set out on a walking tour, taking in the color and East-meets-West charm of the capital of Tatarstan. As a region that is somewhat independent from the rest of Russia, the culture and food here has its own distinct flavour. During our walking tour we'll stop in at a standard Soviet-style canteen where you may try some Tatar staples. This is a fantastic place to eat like a local and try a variety of dishes such as soups, salads, local pies, laghman (pulled noodles with meat and veggies) and, of course, chak-chak. A regional specialty, chak-chak is made of small balls

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of deep-fried, unleavened dough. These are pressed together to form a dome or tower, then smothered with honey and left to harden. This dish is a point of pride in Tatarstan. In the evening you'll have the opportunity to try your hands at making some of the Tatar special dishes (including ecpochmak, chak chak or lagman, the choice of dishes will depend on availability) as we participate in a Tatar cuisine cooking class.

### DAY 7

Destination	Kazan
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Courtyard By Marriott Kazan Kremlin, or similar

This morning after breakfast we will travel 200 kilometers south of Kazan, where we will end up at the world's most northern 13th-15th century monument of Muslim architecture. The Great Bolgar with its snow-white mosque resembling India's Taj Mahal, picturesque ruins and majestic ancient buildings attract people from all over the world. Here, archaeologists find rapture — in the excavations, while travelers — in the acquaintance with the fascinating history of the Volga Bolgar and the Golden Horde. Here we will share why you should visit Bolgar and what to do in the city, which attracted past visits from the likes of Catherine the Great and Peter I. During the tour you will not only learn about this great civilization, but will also you can bear witness to the full cycle of bread production, from sowing and harvesting to grinding and baking. In the miller's house, we will see that the interior was re-created based on original photographs of typical commercial bread production premises of the late 19th-early 20th centuries. Among the reconstructed interior we'll be able to find objects that have survived over the centuries relating to everyday life, furniture, clothes, and tools of that time. The complex also contains the "Genghis Khan" restaurant and the "Dom Chaya" ("House of Tea") café where we will have a delicious lunch. Upon return to Kazan in the afternoon, the rest of the day will be yours to spend at leisure.

### DAY 8

Destination	Kazan 🚆 Nizhny Novgorod
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	Overnight Train Kazan to Nizhny Novgorod, or similar

This morning is free for you to relax or maybe catch up on some sightseeing. If you have time, the National Museum of Tatarstan or the quirky Museum of Soviet Lifestyle are certainly worth checking out. In the afternoon we'll join our local guide for a public boat tour along the magnificent Volga river, which offers a great chance to see Kazan from the water and get a different perspective. The Volga River is one of the largest and longest rivers in the continent of Europe and the Russians regard it as their national river and are very proud of it. In the evening, we'll take a private van to the Kazan railway station to board our overnight train to Nizhny Novgorod. Trains on this journey are simple but comfortable and should make for an enjoyable experience.

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*PLEASE NOTE: Overnight trains are comfortable but simple. Cabins are quad share and each travelling pair will be grouped with another travelling pair. You'll travel 2nd class on this trip. There's a western toilet/bathroom at the end of each carriage with a small sink and cold water. An attendant is assigned to every carriage to look after your comfort and safety. Each compartment has four bunks with luggage storage space inside. Bedding is provided. There's hot water available for making drinks or instant meals, tea and coffee. Sometimes snacks and drinks are available for purchase on board and most trains also have a dining car, although with a limited menu.*

### DAY 9

Destination	Nizhny Novgorod
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Mercure Nizhny Novgrad, or similar

Today we arrive into [Nizhny Novgorod](#) in the morning and take a private transfer to our hotel. If your room is not ready at this time, you may store your baggage at the hotel before making your way to breakfast. After breakfast we'll set out for some town exploration with our guide. Nizhny Novgorod is Russia's fifth largest city and also lies on the Volga River. We'll start our city introduction with a stroll down Rozhdestvenskaya pedestrian street, a beautiful historic street and unique open-air museum. Along this street you'll find only stone houses, some of which date back to the middle of the 18th century. Next we'll walk into the Novgorod Kremlin, located on the banks of the Volga River and the most ancient of the preserved Kremlin's in Russia. Following this we will take a look at the famous Chkalovskaya staircase, a stunning monumental flight of steps in the center of Nizhny Novgorod, connecting Minin and Pozharsky Square. It is the longest staircase in Russia. Our tour will finish off with a spectacular 15 minute ride across the Volga to the nearby settlement Bor, where we will walk around and explore before returning to downtown. In the evening we'll dine in a local restaurant and perhaps taste some of the locally caught fish.

### DAY 10

Destination	Nizhny Novgorod 🚆 Vladimir 🚆 Suzdal
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ AZIMUT Hotel Suzdal, or similar

Enjoy a free morning in town doing as you please before sitting down for lovely local lunch. After lunch, we'll take a private van back to the railways station from where we will travel by speed train "Strizh" to Vladimir. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to the medieval town of Suzdal. Suzdal is a main stop on Russia's legendary Golden Ring, the circle of ancient and former capitals that played an important part in the formation of the Russian Orthodox Church and that hold the memories of significant events in Russian history. The fairytale-feel historic small town of Suzdal is filled with contrasting examples of early Russian architecture, where onion-domed monasteries stand next to lovingly decorated wooden cottages. After a brief rest in the afternoon, we'll join our guide for a truly local experience – mead tasting, the most popular drink in town. Later in the evening, we'll visit a local family for delicious home cooked dinner.

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### DAY 11

Destination	Suzdal
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ AZIMUT Hotel Suzdal, or similar

This morning after breakfast we will join our local guide for a tour of charming Suzdal, including the grandeur of the striking, centuries-old Kremlin, the carved stonework of the Cathedral of the Nativity, the trading square, market and monasteries. This city-museum is known for its abundance of historical monuments and this enlightening tour will teach you much about Russia's history. After the guided tour we'll enjoy lunch with the group before appreciating some free time to explore this alluring town at leisure. In the evening, we'll join our guide again for a truly Russian experience – Banya (Russian Sauna). Locals swear by the cleansing, healing and meditative properties of having a steam and a wash in the banya, and it can also be quite the social occasion! Make sure to avail yourself of some birch twigs and slap yourself (and others!) over the shoulders for a traditional Russian 'massage' to get the true banya experience.

### DAY 12

Destination	Suzdal 🚗 Sergiev Posad 🚗 Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Marco Polo Presnja Hotel, or similar

We leave Suzdal this morning and travel to another stunning Golden Ring town – Sergiev Posad. This charismatic town is known for its 14th-century The Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra monastery complex with its stunning blue and gold onion domes and interior frescoes. Here we'll learn more about the importance of Orthodox religion in the country before trying some delicious local lunch in the monastery. After our tour here we'll continue on for the final push to the capital of Russia, [Moscow](#). The great city of Moscow has survived centuries of revolution and tumult, from the days of the tsars through the communist era to the growing pains of democracy. Beneath its modern veneer – a sign of Russia's recent embrace of capitalism – Moscow is a fascinating, historic city with a wealth of sights to see. Upon arrival you may choose to rest up for another intense day of sightseeing tomorrow or follow your guide for orientation walk of the city and choose out of plenty of things that Moscow can offer to a traveler.

### DAY 13

Destination	Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Marco Polo Presnja Hotel, or similar

Today we visit the mausoleum of Russia's most famous revolutionary – Lenin. He was the initiator of the 1917 Russian

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revolution that ushered in the era of communism and we'll be visiting his austere eternal resting place on the Red Square. We will then enter the remarkable Kremlin grounds with our local guide, the home to the oldest and most important churches in the country, and where many Tsars and Tsarinas are laid to rest. We'll walk through the soaring towers and cathedrals of the political and spiritual heart of Russia before entering the Armoury Museum. Here we will witness an eye-bulging former royal collection of ambassadorial gifts, Faberge eggs, coronation robes and glittering jewels. Our day will end with a lovely dinner in a local restaurant.

*PLEASE NOTE: On occasion Lenin's Mausoleum and Red Square may be closed to the public during regular opening hours without prior warning. As Moscow's premier tourist attractions, tickets for the Kremlin and Armoury are in high demand, and the Moscow Tourism Administration sets strict quotas to control visitor numbers. Time in each area is also limited to 90 minutes, with any exceptions possibly resulting in the guide losing their license. While we appreciate that some travellers would like to spend longer in the Armoury Museum, we ask for your understanding that the guide is under pressure to keep to the schedule. The Diamond Fund isn't included in your tour, but after the Kremlin and Armoury there may be time to visit. Entrance tickets can be purchased in the ticket office at the Armoury. The Diamond Fund is open for visitors from 10am-1pm and from 2pm-4pm. On Thursday it is closed.*

### DAY 14

Destination	Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Marco Polo Presnja Hotel, or similar

Today you may enjoy an entire day of leisure. Take advantage of your free time to explore the city and its many exciting museums, galleries and parks. Moscow is really a delight to experience and the city will amaze and surprise you.

### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MOSCOW BEHIND THE ICONS

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Enjoy Moscow's greatest hits and see sights like St. Basil's Cathedral and experience spots only the locals know. Learn about Russia's emperor days and Soviet history.

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### OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - MOSCOW UNDERGROUND

You may choose to include 2 optional Inspiring Sights throughout your tour, free as part of your package. Explore the spectacular stations of Moscow Metro some of the most decorative and beautiful structures in Moscow, sample a traditional Russian snack and learn about Soviet life. Please note that the optional tour is a walking tour. The tour lasts approximately 3 hours. Please wear suitable footwear for walking and bring an umbrella or rain jacket in case of rain. During this tour you will travel using the Moscow metro system.

#### DAY 15

Destination	Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Marco Polo Presnja Hotel, or similar

Following breakfast this morning you may enjoy another free day in Moscow. Get under the skin of the vibrant city and explore any sights you may have missed yesterday. Be sure to ask your guide about recommendations and other optional experiences. Later in the evening, we'll be joining our local guide for a final dinner to celebrate the end of the journey. Tonight will be a fantastic opportunity to solidify the bonds you've created with your fellow travellers and swap your favourite stories from your adventure.

#### DAY 16

Destination	Moscow ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	N/A

There are no activities planned for your final day. Take some leisure time after breakfast before you are required to depart for the airport in order to board your return flight home. We hope that you have thoroughly enjoyed your tour through this amazing country.

#### DAY 17

Destination	Home
Meals included	
Hotel	N/A

Arrive home today.

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### Inclusions

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return international airfares with Emirates, the world's leading airline
- Return airport transfers
- 14 nights in centrally located 4 star hotels
- 1 overnight train from Kazan to Nizhny Novgorod
- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches and 6 dinners
- The services of a professional fully escorted English speaking guide
- In depth sightseeing including all entry fees as per the itinerary
- All transportation and rail tickets as per the itinerary
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

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### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

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- St. Petersburg - Visit the suburb of Pushkin, famous for its glorious Catherine's Palace and Amber room
- St. Petersburg - Travel a short distance out of town to uncover the opulence of the Summer Palace and Park of Peter the Great, known as Peterhof or Petrodvorets
- Kazan - Enjoy a walking tour, taking in the color and East-meets-West charm of the capital of Tatarstan
- Kazan - Participate in a Tatar cuisine cooking class
- Kazan - Experience life amongst the locals onboard an overnight train to Nizhny Novgorod
- Nizhny Novgorod - Stroll down Rozhdestvenskaya pedestrian street, a beautiful historic street and unique open-air museum
- Nizhny Novgorod - Admire the famous Chkalovskaya staircase, a stunning monumental flight of steps in the centre of town
- Suzdal - For a truly local experience, taste Suzdal mead, the most popular and ancient drink in the area
- Suzdal - For another truly Russian experience, try a Banya (a Russian Sauna), where locals swear by the cleansing, healing and meditative properties
- Sergiev Posad - Explore another stunning Golden Ring town, known for The Holy Trinity of St. Sergius Lavra monastery
- Moscow - Visit the mausoleum of Russia's most famous revolutionary, Lenin
- Moscow - Participate in many optional activities to complete your trip

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### INSPIRING FEATURES

#### Inspiring Stay

- Enjoy central accommodation in Russia's great cities of St Petersburg and Moscow
- Stay in the iconic Golden Ring city of Suzdal and venture out as far as the Tatarstan cities of Kazan and Bodgar

#### Inspiring Sights

To enhance your journey, we're offering guests two (2) bonus sightseeing experiences out of a choice of five (5) options (options listed under 'Optional Tours').

#### Inspiring Taste

- Enjoy memorable welcome and farewell dinners
- Sample Tatarstan cuisine in a local restaurant and taste mead in Suzdal
- Visit a local family in Suzdal for delicious home cooked dinner

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### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Secure your package with a deposit of \$500 per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$3399 within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is confirmed once your Booking Form is submitted and you can begin the countdown to your Inspiring Vacation!
- You will then be allocated and contacted by one of our Dedicated Support Agent's (within 48 hours) who will support you right up until you return from your journey

### FLIGHTS, UPGRADES & EXTENSIONS

#### Airfare Information

- Full service airline used will be with Emirates (Qatar or similar if unavailable).
- Flights will require a minimum of 1 transit (maximum 2)
- Adelaide customers will likely require two stops in either direction
- All tickets will include 20 kilos checked baggage per person, along with 7 kilos of hand luggage.
- Despite the airlines baggage allowance, we recommend travelling with 20 kilos per person due to restrictions with internal flights (where applicable), as well as coach and train transportation. Also, you will be responsible for handling your luggage at all times as the services of porters is not included. If travelling over this amount, you will be liable for any excess baggage fees enforced by the airline, payable direct.
- Once ticketed, flights are non-refundable; any changes will be subject to the airline rules and change fees
- Full names as per passport (including all middle names) are required
- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

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### Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy - Not available.
- Business Class available from an additional \$6,500 per person in addition to the standard price (subject to availability).

Please specify this as a 'Special Request' when completing your booking and you will be quoted for the additional fare. In the event your selection is unavailable, or that you are dissatisfied with the quote, you will be provided with a full refund.

### Land Only discount

A reduction of \$1,500 per person applies if you wish to arrange your own airfares. To purchase a land-only fare, please select this option in the booking process under 'Departure City'.

Please note, if you are not arriving or departing as per the group itinerary, airport transfers are also no longer included. If you would like us to arrange this service for you, please refer to the 'Extra services' section for pricing.

### How to extend your stay

Some customers like to enhance their holiday by extending their stay pre- and/or post-tour. If you wish to do so, please follow these steps:

1. Follow the 'Book Now' prompts after signing up, until you reach the 'Special Requests' field
2. Here, please specify your preferred flight arrangements and if you require additional accommodation, with the number of nights needed.
3. After finalising your purchase and submitting your booking form, a member of our team will be in contact with you via email to verify your request.

Please note, a supplement of \$150 per person (plus any applicable fare and tax differences) applies to deviate from the standard itinerary. We will contact you via email with a quote and proposed flight itinerary, and then proceed with collecting the additional payment required to confirm your request.

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### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, adding a stopover package en-route or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

#### **Airport lounges**

Escape busy airport terminals and relax at a cosy and catered lounge instead. Departure lounge access in Sydney \$70 per person (up to 6 hours); Melbourne & Brisbane \$55 per person (up to 3 hours).

Airport lounge passes can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

#### **Airport chauffeur**

Take the hassle out of getting to the airport with private chauffeur transfers to and from your home airport. Your personal chauffeur will meet and greet you, attend to your luggage and drive you to your destination in a luxury vehicle.

- Within 30km of airport: \$139 per vehicle (max 2 guests)
- Outside 30km of airport: You may add this option to your booking and the final price will be adjusted based on the transfer distance.

Additional surcharges may apply depending on pick-up time, tolls and government levies.

Airport Chauffeur can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add this service, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance.

**Pre and post tour accommodation** (deviating from group flights forfeits your group airport transfers)

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$268 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

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- Post-tour accommodation: \$283 per room per night for double/twin/single including breakfast and transfer

### Arrival and departure airport transfers

- Arrival Transfer: \$44 per vehicle
- Departure Transfer: \$65 per vehicle

Your transfer may be shared with other Inspiring Vacations customers.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation and/or airport transfers. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability.

### Dubai Stopover Package

You may wish to stop over in Dubai before or after your tour.

Includes:

3 nights in a Superior Room at the Pullman Jumeirah Lakes Towers Hotel or similar  
Breakfast daily  
Return private airport transfers

Cost - \$599 per person Twin Share (\$1198 for Single Share)

Resort Fee not included - approximately AED \$20 (AUD \$7.50) per night payable locally.

If you wish to book the Dubai Stopover Package before or after your tour, please select this under 'Upgrade Options' before completing your booking. You will then be invoiced for this in your final payment.

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### OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we're offering 2 free sightseeing experiences out of a choice of 5 options, listed below. Guests can also purchase any of the remaining sightseeing experiences (cost is per person):

- St. Petersburg Discovery (Day 2) - \$99 per person
- St. Petersburg Like a Local (Day 4) - \$99 per person
- Faberge Museum (Day 5) - \$99 per person
- Moscow Behind the Icons (Day 14) - \$99 per person
- Moscow Underground (Day 14) - \$99 per person

*PLEASE NOTE - Only one optional tour can be chosen on day 14. Further, please note that transportation is not included for the optional tours, therefore you will be required to make your own way to and from. Rest assured, your tour guide can provide you with appropriate suggestions on how to make your way around. The optional tours take up to 3 hours, therefore please keep this in mind when making your selections.*

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours, where any applicable cost will be added to your final balance. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability and prices may vary as you will be paying in local currency. We appreciate your understanding.

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## TOUR ITINERARY

### EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

This particular tour is categorised as a "3":

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs, get on and off the coach and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences however any changes are beyond our control.

#### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$1,299 person in addition to the twin share price.

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### **Paired Solo Travellers**

This package allows you to avoid paying a single supplement by booking as a Paired Solo Traveller.

This option must be selected at time of booking during the purchase path under "Select Your Room" and then choose "Paired Twin Room".

Regardless of whether an accompanying solo traveller is found, you are guaranteed to travel at no additional cost.

Solo travellers are matched only on the basis of gender and not on other factors such as age, nationality, religion or sexuality. We kindly ask that you disclose any requirements, medical or otherwise, that might disturb your matched traveller's sleep (e.g. sleep apnoea or a CPAP machine). Unfortunately, with this in mind and in the interest of other travellers, we request that you proceed with your own private room with the resulting single supplement. Should a second solo traveller not be available, you are nonetheless guaranteed to travel at no extra cost and you will be placed into a single, twin share or double room by yourself. Your tour group may include multiple solo travellers who may or may not be paired. No changes will be permitted to any pairing arrangements.

Note that for some portions of some itineraries, the group sizes will vary. Some packages may operate on groups as small as 2 people and therefore, there may be time spent travelling only with your paired traveller. Should a package require a minimum number of 2 travellers and you are not paired, your booking may be cancelled.

You will be introduced to your matched solo traveller at the beginning of your itinerary and your personal details will not be shared as per our Privacy Policy. Should there be any dissatisfaction with your matched traveller, unfortunately we are unable to make any changes to your room arrangements or offer any refund. Inspiring Vacations takes no responsibility for and will not be held liable for any dissatisfaction with the matched traveller or for their actions.

All departures remain strictly subject to availability and may sell out prior to your tentative booking being confirmed, in which case the fee will be refunded in full. All other booking terms apply.

### **Triple Share**

Not available.

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### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### Visa & Passport information

It is the customer's responsibility to become familiar of the visa requirements for their intended destination and to ensure they have the appropriate visa documentation, whether obtained before departure or on arrival.

Further, it is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months from your intended date of return to Australia.

Inspiring Vacations is not responsible for delays or missed portions of the holiday package resulting from incorrect travel documents or visas, or for denial of entry for not having the appropriate visa or valid passport.

Please note that the information provided is subject to change at any time. For the most up-to-date information, we recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>.

### RUSSIA

You need a visa to enter Russia. You cannot get a visa on arrival. Applicants can only apply for a Russian visa if the entry date into Russia is within 3 months from the date of lodgement. Please refer to this link for full requirements - <https://visalink.com.au/requirements>  
You will be contacted by your Dedicated Support Agent who will need to obtain a Letter of Invitation from our ground supplier.

### Tour Documentation

Final documentation including e-tickets and hotel details will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### Group Size

6 -16 people.

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### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent in flight and is subject to change depending on the flight schedule, please refer to the day by day itinerary for the time spent on land.

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