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TOUR ITINERARY

Russia and Scandinavia



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DAY 1

Destination	Home ✈ Moscow
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Izmailovo Vega, or similar

Zdravstvuyte! Welcome to Russia. Its capital Moscow has survived centuries of revolution and tumult, from the days of the tsars, through the Communist era to the growing pains of democracy.

It's a fascinating city. Beneath its modern veneer, it has a rich history and the landmarks and grand monuments to show for it. It's also home to renowned museums, theatres and art galleries. You'll find lovely green spaces, like Sparrow Hills and Gorky Park, also home to an open-air movie theatre.

Please note: To avoid disappointment, we recommend that you book any theatre performances that you wish to attend in Moscow or St. Petersburg in advance. Please consider carefully and make sure that the dates correspond to your trip. In particular, we recommend you see what's playing at the Bolshoi and Mariinsky, as it may be difficult to secure tickets, especially during White Nights in St. Petersburg. The following sites may be useful to check what's on: www.mariinsky.ru, www.bolshoi.ru and www.ticketsofrussia.ru

DAY 2

Destination	Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Izmailovo Vega, or similar

We'll start with a welcome meeting this morning at 8:30am in the hotel lobby to discuss some tour logistics and to give you a chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Please note: At your welcome meeting this morning, as well as providing insurance and next of kin details, you'll need to have two copies of your passport, visa and migration cards ready. Your tour leader will collect one; the other is for you to keep on you at all times on the trip.

The remainder of the day will be at leisure.

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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 3

Destination	Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Izmailovo Vega, or similar

We'll head for the city centre to visit Red Square today, modern Russia's most recognisable icon. This used to be a market square, now it's surrounded by interesting architecture and sites like St. Basil's Cathedral, with its iconic rainbow domes, the Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum. Vladimir Lenin was the initiator of the 1917 Russian revolution that ushered in the era of Communism. We'll visit his austere eternal resting place on Red Square. Be warned, the queues can be long!

Afterwards, we'll enter the active fortress of the Kremlin grounds, home to the oldest and most important churches in the country, where many tsars and tsarinas are laid to rest. Walk through the soaring towers and cathedrals of the political and spiritual heart of Russia before entering the Armoury Museum, home to an incredible former royal collection of ambassadorial gifts, Fabergé eggs, coronation robes and glittering jewels.

Please note that although a private bus is included for the transfer to the city centre and return, the tour of the Kremlin and the visit to Red Square are done on foot and takes approximately 3hrs.

The Diamond Fund isn't included in your tour, but after the Kremlin and Armoury there may be time to visit. It's open for visitors from 10am-1pm and from 2pm-4pm, closed on Thursday. Entrance tickets can be purchased in the ticket office at the Armoury.

Afterwards, the rest of the day is free for you to explore and enjoy your last night in the Russian capital.

Please note: Depending on the day of the week your tour departs, you will either go to the Red Square and Mausoleum on Day 2 and visit Kremlin Armoury Museum the following day (valid for all Wednesday departures) OR have Red

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Square, Mausoleum and Kremlin Armoury Museum on Day 2 (valid for all Tuesday departures). During the high season there are big queues to enter Lenin's Mausoleum therefore we suggest leaving as soon as possible after the group meeting.

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.

DAY 4

Destination	Moscow 🚆 St. Petersburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ Grand Hotel Tchaikovsky, or similar

You'll be taken to the train station this morning to board a fast train bound for St. Petersburg.

Note: There's a 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 (although service standards can vary greatly). Bedding is provided, although some travelers still prefer to bring their own sleeping sheet. 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.

Please note that in many cases, due to high demand for tickets on this route, the group is not always together. It's likely that at least some members of the group will be sharing compartments with other travelers, either foreign or local, particularly if your group does not divide evenly into two.

On arrival, settle into your accommodation and enjoy lunch before viewing the sights of St. Petersburg from the comfort of your coach. You'll see some of the best architectural monuments belonging to different time periods and styles, beautiful Neva River embankments, majestic palaces, cathedrals and unique bridges. You'll be charmed by the views of St. Petersburg – it really is stunning and, although very modern, still manages to retain its old-world charm.

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DAY 5

Destination	St. Petersburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
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This morning you'll see one of the oldest, largest and most famous museums in the world: The Hermitage. The former Winter Palace, it was founded in 1764 by Catherine the Great and houses one of the world's premier art collections.

Your tour will begin around 10am and continue until 2pm, and then the afternoon is yours to continue to explore. There's no shortage of things to see – there are more than three million exhibits here. The Hermitage displays a diverse range of art and artefacts from all over the world and throughout history, from Ancient Egypt to early 20th-century Europe.

The collection includes works by Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian, a unique collection of Rembrandts and Rubens and many French Impressionist works and several sculptures by Rodin. Fun fact: If you watch each item for no longer than a minute and spend eight hours here every day, it would take you almost 15 years to see every exhibit!

When you are ready, make your own way back to the hotel using the easy to navigate Metro system. In the evening, you'll have dinner and enjoy some true Russian cuisine at a local restaurant with your tour leader and fellow travellers.

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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 6

Destination	St. Petersburg 🚆 Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Scandic Hakaniemi, or similar

In the morning, your tour leader will transfer you to Finlyandsky train station where you will board a high-speed train to Helsinki, capital of Finland. Over 70% of Finland is covered by forest and it's also known as the land of a thousand lakes – 188,000 of them, to be precise.

You will travel unescorted however you'll be met on arrival in to Helsinki station and be transferred to the hotel. The train terminates at Helsinki so there is no chance of missing your stop. In the evening you have the option of heading out for dinner with your tour leader and group to enjoy your first taste of Scandinavian food.

Please note: Train travel today is by 2nd class high-speed train.

DAY 7

Destination	Helsinki 🚢 Tallinn 🚢 Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Scandic Hakaniemi, or similar

This morning we make our way to the Port of Helsinki, where you'll board a ferry to Tallinn, capital of Estonia. A historic city dating back to medieval times, Tallinn was first recorded on a world map in 1154 and inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1997 for its well-preserved old town.

It's a free day for you to explore this charming Baltic city. The city of Tallinn mixes old and new effortlessly; given its location it's no wonder it has a strong Scandinavian influence, but it's steeped in medieval Baltic history. Take in the spirit of medieval times in its famous Gothic Town Hall or wander the old town with its winding cobblestone streets, colourful medieval houses and fairytale charm.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - HIGHLIGHTS OF TALLINN BIKE TOUR

Take a bike tour along the most popular sights and the harder-to-reach spots of the wonderful Estonian capital. Your English-speaking guide will take you on a leisurely bike ride to show you the life of the locals, as well as the most important sights by the seaside. Enjoy the history, stories and sights of this beautiful city and see places like the Fat Margaret Tower, Kadriorg Palace and Park, the presidential residence, the location of the Eurovision Song Contest, the World War II monument, Pirita Convent ruins and the Olympic Center.

DAY 8

Destination	Helsinki 🇪🇵
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Overnight Ferry, or similar

You'll have the day to explore this gorgeous seaside city. Enjoy the old market, the green parks and the Russian influence in its buildings and churches.

After dinner with the group, you'll board an overnight ferry to Stockholm.

Note: You will travel in a nice, comfort class inside cabin for 2 persons on decks 5 and 6. The cabin has a 140-cm double bed with extra thick mattresses to guarantee a great night's sleep. No extra bed option. The cabin is equipped with phone, TV, radio and a hair dryer. Floor area 8.3 m².

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - BEAUTIFUL CANAL ROUTE

On this popular boat sightseeing cruise, you will get to see the beautiful shorelines of Helsinki. We pass many famous sights, including the historic Suomenlinna Fortress, Helsinki Zoo on Korkeasaari Island, the fleet of icebreakers and Degerö Canal. Along the way you will hear fascinating stories about the archipelago. Please note that transport to and from the optional tour is not included. The tour lasts approximately 1.5 hours. Refreshments from the cafeteria are not included but are available for purchase.

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DAY 9


Destination	 Stockholm
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Frey's Hotel Lilla Radmannen, or similar

You'll be transferred to your hotel by taxi when you arrive in Stockholm this morning. While you wait for your room to be ready, we'll embark on a walking tour of Stockholm. See the top attractions and monuments, including where the Nobel Prizes are handed out and where IKEA got started. You'll visit the main streets Drottninggatan and Kungsgatan, The Concert Hall and the King's Garden.

Please note that the included tour is a walking tour. The tour lasts approximately 2-3 hours.

The rest of the day is free for you to explore. Stockholm is sometimes referred to as the "Venice of the North" given its appealing architecture, clean and open waterways and numerous parks. Consider just wandering this coastal capital, built on 13 islands joined together. It's a great city to explore on foot and take in the mix of old and new that defines this city. There's the maritime Vasa Museum and the world's first open-air museum, Skansen. There is the medieval cathedral, built in 1279, and the Royal Palace, the official residence of the Swedish monarch.

DAY 10

Destination	Stockholm  Copenhagen
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ First Hotel Twentyseven, or similar

After breakfast we'll board a high-speed train to Copenhagen. The journey takes about 5 hours.

From the station in Copenhagen, it's a short 10-minute walk with your luggage to your hotel.

Copenhagen is the largest Scandinavian city, and full of contrasts: the popular Tivoli, Christiansborg Palace, the terraces of Nyhavn, the Little Mermaid statue. There's no shortage of things to do here in Denmark's capital. Copenhagen is the epitome of cool, a renowned design destination that boasts plenty of Scandi inspiration. It's a foodie's delight, known for its fine dining scene and street food markets alike.

Copenhagen is relatively small, so it's easy to get around. Hire a bike and make like the locals (rain or shine!), seeing quintessential waterside neighbourhoods like Nyhavn, with colourful row houses lining the canal. Wander through

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Copenhagen Botanical Gardens or visit the world-class museums and attractions like Amalienborg Palace or Frederiksberg Garden.

Design lovers will be in heaven, with no shortage of home accessory and furniture stores to peruse for your design-savvy souvenirs.

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DAY 11

Destination	Copenhagen
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ First Hotel Twentyseven, or similar

Copenhagen is a small, compact city that's great to explore on foot, so you'll enjoy a walking tour today with your guide. With a rich history as a major city on the edge of the Baltic, Copenhagen grew from a little fishing town to the capital of Denmark. You'll hear how it became the fantastic city it is today and learn about the city's founding father, the best place to get Danish smørrebrød, and of course – why the Danes are some of the happiest people in the world.

Please note that the included tour is a walking tour. The tour lasts approximately 2-3 hours.

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OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - HYGGE & HAPPINESS

If you want to understand Denmark, you need to understand hygge. The concept can be difficult to explain but is easy to experience — and once you have it in you, you'll know why Danes are some of the happiest people in the world! Get a better understanding of Danish culture and why the concept of hygge is so important and visit city sites that ooze hygge and find out how you can bring some of that vibe back home with you. Walk around the famous Nyboder district, Kongens Have and Strøget with a local guide by your side and enjoy a Danish pastry and a cup of coffee at one of our favourite little local haunts. Please note that the optional tour is a walking tour. The tour lasts approximately 3.5 hours. Public transport may be used during this tour.

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DAY 12

Destination	Copenhagen 🚢 Embark on cruise
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

You'll be taken to the port to embark on your cruise. Welcome aboard! You'll spend seven nights aboard this new, premium mega-ship MSC Meraviglia. Enjoy the stunning views of Norway's landscapes, with spectacular mountains and fjords, and stops in interesting port cities.

DAY 13

Destination	🚢 At sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

You'll enjoy the perfect experience at sea onboard this stylish, upmarket mega-ship. Relax and explore at your own pace as we spend the day at sea today. There's shopping, loads of poolside space, a luxurious spa and 12 dining venues. With new panoramic areas, a two-deck 'inside promenade' with a 480-square-metre LED dome and a spectacular amusement area connected to an outdoor water park... you won't be bored.

DAY 14

Destination	🚢 Hellesylt/Geiranger
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

We'll dock at Hellesylt today, the cosy little town on the shores of the Geiranger fjord. For a view from land of the stunning fjord, head up the steep Eagle Route (Ørnevegen) for two perfect observation posts – Dalsnibba, 1500 metres above, and Flydalsjuvet with terraces that open onto the ice valley – surrounded by impressive peaks.

DAY 15

Destination	🚢 Alesund
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

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A day in Alesund makes you feel like you've stepped into a fairytale. When the town was rebuilt at the beginning of the 20th century after a devastating fire, it was built in an amazing Art Nouveau style. The streets are filled with turrets, spires and splendid decorations.

Get a great view by climbing the 418 steps that lead you to the heights of Mount Aksla – you'll get a wonderful view of the islands that surround the town and of the Sunnmøre Alps.

To see traditional architecture, head to the island of Godøy, where you can visit the picturesque fisherman's village of Alnes. Close to the beach, you'll find local crafts and food sold in the courtyards.

You may choose to take an optional excursion to Geirangerfjord, a 15km-long branch of Storfjord. Inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List, it's one of Norway's most popular attractions. The fjord offers archetypal scenery as it follows the S-shaped profile of the fjord, encircled by high mountains, where abandoned farms cling to the hillsides.


DAY 16

Destination	 Flam
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

To reach Flåm today, the cruise ship will navigate into the Sognefjord, the longest of the hundreds of Norwegian fjords – it extends over 204 kilometres and 1308 metres deep. You'll reach Flåm, set amidst mountains of dense forest reaching up to the sky.

Take a train ride from Flåm to Kjosfossen: 20 incredible kilometres up to the station of Myrdal on the Bergen railway line. You'll see unforgettable landscapes; nature at its most beautiful and wild.

DAY 17

Destination	 At sea
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

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DAY 18

Destination	🏰 Kiel
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Ship: MSC Meraviglia, or similar

You'll enjoy this laid-back maritime city on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Home to the busiest artificial waterway in the world, you can stroll the promenade along the harbour to admire the sailboats. Visit the Kiel Maritime Museum to learn about the city's maritime history. The botanical gardens are a lovely retreat and you can see all the way to the fjords from the hilltop pavilion.

DAY 19

Destination	🏠 Disembark cruise - Copenhagen ✈ Home
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	N/A

Enjoy one last delicious breakfast this morning, before your Russia and Scandinavia adventure comes to an end. When you dock at Copenhagen, you'll be transferred to the airport to board your flight home.

We hope you've enjoyed this extraordinary journey.

DAY 20

Destination	Home
Meals included	
Hotel	N/A

Arrive home today. We hope you've been *inspired*.



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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Small group tour - 20 people max
- Return international airfares with Emirates
- 11 nights, mostly 4-star accommodation
- 7 nights premium Norwegian fjords cruise in a balcony cabin on-board the new MSC Meraviglia mega ship
- Travel by fast train between Moscow and St.Petersburg, the most famous and romantic way to travel between these two cities
- All airport and port transfers - shared service
- 17 breakfasts, 7 lunches and 9 dinners
- The services of a professional fully escorted English speaking guide
- In depth sightseeing including all entry fees as per the itinerary
- All coach, rail and ferry transportation where applicable
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Moscow - Visit the mausoleum of Russia's most famous revolutionary, Lenin
- Moscow - Participate in many optional activities to complete your trip
- St. Petersburg - Visit Savior on the Spilled Blood Church, home to one of the largest mosaics in Europe
- St. Petersburg - Discover one of Russia's most spectacular sights, the stunning Hermitage museum
- 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
- Helsinki - Explore this stylish seaside city of beautiful islands and green parks
- Tallinn - Enjoy a ferry trip to this medieval city, walking the UNESCO cobbled streets of the old town
- Stockholm - See where Nobel Prizes are handed out and where IKEA started
- Copenhagen - See the changing of the guard at Amalienborg Palace
- Copenhagen - See the famous Little Mermaid & Royal Danish Opera House
- Copenhagen - Enjoy a walking tour of this fairy tale city and learn why the Danes are the happiest people
- Norway cruise - Witness the spectacular Geirangerfjord
- Norway cruise - Watch as your ship navigates the cliff walls of the Sognefjord
- Norway cruise - Enjoy the quaint beauty of Flamm

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INSPIRING FEATURES

Inspiring Stays

- Spend 7 unforgettable nights on board the MSC Meraviglia in a balcony cabin allowing you to view the Norwegian fjords from the comfort of your cabin

Inspiring Sights

The choice between 2 of 5 bonus sightseeing experiences to enhance your journey. You may choose to include 2 optional **Inspiring Sights** throughout your tour, free as part of your package.

- Moscow underground: Explore the spectacular stations of Moscow Metro, one of the most beautiful underground systems in the world
- A day in the eyes of a local in St. Petersburg: Taste Russian vodka in a Soviet-style bar, visit the oldest railway station in St. Petersburg and discover weird and wonderful sights in this historic, beautiful city
- Highlights of Tallinn bike tour: Enjoy a leisurely bike ride to see the interesting sights of the wonderful Estonian capital, like the Fat Margaret Tower, Pirita Convent ruins and the location of the Eurovision Song Contest
- Beautiful canal cruise: See the famous sights of Helsinki from boat as we cruise the beautiful shoreline
- Experience Danish culture, explore the city like a local and understand the importance of 'hygge'

Inspiring Taste

- Enjoy a local dining experience in St Petersburg and let your tour guide share with you their love of Russian food and delicacies.

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CRUISE DETAILS

For further information on your MSC Meraviglia cruise, click [HERE](#).

Balcony cabins are included on this tour. Cabin details:

- Double bed can be converted into two single beds (on request). Wardrobe. Bathroom with shower or bathtub.
- Interactive TV, telephone and safe. Wifi connection available (for a fee). Mini bar. Air conditioning.
- Surface approx. from 19 sq.m. to 22 sq.m.* with balcony
- Cabin 8209 has a partial view.

MSC gratuities

EUR 10 per person, per cruise night - For your convenience MSC Cruises will automatically add a daily Hotel Service Charge to your shipboard account, based on your chosen itinerary and the number of days for which the services are actually provided. The Hotel Service charge serves to ensure MSC maintains the highest quality standards of service to their guests. However, should you wish to remove any of the daily Hotel Service Charge in the unlikely event that you do not receive satisfactory service, you may do so by contacting the Guest Relations Manager on board.

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payment

- Secure your package with a deposit of \$500 per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$3,499 per person 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 is Emirates (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

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- Any airline schedule changes or cancellations are beyond our control

Premium Economy or Business Class upgrades

- Premium Economy - Not available.
- Business Class upgrade available from an additional \$6,500 per person (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.

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.

The \$150pp extension supplement does not apply if selecting this option.

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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 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.

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.



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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:

- Moscow Underground (Day 2) - AUD \$109 per person
- A day in the eyes of a local in St. Petersburg (Day 5) - AUD \$109 per person
- Highlights of Tallinn bike tour (Day 7) - AUD \$49 per person
- Beautiful Canal Route (Day 8) - AUD \$49 per person
- Hygge & Happiness (Day 11) - AUD \$149 per person

Important: Please note that you will be required to take public transportation to reach the start point of each optional tour. Your tour guide will be able to provide you with some guidance while on tour and provide the best option available depending on the city.

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.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visas
- Travel insurance (recommended)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- On-board gratuities
- Shore excursions

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

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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.

Tipping

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations. You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

MSC gratuities

EUR 10 per person, per cruise night - For your convenience MSC Cruises will automatically add a daily Hotel Service Charge to your shipboard account, based on your chosen itinerary and the number of days for which the services are actually provided. The Hotel Service charge serves to ensure MSC maintains the highest quality standards of service to their guests. However, should you wish to remove any of the daily Hotel Service Charge in the unlikely event that you do not receive satisfactory service, you may do so by contacting the Guest Relations Manager on board.

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 \$1,799 per person in addition to the twin-share price.

Triple share

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Not available.

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.

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 to 20 people

Trip Style - Small Group Tour

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These tours are our proudest creations. They have been crafted for Inspiring Vacations travellers exclusively, with personal and unique experiences in mind. You will travel with only a maximum of 20 other guests. Enjoy choice features such as hand-picked accommodation, a sampling of the region's best culinary delights and a range of optional activities to choose from to best suit your travel style.

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 inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

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