



# Tour to Moscow and Saint Petersburg

## Key information

Duration: 8 days / 7 nights

Season: May - September

Tour type: Small group / individual (starting from 2 persons)

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## What's included:

Private transfer from Moscow airport to the hotel and back to St. Petersburg airport, Accommodation (7 nights in a double room), Meals: breakfast, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, Entrance fees, Transfers in air-conditioned vehicles (vaccinated drivers) and by public express train, English-speaking, local tour guide and additional local tour guide in St. Petersburg (vaccinated guides)

## What's not included:

Flights, Visa fee, Medical insurance

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## Itinerary in brief

Day 1 - Arrival in Moscow

Day 2 - Moscow City Tour

Day 3 - Moscow City Tour

Day 4 - Moscow - St. Petersburg

Day 5 - St. Petersburg City Tour

Day 6 - Kronstadt - St. Petersburg

Day 7 - Petergof

Day 8 - Departure



## Detailed itinerary

### Day 1

Arrival in Moscow – the capital and the largest city of Russia, standing on the Moskva River. After the transfer to the hotel and check-in, you'll have an evening stroll in Zaryade Park created for recreation and entertainment by an international team of architects, engineers, landscape designers and other experts. Here nature and technology, education and entertainment, history and modernity are combined and complement each other. Your first dinner will take place in a typical restaurant in Moscow city center.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Moscow*

**Meals:** *Dinner*

### Day 2

The day will be devoted to the landmarks of Moscow. Moscow, the bustling capital of Russia, is a city of wide streets filled with cars, vast parks and boulevards designed for relaxation and walks, new quarters with high-rise buildings, impressive monuments and historical estates. Your acquaintance will start from Vorobyovy Gory – a large park constructed on a slope in a bend along the banks of the Moskva River, with a territory of 137.5 hectares. It is known for its amazing nature and magnificent views that open from the look point. Your sightseeing tour will proceed to such important attractions as the triumphal arch, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior and the Kutuzowski Prospect. Next, you'll stop at the Red Square - a UNESCO Site, the most important city landmark and number one attraction for any traveler visiting Moscow. Red Square is home to a huge number of unique attractions starting from monuments, museums, temples and cathedrals, ending with other popular historical, architectural, cultural and religious tourist sites. You won't also miss the Alexander Garden and the Kremlin. The Moscow Kremlin is a fortress in the center of Moscow, the main socio-political and historical-artistic complex of the city, the official residence of the President of the Russian Federation, and one of the most famous architectural structures in the world.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Moscow*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### Day 3

On your third tour day you will head to Sergiyev Posad city located within Moscow Oblast, at the distance of about 70 km from Moscow. The city is included into the Golden Ring of Russia and is famous for its important religious sights that attract pilgrims from different corners of the world. Here you will visit the main city attraction, the Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the spiritual center of the Russian Orthodox Church. After the tour you'll have lunch with one of the monks who will tell you interesting facts about local religion. After returning to Moscow your interesting sightseeing program will continue. First you will visit the underground to admire the magnificent design of marble stations. You'll also stroll down the city's most famous street, the Arbat. With a length of about 1.2 kilometers Arbat (Old Arbat) is a cult pedestrian street in the center of Moscow, one of the oldest and most famous historical streets of the city. Old Arbat is famous for its architectural ensemble of high-quality historical buildings that frame the street, moreover, Arbat is quite well equipped: there are lanterns and benches for passers-by.

**Overnight:** *Hotel in Moscow*

**Meals:** *Breakfast, Lunch*

### Day 4

Your last day in Moscow will let you plunge into the authentic life of Muscovites. You will visit the Preobrazhenskiy Market which is the best place to try Russian delicacies and make bargain purchases. On this positive note, you will leave the capital, take the train and head to the cultural capital of Russia or its Northern Venice – St. Petersburg. Being the second largest city in the country St. Petersburg has a population of 4.8 million people. Few cities in the world can brag about so many



attractions, museum collections, opera and drama theaters, estates and palaces, parks and monuments. Your first visit will be to Hare Island, which marks the founding place of the magnificent tsarist city. In the evening you will have a chance to enjoy some free time and arrange it by our own. Those who wish can stroll along the beautiful night streets or visit traditional restaurants.

**Overnight:** Hotel in St. Petersburg

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 5

This day will be devoted to the exploration of St. Petersburg or so called "Piter". Your tour will start with the historic old town (UNESCO World Heritage Site) of St. Petersburg. You will see the Nevsky Prospect, the Alexander Column and the Church of the Resurrection of Christ. In Hermitage, you'll admire some of the most famous works of art. The State Hermitage is a museum of fine and decorative arts, one of the largest art museums in the world. It will take more than 11 years to view all of its exhibits if spending at least one minute for each one. Today the Hermitage collection contains more than 3,000,000 exhibits - paintings, graphic sheets, sculptures, works of decorative and applied art, weapons, numismatics, archaeological finds, books, photographs, documents and much more. Some of the gems of its collections are such world-known paintings as The Return of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt, Madonna Benoit by Leonardo da Vinci, The Lady in Blue by Thomas Gainsborough.

**Overnight:** Hotel in St. Petersburg

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 6

The first day destination will be the defensive city port Kronstadt located on the Baltic island of Kotlin. The port city of Kronstadt is the most remote suburb of St. Petersburg, which was founded by Peter the Great as a defensive settlement, which protected the access to the city. Its location was ideal for the development of maritime affairs. The first icebreaker in the world was built there, the Baltic Fleet appeared and hydraulic engineering innovations of that time were installed. The tour will continue to the Vodka Museum where you'll learn about the history and the process of vodka production. The day will end with a visit to St. Isaac's Cathedral designed by the French architect Montferrand.

**Overnight:** Hotel in St. Petersburg

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 7

On your last tour day, you will plunge into the impressive atmosphere of Petergof - a municipal town in Petrodvortsovy District of the federal city of St. Petersburg, located on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland. The town will welcome you with its beautiful parks, fountains and important cultural sights. More than 150 fountains, palaces, pavilions, statues, alleys, and flower beds - everything is full of grandeur and reminds of a beautiful bygone era. Your tour will include a visit to the legendary Catherine rococo palace which was once the summer residence of the Russian tsars. The most significant area in the palace is its Amber Room decorated in amber panels backed with gold leaf and mirrors. You will plunge into the splendor of the Russian Empire during the exploration of this room and learn lots of interesting facts from your guide. A farewell dinner awaits you at the end of the day; it will be a perfect end of your exciting journey.

**Overnight:** Hotel in St. Petersburg

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### Day 8

Transfer to airport, departure.





### **Booking terms and conditions**

Once we received your application, confirmed all tour details with you, we will send a deposit invoice. After the deposit of 50-100 euro per person (depending on the tour price) is received, we will start your hotel reservation and other service booking and will send your Tour Voucher with all the trip details.

### **Payment Terms**

After you have booked the tour, it is necessary to make a non-refundable deposit of 50-100 euros, which will provide our coordinators with the possibility to start organizing a trip (hotel reservation, food, transportation, etc.). Final payment could be made after your arrival on the spot. We reserve the right to cancel your booking and apply the relevant cancellation charges (detailed below) if we do not receive all payments at the due time.

### **Cancellation of the tour**

If you or a member of your group wants to cancel the tour, please, inform our company as soon as possible in writing form. Please, note that the prepayment (50-100 euros) is non-refundable; however, you can use it throughout the year and book another tour. In this case, our company will have to charge an extra 100 euros for re-booking the hotel.

### **Rights and obligations**

Tours provided by our company are planned for many months before its inception and are not the subject of change or cancellation. Under the obligation of forced circumstances (weather, holidays) we can make some changes in the itinerary, however, all that relates to services and attractions will remain unchanged.

Please note, that our tours require a minimum number of participants – 2 persons. We reserve the right to cancel the trip, if any tour will not have the minimum number of participants. We will inform you about the cancellation of the tour no later than 30 days before the start and will do the full refund of the amount paid, including the prepayment.

We also request immediately and promptly report all complaints and any claims during the tour. If possible, all problems will be solved. If the tourist does not report any complaint, the compensation will not be implemented.

Please, also note that the company AraraTour is not liable for services not included in the tour price. Our responsibility is limited only to the extent provided by our tour.

Force majeure or any other event which is beyond our control and which is not preventable by reasonable diligence on our part frees both parties from liability or obligation. In case of Force majeure, we don't issue any refund.

### **Insolvency or bankruptcy insurance**

Tour operator Arara guarantees the refund of clients' money for unfulfilled services even in the case of company's own insolvency or bankruptcy.

