

PREMIUM

# 10D7N ENCHANTING RUSSIA

TOUR CODE: ENDMES

Explore a country steeped in history and culture as you marvel at the remarkable sights of Russia.



St. Basil's Cathedral on Red square, Moscow, Russia

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### MOSCOW

- State Circus
- Moscow Kremlin
- Cathedral Square
- Assumption Cathedral
- Annunciation Cathedral
- Archangel's Cathedral
- Tsar Bell
- Tsar Cannon
- Red Square
- St. Basil's Cathedral
- GUM Department Store
- Lenin's Tomb
- Moscow Metro tour

### ST. PETERSBURG

- Peterhof
- State Hermitage Museum
- Winter Palace
- St. Isaac's Cathedral
- Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood

### SHLISSELBURG

- Fortress of Oreshek
- City Centre

### SERGIEV POSAD

- Trinity Sergius Lavra
- Sergiev Posad State History and Art Museum-Preserve

## DELICACIES

### Meal Plan

6 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 6 Dinners

## 4★ HOTELS

**MOSCOW** Holiday Inn Lesnaya  
**ST. PETERSBURG** Courtyard by Marriott Vasilievsky

\*Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered accommodation similar to this list.

## SPECIAL INCLUSION

- A boat cruise on the largest lake in Europe – Lake Ladoga
- Visit Shlisselburg and the Fortress of Oreshek
- Moscow State Circus



### DAY 1 HOME ▶ ST. PETERSBURG

#### Meals on Board

Assemble at the airport and depart for **St. Petersburg**, second largest city in Russia.

### DAY 2 ST. PETERSBURG

#### Meals on Board, Dinner

Once you arrive, Enjoy a **St. Petersburg** city tour, which will bring you to take in the sights of the **Winter Palace**, **St. Isaac's Cathedral** and the **Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood**.

### DAY 3 ST. PETERSBURG

#### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Pay a visit to **Peterhof**, an imperial estate situated just west of **St. Petersburg** that is often referred as the '**Russian Versailles**'. Marvel at the magnificent palaces and their richly decorated interiors, and beautiful fountains adorned with gilded statues of ancient **Greek** and Roman gods and goddesses that are so grand in scale they will leave you agape with wonder. **The State Hermitage Museum** is the next on the must-visit list, which comprises of five buildings that were formerly the residence of the **Tsars**. Home to one of the finest art

collections in the world, the bulk of the vast collection can be found in **the grand Winter Palace**.

### DAY 4 ST. PETERSBURG ▶ SHLISSELBURG ▶ ST. PETERSBURG

#### Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Make your way to **Shlisselburg**, where you will board a ferry at **Lake Ladoga** to that will take you to **the Fortress of Oreshek**. Originally a strategically located fortress, it was turned into a prison by the end of the **Northern Wars** for individuals who posed a threat to the Tsarist rule. Take some time to explore the city centre of **Shlisselburg**, which was listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, before heading back to **St. Petersburg** for the night.

### DAY 5 ST. PETERSBURG

#### Breakfast

Free at leisure today. Or you could take an optional day trip and rewind to medieval Russia on a full-day trip to Veliky Novgorod from **St. Petersburg**. A capital of Russia in the 9th century, this UNESCO-listed city consists of well-preserved medieval buildings and churches. Explore the riverside Kremlin with its **St. Sophia Cathedral**, see fresco-coated churches, and stroll around the

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reconstructed buildings of the open-air Wooden Architecture Museum, all built without nails.

## DAY 6 ST. PETERSBURG > MOSCOW

*Breakfast, Dinner*

Free at leisure till board a high-speed train that will take you to **Moscow**, the capital of Russia. As dusk falls, prepare yourself for a night of entertainment with a performance by the world-famous **Moscow State Circus**.

## DAY 7 MOSCOW

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Kick off the day with an exhilarating adventure to the **Moscow Kremlin**, an old fortified complex in the heart of **Moscow** that has witnessed generations of Russia's rulers and remains as the official residence of the President of the Russian Federation to this day. Home to some of the most beautiful Russian Orthodox monuments, make your way to the **Cathedral Square** to find some of the most magnificent churches that have each played their part in history. Gaze in wonder at the architectural masterpieces of the **Assumption Cathedral**, the **Annunciation Cathedral** and the **Archangel's Cathedral**, as well as the **Tsar Bell** and the **Tsar Cannon** that are displayed

on the grounds of the **Kremlin**. Thereafter, go for a sightseeing tour of the unique Russian city, which will bring you to view **the Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the GUM Department Store and Lenin's Tomb**. Last but not least, embark on a **Moscow Metro tour** of one of the world's most elaborate transport systems and discover for yourself why Moscow's Metro is also known as the most beautiful railway as well.

## DAY 8 MOSCOW > SERGIEV POSAD > MOSCOW

*Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

Take a side trip out of Moscow today and head to the pilgrim town of **Sergiev Posad**, founded by the country's most revered monk, **St. Sergius of Radonezh**, himself. Pay a visit to the **Trinity Sergius Lavra**, the most important landmark of this town as well as one of the most important monasteries of the **Russian Orthodox Church**. Admire the famous icon and other impressive works by **Andrei Rublev** within the **Cathedral**, or take a look at the collections of traditional tapestries, gold and silver tableware, and furniture and embroidery at the **Sergiev Posad State History and Art Museum-Preserve**.

DAY 9

## MOSCOW > HOME

*Breakfast*

Enjoy the rest of the day free at leisure till it is time to transfer to the airport for your flight home.

## DAY 10 HOME SWEET HOME

We hope you enjoyed your trip with EU Holidays and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

*Suggested Excursion:*

- **Veliky Novgorod Day Tour: €119**  
*These additional activities enrich your experiences; however it is entirely optional and will be at your own discretion. \*minimum group size may apply and subject to schedule.*

*Tipping Guideline: (based on 10D7N)*

- **€80 per person**

*Note:*

- **A minimum group size of 15 passengers is required for a confirmed departure.**
- **The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.**
- **Activities are subject to weather conditions.**
- **During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located to outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.**