

Christmas Spectacular
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FESTIVE ST. PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW

7 DAYS | 1 COUNTRY | 8 MEALS | FROM **US\$1550pp***

WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PETER THE GREAT ALONG THE WINTER-WHITE CARPETS OF ST. PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW – IN A DISCOVERY OF RUSSIA'S VIBRANT, MODERN CULTURE, HAUNTING HISTORY, GRAND PALACES AND THE IMPOSING RED SQUARE.



THE Icons

CITY TOUR in St. Petersburg and Moscow

SMALL GROUP SIGHTSEEING visit to the home of the Tsars on a guided tour with a group size of fewer than 25 guests, exploring the treasures of St. Petersburg's Hermitage Museum

VISIT the Hermitage Museum, the Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg and the Kremlin in Moscow

VIEW the Tsar's Winter Palace, Nevsky Prospekt, St. Isaac's Cathedral and the statue of Peter the Great in St. Petersburg, Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow

Red Square, Moscow

YOUR Holiday

DAY

1 ARRIVE ST. PETERSBURG (3 NIGHTS) Imposing, stately, magnificent – St. Petersburg extends her warm welcome for a festive sojourn that will see you visit two imperial cities cloaked in a magical winter blanket. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and light dinner at your hotel before an enchanting introduction of the city during an orientation drive. **(WR) Hotel: Courtyard by Marriott Vasilievsky**

2 ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING Admire Peter the Great's inspiring vision that culminated in the creation of a majestic city to rival Europe's most magnificent capitals. Join your Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour that will take you past the Tsar's regal Winter Palace, St. Isaac's Cathedral and the grand avenue of Nevsky Prospekt. Included is a visit to the 18th-century Peter and Paul Fortress. **(B)**

3 HERMITAGE MUSEUM VISIT AND ST. PETERSBURG Catherine the Great's cherished collection of art takes centre stage today as we 'Dive Into Culture' to enjoy a Small Group Sightseeing visit to the Hermitage Museum with a Local Specialist. Navigate the spectacular corridors that house one of the world's largest and most valuable art collections representing the development of world culture and art from the Stone Age to the 20th century. Spend the rest of the day exploring the grand boulevards, golden spires and regal façades of this great city. Why not end your St. Petersburg visit in a colourful whirl of traditional dance at a Russian folklore show? **(B, 🇷🇺)**

4 ST. PETERSBURG – HIGH-SPEED TRAIN -- MOSCOW (3 NIGHTS) Tuck into hearty Russian fare before embarking by high-speed train to Moscow, passing a wintery landscape of soaring church spires and small villages. The Russian capital wears its extraordinary triumphs and tumultuous history on its sleeve and we have an opportunity to explore both over the next few days. Follow the imposing red walls of the Kremlin and chilly banks of the Moskva River on this exploration of Russia's political, economic, religious and financial hub. **(B) Hotel: Marriott Tverskaya**

5 MOSCOW CHRISTMAS MARKETS An enchanting winter wonderland awaits as we admire the more than 400 dazzling light installations that illuminate the city for its annual Christmas Light festival. Stroll through city squares that come alive with Christmas Market stalls. Smells of mulled wine, gingerbread and caviar-filled crepes fill the air while stalls spill over with an astounding array of handcrafted gifts. Join a Local Specialist on a sightseeing tour to see the vibrant façade of St. Basil's Cathedral and visit the Kremlin. There's plenty of time later to stock up on festive souvenirs and explore one of the world's grandest cities on your own terms. **(B)**

6 MOSCOW AND FREE DAY Moscow's fascinating history and culture are yours to explore today. Spend your full day at leisure discovering the victories and tragedies that have shaped this magnificent city, from the elegant frescoed metro stations to the sad graveyard of Fallen Monuments. Consider visiting one of the city's museums or take an Optional Experience to Sergiyev Posad, the largest religious and cultural centre in Russia. Our journey together is almost at its end as we join our travel companions for a Farewell Dinner. **(B, FD)**

7 DEPART MOSCOW For now it's time to say a fond *do svidaniya* to two great Russian cities. Airport transfers are available. Conditions apply. **(B)**



TRAVEL DIRECTOR Tip

When in Moscow's Red Square, pay a quick visit to the Kilometre Marker, which measures distances from the Russian capital to all the regions of the world's largest country. Don't forget to toss a coin over your shoulder as you stand on it, which legend has it, will secure your speedy return to this glorious city.

Malcolm Macrae

YOUR HOLIDAY Planner

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| Start | End | Twin Share | Start | End | Twin Share |
| St. Petersburg | Moscow | | St. Petersburg | Moscow | |
| WE 11 DEC | TU 17 DEC | 1550 | 🇺🇸 SU 29 DEC | SA 04 JAN 2020 | 1650 |
| MO 16 DEC | SU 22 DEC | 1550 | | | |
| WE 18 DEC | TU 24 DEC | 1550 | MO 06 JAN | SU 12 JAN | 1550 |
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Single Supplement (add to price above): US\$420 p.p.

🇺🇸 Christmas & New Year's Eve Highlights: The 22 December 2019 departure will celebrate Christmas in St. Moscow. The 29 December 2019 departure will toast New Year's Eve in St. Petersburg. An additional Festive meal is included on these departures.



EARLY BIRD SAVINGS

SAVE up to **US\$83** p.p.

★ Young traveller discount: **SAVE US\$150**

★ Multiple trip discount: **SAVE up to US\$41**

★ Triple room discount: **SAVE US\$220** p.p.

★ Past guests: **Unlock VIP benefits**

TRIP Highlights

Here's just a sample of the many special handcrafted Trafalgar highlights included in your trip.

DIVE INTO CULTURE



Enjoy a visit to the Hermitage Museum, one of the world's largest and most valuable art collections. **(Day 3)**

MORE ABOUT YOUR Trip

* All prices are per person, twin share.

Airport transfers: On arrival at St. Petersburg Airport transfers will operate at 2.30pm and 5pm. Guests arriving later should make their own way to the hotel. Return transfers on the last travel day will arrive at Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport at 5am, 10am and 1pm at Moscow Domodedovo Airport at 6am, 10am and 12pm.

Important Visa Information: Visas are required for this trip. Please speak to your travel agent at the time of booking to assess your specific requirements. Visas cannot be issued at borders in Europe.

Gratuities: Option to pre-pay gratuities for Travel Director and Driver, US\$68 per person.

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🇺🇸 Connect With Locals 🇺🇸 Stays With Stories
WR Welcome Reception **L** Lunch
B Breakfast **D** Dinner

🇺🇸 Dive Into Culture 🇺🇸 Make A Difference
RD Regional Dinner **BMG** Be My Guest
FD Farewell Dinner