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## The Splendor of St Petersburg and Moscow

Russia officially the Russian Federation, is a European country located in Eastern Europe with a vast expanse of territory that stretches across Northern Asia. At 17,125,200 square kilometers (6,612,100 sq. mi), it is by far the largest country in the world by area, covering more than one-eighth of the Earth's inhabited land area, spanning eleven time zones, and bordering 16 sovereign nations. The territory of Russia extends from the Baltic Sea in the west to the Pacific Ocean in the east, and from the Arctic Ocean in the north to the Black Sea and the Caucasus in the south. About 146.8 million people live in the country's 85 federal subjects (including the disputed Crimea and Sevastapol) as of 2019, making Russia the ninth most populous nation in the world and the most populous nation in Europe. Russia's capital and largest city is Moscow; other major urban areas include Saint Petersburg, Novosibirsk, Yekaterinburg, Nizhny Novgorod, Kazan and Chelyabinsk..

Package Code : **CH RF 05**

Tour Duration : **8 Days & 7 Nights**

Theme : **City Tours , Family , Heritage , Hill Station , Relax**

Places : **St. Petersburg , Moscow**

Airfare Includes : **No**

### Tour Itinerary :

| Day | Place          | Hotel                                    | Meal                      | Activity   |
|-----|----------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 1   | St. Petersburg | Hotel Arbat Nord (S)                     |                           | As Per Itinerary   |
| 2   | St. Petersburg | Hotel Arbat Nord (S)                     | Breakfast Lunch<br>Dinner | St. Petersburg City Tour, Peter And Paul Fortress, Saint-Isaac's Cathedral, Nevsky Prospect Walking Tour & Kazan Cathedral |
| 3   | St. Petersburg | Hotel Arbat Nord (S)                     | Breakfast Lunch<br>Dinner | St. Petersburg Peterhof (Palace And Park) & Cruise By Neva River And Canals  |
| 4   | St. Petersburg | Hotel Arbat Nord (S)                     | Breakfast Lunch<br>Dinner | St. Petersburg Hermitage. Winter Palace & Church Of The Savior On Blood  |
| 5   | Moscow         | Holiday Inn Express -<br>Baumanskaya (S) | Breakfast                 | As Per Itinerary   |
| 6   | Moscow         | Holiday Inn Express -<br>Baumanskaya (S) | Breakfast Lunch<br>Dinner | Moscow City Tour, Christ The Saviour Cathedral, Metro Tour & Arbat Street  |
| 7   | Moscow         | Holiday Inn Express -<br>Baumanskaya (S) | Breakfast Lunch<br>Dinner | Moscow Red Square Walking Tour, Kremlin (Territory And Cathedrals) & Alexander Garden                                      |
| 8   | Moscow         | Holiday Inn Express -<br>Baumanskaya (S) | Breakfast                 | As Per Itinerary   |

### **Day 1 - Arrival**

ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT TRANSFER FROM THE AIRPORT CHECK-IN AT THE HOTEL  
OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

### **Day 2 - St. Petersburg City tour**

• BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL • MEETING WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE CITY TOUR During the tour, you will be taken to the most precious monuments of the city's rich history and original architecture carefully preserved as the world cultural heritage. You will be able to hear amazing stories and to take fine pictures of the main architectural and historical sites like Nevsky prospect, the Kazan Cathedral, the Winter Palace, Vasilevsky Island, St. Isaac Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress, the Senate Square and the Palace Square. The 3-hour sightseeing tour will allow you to get a brief but bright impression of Saint Petersburg. PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS Peter and Paul Fortress is the place of birth of Saint Petersburg, here began the foundation of this beautiful city. Today it is home to several museums, which exhibit to everyone the splendid history of Saint-Petersburg's foundation and growth. Here you may visit main museums like the Peter and Paul cathedral – the tallest building in the city center and the burial place of members of the Imperial family – the Grand Ducan Mausoleum, the Boat house, the Artillery Armory, the Mint, Engineering and Commandant's house, guardhouse and many others. The fortress also used to be a political prison as you may see during a visit to its casemates, in the XIX in became the main political prison of Russia. • FREE TIME FOR LUNCH OPTIONAL: SAINT-ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL St. Isaac's Cathedral is the largest church in Saint-Petersburg. Its construction took 40 years, and today it remains one of the most impressive buildings in the city center. Inside the cathedral, which also holds services, you may visit an exhibition telling the incredible story of its construction, represented with the authentic historical documents, plans and models. You will be impressed by its magnificent interior OPTIONAL: NEVSKY PROSPECT WALKING TOUR Nevsky prospect has always been the main street of the city, it remembers many important historical events. On both sides the street is surrounded by architectural masterpieces, keeping their own unique history. During this tour you will see the treasures of Saint Petersburg - Anichkov bridge decorated with sculptures, Catherine's garden and monument in front of the Alexandrinsky theatre, Eliseevy Merchants' Shop, Church of the Savior on blood, Kazan Cathedral, Royal square with Hermitage, Admiralty, St. Isaac's Cathedral at the left side, and much more. On the way you will meet street musicians, artists, actors and even clowns, which will let you feel the unique creative atmosphere of the city. Even Russian Emperors liked to take a walk along Nevsky prospect - today you will follow their steps! OPTIONAL: KAZAN CATHEDRAL The Kazan Cathedral was built in 1811 and is usually associated with Russia's victory over Napoleon in 1812. Its monumental construction was designed in Russian classical style, but it also carries resemblance to great St. Paul cathedral in Rome. Such resemblance was made on purpose – emperor Pavel the First wanted his city to be close to stylish Italy. All 96 columns of cathedral look at the Nevsky Street and greet people walking in the center of Saint Petersburg with its elegant beauty. Museum, which is situated inside of the cathedral, displays many relics from the Patriotic war, including banners and the heart of Field-Marshal Kutuzov. You are guaranteed to see these relics as well as spectacular Orthodox Church services. Moreover, the small park near the cathedral is the finest place to feed little birds from your hand and blend with locals. • OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

### **Day 3 - St.Petersburg Peterhof Tour**

• BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL • MEETING WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE PETERHOF (PALACE AND PARK) Located on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, 34 kilometers from St.Petersburg, spectacular Peterhof attracts thousands of tourists with its parks, palaces and, mainly, fountains. Among the suburban parks, Peterhof is probably the most famous for its fountains and is thus frequently compared to Versailles. 'The Samson' of the Grand Cascade is the most powerful and magnificent one and thus has been made a symbol of the park. As a former residence of the Emperors, Peterhof is also the home of several palaces with the Grand Palace as its main landmark. It had been destroyed by the Nazis and then carefully restored as to exhibit the splendor of the Royal way of life. You will see the halls, brightly decorated with gold, marble and numerous mirrors. The beauty of Peterhof, its marvelous fountains and palaces has left nobody indifferent, and you will probably be no exception. • FREE TIME FOR LUNCH OPTIONAL: CRUISE BY NEVA RIVER AND CANALS Saint-Petersburg is aptly called "North Venice": a boat tour on its rivers and canals is an absolute must-do there. Breathtaking views from the water and bridges over the city architecture are really worth seeing. During this tour you will see all the main points of interest of Saint-Petersburg from water and

hear the stories about its most famous bridges such as Anichkov bridge and Bridge with Golden Gryphons. You will travel along the canals and see such jewels of the city as St. Isaac Cathedral, The Church of our Saviour on the Spilled Blood and other places than will mesmerize you and make your visit to the city unforgettable. • OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

#### **Day 4 - St.Petersburg Hermitage Tour**

• BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL • MEETING WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE HERMITAGE. WINTER PALACE (MAIN COLLECTION) It is hard to imagine a trip to Saint Petersburg without visiting one of the most famous museums worldwide – the State Hermitage. Its priceless collection occupies 5 historical buildings of which the Winter Palace – the former residence of the Russian Royal family – is the most remarkable. Its rooms, decorated with marble and gold provide a fine background for the treasures of the Hermitage. You might be surprised to know that the collection of this unique museum contains over 3 million exhibits including the paintings of Leonardo da Vinci and Raphael and other famous artists; however, the collections of the Egyptian, Oriental and Ancient Greek art should not be missed as well. You will be literally overwhelmed by the beauty of the museum and will never forget this magnificent and legendary place. • FREE TIME FOR LUNCH OPTIONAL: CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR ON BLOOD This church commemorates the assassination of the Emperor Alexander II. It is situated on the very place where he was deadly wounded by terrorists. To visit this memorable place, you need to walk to the city center by the Griboedov canal, after one minute of walk from Nevsky street you'll be stunned by the beauty of its colorful domes and unusual to foreign eye Russian style of architecture. Today the church attracts numerous visitors as a museum thanks to its finest decorations and colorful mosaics. When you walk inside the building – you almost travel to another dimension, where every part of the ceiling and walls is painted with beautiful patterns and pictures from Christian history. • OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

#### **Day 5 - St.Petersburg to Moscow transfer**

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL CHECK-OUT OF THE HOTEL TRANSFER TO THE RAILWAY STATION SAPSAN TRAIN SAINT PETERSBURG - MOSCOW (2ND CLASS) TRANSFER FROM THE RAILWAY STATION CHECK-IN AT THE HOTEL OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

#### **Day 6 - Moscow City Tour**

• BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL • MEETING WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE CITY TOUR Moscow is the capital of Russian Federation and represents a unique set of old architecture masterpieces and modern high-tech buildings. If you want to know more about the history of the Russian capital, you need to take this City tour! In only a few hours, you will have a glimpse of its main landmarks, such as the Red Square, the Kremlin, the Victory Park, the White House, the Arbat, Cathedral Christ-the-Saviour, the observation platform of Sparrow hills, Lomonosov University and much more! It is an interesting and efficient introduction to Europe's biggest city. • FREE TIME FOR LUNCH OPTIONAL: CHRIST THE SAVIOUR CATHEDRAL Revisit the key cathedral of the Russian Orthodox Church, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior. Its significantly dramatic past is an integral part of the history of Russia. Consecrated in 1883 to commemorate the victory over Napoleon, the original was torn to the ground by the Soviet government in 1931 and replicated in 2000. Today, it is the biggest Orthodox cathedral in Russia, providing enough room for up to 10,000 people. You will see valuable artifacts inside such as war relics and centuries-old icons and enjoy sweeping views of the city center. OPTIONAL: METRO TOUR If you wonder why Moscow metro is considered one the most beautiful in the world, this tour is for you! It constitutes a vast museum of underground palaces with impressive interiors, statues and reliefs, monumental and decorative compositions (paintings, mosaics, stained glass and painting) and numerous labyrinths. During the tour you will visit the most remarkable stations like Komsomolskaya, Kurskaya, Kievskaya and others, with the experienced guide who will bring you a full insight into their fascinating history. OPTIONAL: ARBAT STREET Arbat Street is one of the oldest streets in Moscow. Originally it was a part of an important trade route and was home to a large number of craftsmen. In the 18th century Arbat became one of the most prestigious living areas in Moscow and then a place for the intelligentsia and artists to live. In soviet times young people used to held their meetings and protests here. The street nowadays reflects these eventful periods with its elegant buildings, a museum in the house of great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin, a lot of nice shops, cafés and restaurants, an entire wall dedicated to the pioneers of Russian rock and the impressive building of the Foreign Affairs Ministry. • OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

### **Day 7 - Moscow Red Square Walking Tour**

• BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL • MEETING WITH ENGLISH-SPEAKING GUIDE RED SQUARE WALKING TOUR Even if you have seen this place and its landmarks dozens of times, it will be a breathtaking experience to see it in real life. During the walking tour, you will have the time to take pictures of this 73,000 square meters brick-paved square surrounded by the Kremlin Walls, Lenin's Tomb, St Basil's Cathedral, Resurrection gate, GUM superstore and the Russian State Historical Museum. Turn to the left, and find yourself in one of the oldest urban public parks in Moscow - Alexander Garden. It keeps a lot of valuable architectural monuments: Kutafia tower of the Kremlin, Italian grotto, an obelisk to the 300th anniversary of the Romanov dynasty, as well as sculptures, fountains and mosaics based on popular fairytales. The guide will tell you about the numerous of important historical events, which took place on the Red square and bring you all around it to discover from different points of view. KREMLIN (TERRITORY AND CATHEDRALS) Visit one of the most well-known sights of Moscow – the Kremlin with its red brick walls and 20 towers holding their own unique history. Since its first construction in 1156 as a wooden fortress by the order of Grand Duke Yuri Dolgoruky, it has been rebuilt several times. The current appearance was formed in 1495 by the best architects of Russia and Italy. Today Kremlin is the residence of Russian President and the main symbol of the country, revered by all of its citizens. ALEXANDER GARDEN Founded in 1812, Alexander Garden is one of the oldest urban public parks in Moscow. It lies along the Kremlin's western wall and consists of three separate gardens: Upper, Middle and Lower Garden. There are a lot of valuable architectural monuments in the gardens: Kutafia tower of the Kremlin, Italian grotto, an obelisk to the 300th anniversary of the Romanov dynasty, as well as sculptures, fountains and mosaics based on popular fairytales. The biggest essential sight is the tomb of the Unknown Soldier near to the entrance to Red Square. Don't miss a guard change ceremony which takes place in front of the eternal flame every hour! • FREE TIME FOR LUNCH FREE TIME The city has significantly changed in recent decades: after its communist past, it has emerged as one of the most advanced international cities of Russia. Today it offers a huge variety of interesting sights and entertainment opportunities. There are more than 60 museums awaiting to be explored, beautiful parks, streets, restaurants in the capital. Moscow leaves nobody indifferent, and remains mysterious and magnetic for all its guests. Use your free time to explore it! • OVERNIGHT IN THE HOTEL

### **Day 8 - Departure**

BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL CHECK-OUT OF THE HOTEL TRANSFER TO THE AIRPORT DEPARTURE FROM THE AIRPORT

### **Tour Inclusions :**

1. 3 nights in hotel in St. Petersburg
2. 3 nights in hotel in Murmansk
3. 2 nights in hotel in Moscow
4. Transport services as per the program
5. English-speaking guide services as per the program
6. Meals as per program: 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 1 dinner
7. Domestic flights
8. Entrance fee as per the program

### **Tour Exclusions :**

1. International airfare
2. All personal incidental expenses
3. Items, transfers and meals not mentioned in the itinerary
4. Tipping for drivers and guides (approximately USD 5 per person / per day)

### **Tour Price (BDT) :**

| Hotel | Adult | Child with bed | Child without bed | Solo Traveler |
|-------|-------|----------------|-------------------|---------------|
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| Standard | 78400 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
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Infant Price : **N/A**

Remarks :

### **Additional Info:**

1. Hotel names may change due to availability. In such case the guests will be informed prior to their travel.
2. Package Itinerary will be designed as **per** hotel and flight availability
3. The local tourism agent has the right to make any changes in the itinerary as per requirement.
4. Rates can be changed at any time before Booking.
5. Prices are quoted on Economy fare basis if air ticket is included with the price
6. For the solo traveler the cost will be 80% extra with the cost of adult price (i.e. Adult price+80% of adult price)
7. Policy for children will be based on the hotel's advice & will be confirmed at the time of booking

### **Tour Hotels :**

| Standard Hotel                    | Star | Place          | Nights |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------------|--------|
| Hotel Arbat Nord                  | 3    | St. Petersburg | 4      |
| Holiday Inn Express - Baumanskaya | 3    | Moscow         | 3      |

### **Payment Policy :**

Advance booking fee:

1. 45 or more days before departure: BDT 15,000 per person
2. 44-20 days before departure: 50% of total amount
3. Less than 20 days before departure: 100% of the total amount

### **Cancellation Policy :**

If you cancel your holiday:

You, or any member of your party, may cancel their travel arrangements at any time. Written notification or an e-mail to that effect from the person who made the booking must be received at our offices. The applicable cancellation charges are as per the published cancellation policy below:

1. Cancellation charges per person
2. Prior to 45 days or more: Booking Fee

3. Between 44-31 days ahead of departure: 50% of tour cost
4. Between 30-16 days of departure: 75% of tour cost
5. 15 days to date of departure: 100%.
6. In case of no show: 100%

**Special condition:** Sometimes hotel do not refund the amount of the cancelled booking, in such case we will fail to refund the amount and we will refund the rest if there is any!

If we change or cancel your holiday:

We do plan the arrangements in advance. It is unlikely that we will have to make any changes to your travel arrangements. Occasionally, we may have to make changes and we reserve the right to do so at any time. If there are any changes, we will advise you of them at the earliest possible date. We also reserve the right in any circumstances to cancel your travel arrangements by assigning reasons to you.

In case of natural disaster/political condition/emergency, planned holiday may be canceled. In such cases refund will be given based on the situation.

### **Additional Info :**

1. Hotel names may change due to availability. In such case the guests will be informed prior to their travel. Sometimes they will be informed while touring.
2. Package Itinerary will be designed as per hotel and flight availability
3. The local tour manager has the right to make any changes in the itinerary as per requirement.
4. Rates can be changed at any time before Booking.
5. Prices are quoted on Economy fare basis.
6. Airfare is based on the lowest class economy fare, if fare gets high than the regular price then the package price will go up (If airfare is included with the package).
7. This package may not be available on blackout periods i.e Puja, New Year, Eid, peak season of Bali. You may have to pay extra for surcharge if travel on these occasions.
8. Chologhuri will always try to give the best experience but sometimes unavoidable circumstances can be happened. We will expect co-operation from customer end also.
9. If guests are not allowed to enter the destination country by Immigration department, Chologhuri will not take any responsibility but we will try our level best to assist in such cases.
10. We will expect punctuality from our clients while touring.