



**GIL TRAVEL**  
*Your Personal Link With The World*

# **RUSSIAN TRIO TOUR 2011**

## **Moscow, Novgorod & St. Petersburg**

### **By Private Car & Guide**

#### **7 days/6 nights**

### **Day 1, Saturday**

#### **Arrival in St. Petersburg**

Arrive St. Petersburg, Russia. The most European of Russian cities, St. Petersburg, nestled on the banks of the Neva River, is often referred to as the "Venice of the North." Meeting, arrival, and transfer by private car to your hotel. Remainder of the day is at leisure in this glorious city. (B)

### **Day 2, Sunday**

#### **St. Petersburg**



*Peter and Paul Fortress*

In the morning, meet your local guide and driver. Your half-day panoramic city tour includes a drive past some of the city's most famous sites: St. Isaac's Cathedral, one of the largest domed buildings in the world; the bronze statue of Peter the Great, founder of the city; the Admiralty building; and the extraordinary Winter Palace. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### **Day 3, Monday**

#### **St. Petersburg**

Morning half-day walking tour with a private guide to the magnificent State Hermitage Museum in the lavishly decorated Winter Palace. One of the largest art museums in the world, the museum boasts masterpieces by Leonardo Da Vinci, Raphael, Rembrandt, Monet, Picasso, and Matisse. As the collection is housed in the palace, you will also have the opportunity to explore the rooms where Russian royalty lived. Afternoon at leisure. **(B)**

### **Day 4, Monday**

#### **St. Petersburg - Moscow**



*Catherine's Palace*

Enjoy a five hour private car and guide excursion to Catherine's Palace in Pushkin (Tsarskoye Selo), the splendid country palace of the Czars. This royal palace ranks as one of the masterpieces of the world for its architecture and art. Built in 1710, it was given by Peter the Great to his wife Catherine. Later on, it was enlarged and modified following the exquisite baroque style of the famous Italian designer Bartolomeo Rastrelli. Until the Revolution, Catherine's Palace was used as the summer residence of the Imperial family. Its grandiose turquoise, white and gold facade stretches 978 feet and its most spacious room, the Great Hall, covers 9200 square feet. The park enhances the splendor of the Palace with its charming pavilions. After a tour of this fairy-tale estate, stop at Pavlovsk Palace and its extraordinary park filled with classical statues and temples, built for the son of Catherine the Great. Return to St. Petersburg. In the afternoon, private car transfer to the

Railway Station to board the Sapsan Express train to Moscow. Arrive in Moscow, the vibrant capital of Russia. Meeting, assistance and private car transfer to your hotel. (B)

### Day 5, Tuesday

#### Moscow

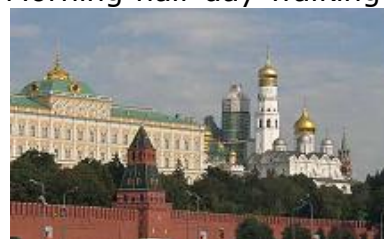


*St. Basil's Cathedral*

Your morning half-day panoramic tour by private car and guide gives you an overview of the most important sites in the city including: the University of Moscow, the Bolshoi Theater, the Olympic Stadium, and the G.U.M. Department Store, one of the largest in the world. Continue to impressive Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral, with its vividly painted onion domes. Evening at leisure. (B)

### Day 6, Wednesday

#### Moscow



*The Kremlin*

Morning half-day walking tour by private guide to the 15th century Kremlin and its imposing Cathedral Square. You'll see palaces, cathedrals and the infamous Ivan the Terrible bell tower. The highlight of the tour is a special visit to the famous Armory Museum, which includes a vast collection of Imperial Russian treasures. Afternoon at leisure. Afternoon half-day tour by private car and guide to the Tretyakov Art Gallery, which houses an extraordinary collection of Russian art from the 11<sup>th</sup> century to the present. Afternoon at leisure. (B)

### Day 7, Friday

#### En Route

Transfer by private car to the airport for your departure flights.

**(B) Breakfast    (L) Lunch    (LL) Light Lunch    (D) Dinner**

The exact order of sightseeing each day is subject to change due to weather and operational conditions.

### DATES: APRIL 2011 - MARCH 2012    Visa Required for Russia

ARRIVAL DATES	TWIN/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SINGLE OCCUPANCY
APRIL 1 – MAY 9 AUG 9 – OCT 30 FEB 25, 2012 – MAR 25, 2012	\$4,017	\$6,131
MAY 10 – JULY 17	\$4,447	\$6,863
JULY 18 – AUG 8	\$3,646	\$5,583
OCT 31 – MAR 24, 2012	\$3,807	\$6,359

- Ask for our special airfares in conjunction with this tour. Supplements & Mandatory Dinners may apply for Easter/Special Fairs & Events/ Christmas & New Years.
- Special supplements apply for hotel accommodations in Moscow during: Jun 20-23, Aug 15-20, Dec 09-15'11.
- Please inquire about reductions for weekend stays in Moscow.

**HOTELS:**

<b>CITY</b>	<b>NIGHTS</b>	<b>HOTEL</b>
ST. PETERSBURG	3	KEMPINSKI MOIKA 22
MOSCOW	3	METROPOL

**INCLUDED FEATURES:**

- Professional Tour Manager/Guide in each City
- 6 Nights Accommodations
- Sightseeing by Private Car with Private Guide & Driver in each city.
- Deluxe Express Day Train
- Meals as indicated per itinerary
- Transfers and Entrance Fees per itinerary
- Hotel Taxes & Service Charges

**Prices and itineraries may vary from what is displayed on the website.  
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