

## Grand Russia 9 Nights-10 Days

**Saint Petersburg (2N) / Tver (1N) / Suzdal (1N) / Moscow (2N) / Sochi (3N)**

### Standard :

- St. Petersburg - Holiday Inn Express or Similar
- Tver - Osnabruck or Similar
- Suzdal - SokolHotel Suzdal or Similar
- Moscow - Holiday inn or similar
- Sochi - Azimut hotel or similar

Detailed Itinerary

### Day 1 : Saint Petersburg

Welcome to Russia! Transfer to hotel by Coach. Upon arriving at the airport we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. You can enjoy free time until your tour starts. Please, check the informative posters placed at the hotel reception area, which have all the information about your upcoming services such as meeting place, time and the guide's name.

### Day 2 : Saint Petersburg

Today Highlights - St. Petersburg - Panoramic visit of St. Petersburg including Peter and Paul Fortress. Excursion to Peterhof Palace. With a local guide we begin the panoramic visit of this beautiful city crossed by the Neva River and built on 40 islands. St Petersburg is the second most important city in Russia and capital of the Russian Empire. This imperial city reveals the history of the Russian tsars through its museums, palaces, and architectural wealth. The visit includes the Peter and Paul Fortress (entrance included), origin of the city. The city is surrounded by numerous palaces. We take an excursion, with a guide and tickets, to the PETERHOF PALACE. This UNESCO heritage of mankind known as the "Russian Versailles" with magnificent fountains and gardens was one of the residences of the Tzars.

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## Day 3 : Tver

St. Petersburg- Novgorod- Valday- Tver  TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Russian plain, woodlands and lakes. Novgorod. Dinner included. We continue our journey to NOVGOROD, an exciting city that was one of Russia's most important political and cultural centres. We will visit its Kremlin (guide and entrance included), the former market district, the court of Yaroslav. Lunch included. Followed by a relaxing lunch. Then to VALDAY, a picturesque little city by a lake. We will visit the ancient monastery on an island in the lake before going on to TVER. Dinner included.

## Day 4 : Suzdal

Tver- Sergei Posad-Suzdal TODAY 'S HIGHLIGHT: Along tiny roads to see the rural areas of Russia, passing many pretty villages on our way. Tchaikovsky's house. Lunch included. We start the day with a stroll in TVER, a city on the banks of the Volga River that was the centre of a small state that was Moscow's main rival. After this, we will see some of the cities of the GOLDEN RING. A stop in KLIN where we visit the house of the brilliant composer Tchaikovsky (entrance included) . Then we carry on to SERGIEV POSAD, where we will see the Monastery of the Trinity, considered Russia's most important spiritual centre. Lunch included. In the afternoon, we travel along small roads that pass through historical cities of the Golden Ring; ALEXANDROV, with its Kremlin dedicated to Ivan the Terrible. YURYEV POLSKIY, a small provincial city with its historical Kremlin. Our route continues to SUZDAL

## Day 5 : Moscow

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Sightseeing of Suzdal. Lunch included. In the morning we will see how the famous Matryoshka dolls are made and painted, and you will get an opportunity to learn how to paint them. Then we visit SUZDAL, which for many is the most beautiful of the cities of the Golden Ring, with its canals, flowers, domes on the horizon, which give the city a fairytale-like appearance. We will visit the wooden Architecture Museum, which illustrates the former peasant life with houses built of trunks, mills and the Church of the Transfiguration. At the Monastery of St Eugen we will hear the bell concert. After this, we travel to Vladimir where we visit the majestic Cathedral of the Assumption. Lunch included. Then we continue to MOSCOW, where we will arrive in the late afternoon.

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## Day 6 : Moscow

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: City tour of Moscow with entrances to Kremlin and its main cathedrals. We will start our day with an exciting visit to Russia's huge capital city. This city unites past, present and future in a very unique way. We will visit the immense avenues, elegant shopping areas, the Red Square where Lenin's Mausoleum is, Saint Basil's Cathedral, the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. We will also enter the Kremlin with a visit to two of its main cathedrals.

## Day 7 : Moscow

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT: Viewpoint over Moscow. Checkout Great Patriotic War Museum. We will learn more about the history of Russia and its capital. We will pass by the university viewpoint, with its fantastic view over the city where newly married couples leave flowers .

## Day 8 : Sochi

Arrive sochi and transfer to hotel. Evening at Leisure

## Day 9 : Sochi

Today's Highlight: City tour of Sochi with visit to observation tower on big akhun mount, Visit to Sochi Dendarium, Stalin's Dacha, historical Centre of Sochi (Sea Port, The Cathedral of Michael the Archangel), Matesta Spring

## Day 10 : Sochi

Today's Highlight: Visit to Krasnaya Polyana , Gorki Gorod, Rosa Khutor, Gazprom Laura; Cable Way trip, Ethno Complex «My Russia», Rope adventure park Maugli , Chance to Visit Casino

## Day 10 : Sochi -Moscow- Delhi

Today's Highlight: Breakfas and checkout and transfer to airport

### Inclusions

- 07 Nights Stay **at above mentioned Hotel or similar.**
- Breakfast at Hotel
- **Return Airport Transfers**
- **Excursion:** Visit to Peterhof Palace in S. Petersburg. Hermitage
- **City tour in:** St. Petersburg, Novgorod, Tver, Suzdal, Moscow.
- **6 Meals as per Itinerary in: Novgorod, Tver, Sergei Posad, Suzdal, Suzdal, Vladimir**
- All transfers, sightseeing, meals according to above mentioned itinerary
- Peter and Paul fortress, Peterhof Palace and Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Kremlin in Novgorod, Kremlin and its Principal Cathedrals in Moscow.
- PVT Transfers: St Petersburg-Tver-Suzdal-Vladimir-Moscow



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