Bucket list journey to Moscow and St Petersburg
8 days, 7 nights

Develop an understanding and appreciation of the two capitals of Russia which would remain impossible without experiencing them in person. Embrace Moscow for its intriguing history and spectacular architecture and St Petersburg for its sparkling waterways and unrivalled elegance. The enigmatic capital, Moscow, and its younger sibling, the graceful St Petersburg, are without doubt two of Russia's greatest possessions.

To allow you to experience their sheer opulence, incredible history and endless examples of world class art, architecture and fashion, IntoRussia has combined these two accessible cities in our most popular tour, packed with exciting excursions.

The Route
Highlights

The Kremlin

Discover the treasures that lie in wait for you behind the walls of Moscow’s most famous landmark: the almighty Kremlin! Home to a myriad of the city’s most exquisite cathedrals and monuments, as well as the official residence of President Putin himself, the Kremlin remains a political landmark in Russia and is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

Armoury Chamber

A world-wide known treasure house displaying an exquisite collection of more than 4000 unique Russian artefacts including the world famous Faberge egg collection and royal carriages which once transported the great tsars and their families.

The Red Square

Stepping onto Red Square never fails to inspire. In old Russian "red" stood for the word "beautiful", and the square lives up to the original meaning of its word. The architectural marvels of the St Basil’s Cathedral and the Museum of History, the grandeur of the Kremlin and the Mausoleum are among the key impressions the Square has to offer.

St Basil’s Cathedral

St Basil’s Cathedral is one of the most recognisable buildings in the world and is an iconic symbol of Moscow. A true architectural wonder, the cathedral was commissioned by Ivan the Terrible in the 1500’s. The building is made up of nine churches connected by a web of narrow corridors; each church is lavishly decorated with intricate frescoes! A common myth is that once the building was complete, Ivan had the architects blinded to be sure that they never build anything as beautiful again.
The Bolshoi Theatre

One of the best theatre production companies in the world – the famous Bolshoi Theatre is a symbol of Russia for all time. Its history is on-going and today Bolshoi Theatre artists continue to contribute to it many bright pages. Get in touch with our Destination Experts to order tickets for one of its illustrious ballet and opera performances.

Moscow Underground

Intricately decorated, the Moscow Metro is an immense museum in itself. Your guide will lead you on a tour of the most magnificent stations, adorned with marble, mosaics and chandeliers.

Novodevichy convent

Located on the banks of the Moskva River, Novodevichy Convent is one of Moscow’s most renowned historical sites. Built in the 16th century, the architecture of the convent is that of Moscow Baroque’ style and offers a serene retreat from the lively city centre. Many of the country’s famous public figures are buried here, including writer Anton Chekov and ballerina Anna Pavlova.

Tretyakov Art Gallery

Named after its founder, Pavel Tretyakov, this gallery is one of the greatest museums in the world and is a must see for art lovers. The Tretyakov Gallery is made up entirely of Russian art and contains more than 130,000 displays spanning from the 11th century to the early 20th. Our knowledgeable guides will take you to the most popular exhibits and will inform you about the artists and the pieces themselves.
The Hermitage
Lose yourself amongst the treasures of one of Russia's best known sights and arguably the largest collection of fine art in the world. Masterpieces from artists such as Da Vinci, Rembrandt and Kandinsky make the Hermitage an unforgettable visit.

The Catherine Palace & The Amber Room
In the quaint village of Pushkin, on the outskirts of St Petersburg, lies one of the most impressive and iconic buildings in Russia; Catherine's Palace. The pastel exterior is flamboyantly embellished with gold accents and the interior is far from modestly decorated! The palace is home to the famous Amber Room with its mysterious past which our guides will tell you all about. The residence was destroyed in World War II and has been under construction ever since.

The Peter & Paul Fortress
The first structure to be built in St Petersburg, and thus the birthplace of the city, it never served its intended defensive function. Instead it has had a rich, hugely varied, and sometimes sinister history as a military base, a home of government departments, the burial ground of the Russian imperial family, the site of groundbreaking scientific experiments, and a forbidding jail that held some of Russia's most prominent political prisoners.

Your Itinerary

DAY 1, FLY TO MOSCOW
On arrival in Russia's capital you will be met by our tour leader and transferred to your hotel in the city centre. Relax or begin your adventure with independent exploration. (B)

DAY 2, MOSCOW
After breakfast at the hotel, your guide will meet you at reception at for out-of-city excursion to Gorki Leninskie. In Lenin's later years, he and his family spent time at the 1830s Murozov manor house, set on lovely wooded grounds, 32km southeast of the capital. Designed by Fyodor Shekhtel, it now houses a Lenin museum, where you can see a re-creation of Lenin's Kremlin office, as well as his vintage Rolls-Royce – one of only 15 such automobiles in the world. (B, L)
In the afternoon enjoy your three-hour city sightseeing tour with photo stops, viewing the famous landmarks and places to which you may return at your leisure. The tour sights include Red Square, the Kremlin, Sparrow Hills, Bolshoi Theatre, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Victory Park, Novodevichy Convent, the White House, and the famous Moscow streets. (B)
DAY 3, MOSCOW
Today you tour the mighty Moscow Kremlin grounds, a true political landmark. Included is a visit to the Armoury where you can find the largest collection of Fabergé eggs in the world and 9 halls of unique treasures and thousands of exhibits.
In the afternoon visit the colourful Arbat district where you can enjoy performers, market stalls and various eateries. And proceed to Moscow’s famous Metro System, where stations were built to display the beauty of Russia and to evoke pride in native Muscovites. (B)

DAY 4, MOSCOW - ST PETERSBURG
After breakfast at the hotel, check-out and be ready with your luggage. Your guide will take you to the world-famous Tretyakov Art Gallery - the magnificent collection of paintings of Russian and foreign artists.
In the afternoon we will transfer you to the railway station, where you will appreciate the convenience of the Sapsan high-speed train to St Petersburg.
In less than 5 hours and you will find yourself in the heart of the Northern Venice, where you will be met and transferred to your hotel by our guide. (B)

DAY 5, ST PETERSBURG
Get your bearings on a morning city tour and explore the best of Russia’s former capital. Explore onward to the Peter and Paul Fortress and uncover its intriguing history. (B)

DAY 6, ST PETERSBURG
Today is the day of great experiences: you will visit the Treasury of the world culture - the Hermitage. Stand back and surround yourself with one of the world’s largest art collections and view masterpieces from all time greats including Da Vinci, Monet and Michelangelo. (B)

DAY 7, ST PETERSBURG
Let’s leave St Petersburg for a while and enjoy an out-of-town excursion to Pushkin - to explore the Catherine palace or the Peterhof in May-September. Take an out of town excursion to the picturesque village of Pushkin to admire the golden domes and the Amber Room of Catherine’s Palace (January-April and October-December) or the Russian Versailles, the Peterhof (May - September). (B)

DAY 8, ST PETERSBURG
Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before transferring to the airport for your flight home as you wave goodbye to Russia, until next time! (B)

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Accommodation

Novotel Moscow Centre Hotel ****

Address
23, Novoslobodskaya Str., Moscow, 127055, Russia

Location
Conveniently located in the business part of the city center, within 5 minutes' drive from the Kremlin, Red Square and major historical sites, close to Tchaikovsky Concert Hall, Obraztsov Puppet Theatre
Sheremetyevo International Airport - 30 km

Accommodation
255 rooms
199 Non smoking rooms
4 Accessible rooms
1 Suite
2 free children in parents' room

In-room
Satellite/Cable TV, pay-per-view channel, individually controlled air-conditioning, in-room safe, WI-FI Internet access, RJ 45 outlet, mini bar, hairdryer, security peephole

Leisure
Cote Azur Restaurant: Mediterranean cuisine
Lobby Bar

Other services
Fitness Center, massage
Room service, safe deposit boxes at Reception Desk, concierge services, currency exchange, laundry & dry cleaning, ironing, theatre tickets, guarded parking lot, 24-hour security staff, public outdoor parking, pets accepted
Radisson Sonya Hotel, St Petersburg ****

Address
Liteyny Prospekt 5/19, Tsentralny district, 191187 Saint Petersburg, Russia

Location
The only hotel designed to reflect Feodor Dostoevsky's masterpiece — Crime and Punishment. All the interiors are connected to the book and the author, even signs on the doors have quotes on them so that while walking along any corridor one can read a piece from the book. The hotel is named after Sonya Marmeladova (one of the book's characters).

Accommodation
— Radisson Sonya offers 173 rooms of four categories that have special names that correspond the hotel philosophy: Standard — Conscience, Reval — Gracell, Executive — Rebirth и Suite — Egoll. All rooms have: Wi-Fi Internet, individual climate-control, telephone, safe, tea/coffee set, mini-bar, desk, make-up mirror, satellite TV.

Leisure
The Metamorfos restaurant, gorgeously decorated in the common conception of the hotel. The menu (that looks like a book) includes a great variety of dishes from Russian (incl. traditional and historical recipes) and European cuisines. There is also a Fitness Centre and Turkish baths on the territory.

Other services
24/7 room service Early breakfast from 4.30 a.m. ATM Taxi service Wake-up calls Dry cleaning

Business Facilities
Radisson Hotel Sonya has all the necessary facilities for hosting seminars, meetings and conferences. There are four conference halls that can sit from 8 to 65 people and a courtyard for official dinners and banquets. All halls are fully equipped. Hall Prologue — Meeting room (11,6 sq.m.). Sits up to 8 people. Hall Chapter I — conference hall (20,9 sq.m.). Sits from 10 to 15 people. Hall Chapter II — conference hall (25,8 sq.m.). Sits from 15 to 20 people. Chapter I and Chapter II Can be transformed into one hall (46,8 sq.m.) to sit up to 40 delegates. Epilogue — conference hall (83,6 sq.m.). Sits up to 60 delegates.
Two Capitals 2019 Departures

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Included in the price

- Arrival and Departure Transfers
- Accommodation at the Novotel Moscow Centre (Moscow) & Radisson Sonya Hotel (St Petersburg), or similar on bed and breakfast basis
- High speed train tickets in 2-class compartments from Moscow to St Petersburg
- Sightseeing with English-speaking guides as specified
- Entrance fees on sightseeing tours, except on Moscow metro
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Full Russian Visa Support

Excluded from the price

- Flight (available as an add-on)
- Tickets to Moscow Metro
- Russian visa fees paid directly to the Consulate
- Travel Insurance
- Regional Add-ons

Booking Conditions

Please note that a deposit is paid on this tour - please enquire at the booking stage
The tour operates in case there are minimum 2 pax booked per departure
Please note that we reserve the right to change hotels to similar hotels of the same standard and change the order of excursions.