



RUSSIA: ST PETERSBURG, MOSCOW AND THE GOLDEN RING

Day 1: Italy / St. Petersburg

Departure from Milan Malpensa with flights to St. Petersburg. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel. Dinner and overnight in a 4* hotel.

Day 2: St. Petersburg

Breakfast. Lunch and dinner free. In the morning, visit the Hermitage, one of the most famous museums in the world. Afternoon dedicated to sightseeing tour of the city to discover the splendor and architecture of the ancient capital. Visit of Saints Peter and Paul Fortress, the first historic core of the city, is located on the small island of Hares on the Neva River. Overnight in a 4* hotel.

Day 3: St. Petersburg

Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch and dinner at leisure. In the morning visit to the imperial summer residence in Pushkin (formerly known as the Zsarskoe Selo, the village of the Tsars), to admire the park and the palace that belonged to Catherine II. The building is considered a masterpiece of Baroque architecture, designed by the great Italian architect Bartolomeo Rastrelli, inside you can admire the opulent state rooms, including the elegant Amber room recently restored. Afternoon free for individual visits or relax. Overnight in a 4* hotel.

Day 4: S. Pietroburgo / Moscow / Sergev Posad / Suzdal (220 km)

Full board. In the early morning transfer station, from where, by train the journey is continued to Moscow. Upon arrival in Moscow, meeting with the guide and departure in the direction of Suzdal. On the way stop at Sergev Posad, the first of the cities of the "Golden Ring", 75 km north-east of Moscow, stop to visit the Monastery of the Holy Trinity St. Sergius (entrance), one of the most revered in all Russia, the seat of the Patriarch of the Orthodox Church. Continuation to Suzdal (220 km), a truly museum-city, declared World Heritage by UNESCO. Upon arrival, accommodation in a 3* hotel and overnight.

Day 5: Suzdal / Vladimir / Moscow (220 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning tour of the city with the Kremlin, the Monastery of S. Eufemio and the wooden architecture museum. Continuation to Vladimir and visit the ancient, fascinating city. You will see the Cathedral of the Assumption (Dormition), S. Demetrio (exterior) and the Golden Gate (exterior). Lunch. Return to Moscow later in the evening, accommodation in a 5* hotel, dinner at leisure and overnight.

Day 6: Moscow

Full board. In the morning city sightseeing to discover the most surprising places of the Russian capital with the Red square framed by its impressive buildings, such as the Church of S. Basilio, Lenin's Mausoleum, the historic warehouses Gum (exterior); continuing with Teatral'naja Square with the famous Bolshoi Theater; Tverskaya Street, the main street of the city; Novy Arbat street, the Sparrow Hills: from which opens an unforgettable panorama of the city. In the afternoon, visit to some of the monumental stations of the Moscow metro, a real underground museum. The tour will continue in the area with a walk along the historic Arbat pedestrian street: the street of artists and songwriters. Overnight in a 5* hotel.

Day 7: Moscow

Breakfast at the hotel. Lunch in restaurant and free dinner. Visit the Kremlin (literally Fortress) has always been the heart of the political and economic life of the country, located in the geographical heart of the city on the banks of the Moskva River (Reka Moskva) from which the city of Moscow is named. The visit includes the entrance to the territory where there are historic buildings, the seat of government institutions, and stop at the Citadel for a visit to two of its cathedrals. Afternoon at leisure. Overnight in a 5* hotel.

Day 8: Moscow / Italy

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure by scheduled flight to Milan Malpensa.

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