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# Victory Day in Moscow

**CB-38** 



Moscow is an incredible city year-round, but this exclusive six-day tour offers a rare opportunity to witness Russia's Victory Day celebrations firsthand. This powerful national holiday honors the defenders of the Motherland and pays tribute to those who fought in World War II. With the Soviet Union having suffered over 20 million losses, Victory Day holds deep historical significance, and the atmosphere in Moscow during this time is truly unforgettable.

Since Soviet times, a grand military parade has been the highlight of Victory Day, featuring different branches of the armed forces, cutting-edge military equipment, and breathtaking aviation displays. This longstanding tradition not only showcases Russia's military strength but also serves as a solemn remembrance of the sacrifices made for victory in 1945.

During your extended stay in Moscow, you'll have plenty of time to explore the city's rich history and culture. You'll visit legendary landmarks like Red Square and the Kremlin, take a scenic boat cruise along the Moskva River, and tour a museum dedicated to the war's heroes.

Important Note: Your accommodation is at the five-star Hotel National, a historic gem designed by Russian architect Alexander Ivanov in 1903. While it was previously part of Marriott's Luxury Collection, it now operates independently. On Victory Day, Red Square is reserved for veterans and government officials, with surrounding areas closed to the public. This tour provides the best available viewing point of the parade columns as they march toward Red Square. While access to the square itself is restricted, you'll be able to watch the impressive procession from the hotel's public areas, such as the restaurant, which offers a prime view of the main street. You may also choose to step outside to watch from the street, but security restrictions may limit access to the area. For an even better experience, you have the option to upgrade to a room with a street view.

# **DEPARTURE DATES:**

### **ITINERARY**

**Day 1 - Moscow**Arrival in Moscow. Transfer to the Hotel

**Day 2 - Moscow**Experience Victory Day

Day 3 - Moscow Visit Poklonnaya Hill and its World War Two museum

Day 4 - Moscow Kremlin & Armoury

**Day 5 - Moscow** Moscow River Cruise

Day 6 - Moscow
Departure for the Airport

### TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Included

Accommodation
Breakfasts - daily
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Airport transfers
Visas: checking service

Not included

Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Lunches & dinners

Optional extras and upgrades
Optional excursions
Theatre and circus tickets

Practical information
City-breaks: practicalities
FAQ: travelling in Russia
Russian visa procedure
Russian debit card

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#### ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please contact us for a quote.

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- > Cradles of Russian History: Moscow & St. Petersburg (CB-22), Price from \$1,745, 8 days
- > <u>Hero Cities of Russia: Volgograd, Moscow and St. Petersburg Timeless Monuments to Heroic Russian People (CB-27),</u> Price from \$2,095, 10 days
- > <u>Luxury Tour to Moscow & St Petersburg Travel in the Style of the Tzars (CB-15)</u>, Price from \$3,195, 8 days
- > Best of Moscow & St. Petersburg Guided Tour (CB-17), Price from \$1,445, 8 days

#### INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. We have years of practical experience in dealing with tourist visas, and our in-house visa team provides assistance with completing the forms and checking the documents before consular submission. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

# USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

We have in-house visa teams in the US, UK, Germany, France and Spain. Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. You will need to post your application pack to our visa processing office including your original passport. Please allow about two weeks for each visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

# Non-USA, UK, Germany, France, Spain residents

If you are not resident in the USA, UK, Germany, France or Spain, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website: www.justgorussia.com/us/visa\_services.html

## **HOW TO BOOK**

## Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

### Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

**Online:** log on to <a href="www.justgorussia.com">www.justgorussia.com</a> and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

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When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

# Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

# Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum \$250) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments). You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

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# YOUR NOTES

On request we can organise an additional programme for you, please <u>inquire</u> about the price and availability of the optional excursions.

Please find below some space to write down your queries or comments regarding this trip.	