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Explore Russia Visa Free by Ferry from Helsinki: St. Petersburg - Moscow - 5 days VF-01

If you're short on time and don't wish to apply for a Russian visa, then this is the tour for you, a 72-hour trip taking in the highlights of Russia's two largest cities. Our professional guides and drivers will ensure that you see all the major sights of elegant St Petersburg and buzzing Moscow. You'll visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, be awed by the huge art collection at the Hermitage Museum, get up close and personal with Lenin's embalmed body in his mausoleum and of course have a tour of colorful St Basil's Cathedral in Red Square.

For your comfort, we have organized a stay in a comfortable 3* hotel in the center of Moscow before the train ride to St. Petersburg.

DEPARTURE DATES:

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Day 1 - Helsinki
Departure to St. Petersburg. Ferry Princess Anastasia

Day 2 - St. Petersburg
Exploring St. Petersburg. Peter & Paul's Fortress.
Catherine Palace & Amber Room. Departure to Moscow

Day 3 - Moscow
Highlights of Moscow: Kremlin, Armoury, Red Square.
Departure to St. Petersburg

Day 4 - St. Petersburg
Hermitage Museum. Boat Trip. Departure to Helsinki

Day 5 - Helsinki
Arrival in Helsinki

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Included

Accommodation
Ferry cabin
Breakfasts in Russia
Train - 2nd class (overnight)
English - speaking guides
Guided tours & entrance fees
Port fees
Hotel and railway transfers

Not included
Personal travel insurance
Optional excursions
Lunches & dinners
Transfers in Helsinki

Optional extras and upgrades
Optional excursions
Train compartment upgrade
Theatre and circus tickets

Practical information
FAQ: travelling in Russia
FAQ: visa-free tours
Visa-free rules
Russian debit card

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:

> Explore Russia Visa-Free by Ferry from Helsinki: St. Petersburg - 5 days (VF-02), Price from $, 5 days

> Best of Moscow & St. Petersburg Guided Tour (CB-17), Price from $1,445, 8 days
> Discovery of the Russian North: St. Petersburg, Kizhi, Solovetsky Island, Gulag Camp (KL-07), Price from $, 9 days
> 3-Star Russian River Cruise - St. Petersburg - Golden Ring - Moscow - 11 Days (CR-01), Price from $2,995, 11 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 www.justgorussia.com 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.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.com, or

Phone: call us on **+1 (917) 259 13 33**

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.

YOUR NOTES

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

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