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### DAY 1 WELCOME TO ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA!

Arrival to St. Petersburg airport, check *in*

### DAY 2 MAGNIFICENT ST. PETERSBURG

Sightseeing tour and a boat trip

### DAY 3 THE BEST MUSEUM IN THE WORLD

Tour of the Hermitage museum

### DAY 4 GOLD AND AMBER

Tour to the Catherine palace

### DAY 5 GARDENS AND FOUNTAINS

Tour to Peterhof, The Low park

### DAY 6 FROM ONE CAPITAL TO ANOTHER

High - speed train from St. Petersburg to Moscow

### DAY 7 VIVAT MOSCOW!

Sightseeing tour of Moscow with a cable car ride

### DAY 8 TREASURES OF MOSCOW

Moscow metro, Red Square, Kremlin & GUM

### DAY 9 USSIAN ART, STALIN & COLD WAR

Tretyakov Gallery & Stalin's bunker

### DAY 10 GOODBYE, RUSSIA!

Departure



# DAY 1

## Welcome to St. Petersburg, Russia!

- Arrival to Saint-Petersburg airport.  
Meeting with your guide.
- Transfer to the hotel by a comfortable bus
- Check in
- Free time



# DAY 2

## Magnificent St. Petersburg

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Sightseeing tour
- City tour of St. Petersburg

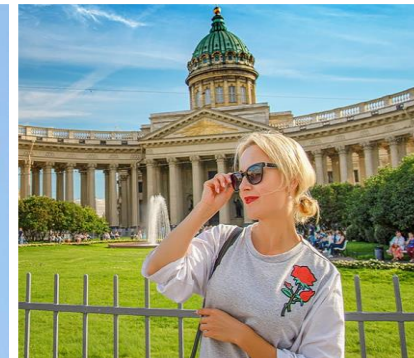
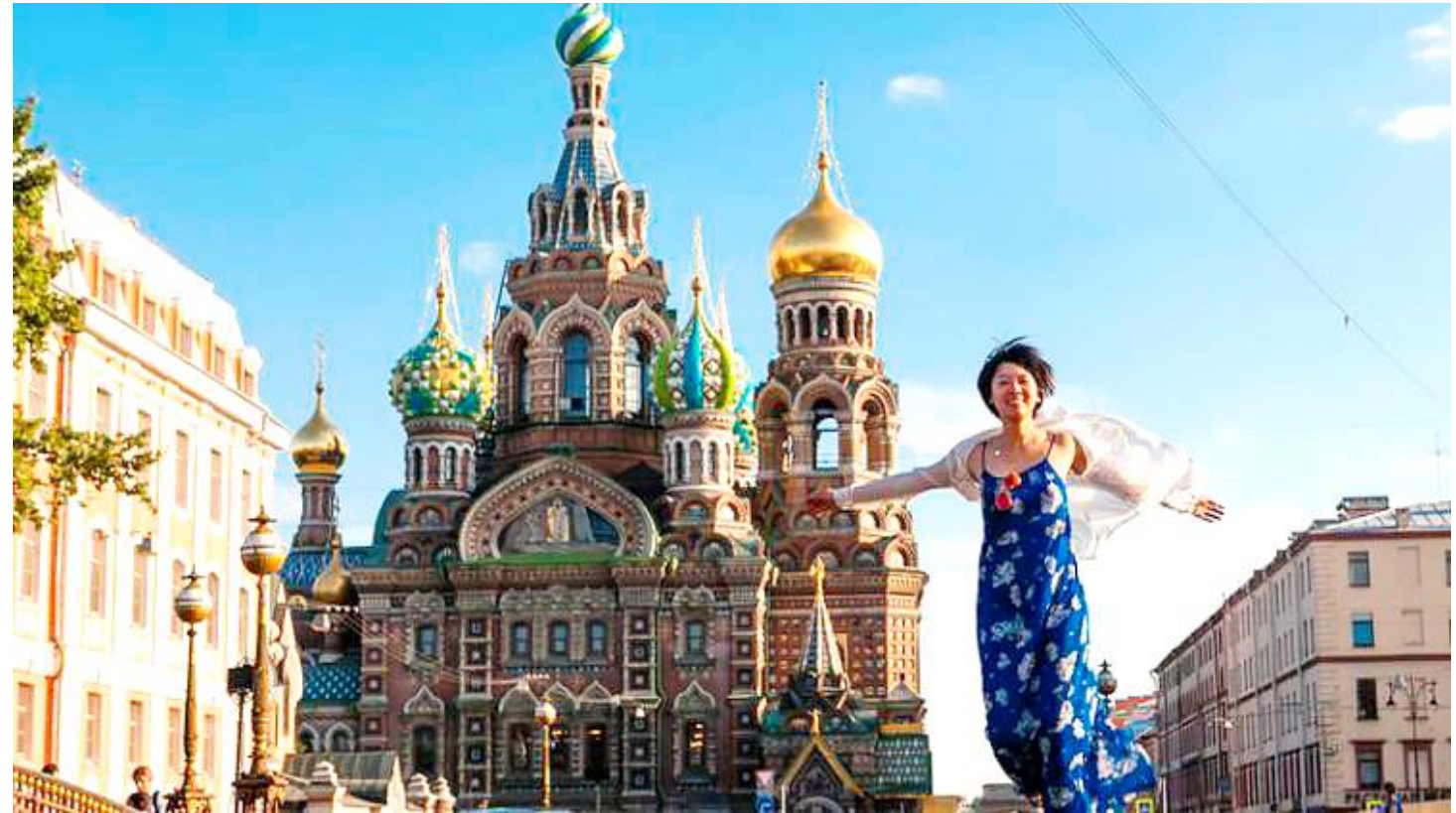
*During this sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg you will see the historical center of the city with its beautiful palaces and cathedrals, hear about the history of St. Petersburg and of course have photo stops in the most picturesque places.*

*It is good to start your visit with the city tour, for it gives you a general view of the city, and also during this tour you can decide which places you would like to come back to and see again in full detail.*

- Boat tour along rivers and canals

*The boarding site is near Nevsky Prospekt. The boat will sail down the Fontanka river past the Summer Garden and get into the main river in our city – the Neva river. The tour is one hour long. After it's over, you will be brought to the same site where it started. During the tour, our guide will tell you about St. Petersburg's rivers and canals, its numerous islands and bridges, and of course about draw bridges, above all. We'll also talk about local traditions related to bridges. Unlike other tours offered this tour is more for pleasure than for education, so just enjoy St. Petersburg!*

- Return back to the hotel
- Free time



# DAY 3

## THE BEST MUSEUM IN THE WORLD!

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Hermitage tour

*The Hermitage tour is a must with anyone who comes to St. Petersburg for the first time. Everyone will find something to their liking in this museum.*

*During the tour you will walk through the 4 of the 5 buildings of the museum complex and see the most famous interiors such as Jordan Staircase, the main reception halls of the Winter palace, the Pavilion hall with the Peacock clock, Raphael loggias and others.*

*You also will see the key masterpieces of the collection: two Madonna's by Leonardo da Vinci, The return of the Prodigal Son by Rembrandt, paintings by Rubens, El Greco and Titian.*

- Return back to the hotel
- Free time



# DAY 4

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Trip to Pushkin (or Thar's village) to see the world famous Catherine palace

*Catherine Palace – the most spectacular of all palaces in St. Petersburg's suburbs. You will see the famous Amber Room - the world's eighth wonder, stop in the Grand Hall all penetrated with light pouring through windows and reflected by a myriad of mirrors, go down the Golden Enfilade whose name speaks for itself, and see Catherine the Great's rooms.*

*After the tour of the Catherine Palace, you have another treat ahead, which is a short walking tour in the famous Catherine Park.*

- Return back to the hotel
- Free time



# DAY 5

## Gardens & fountains

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Trip to Peterhof to enjoy beautiful gardens and unbelievable fountains

*The tour of the Lower Park and the Upper Garden at Peterhof is one of our most enjoyable tours. What you have ahead is not just magnificent parks but also numerous palaces and pavilions, fine sculptures, and of course, innumerable fountains, where gold sparkles in the sunshine, and jets of water just enhance the magic effect.*

*Our guide will tell you about the history of the construction of the residence, which is very closely related to the history of our city, and about the unique water supply system designed for the fountains – the so-called Peterhof fountain conduit. We will also do a comparison between Peterhof and Versailles to see what they have in common and what makes them distinct. We will also talk about how one residence impacted the construction of the other.*

- Return back to the hotel
- Free time



# DAY 6

## From one capital to another

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out from the hotel, transfer to the central railway terminal with your guide.
- High speed train Sapsan from St. Petersburg to Moscow (about 4 h on the comfortable train).
- Arrival to Moscow, meeting with your Moscow guide, transfer to the hotel, check in.





# DAY 7

## Vivat Moscow!

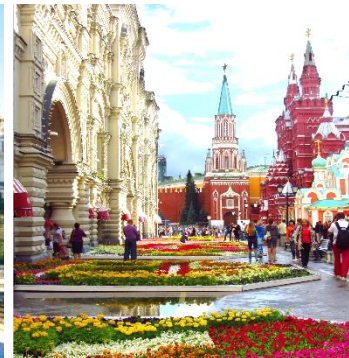
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Sightseeing City tour of Moscow with a cable car ride on the Sparrow Hills

*You will travel through the history of the city. We will move along the Moskva River embankment. On the way, you will enjoy with the views of Russian symbols such as Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral with its colorful onion, Saviour tower with a 5 pointed star at the top and continue to the Cathedral of the Christ the Savior.*

*Also you will be impressed with beauty of Sparrow hills observation spot, where you will take a cable car ride to enjoy magnificent views and panorama of the biggest Russian city. You will see Moscow state University (one of the "7 Sisters") and Novodevichy Convent.*

*Then you will travel to the Memorial Complex at Poklonnaya Hill and Victory Park, Triumphal Arch, Kutuzov Avenue, New Arbat, Boulevard ring, Pushkin square and Tverskaya street down to world-famous Bolshoy theatre which was based in 1776.*

- Return back to the hotel
- Free time



# DAY 8

## Treasures of Moscow

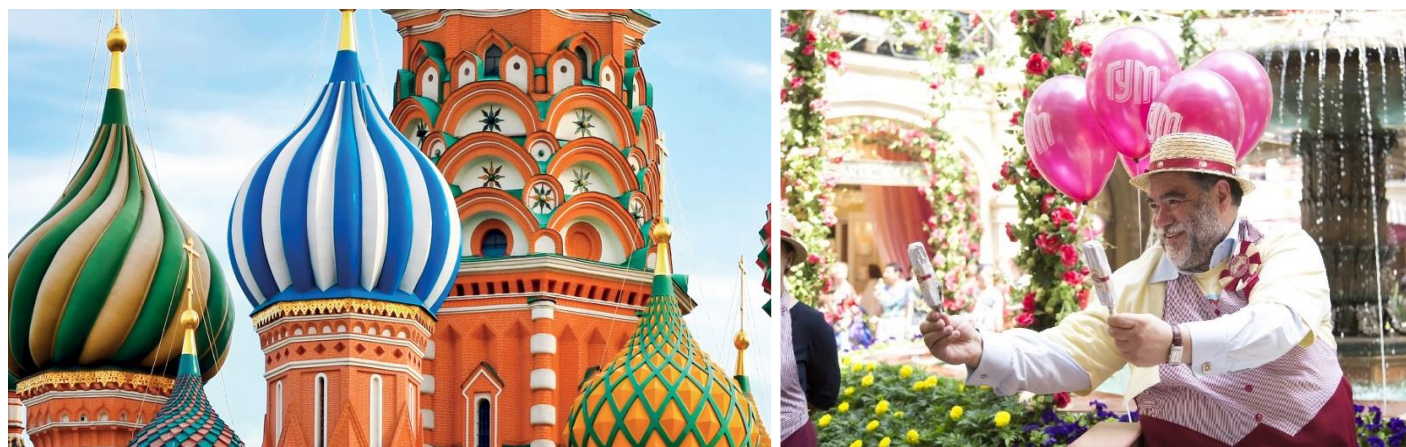
- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour of legendary famous Moscow metro, walking tour of the Red Square, Kremlin and visit to the Russian department store GUM

*This day you will start with visiting underground art of Moscow metro, dated 1935. You will see underground castles, wonderful garden, huge statues of bronze where you will make a wish.*

*Then you will proceed on a walking city tour of the very center, which includes the iconic Red Square and the stunning St. Basil's Cathedral (outside), then you will visit GUM shopping mall, which full of brands. Here you will have a chance to try famous Soviet Union ice cream.*

*Later proceed to visit Moscow Kremlin territory. The Kremlin is an ancient fortress, which is considered to be the heart of Russia. Nowadays the Kremlin is an official residence of the president of Russian Federation.*

- Return back to the hotel
- Free time



# DAY 9

## Russian art, Stalin & cold war

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tretyakov Gallery guided tour

*The State Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow is one of the largest museums in Russia with over 100 000 works of art - icons, paintings, graphics and sculpture - spanning the entire history of Russian art. Its collection of Russian art is conceded to be the best in the country.*

- Tour of the Stalin's Bunker

*In the second part of the tour you will visit a unique exhibition of the Cold War history located about 65 meters underground, Bunker-42 is a military history museum and an entertaining complex placed in the former classified military building of the USSR.*

*The bunker itself contains the Session Hall, Stalin's work office, some general rooms and a dining room decorated in the Georgian style. The interior has survived to this day without changes.*

Return back to the hotel

- Free time



# DAY 10

## Goodbye, Russia!

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out from the hotel
- Guided transfer to Moscow airport
- Departure

