



Mason City Chamber of  
Commerce Presents:

# A TASTE OF RUSSIA

**11 DAYS MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG  
APRIL 23- MAY 3, 2020**

Spend 10 unforgettable days – from Moscow to St. Petersburg – on your remarkable tour of Russia. Begin sightseeing in the capital city of Moscow with the iconic Kremlin complex, Red Square, and the Vladimir Lenin Mausoleum. See the 14th-century Troitse-Sergiev Monastery, and visit the Matryoshka Museum where you can learn how to paint your own Russian nesting dolls. Your adventure awaits!

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Meals Included

Buffet breakfasts daily  
3 lunches  
4 dinners, including dinner at a local restaurant in Novgorod

### First Class Hotels\*

MOSCOW - Holiday Inn Tagansky  
TVER - Osnabruck  
NOVGOROD - Park Inn Veliky Novgorod  
ST. PETERSBURG - Courtyard by Marriott Vasilievsky

\*Hotels are subject to change

## A TASTE OF RUSSIA

### April 23, 2020

Board your overnight flight, your tour begins the next day.

### Day 1 ARRIVE IN MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to start exploring Russia's exciting capital city. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers. (Potential for optional excursion.)  
(Dinner)

### Day 2 MOSCOW

Guided sightseeing this morning reveals just what makes Moscow so special—from the fortified KREMLIN complex and ARMOURY MUSEUM in the heart of the historic city to the iconic onion-domed St. Basil's Cathedral and Red Square with the Lenin Mausoleum. You'll also visit the splendid Moscow METRO, lavishly constructed in the early 20th century to resemble a magnificent subterranean palace. (Breakfast)

### Day 3 MOSCOW. EXCURSION TO SERGIEV POSAD

An included excursion travels to picturesque Sergiev Posad with its 14th-century TRINITY-SERGIUS MONASTERY—the Russian Orthodox equivalent of the Vatican. With its imposing white-stone façade and blue and gold onion domes, this is one of the loveliest monasteries in Russia. Then, at the MATRYOSHKA MUSEUM, discover how these famous wooden nesting dolls are crafted and painted—and learn how to paint your own. (Breakfast, Lunch)

### Day 4 MOSCOW-KLIN-TVER

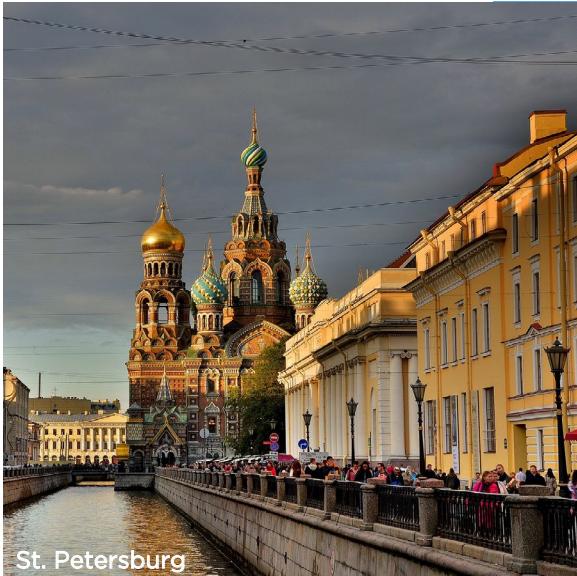
Leave Moscow and travel northwest, stopping in charming Klin. Experience the historic CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS at the local museum and have a go at decorating your own to take home. Then, explore the TCHAIKOVSKYHOUSE-MUSEUM, former country home of composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky, where he wrote Symphony No 6 (Pathétique) and spent his final days in 1893. See the areas where he lived and worked, as well as his top hat, gloves, and the luggage he took on concert tours. Overnight in Tver, dating back to the 12th century and situated at the confluence of the Volga, Tmaka, and Tvertsa Rivers. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 5 TVER-TORZHOK-NOVGOROD

Start the day with a visit to the GOLDWORK EMBROIDERY MUSEUM in Torzhok, famous for its delicate gold-wire embroidery found in artwork, insignia, and royal clothing. Next, visit the beautiful Russian Orthodox VALDAY IVERSKY MONASTERY, founded in 1653. Situated on an island on Lake Valdayskoye, it became an important center of culture and education in the 17th century, and producer of fine porcelain tiles. Arrive in Novgorod and enjoy an included dinner featuring traditional Russian cuisine at a local restaurant. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

### Day 6 NOVGOROD

Visit Novgorod, the former cultural, social, and economic hub. Discover its KREMLIN (city center) and magnificent ST. SOPHIA CATHEDRAL with its ancient frescoes, bronze 12th-century Magdeburg Doors, and five onion domes. Then, explore a recreated old Russian village with traditional izbas (homes), chapels, farmyards, and more at the OPEN-AIR VITOSLAVLITSY WOODEN ARCHITECTURE MUSEUM. Visit ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, dating back to 1119. (Breakfast)



St. Petersburg



Moscow

#### **Day 7 NOVGOROD-ST. PETERSBURG**

Depart Novgorod and push north to incomparable St. Petersburg, an important Russian port on the Baltic Sea. An orientation drive introduces you to some of the city's palaces, parks, monuments, squares, boulevards, and 600 beautiful bridges. (Breakfast, Dinner)

#### **Day 8 ST. PETERSBURG**

An architectural gem founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, St. Petersburg rivals any other European capital in splendor, beauty, and distinction. During your guided sightseeing, tour the city's main sights, including a visit to the PETER & PAUL FORTRESS and CATHEDRAL, which served as a high-security jail for political prisoners. Its most famous inmates included Dostoyevsky, Trotsky, and Peter the Great's own rebellious son, Alexei. This afternoon, consider joining our guided optional excursion to the Hermitage Museum. Housed in Peter's magnificent former Winter Palace on the banks of the Neva River, today the museum's collection boasts precious items from around the world. (Breakfast)

#### **Day 9 ST. PETERSBURG**

A whole day in St. Petersburg to do as you please. Explore on your own, or join the optional excursion to the flamboyant blue and white Catherine Palace, summer residence of the Russian tsars. You may also choose an evening canal cruise to celebrate the conclusion of your adventure. (Breakfast)

#### **Day 10 ST. PETERSBURG**

Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.  
(Breakfast)

**Exciting optional excursions are available to purchase 90 days prior to departure.**

#### **A TASTE OF RUSSIA**

**Moscow - Tver - Novgorod - St. Petersburg**

**April 23-May 3, 2020 | \$4,188/person (Double Occupancy)**

Included:

- Round-trip airfare from MSP
- Hotel accommodations
- Transfers
- English-speaking guides
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, 4 dinners



## PRICING AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**Per person air inclusive total based on double occupancy: \$4,188.00**

Single supplement = \$480

Price includes: land tour, airfare & taxes from Minneapolis (MSP)\*, roundtrip hotel transfers, sightseeing, hotels and meals as specified in the itinerary, and the services of a professional tour director.

**\*Airfare from Minneapolis (MSP) is included in your total package price.**

Air price based on group air, must have at least 10 passengers traveling from same gateway.

Air-inclusive price quotes will include all government-imposed taxes and fees applicable at the time of booking and will be shown as a Total Amount. Additional airline fees for baggage may apply. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carriers' codeshare partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date. For more information please check our website, the carrier's website, or iflybags.com for up-to-date baggage pricing/restrictions.

**Travel Protection is available for an additional \$249 per person.**

(Must be purchased at the same time of initial deposit)

This plan offers comprehensive protection for your vacation. In addition to excellent trip coverage and cancellation protection, the plan includes a Cancel for Any Reason Waiver Benefit that allows for cancellations upto 24 hours prior to departure (or prior business day, whichever is farther out) for any reason. In the event cancellation is for a non-covered reason under Travel Protection the cancellation penalty retained by Globus, minus the Travel Protection payment, will be reimbursed under the Cancel for Any Reason Waiver Benefit in the form of Travel Certificates valid for travel within two years from the original cancelled vacation start date. This Cancel for Any Reason Waiver Benefit does not cover Instant Purchase Air or independently purchased air.

\*Travel Protection rate is based on the land cost of the tour. Rate may vary with additional land services i.e. single supplements and cabin upgrades.

**Cancellations and Cancellation Fees** (If cancellation is received by Cosmos)

119 - 65 days prior to departure: \$250 per person cancelled (prior to this date all land payments are refundable)

64 - 22 days prior to departure: 20% of total price

21 - 8 days prior to departure: 30% of total price

7 - 1 days prior to departure: 50% of total price

On departure day and later: 100% of total price

Cancellation fees may also apply to any additional services, including accommodations, independently supplied services and optional excursions, reserved prior to, during and after the tour.

**Terms & Conditions:** Please refer to the Globus European Brochure or visit our web site at [www.globusjourneys.com](http://www.globusjourneys.com) for a complete list of all Terms and Conditions that may apply to this tour. Payment of the deposit to Globus constitutes acceptance of these Terms and Conditions. **Dates, prices and itineraries are subject to change.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** On trip and emergency contact information is due per person by Final Payment (2/19/2020) Passenger documents are sent 2-3 weeks prior to departure. **Travel documents will not be sent until on trip and emergency contacts are provided for each passenger. Please contact your group leader with your emergency contact information.**

Full passport information is required for all international vacations. Failure to provide full passport information will result in delayed documents.

Tour price does not include Visa to Russia. A visa is required for all passengers traveling to Russia. Either call Generation Visa Services at (800) 845-8968, email at [info@genvisa.com](mailto:info@genvisa.com) or visit their Web site at [www.genvisa.com/cosmos](http://www.genvisa.com/cosmos) for additional information. Cosmos travelers receive discounted prices and other special services. **Please contact Allyson for assistance on applying for your visa.**

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