





Welcome to Russian North. This is where the Arctic begins







INCLUDING (Bf, Ln, Dn)



START: MOSCOW

FINISH: ST.PETERSBURG

9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS TOUR

\$1550

Min. of 10-14 pax

\$1770 Min. of 4-9 pax

#### **TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:**

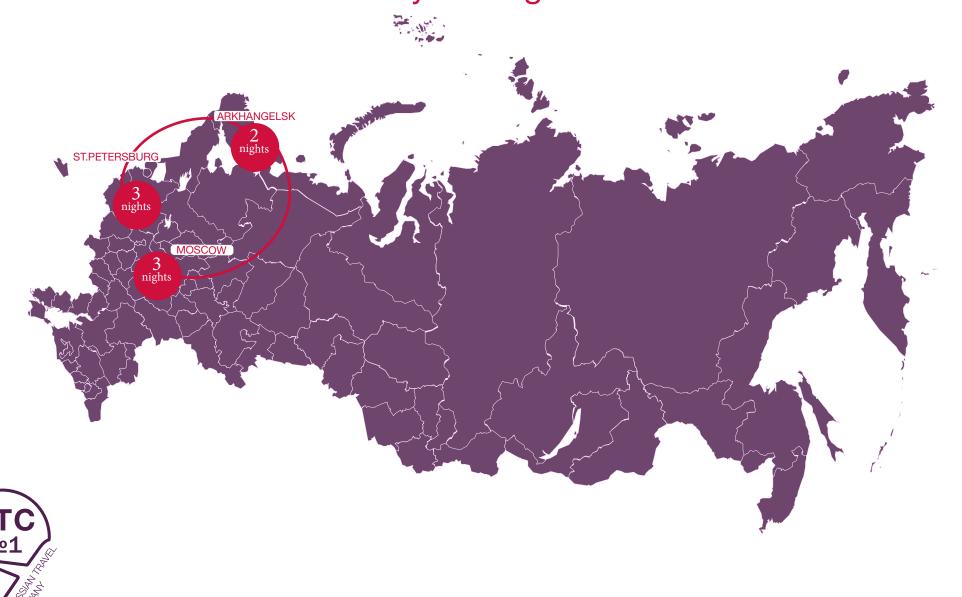
- Start your adventure to Russia by exploring the enchanting allure of Moscow.
- Discover Red Square and Moscow Kremlin, a historical marvel.
- Experience the architectural splendor of Moscow's metro with intricate designs, mosaics, and sculptures in the underground stations.
- Experience the Thrill of Moscow's Circus. Experience the magic.
- Travel north to Arkhangelsk and take the opportunity to witness the magical Northern Lights as they dance across the dark Arctic winter sky.
- Enjoy the history of the city, the diverse life of modern Arkhangelsk and its attractions.
- Discover the unique products of the Arkhangelsk seaweed plant.
- Delve into the maritime saga at the Northern Maritime Museum.
- Visit to the historical and architectural complex Arkhangelskiye Gostinye Dvorv.
- Explore the Museum of Wooden Architecture Malye. The largest openair museum in Russia, where wooden structures organically fit into the natural environment.
- Enjoy master class on folk crafts and exclusive master class on Mammoth bone carving - the only one in Russia
- Proceed to St. Petersburg and uncover the rich history and architectural marvels of the city.
- Visit Peter and Paul Fortress and Cathedral, symbolic landmark of St. Petersburg and enjoy panoramic views from the fortress walls.
- Explore the Hermitage and take a journey to Peterhof Garden and Grand Palace

#### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- 4 star accommodation for 8 nights
- Meals: 8bf, 7ln, 8dn
- English speaking guide
- Transport for transfers and excursion programme
- Entrance fees according to programme

# Route

# Arkhangelsk, Moscow and St.Petersburg 9 Days/ 8 Nights



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#### TOUR OVERVIEW

Start your adventure to Russia by exploring the enchanting allure of Moscow.

The city's historical sites, such as the Kremlin and Red Square, offer a glimpse into its past, while its modern architecture and contemporary art scene showcase its progressive spirit.

Explore Arkhangelsk with a tour, learning about its maritime heritage and modern allure.

Discover the unique products of the Arkhangelsk seaweed plant.

Delve into the maritime saga at the Northern Maritime Museum.

Depart for a trip to Malye Karely, immersing in the wooden architecture of the region and participating in a folk craft master class.

Visit the historic Arkhangelskiye Gostinye Dvory. Embark on a walking tour along Chubarova-Luchinsky Avenue.

Choose from culturally rich activities: a master class on painting Pomor gingerbread, a visit to the interactive "Arctic Embassy," or an introduction to northern bone carving. Explore Belomorskiye Uzory store for local crafts and souvenirs.

Proceed to St. Petersburg and explore majestic cathedrals, step into the lavish world of Russian royalty as you explore the luxurious interiors of the grand palaces, and admire the renowned Hermitage Museum.



#### Moscow (3 nights)

Moscow, the vibrant capital of Russia, is a city steeped in history and culture, a boasting plethora of iconic sights that captivate visitors from around the world. Moscow's rich tapestry of sights, from historic to landmarks cultural institutions, ensures that visitors are treated to a diverse array of experiences Exploring the city iconic attractions provides a glimpse into Russia's past, present, and future, making Moscow a truly unforgettable destination.



#### Arkhangelsk (2 nights)

Explore the remote beauty of Arkhangelsk, a city located on the shores of the White Sea in northern Russia. It is renowned for its fascinating history and cultural heritage. Discover the enchanting city of Arkhangelsk, known for its rich historical and cultural significance, breathtaking natural scenery, vibrant master-classes, and delicious local cuisine.



#### St.Petersburg (3 nights)

Saint Petersburg, as known Russia's cultural gem, is a city of unparalleled beauty and grandeur, boasting a rich history and a wealth of architectural marvels that enchant visitors from all corners of the globe. Saint Petersburg's array of iconic sights, from grand palaces to historic cathedrals, offers a journey through's Russia, artistic cultural, and imperial legacy. Exploring these landmarks allows visitors to immerse themselves in the city's rich and heritage architectural splendor, making Saint Petersburg destination a like no other.



# **Program Summary**

**DAY 01** 

**Destination: Moscow** 

Meals: D

Overnight: Moscow

Highlights:

Arrival at Moscow Airport

DAY 02

**Destination: Moscow** 

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight: Moscow

Highlights:

Kremlin, Red Square (Outside), Lenin's Mausoleum (Outside), St. Basil's Cathedral (Outside), Shopping center GUM, Zaryadye, Cosmonaut museum, The Cathedral of Christ the Saviour (Outside)

DAY D3 **Destination: Moscow** 

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight: Moscow

Highlights:

- Troitse-Sergiev Lavra
- Moscow Metro
- Circus

DAY **1** 

Destination:

Moscow - Arkhangelsk

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight: Arkhangelsk

Highlights:

- Arkhangelsk seaweed plant products store
- Northern Maritime Museum
- City tour
- Northern Lights

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Destination: Arkhangelsk

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight: Arkhangelsk

Highlights:

- Museum of Wooden Architecture Malye Karely
- Master class on folk crafts
- Historical and architectural complex Arkhangelskiye Gostinye Dvory



# **Program Summary**

**06** 

Destination:

Arkhangelsk - St.Petersburg

Meals: B, L, D

Overnight: St.Petersburg

Highlights:

- Chubarova-Luchinsky Avenue a unique "museum" in the open air
- Master class on northern bone carving
- Belomorskiye Uzory store

DAY **07** 

Destination:

Murmansk - St.Petersburg

Meals: B, D

Arrival to: St.Petersburg

Highlights:

- Nevsky prospect , Admiralty, Kazan Cathedral, Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, Anichkov Bridge (Outside)
- Peter and Paul Cathedral

DAY D8 Destination: St.Petersburg Highlights:

Meals: B, L, D

HermitagePeterhof Palace

Overnight: St.Petersburg

DAY D 9 Destination: St.Petersburg Highlights:

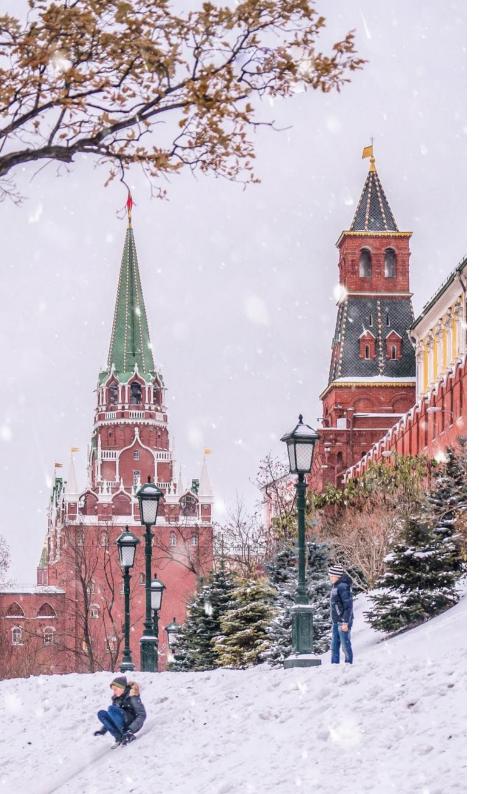
Meals: B

Overnight:

Depart St.Petersburg

Transfer to airport to take flight home

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## Day 1 Moscow

TO Dinner

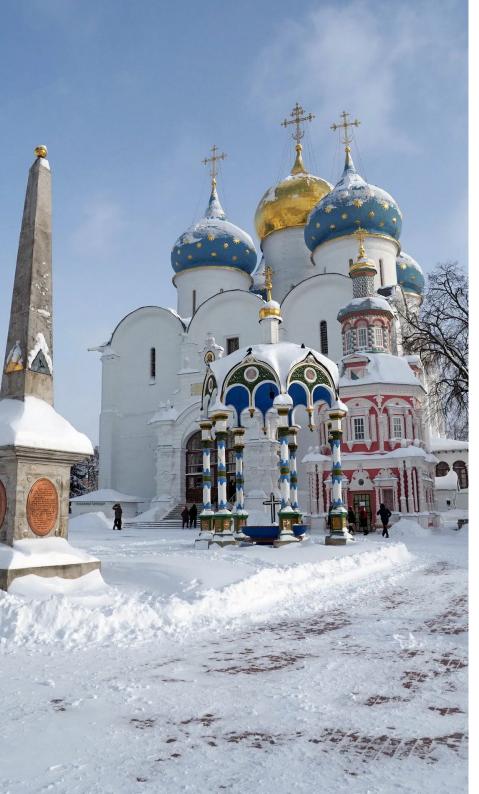
- Arrival to Moscow
- Greet with our professional guide. Transfer to the hotel
- Overnight in Moscow hotel.



## Day 2 Moscow

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

- Visit to Red Square and Moscow Kremlin, a Fortress of Splendor.
  Witness the heart of Moscow as you stroll through the iconic Red Square, surrounded by landmarks like St.Basil's Cathedral and Lenin's Mausoleum.
- Step inside the magnificent cathedrals within the Kremlin walls, including the breathtaking Assumption Cathedral and the ornate Archangel's Cathedral.
- Visit the Cosmonaut Museum: Journey to the Stars. Uncover the aweinspiring achievements of Russian space exploration, from the first manned
  mission to Yuri Gagarin to the groundbreaking work in the International
  Space Station. Get up close to authentic spacesuits and spacecraft,
  gaining a unique perspective on the challenges faced by astronauts during
  their cosmic adventures. Delve into the history of the Mir Space Station,
  a symbol of international cooperation and a testament to the remarkable
  capabilities of humanity in space.



## Day 3 Moscow

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Optional excursion to Sergiev Posad.

Troitse-Sergieva Lavra Monastery.

Visit the spiritual heart of Russian Orthodoxy at the Troitse-Sergieva Lavra Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site filled with beautiful churches and holy relics.

Indulge in the delicious flavours of Sergiev Posad, sampling traditional Russian dishes, such as borscht, blini, and pelmeni.

- In the afternoon continue back to Moscow and enjoy city tour with photo stops, including Red Square, Zarydye, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Vorobiovy Gory and other main places of interest.
- Overnight in Moscow hotel.



### Day 4 Moscow – Arkhangelsk (by flight)

#### Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner



Arrival from Moscow to Arkhangelsk (Talagi airport). Meeting at the airport and transfer to the city.



Sightseeing tour "Arkhangelsk – the first seaport of Russia". The city of Arkhangelsk occupies a worthy place among Russian cities. The city was born by the sea, and its life has been connected with the sea for centuries. The tour introduces the history of the city, the diverse life of modern Arkhangelsk, and its attractions.



Visit to the store for products of the Arkhangelsk seaweed plant, the only enterprise in Russia engaged in the extraction and deep processing of Arctic seaweed for the production of pharmaceutical raw materials, incred-ibly useful food products, and natural cosmetics.



Visit to the Northern Maritime Museum. Tour of the main exposition "Millennium of Northern Navigation". The Northern Maritime Museum is located in the historic center of the city, where Arkhangelsk began as a monastic center and as a main port. It is located in the building of the former marine station, between two piers: the former Sobornaya (now Krasnaya) and the so-called Far Expeditions pier. The museum exhibits are dedicated to the history of the maritime development of the North, starting with the maritime code written by Peter I (a reprint from 1825 is in the Sevmormuseum funds). The exhibition space is stylized as a sailing ship, where decorative structures are made in the form of various fragments of ship drawings, rigging details, elements of internal and external ship structure.



Accommodation at the Pur-Navolok Hotel.



In favorable weather conditions, the excursion "In search of the Northern Lights" is held. The colorful flashes of the polar aurora are similar to a real miracle that many people dream of seeing at least once in their life. Impressions of fantastic patterns in the sky become much brighter if you watch them away from the city, near ancient temples, surrounded by the stunningly beautiful nature of the Arkhangelsk region.

Note: The hunt for the aurora depends on many factors, sometimes beyond human control, such as cloudiness or low solar activity. It is possible to go in search of the Northern Lights on the second day of the program.



### Day 5 Arkhangelsk





Departure to Malye Karely.

An out-of-town tour to the Museum of Wooden Architecture Malye Karely (25 km from Arkhangelsk), which houses a unique collection — 120 monuments of wooden architecture of the Arkhangelsk region (churches, chapels, mills, residential and farm buildings). The largest open-air museum in Russia, where wooden structures organically fit into the natural environment. Meeting with bread and salt, tour of the Kargopol-Onega sector of the museum. During the tour, you will get acquainted with Russian wooden architecture of the 17th-19th centuries, the exceptional talent and skill of northern masters, the folk culture of the Russian North, monuments of wooden architecture of the late 16th - early 20th centuries and the secrets of their construction, the arrangement of a house-yard, how to heat the stove "black", as well as the way of life and features of the everyday life of peasants in the southwestern part of the Arkhangelsk region.



Master class on folk crafts (at your choice):

- Tetyorki baking spring ritual cookies.
- Naboyka sharing secrets of traditional crafts.
- Mezenskaya painting introducing the technique of folk crafts.

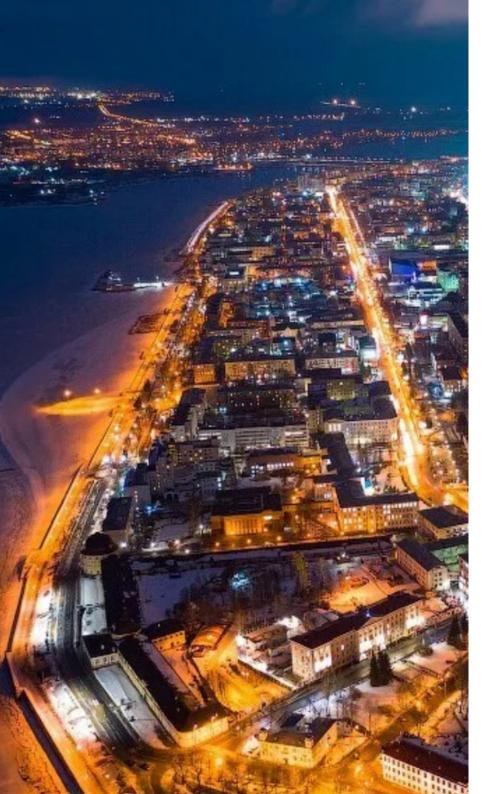
Free time on the museum grounds to explore other sectors and purchase souvenirs.



Visit to the historical and architectural complex Arkhangelskiye Gostinye Dvory. Today, the museum funds comprise 265,000 items that comprehensively reflect the historical, cultural and natural uniqueness of Pomorye. There are rarities worthy of becoming the basis for museum treasuries and exclusive exhibitions, including those of world importance: the Gospel by Tyapinsky of 1570, a collection of items from Willem Barents' wintering of 1598, things that belonged to famous august persons and statesmen (Peter I, Princess Sophia, Metropolitan Philaret, Patriarch Nikon, Mikhail Vasilyevich Lomonosov, Ioann Kronstadt and many others). There are also other items of great artistic value, for example, Kholmogory bone carving, pictorial embroidery and small plastic arts, a number of urban relics of Arkhangelsk — the carriage Berlin of the 18th century, which transported the Brunswick family, and others.



Return to the hotel along the Northern Dvina embankment.



### Day 6 Arkhangelsk – St.Petersburg (by flight)

#### Breakfast / Dinner



Walking tour along Chubarova-Luchinsky Avenue — a unique "museum" in the open air where exhibits are wooden houses in which Arkhangelsk residents lived in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The oldest

house, built in 1848, is also located here. During the walk, you can also see sculptural compositions dedicated to northern fairy tales, as well as the monument "Russian Wives — Keepers of the Family Hearth", which relates us to the history of life and everyday life of the Pomor region.



Master class on northern bone carving.

During the master class, you will learn about the history of the craft, what materials bone carving masters work with, and how the process of creating a finished product from raw materials takes place.



Visit to the Belomorskiye Uzory store. You can find there author's works and rare specimens of souvenirs in the Russian folk style, artistic wooden products with painting and carving: souvenirs, boxes, plates, salt shakers, boxes, spoons, ladles, and more; hand weaving and knitting: mittens, stockings, vests, sweaters, jackets,

socks, hats, and more; embroidered linen products: tablecloths, curtains, napkins, towels, and more; products made of birch bark: boxes, tufts; Kargopol clay toy.



Free time for visiting souvenir shops, independent walks around the city.

Recommended traditional souvenirs of the Arkhangelsk region are: wooden birds, Kargopol clay toys, wooden and birch bark products, Kholmogory bone carving, jewelry with Arkhangelsk diamonds, cosmetic

sets based on seaweed.

Recommended gastronomic souvenirs from the Arkhangelsk region are: fish, northern berries (cranberries, cloudberries, blueberries), venison, agar-agar-based jelly candies, traditional painted gingerbread "kozulya".



Transfer to the airport to take flight to St.Petersburg. Arrival to St.Petersburg



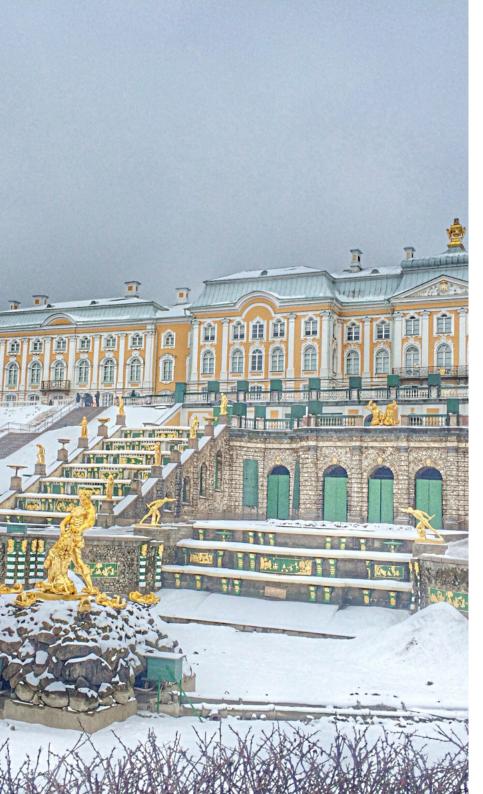
### Day 7 St.Petersburg

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast, the sightseeing city tour with photo stops. You will see Nevsky Prospect, Admiralty, Kazan Cathedral, Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, Anichkov Bridge and other attractions of Saint-Petersburg.

Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress with Cathedral, a Symbol of St. Petersburg Explore the stunning Peter and Paul Cathedral, the final resting place of Russian emperors, and marvel at its soaring spire.

Ascend the fortress walls for panoramic views of the Neva River and the picturesque cityscape of St. Petersburg.

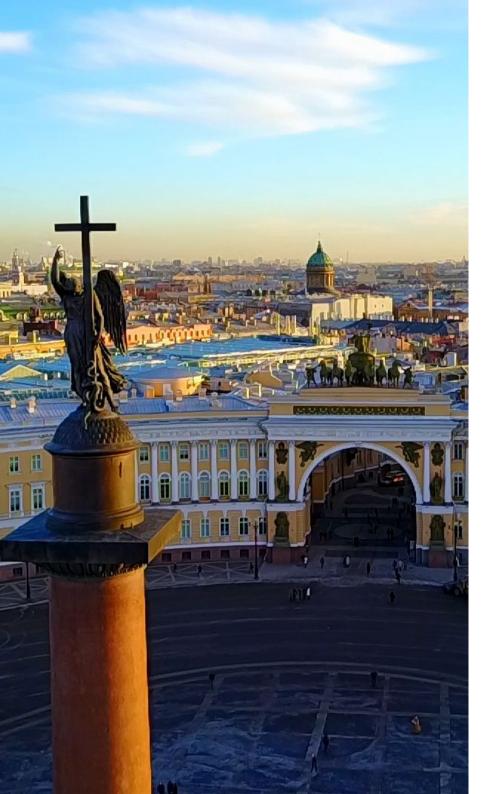


### Day 8 St.Petersburg

Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

After breakfast the visit to the Hermitage: Treasure Trove of Art. Discover one of the world's largest and most renowned art museums, housing over three million artworks, including masterpieces by Rembrandt, Michelangelo, and Van Gogh.

After lunch visit the Grand Peterhof Palace, the «Russian Versailles». Step into the lavish world of Russian royalty as you explore the luxurious interiors of the Grand Palace, adorned with priceless artwork and intricate designs.



## Day 9 St.Petersburg





Transfer to airport to take flight home.

The tour operator reserves the right to change the sequence of excursions and visits to objects.



# PACKAGE RATE

NUMBER OF PERSONS IN GROUP	RATE PER PERSON-USD
4-9 pax	From \$1770
10-14 pax	From \$1550

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