

The capitals of Russia and Scandinavia:

Itinerary for 14 days/ 13 nights

Day 1. MOSCOW.

Arrival to the Moscow airport. Meeting with guide and driver. Lunch at local restaurant. On way introduction tour. Transfer to the hotel. Check- in at the hotel. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 2. MOSCOW.

During the Sightseeing tour by Moscow city you will see the Red Square is often considered the central square of Moscow and all of Russia. The walk on the Red Square will be followed by St. Vasiliy Cathidral, wich was ordered by Ivan the Terrible to mark the 1552 capture of Kazan from Mongol forces. Also, you will appreciate the GYM- Moscow's "State Department Store", takes up almost the entire eastern side of Red Square. The Cathedral of Christ the Saviour in Moscow may be the largest Orthodox church in the world. The building is magnificent, but not as old as it



looks: it was rebuilt in 2000 after the original was demolished by Stalin. Lunch at local restaurant. After that you will have the Moscow's metro tour. The Moscow metro is probably the world's most magnificent subway. Beautiful, ornate and grand, decked out with stunning examples of socialist realist art, the Moscow Metro is the world's largest subway system in terms of passenger rides, carrying eight to nine million passengers on an average

weekday. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 3. MOSCOW.

You will visit Kremlin, Russia's mythic refuge, a self-contained city with a multitude of palaces, armories, and churches, a medieval fortress that links the modern nation to its legendary past. You will have an opportunity to visit The Armory. The treasures contained within the Armory are overwhelming. From the chalice of Yuri Dolgoruky and the helm and armor of Boris Godunov to a stupendous collection of over fifty Faberge eggs, visitors are presented with an array of objects that is staggering in its historical interest and spectacular richness.



Lunch at local restaurant.

Evening visit to the Russian Circus. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 4. MOSCOW-ST PETERSBURG

Morning visit to the Arbat Shopping Street.

Lunch at local restaurant.

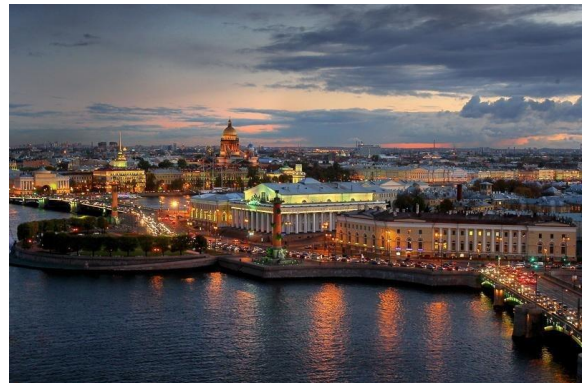
Transfer to the train station. Fast train Sapsan to St Petersburg (4 hours).

Arrival to St Petersburg. Transfer to the hotel.

Dinner. Accommodation.

Day 5. SAINT PETERSBURG.

During the Sightseeing tour you will have a look at Nevsky prospect (main street of the city), the Strelka (the eastern tip of Vasilyevsky Island), so called university campus, Theatre square, St. Nicolas Cathedral, Dostoevsky quarter, Isakievskaya square, the Aurora cruiser (the symbol of the revolution). You will make a stop on Zayatchy Island from where the city began to grow after Peter the Great laid the foundation of the Peter and Paul fortress in 1703, the first brick building of the city. St.



Peter and Paul Cathedral where all the emperors were buried since Peter the Great times is located on the territory of the fortress. The remains of Nicolas II (the last emperor of Russia) and his family were buried in St. Ekaterina's side chapel in 1998. Lunch at local restaurant. Evening river cruise along the channels. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 6. SAINT PETERSBURG.

The first part of the day will be fully dedicated to the Hermitage (Winter Palace), the residence of Russian tsars. Hermitage Museum is one of the world's biggest collections of paintings, initiated by Ekaterina II, which accommodates Dutch, English, Spanish, French and Russian painter's masterpieces. Lunch at local restaurant.

Trip to Peterhof, the country residence of Russian emperors. World-famous fountain, park, palace ensemble 30 km away from the city is also known as Russian Versailles. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 7. SAINT PETERSBURG-HELSINKI.

Breakfast. 500 km way to Helsinki. Arrival in Helsinki from St. Petersburg.

Lunch at local restaurant.

Dinner. Overnight.

Day 8. HELSINKI-STOCKHOLM.



Breakfast at the hotel.

Sightseeing tour of Helsinki with local guide (3 hrs guide and 5 hrs bus included), including Opera House, Finlandia Concert Hall, Parliament building and Temppeliaukio Rock Church, a unique house of worship blasted into solid rock and topped by a copper dome, Senate Square including Presidential Palace, Lutheran Cathedral, Mannerheim Street, Helsinki's main thoroughfare. You will see the

Parliament House, the National Museum and also Finlandia Hall, designed by the famous architect Alvar Aalto, Sibelius Park with the Sibelius Monument. Lunch at local restaurant. Transfer to Viking Line terminal. Check in and departure at 17.30
Dinner-buffet and overnight onboard in 2-bed inside cabins

Day 9. STOCKHOLM.

Breakfast on board the ship before arrival in Stockholm at 10.00.

Meet with your local guide for at 7 hours city tour. The Swedish capital's beauty is due to a unique setting on 14 islands between Lake Mälaren and the Baltic Sea, as well as the care with which city authorities control urban development and preserve historical treasures. Famous sights on the tour include the Royal Palace, the Parliament Buildings, the island of Djurgården and the Old Town (Gamla Stan), with its narrow-cobbled streets and numerous antique shops. Lunch at local restaurant.



Excursion to Skansen Open Air Museum and the Vasa Ship Museum.

The Skansen Open Air Museum is rightly one of Stockholm's most popular tourist attractions with some 150 houses and farmsteads from all over Sweden. The Vasa Museum is Scandinavia's most visited museum. The Museum was inaugurated in 1990. In the large ship hall stands the warship Vasa - the only remaining, intact 17th century warship in the world. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 10. STOCKHOLM-OSLO

Breakfast at the hotel.

Leave Stockholm by private bus and drive via Örebro and Eskilstuna to Karlstad, which stands beautifully at the mouth of the Klarälven River as it runs into Lake Vänern. Lunch at local restaurant.

Continue towards the Norwegian border and drive to Oslo. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 11. OSLO



After breakfast at the hotel meet with your local bus and guide for a 3 hours city tour of Oslo (3 hrs guide and 5 hrs bus included).

The tour includes Parliament Square, National Galleries, shopping street, Karl Johan, the Royal Palace and Akershus Castle, City Hall, and a visit to the Vigeland Sculpture Park. Lunch at local restaurant.

Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 12. OSLO-COPENHAGEN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Morning free for optional tours. Lunch at local restaurant.

Transfer to the DFDS terminal. Check in and departure at 16.30

Dinner-buffet and overnight onboard in 2-bed inside cabins (bunk beds)

Day 13. COPENHAGEN

Breakfast on board the ship before arrival in Copenhagen at 09.45.

Meet with your local guide and driver for a 3 hours sightseeing tour.



Our introduction to Copenhagen takes you through the heart of the city, passing Tivoli Gardens, the Town Hall Square, Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, the National Museum and over the canal past Christiansborg Palace, the home of the Danish Parliament. We then pass the world's oldest Royal Stock Exchange and the Naval Church. Lunch at local restaurant.

Afternoon visit to Tivoli park. Dinner.
Overnight.

Day 14. COPENHAGEN-DEPARTURE

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfer from the hotel to the airport (no assistance).

The program includes:

- Accommodation incl. breakfast at the hotel (Moscow 3 nights, St Petersburg 3 nights, Helsinki 1 night, Oslo 2 nights, Stockholm 1 night, Copenhagen 1 night)
- All transfers mentioned in the program in/out (one per group)
- Coach with air-condition during the program
- English speaking guide during the program
- Excursions with entrance ticket due to the program
- Visa support
- FB (13 dinners, 13 lunches)
- Overnight cruise on Viking Line from Helsinki to Stockholm. Inside cabins
- Overnight cruise on DFDS Seaways from Oslo to Copenhagen. Inside cabins incl.

The price does not include:

- Porterage.
- Personal insurance.
- Personal spending.
- Optional tours.

Basic hotels

Moscow – Holiday Inn Lesnaya

St Petersburg- Holiday Inn Moskovskie vorota

Helsinki- Holiday Inn Helsinki City

Stockholm- Clarion Hotel Amaranten

Oslo- Comfort Hotel Børsparken

Copenhagen- Comfort Hotel Vesterbro