

5 nights Moscow + 3 nights Saint-Petersburg + 7 nights Baltic Countries

DAY 1: MOSCOW

Arrival at the airport of Moscow.

Meet with your local English speaking guide and transfer to the hotel.

Check in the hotel

Dinner at the restaurant

Optional: Russian circus show

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 2: MOSCOW

Breakfast at the hotel.

We invite you on **sightseeing tour** for seeing the main sights of Moscow.

You'll pass the historical center of the city, see the Kremlin, the Bolshoy Theater , the Cathedral of Christ the Savior , approach Lomonosov Moscow State University to enjoy an incredible panoramic view from Vorobyevy Gory. During the excursion you'll learn the history of Moscow, the history of its development, about the way its architectural look has changed throughout various epochs, especially recently, that you can see for yourselves when coming closer to the Moscow city complex, a new business district of Moscow. to the historical city center, to the Red Square. Strolling through the biggest square of Moscow.

Lunch at the restaurant.

In the afternoon you will visit **Subway of Moscow.**

The Subway of Moscow was inaugurated in 1935 and is considered as a true underground museum. The most important artists of the time participated in its decoration. Today it is the main form of transport in the city with 300 km of lines and 182 stations, 44 of which are considered the heritage of cultural heritage of the country.

Dinner at the restaurant

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 3: MOSCOW

Breakfast at the hotel

In the morning, you visit the territory of the ancient fortress called **Kremlin**, XII century. Even now, all the major organs of political and religious government are located on its territory. We visit the Assumption Cathedral, Cathedral Arkhanguelsky, the Belfry of Ivan the Great and other monuments and Armory. It is a museum of the great treasures of Russian princes, which was founded in the fourteenth century during the government of the Great Moscow Prince Ivan Kalita. From its founding until the eighteenth century the **Armory** collected weapons, objects of gold, silver, precious stones etc.

Lunch at the restaurant.

You visit **The Memorial Museum of Astronauts** or Memorial Museum of space Exploration.

The Museum in Moscow is spacious catacombs dug under the Monument to the Conquerors of Space, sustained rocket on a huge titanium wake of 100 meters high built in 1964 next to the subway station VDNKh in the outer orbit of Russian capital. At the Museum you will see the capsule of the Vostok-1: spacecraft in which Gagarin returned to Earth, a Lunokhod (rolling Lunar artifact) or Sputnik-5, the original cage that were launched into space in 1960, doggies Belka and Strelka, who returned safe and sound unlike its congener Laika

died in orbit in 1957 after becoming the first living creature launched into space. And many other items related to space issue.

Dinner at the restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4: MOSCOW

Breakfast at the hotel

We invite you to visit small town **Sergiev Posad** is situated about 60 km from Moscow. It is a city with an amazing, colorful culture. In this small town, the most interesting monument is the monastery of the Trinity Sergius . Also

we will introduce you with Russian famous doll MATROSHKA. You will know history of this doll. You get the opportunity to see the process of painting dolls and also to get a participate in it.

Lunch at the Russian restaurant.

Back to the Moscow. **Dinner at the restaurant.**

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 5: MOSCOW- SAINT-PETERSBURG

Breakfast at the hotel& check out

In the morning you will have time for shopping

Lunch at the restaurant.

Departure to Saint – Petersburg by fast train.

Arrival and pick up at the railway station for the dinner.

Dinner at the restaurant.

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 6: SAINT-PETERSBURG

Breakfast at the hotel

Sightseeing tour of Saint – Petersburg.

During the visit, we cross Nevsky prospect- the splendid main avenue with its elegant buildings Gostiniy Dvor (the famous shopping galleries), Zinger House, Stroganov Palace and imposing Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan. Then we cross the island Vasilievskiy- the old port, the university area, we see the golden dome of St. Isaac's Cathedral. Than we turn to the miracle of the Summer Garden, stop at the Champ of Mars at the center of which stands the eternal flame and a breathtaking view of the multicolored domes of the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood opens.

Visit **The Fortress of St. Peter and Paul**. It is the historical and architectural center of St. Petersburg. It was the first building of the city founded on May 27, 1703 is considered the date of the founding of St. Petersburg.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Boat tour along the rivers and canals of St. Petersburg. Duration 1 hour.

It is one of the most beautiful walks in the city that allows to know all the splendor of the "Venice of the North", from the water you will enjoy the palaces, domes of the cathedrals and churches, administrative buildings and houses of the nobility and burgess of past centuries. All this creates a unique architectural and proper atmosphere for the best work of Peter I the Great. And it is one of the best ways to enjoy the harmony of St. Petersburg.

Dinner at the restaurant.

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 7: SAINT-PETERSBURG

Breakfast at the hotel.

In the morning visit **the State Hermitage museum.**

The museum is located in the former Winter Palace, residence of the Tsars. The Hermitage is the largest museum in Russia and one of the largest in the world, with more than 3 million works of art. It has collections of sculpture and painting, glass and porcelain, tapestries and jewelry, prints, antiquities from the classical period, weapons, medals, coins, precious books. You will find a great collection of paintings from the Italian, Flemish, French and Spanish schools. In particular works of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Rembrandt, French impressionist, Gauguin, Matisse, Van Gogh, Picasso.

Lunch at the Indian restaurant

Visit Peterhof.

Peterhof, also called the "Russian Versailles" was the main summer residence of the Tsars. Located on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, about 25 km from the city of St. Petersburg, is one of the main attractions in the old imperial capital. It is a vast complex including the Grand Palace and the park, several smaller palaces and pavilions scattered in the beautiful gardens. You can find 150 fountains and three waterfalls, the colorful "water games" and golden statues of incomparable beauty.

Dinner at the restaurant.

Overnight at the hotel

DAY 8: SAINT-PETERSBURG - VILNIUS

Breakfast at the hotel & check out.

Time for shopping.

Afternoon departure to Vilnius by plane.

Arrival in Vilnius. Transfer to the hotel. Check in.

Overnight at hotel.

DAY 9: VILNIUS – TRAKAI -VILNIUS

Breakfast buffet. In the morning panoramic **city tour of Vilnius**, capital of Lithuania.

The old town of Vilnius is one of the largest of all Eastern Europe. In 1994 this part of the city was included in the list of world heritage sites by UNESCO. Remarkable, the churches of Santa Ana and San Pedro and San Pablo, and the cathedral. Also significant, the courtyards of the old University of Vilnius (input), (founded in 1579, is the oldest university in Eastern Europe); Tower Gediminas Castle with stunning views of the city; the famous "Gates of Dawn" and the Amber Gallery.

Lunch at local restaurant selected.

In the afternoon, transfer and **visit to Trakai**, the ancient capital of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania is 27 km. East of Vilnius and is one of the favorite people of Vilnius for hiking places. Trakai Castle is located on an island in Lake Galve. It is the most famous castle and photographed throughout Lithuania. This fortification made of red brick, was built by Grand Duke Vytautas in the second half of the fourteenth century. Vytautas brought Tatars of the Crimea as a bodyguard, it is the Karaites, an ethnic group of Turkish origin who practice a unique and particular religion; their descendants still retain all the traditions of their ancestors settled there giving the city a touch of class.

Return to Vilnius. Accommodation and dinner. **Overnight at the hotel**

Day 10: VILNIUS – HILL OF CROSSES - RUNDALE - RIGA

Breakfast buffet. Departure to Latvia.

Visit the "**Hill of Crosses**" at **Siauliai**, a sanctuary for many Catholics. The first few hundred crosses were placed by the people of the region to honor the dead of the anti-tsarist revolt 1831. When Soviet authorities took power in Lithuania after the Second World War, they tried to remove the crosses on many occasions. But always returned to the crosses they appear, people made them put overnight. At present more than 50,000 crosses bear witness to the spirit of the Lithuanian people. The hill was visited by Pope John Paul II during his visit to Lithuania in 1993.

Lunch at local restaurant selected.

Departure to Rundale. **Visit the Palace of Rundale** former summer residence of the Dukes of Courland. Built in the early eighteenth century by the Italian architect Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli, who also designed the Winter Palace of the czars in St. Petersburg. The building was seriously damaged during the various wars that ravaged the country since its construction. The interior was renovated and now looks splendid palace. Large crystal chandeliers, walls lined with silk, precious stucco moldings, sculptures, huge fireplaces, halls of mirrors and all kinds of artworks and objects rich adorn different halls and rooms of the palace. The frescoes of the Italian artists Francesco Martini and Carlo Zucci, and singular beauty are the Golden Hall, the White Room, the Porcelain Room, which houses a magnificent collection of porcelain figures of different styles, and the dressing of the Duchess. Also of singular beauty, the palace gardens, French style.

Following the trip and arrival in the afternoon to the hotel in Riga.

Accommodation at the hotel. **Overnight at the hotel**

Day 11: RIGA

Breakfast buffet. **Riga sightseeing tour** known as the "Paris of the North". Riga is the largest of the three Baltic capitals with almost one million inhabitants. Located on the banks of the Daugava River, according to the ancient chronicles the city was founded in 1201 and became an important commercial center in the thirteenth century, as a town belonging to the German Hansa. He is highlighting the beauty of the old town whose buildings are reflected in all architectural styles: Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Classical, Art Nouveau, etc.

Visit Riga Central Market, the largest market in the Baltics and one of the largest in Europe. We continue our tour of the area on the boulevards of downtown Riga, where we can enjoy numerous buildings and monuments. We will see Arsenal Tower, the National Theater, the Art Nouveau buildings of the century, the Freedom Monument, the Opera House, the University of Riga and the many bridges over the Daugava River.

Visit of the Cathedral of Riga (input), better known as the Dome, the largest of the Baltic states, Gothic jewel built in 1211 closed the Daugava River. Devoted to Protestant worship, austere interiors impress with their strength: some of its walls are over two meters thick. It is famous for its spectacular organ, the largest in Europe built in 1844, four keyboards and 6,700 pipes.

Lunch at local restaurant selected.

Visit of Jurmala. The most important and traditional summer resort in the Baltic States is famous for its natural riches, mild climate and its mineral waters. But its main attraction is undoubtedly the vast sandy beach that stretches along more than 33 km., Bordered by dense pine forests, between the Baltic Sea and the river Lielupe. Admire some of the more than 3,500 traditional wooden mansions, many of them declared a National Monument, where the elite of Riga came to spend their holidays, and Jurmala give a particular character and charm.

Accommodation and dinner. **Overnight at the hotel**

Day 12: RIGA - SIGULDA - TURAIDA - GUTMANIS - PARNU - TALLINN

Breakfast buffet.

Departure to Sigulda.

Excursion to Gauja and visit Sigulda and Turaida - known as the "Latvian Switzerland". Visit the ruins of the Order of Teutonic Knights (XIII) which was connected with other small buildings through underground passages and visit the medieval castle Turaida (1214), the best preserved of all Latvia.

We will also see the Museum of Local History of Sigulda, Turaida's grave, the Gutmann Daina cave and Park sculpture park dedicated to Latvian folklore.

Lunch at local restaurant selected.

Following the trip along the road bordering the Baltic Sea has the **city of Pärnu**, the summer capital of Estonia. Sightseeing tour of Pärnu. Located 130 km south of Tallinn at the mouth of the Pärnu River and the Baltic Sea, is known as "summer capital" of Estonia by the great animation that reigns in the city during the summer, thanks the many visitors attracted for its sandy beaches and beautiful forests that surround them. The city has 750 years of history and a Hanseatic past.

We continue trip to Tallinn. Arrival and handover. Accommodation and dinner.

Overnight at the hotel

Day 13: TALLINN

Breakfast buffet.

Sightseeing tour of Tallinn. Tallinn, recognized as the oldest northern European medieval city. In today's Tallinn, capital of Estonia, you can see a perfect symbiosis between old traditions and the latest modernity. The old town is included in the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage. Unlike many European cities that have mixed old buildings with other new construction, old town of Tallinn is preserved as it was for centuries, preserving its ancient walls, with narrow cobbled streets, shining torches and secret passageways that make the city known the "Forgotten Baltic Pearl". Visit the historic city center where the famous towers "Long Hermann" and "chubby Margarete" and the town hall square and the churches of St. Olaf and St. Nicholas will visit. Toompea hill is where a large concentration of historic monuments, cathedrals Alexander Nevsky (input), Orthodox and Lutheran of Tallinn 1233; Estonia's parliament set in Toompea Castle; Art Museum of Estonia; and Kiek-in-de-Kök tower-museum built in 1475.

Lunch at local restaurant selected.

Visit the Ethnographic Open **Air Museum "Rocca-al-Mare"**. Magnificent recreation of a typical Estonian village, located in a beautiful forest along the Baltic coast. The open-air museum, which includes 72 buildings, among which are the characteristic water mills and

wind, allows visitors to discover the rural life in Estonia during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Accommodation and dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 14: TALLINN

Breakfast at the hotel. Day off. Lunch included. Accommodation at the hotel.

Optional: Visit to Helsinki - Morning transfer to the port of Tallinn to take the express ferry to Helsinki. Crossing. Arrival in Helsinki. Meeting with the guide and visit the city of Helsinki, established in 1550 and capital of Finland since 1812. Helsinki is one of the smallest capitals in the world with approximately half a million inhabitants. The Great Market Square next to the south of the port is the place from where the city opens to the world; Hence the elegant boulevard Esplanadi begins. The belt of islands and islets around the coast offers a large variety of destinations to visit. Mandatory is a visit to one of the many cafes and terraces where you can try the Finnish beer. Lunch. When I agreed transfer to the port. Arrival in Tallinn. **Overnight at the hotel.**

Day 15: TALLINN

Breakfast at the hotel.

Free time.

At the scheduled time transfer to the airport.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation 5 nights in Moscow , 3 nights in St. Petersburg incl. breakfast, 2 nights in Vilnius, 1 night in Riga, 1 night in Jurmala, 3 nights in Tallinn
- Fast train Moscow - Saint – Petersburg
- Flights tickets St.Petersburg – Vilnius
(We can change the sequence of cities in the Baltic Sea.
Transfer St. Petersburg - Tallinn 400km (bus))
- Dinners at the restaurant
- Lunches at the restaurant
- Local English speaking guides
- Entrances: The Fortress of St. Peter and Paul, The State Hermitage museum, Boat tour, Peterhof, territory of Kremlin with Cathedrals and Amory, subway tour, The Memorial Museum of Astronauts.
- Private coach
- Visa support

THE PRICE DOESN'T INCLUDE:

- Flights
- Visa documents delivery
- Personal spending
- Luggage handling