

MUSLIM WOMAN TOUR RUSSIA

13 days / 12 nights



Day -1 St. Petersburg

Arrival in **St. Petersburg**

Meeting with the guide and driver.

Lunch at Baku Azerbaijan restaurant.

Proceed for **Rivers and Canals Boat Cruise.**



Transfer to the hotel and check in.

Free time.

23.00-02.00 - **A night tour of St. Petersburg** will turn your idea of the city upside down. At night Petersburg looks completely different - mysteriously and majestically, like a dormant mystical sphinx. Beautifully illuminated historic buildings and the sparkling vistas of the Neva embankments, romantic canals and drawn bridges, the streaming light of lanterns – all this creates an unusual romantic atmosphere.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 2, St. Petersburg

Breakfast in the hotel.

Meeting with the guide.

During a **sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg**, we will get a great opportunity to get acquainted with the historical center of the city in a short time, to see the most famous squares of the city: St. Isaac's Square, Palace Square, Senate Square, etc. We will pass along Nevsky Prospect and other central streets, admire the unique architectural ensembles and monuments (Palace Bridge, Hermitage, Kazan Cathedral, Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood), see the beautiful Neva with a view of the Peter and Paul Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress, see the Spit of Vasilyevsky Island, The Bronze Horseman, Kunstkamera and much more.



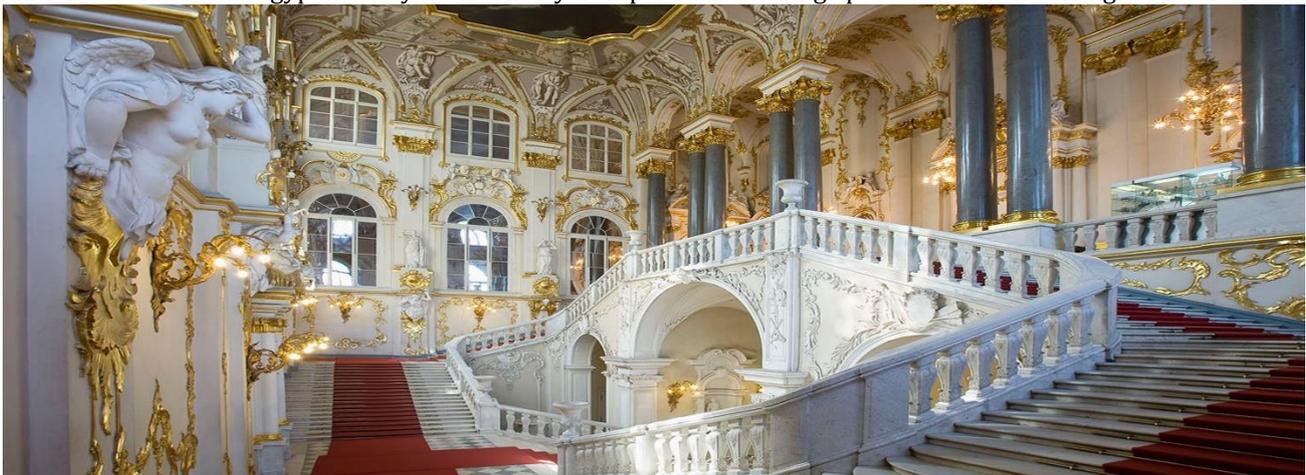
Also, you will get acquainted with the memorable places of Muslim St. Petersburg and learn about the history of the emergence of St. Petersburg, here from the beginning of the 18th century, the first Muslims began to live in difficult conditions - the builders of the future capital of the Russian Empire, the Tatar settlement and the Tatar market appeared. You will see the monument to the outstanding Tatar poet Gabdulla Tukay, who laid the foundations of national poetry and literary Tatar language. You will learn about the tragic fate of the Muslim prisoners of the "Russian Bastille" - the Peter and Paul Fortress.



Kuznechny Market visit.

Communal Apartment visit.

Visit **The Hermitage Museum** which is housed in the Winter Palace (and some other buildings), the main residence of the Russian imperial family. Magnificently located on the bank of the Neva River, this Baroque-style palace is perhaps the major attraction of St. Petersburg. The green-and-white 3-story palace has 1786 doors, 1945 windows and 1057 halls and rooms, many of which are open to the public. The Winter Palace was built in 1754-62 for Empress Elisabeth, daughter of Peter the Great. By the time it was completed Elisabeth had already died, and only Catherine the Great and her successors could enjoy their new home. The Hermitage Museum was founded in 1764 when Catherine the Great purchased a collection of 255 paintings from Berlin. Today, the Hermitage Museum is the largest art gallery in Russia and one of the largest and most respected art museums in the world, with 2.7 million exhibits from Ancient Egypt to early 20th century Europe. The Hermitage preserves a rich heritage of Muslim art.



Lunch

Free time at the Square or Galleria Mall for shopping.

Overnight in hotel

*** OPTIONAL: OPERA OR BALLET SHOW**

Day - 3, St. Petersburg

Breakfast in the hotel.

Meeting with the guide.

We will go to **Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin)** and visit the luxurious **Catherine Palace** with the **Amber Room**. We will walk around the Catherine Park, beautiful at any time of the year. We will enjoy the magnificent architecture created by the geniuses of Rastrelli, Cameron, Stasov.



Lunch at Porvorie Restaurant with Folk Dances and Songs.

In the evening visit a fabric of **Imperial Porcelain** and **paint your own queen's cup**.

Return to the hotel.

Free time.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 4, St. Petersburg

Breakfast in the hotel.

Free day.

* **OPTIONAL: Asian Museum (Institute of Oriental Russian Academy of Sciences)**

(Former Novo-Mikhailovsky Palace) is the largest oriental center in Europe.

You will visit the Museum of the History of Russian Oriental Studies, as well as a story about the inhabitants and interiors of the Grand Duke's residence.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 5, St. Petersburg - Moscow

Breakfast in the hotel. Check out.

Transfer to the railway station.

Take **SAPSAN high speed train** to Moscow (4 hours ride).

Arrival in **Moscow**. Meeting with the guide and driver.

Transfer to the hotel and check in.

Free time for refresh.

Enjoy views of the main attractions of the capital, relaxing on board a comfortable river yacht during **Moscow River Cruise**. There is a restaurant with panoramic windows, and for the best shots you can always go to the open deck.

Dinner onboard.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 6, Moscow

Breakfast in the hotel.

Meeting with the guide.

Visit **Kremlin Territory and Cathedral**. The Moscow Kremlin is a stone chronicle of Russia. As in antiquity, today history is made here. The architectural ensemble of the Moscow Kremlin includes monuments of different centuries. Here you will see the palaces of Russian sovereigns, emperors, hierarchs of the Russian Orthodox Church, as well as the residence of the President of Russia.

Halal lunch in restaurant.

After lunch we will visit the **Great Mosque of Moscow** for pray, in the museum of which gifts from foreign delegations and patrons are exhibited: a model of the mosque made from original materials, a fragment of the Kaaba cover, a mother of pearl box in the shape of the Jerusalem mosque Dome of the Rock, a Qur'an of silver of the highest standard, a 19th century box from India for storage Quran and facsimile of ancient manuscripts from Tashkent and Istanbul.



Visit **Izmaylovo Kremlin** – the biggest souvenir market of Moscow.

Paint the Russian Doll with your own design.

Return to the hotel.

Evening Free to explore the city.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 7, 1 Moscow

Breakfast in the hotel.

Meeting with the guide.

Explore Russian capital during the City Tour of Moscow. Visit **Red Square**, lined by Moscow's landmark buildings. At one end rises the onion-shaped domes of **St. Basil's Cathedral**, in front of the Kremlin stands **Lenin's Mausoleum**, while on the opposite side, the grand **GUM** department store offers a variety of glamorous goods. We will drive along the main streets and explore the main Moscow sights. You will get acquainted with the history of the capital and can see the city from different angles. We will also visit the **Sparrow Hills by Cable Car** - the largest observation platform in Moscow and see the magnificent building of Moscow University. Visit to **Christ Saviour Cathedral, Zariadie viewpoint** (with VR optional).



Lunch in Sheikh Palace or similar halal restaurant.

Photo stop at Bagration's bridge to take photos with the background of **Moscow City Skyscrapers**.

Visit **Panorama 360** – the highest observation deck in Europe on the 89th floor with unlimited residence time. We will take a high-speed elevator at a speed of 8 m / s in just 52 seconds. Here is the **real ice cream factory "Clean Line"** and the whole process of production is visible. And you can eat as much as you want for free!



Free time for shopping o Red Square and GUM.

Show at the Moscow Circus. You can enjoy all the magic of the famous Russian circus, acrobats, clowns, and an incredible example of the skill of various animals trained for the show.

Dinner in Inzhir restaurant or similar halal restaurant.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 8, Moscow

Breakfast in the hotel.

Free day.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 9, Moscow-Kazan

Breakfast in the hotel.

Free time before departure.

Late check out from the hotel.

Transfer to the railway station.

Departure to Kazan by night train (included 2nd class ticket at 4-pax cabin)

Overnight onboard

Day - 10, Kazan

8.00 am Arrival in **Kazan**. Meeting with the guide and driver.

Breakfast at the Halal restaurant

City sightseeing tour of Kazan.



Walking tour of the **Kazan Kremlin** (UNESCO World Heritage Site) is a complex of historical and archaeological monuments. Together with a guide we will visit the Cathedral of the Annunciation built in the 16th century. We will climb to the top 5th level of the Kul-Sharif Mosque.

Visit to **Museum of Islam** - gives a general idea of Islam as a world religion, introduces the role of Islam in the history and culture of the Tatar people, reflects the specific perception and contribution of the Tatars to the general culture of Islam, the peculiarities of Muslim traditions among the peoples of the Volga region.

Time for prayer at the main mosque of Tatarstan - **Kul-Sharif**.

Lunch at Halal restaurant.

Transfer to the hotel and check in. Free time for rest (near 2 hrs.)

After rest continue of Sightseeing tour.

Dinner at Halal restaurant.

20.00-22.00 **Evening tour "Lights of Kazan"** You will see how brightly elegant Kazan sparkles. You will have a great opportunity to take bright and colorful photos, as stops and exits are provided at the Kazan-Chasha family center and on the Kremlin, embankment strewn with small beads of golden lights.

22.00 Arrival at the hotel.

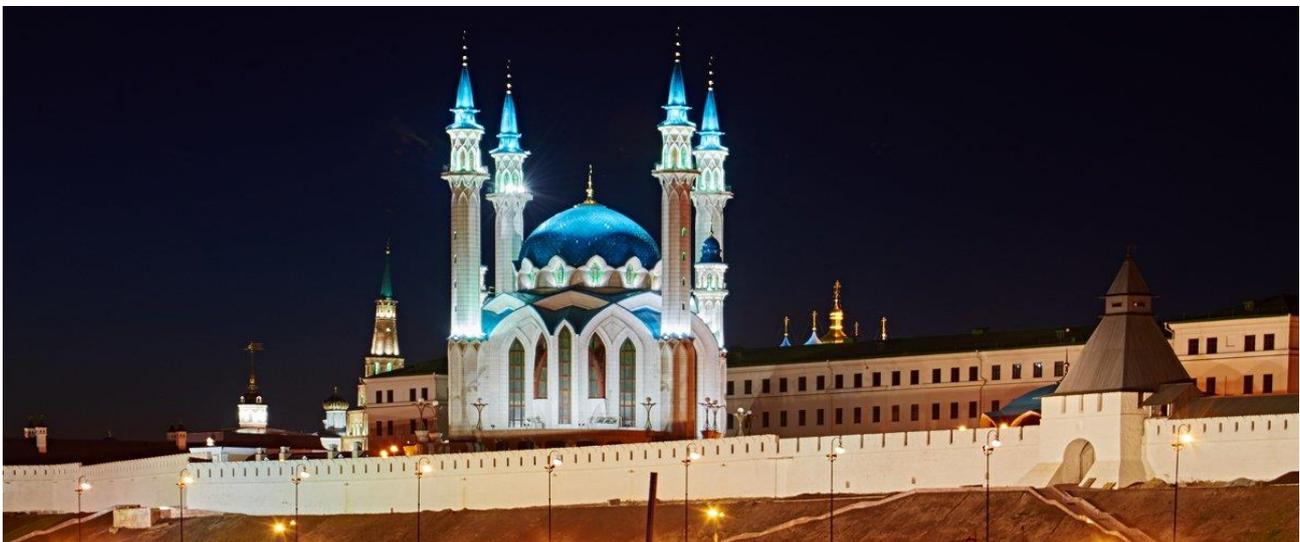
Overnight in hotel

Day - 11, Kazan

Breakfast in the hotel.

Meeting with the guide and driver.

Visit to **Temple of All Religions** (Universal Temple). This complex of structures, consisting of Orthodox and Catholic churches, Muslim and Buddhist mosques, a Chinese pagoda and even altars of disappeared religions, was not created in order to gather representatives of various faiths under one roof.



Transfer to Sviyazhsk.

Lunch at a cafe in Sviyazhsk (vegetable and fish dishes)

Visit to island-city of **Sviyazhsk** - located in the waters of three rivers: the Volga, Sviyaga and Pike. Sviyazhsk was founded in the 16th century by Ivan the Terrible as a powerful fortress, it was from here that he began his campaign against Kazan.

Excursion to the **Museum of wood and leather archeology**. The only museum in Russia!!!

Return to Kazan.

Dinner at Halal restaurant.

Arrival to the hotel. Free time.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 12, Kazan

Breakfast in the hotel.

Meeting with the guide and driver.

Walking tour along the pedestrian **street of Bauman "Kazan Arbat"**. Time for photos and souvenirs.

Walk around the **Old Tatar Sloboda** - the historical center of Kazan, which arose in the middle of the 16th century by decree of Ivan the Terrible himself. Find out how Tatar houses and Tatar life differed from the Russian way of life.

Visit to the oldest mosque in Kazan - **Al Marjani Mosque**. Time for prayer.

Lunch at Halal restaurant.

14.00-18.00 – Time for shopping at “Agropark” and “Mega” Malls.

Dinner at Halal restaurant.

Arrival to the hotel. Free time.

Overnight in hotel

Day - 13, Kazan

Breakfast in the hotel. Check out.

Meeting with the guide and driver.

Visit to the **complex "Tugan Avylym"** (from the Tatar "native village"). This is a real cozy village with log cabins and a pond, wells, an apiary, a mill and a bathhouse.



End of the program.

Transfer to the airport.