

# Tour overview

Day one

Arrival to Moscow

Your personal driver will meet you in the airport and transfer to a centrally located 4-star hotel for check in.

The rest of the day is your leisure time. You can start discovering Moscow city centre, enjoy the local food in one of the traditional restaurants.



Day two

Moscow City tour and the Tretyakov Gallery

After breakfast, local English-speaking guide will meet you at the

hotel lobby to start the fascinating tour of Moscow sights. During this day you will visit the Red Square - the main square of the capital of Russia which is located at the walls of the Moscow Kremlin. Then you will discover a picturesque St.Basil's Cathedral built in the middle of the 16th century under Tsar Ivan the Terrible order to commemorate the conquest of the Kazan Khanate.

Further your guide will introduce you one of the largest stores in Europe - GUM, which has been operating since 1893.

After lunch (not included) you will explore the Tretyakov Gallery - the world's largest collection of Russian painting, drawing and sculpture which grew out of private collections of the brothers Pavel and Sergey Tretyakov. Currently the gallery features over 180 thousand exhibits.

After visiting the Gallery your driver will take you to the hotel.



Day three

Tour to the Kremlin and the Armoury Chamber

After breakfast you will start your guided tour to the Kremlin, passing its main entrance - the Spassky Gate, which is located opposite to the St. Basil's Cathedral and face the Red Square.

You will also visit the Armory Chamber which collection has begun to form in the 15th century as a private treasure trove of the great Moscow tsars. The basis of the museum collection consists of precious objects made in the Kremlin workshops and received as a gift from the Embassies of foreign countries.

The rest of the day is your leisure time. Enjoy the local cuisine in one of the centrally located restaurants or continue exploring Moscow on your own.



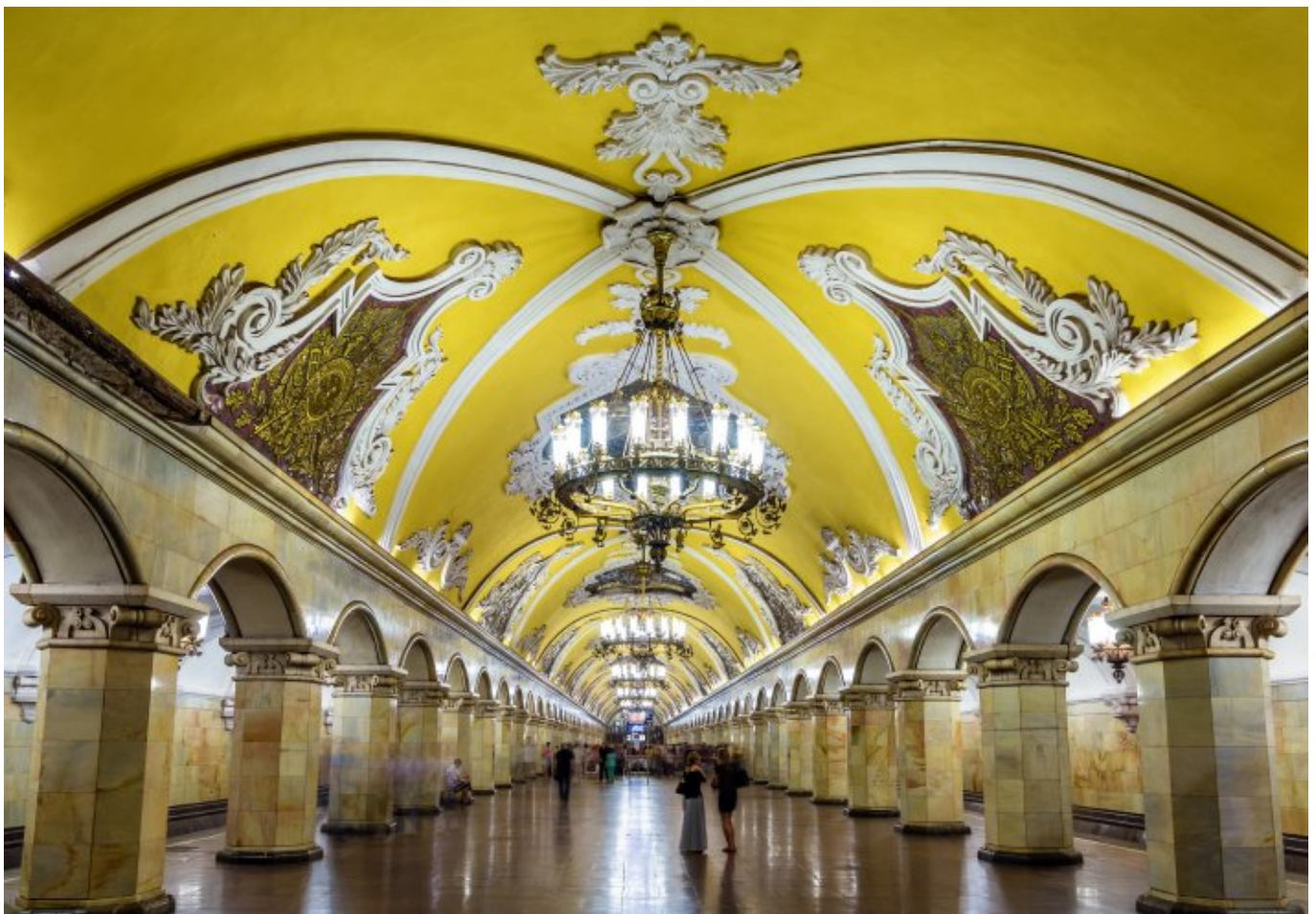
#### Day four Novodevichy Convent and Subway Ride

After breakfast and checkout from the hotel you will visit Novodevichy Convent built in 1524 which is rightfully calling as one of

the most beautiful monasteries in Russia. You will also visit Novodevichy cemetery - a special landmark of the monastery - the place where many Russian politicians, actors, poets and scientists are buried including Anton Chekhov, Konstantin Stanislavsky, Fedor Shaliapin, Boris Yeltsin and many others.

Later you will make a quick ride in Moscow subway - another outstanding masterpiece of architecture opened more than 80 years ago. About 8 million people use this kind of transport daily.

The rest of the day is your leisure time. Enjoy the local cuisine in one of the centrally located restaurants and take a rest before the exploring of Russian province in the next 3 days.



Day five

The Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra in Sergiev Posad and the Kremlin of Rostov the Great

This morning after breakfast and checkout from the hotel, you will be transferred to Sergiev Posad. After a short trip you will plunge into the atmosphere of the Russian province. You will visit to the Holy Trinity-St. Sergius Lavra and explore the white-stone Trinity Cathedral dating back to the 20s of the 15th century, the Assumption Cathedral, built in 1559-1585 by the type of the Assumption Cathedral of the Moscow Kremlin, and other monuments of the architectural ensemble.

After the lunch, you will continue the journey to Rostov the Great.

You will walk along the central streets, feel the soul of this magnificent place and visit the highlight of the city – the Kremlin.



Day six

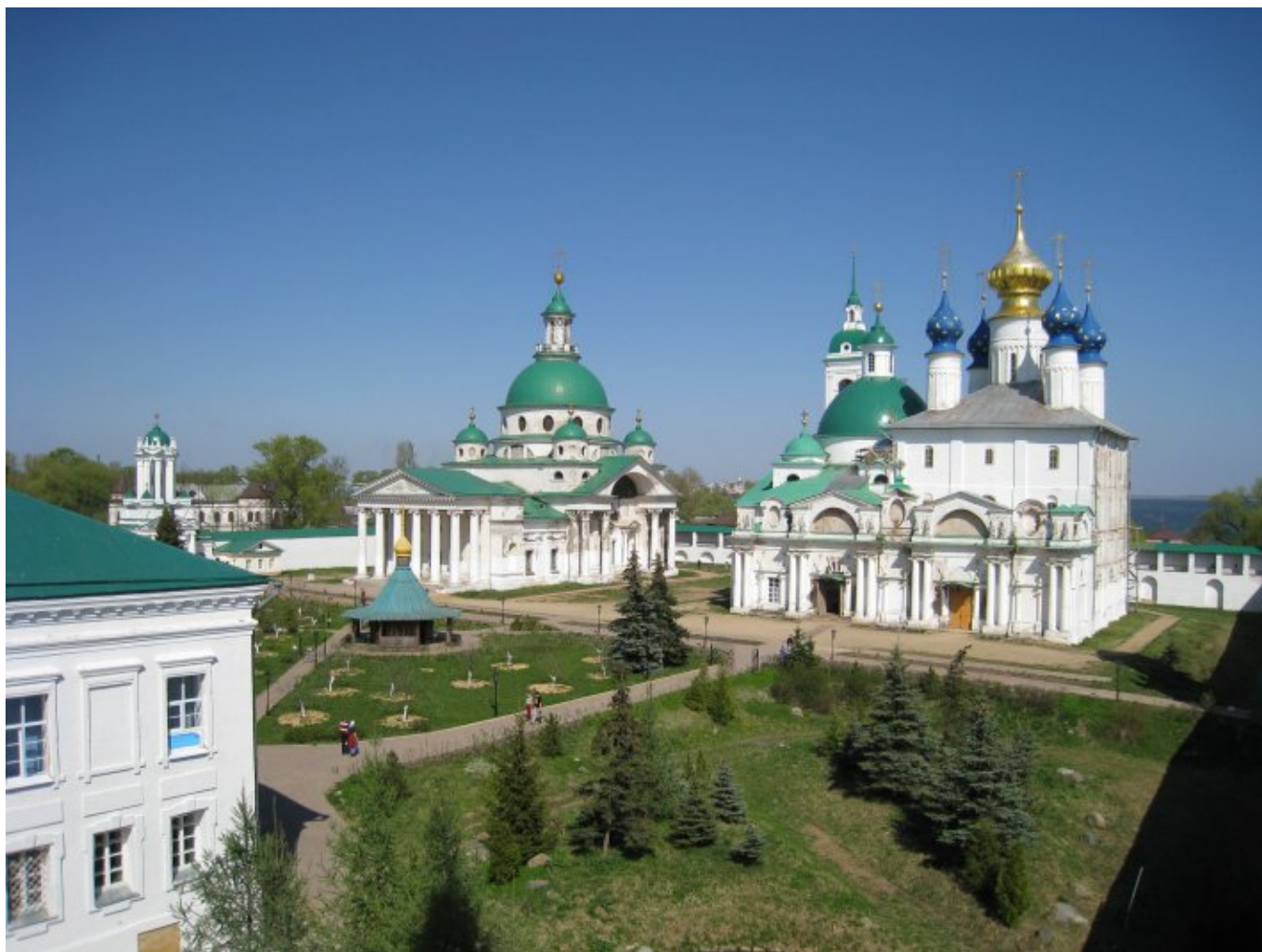
Yaroslavl Monastery and Kostroma City Tour

After breakfast and check out from the hotel, your guide will meet you at the hotel lobby to start the tour. You will explore the architectural complex of the Transfiguration Monastery and visit the Church of Elias

the Prophet to take delight in amazing frescoes.

After the lunch, you will continue the journey to Kostroma.

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Day seven

Vladimir City Tour and high-speed train Sapsan to Saint Petersburg

After breakfast and check-out from the hotel, your local guide will meet you at the lobby to start the city tour.

During the tour you will be taken to the Assumption Cathedral, which houses the world-famous frescoes of the 15<sup>th</sup> century by Andrei Rublev. You will get acquainted with the architectural complex of the Cathedral of St. Dmitry and walk along the central pedestrian street full of galleries, artists and local souvenirs.

After the lunch, you will be transferred to Moscow to take the high-speed train Sapsan to Saint Petersburg.



Day eight

## Saint Petersburg City Tour

After breakfast the guide will meet you at the hotel lobby. The day is devoted to the exploration of the main Saint Petersburg sights. You will walk along Nevsky avenue to take photos in the most beautiful places of this picturesque street such as the Kazan Cathedral, the Palace Square and some others.

Then you will continue the excursion and visit the Saints Peter and Paul Cathedral and the Peter-and-Paul Fortress -the burial place of most of the Russian Emperors and Empresses.

After that, you will be transferred to the Spilled Blood Church built in the memory of the fact that the Emperor Alexander II was mortally wounded in the result of the assassination attempt on 1 March 1881.

After visiting the sight, you will have time for lunch in one of the restaurants with the local cuisine.

The highlight of this day is the Saint Isaac's Cathedral - the largest Orthodox church in St. Petersburg.

The rest of the day is your leisure time. You can also continue exploring the city with us by choosing the recommended extension of the program.



Day nine

Guided Tour to the Hermitage museum

The Hermitage Museum is the largest State Museum in Russia and one of the ten most popular cultural, historical and art museums in the world. The most significant museum building is the Winter Palace which is famous for its history and marvelous exterior and interior.

The pearls of the collection of old European paintings are the works of

Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, Caravaggio, and Rembrandt. The museum has a rich collection of paintings by Rubens, Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Poisson, Veronese, Claude Lorrain and others.

The rest of the day is your leisure time. You can also continue exploring the city with us by choosing the recommended extension of the program.



## Day ten Trip to Peterhof

Today you will visit Peterhof - the monument of architecture and landscape art of the first quarter of the XVIII century, received world fame as the "capital of fountains".

You will visit the Bath Cottage and get the insight into the everyday life of the Russian nobility, stroll in the beautiful Lower Park, luxuriously decorated with the 176 fountains of various shapes and styles and numerous gilded statues of ancient gods and heroes, and explore the Grand Palace (outside).



Day eleven  
Trip to Tsarskoe Selo

After breakfast your guide will meet you at the lobby to accompany to the Catherine's Palace - a prominent example of baroque architecture and the former residence of Catherine I, Elizabeth Petrovna and Catherine II, located 26 km south from Saint Petersburg in Tsarskoye Selo (now Pushkin).

During the tour you will enjoy the marvelous views of Catherine's park, visit the replica of the world-famous Amber Room.



Day twelve

Departure from Saint Petersburg

Your driver will meet you at the hotel lobby after check out to transfer you to the airport.

You can also extend your trip choosing one of the offers below on the private basis.

