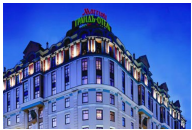


Itinerary

Imperial Russia

Apr 3, 2020 - Apr 10, 2020

Pre Night: Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Moscow?

Day 1: Moscow, Russia - Tour Begins



Welcome to Moscow, Russia's glamorous capital city where beguiling architecture, complex history, and posh culture thrive. Let the energy of this intriguing city wrap around you and inspire your curiosity.

Hotel

Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel
Moscow

Day 2: Moscow



Your journey through Moscow begins with a short ride on the Metro, Russia's incredibly elegant and efficient public transit system. With lavish mosaics, ornate stained glass and stunning architecture, each stop on the Metro is like a mini-museum with its own unique allure. Arrive at the Kremlin (UNESCO), the beating heart of Moscow and the seat of power in Russia. Home to a stunning collection of wealth from eras when tsars reigned supreme, this fortress complex is a can't-miss glimpse into Russian history. Enjoy a guided visit of the Armoury Museum, home to a priceless collection of Imperial crown jewels, weaponry, and Faberge eggs. Continue on your exploration of the Kremlin with a visit to the Assumption Cathedral*, designed in the ornate Old Russian style. In the bustling Red Square of Moscow**, pause to admire the iconic domes of Saint Basil's Cathedral. Next, visit GUM, the lavish department store at the heart of the city. Later, a local expert reveals a bit about life "behind the Iron Curtain," during an informative lecture about Soviet society. This evening, enjoy a traditional Russian dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel

Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel
Moscow

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 3: Moscow



This morning, it's your choice! Choose between a themed tour, "Back to the USSR," where you'll gain insight into the tensions between the U.S. and former Soviet Union and the great "Space Race" -OR- take a guided tour of the Tretyakov Gallery, one of the most significant art museums in Russia with over 100,000 artistic works. Next, an epicurean adventure awaits! Get a taste of local flavour as you stroll the streets with a local guide and savour authentic dishes found on the tables of many Russian families. See Moscow's most iconic landmarks from a new point of view as you float along the picturesque waters of the Moscow River. The evening is yours to soak in the splendors of your final night in Moscow.

Hotel

Moscow Marriott Grand Hotel
Moscow

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 4: Moscow - St. Petersburg



Enjoy a leisurely morning before hopping aboard a high-speed train to St. Petersburg, the "Venice of the North" and Russia's Imperial capital. Spend the remainder of the day independently exploring this thriving hub for art, history and culture as you wish. Tonight, delight in traditional Georgian cuisine at a favourite local restaurant. Savour the exotic comfort food and drink of a region that has been producing wine for over 8,000 years.

Hotel

Solo Sokos Palace Bridge Hotel
St Petersburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 5: St. Petersburg



Experience the Imperial Russia of your dreams, full of regal beauty and iconic sights. A panoramic tour of St. Petersburg brings this historic city to life. See St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Peter and Paul Fortress, and the famed Palace Square. Go inside the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg's most elaborate church. After getting acquainted with this vibrant city, you can opt to spend the remainder of your day at leisure or take an optional tour of the meticulously landscaped grounds and soaring fountains of the Peterhof Grand Palace***, better known as the "Russian Versailles."

Hotel

Solo Sokos Palace Bridge Hotel
St Petersburg

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 6: St. Petersburg



Welcome to the Winter Palace, St. Petersburg's most iconic building and the former home of Russian tsars. Built for Peter the Great, this Russian wonder is a true glimpse into the glory of Russian aristocracy. Enter the breathtaking green and white complex and make your way to the incredible Hermitage Museum for a guided tour. Second in size only to the Louvre, the Hermitage is home to the largest collection of paintings in the world, with works from the likes of Monet and Matisse.

Hotel

Solo Sokos Palace Bridge Hotel
St Petersburg

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 7: St. Petersburg



Take a step back in time with a tour of the magnificent Catherine Palace. Built in 1717, the Rococo palace was once the opulent summer home of Russian tsars. It's said the building was torn down and rebuilt six times to satisfy the grand visions of Peter the Great's daughter, Elizabeth. Enjoy exclusive early access here and marvel at the robin's egg blue exterior and the lavish décor of the interior rooms. Next, we'll see St. Petersburg from a different perspective - from the interior of a vintage Soviet car! Feel as if you've entered a different era as you ride through the city in luxury. Tonight, get one final taste of Russian culture and cuisine during a farewell dinner and traditional folk show.

Hotel

Solo Sokos Palace Bridge Hotel
St Petersburg

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 8: St. Petersburg - Tour Ends



Today, say do-vidaniya (goodbye for now) to Russia as your Imperial journey comes to a close.

Post Night: Solo Sokos Palace Bridge Hotel



Would you like to end your vacation with an additional Hotel in St. Petersburg?