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ELECTRICITY
Electricity throughout Russia is 220 volt/50 Hz. The plug is the two-pin thin European standard. Be sure to bring your own converter as most places in Russia do not carry them.

CURRENCY
All prices in Russian territory are generally quoted in rubles. Currency can be freely converted at banks, hotels, or kiosks. Traveler’s checks are hard to cash. Credit cards are accepted in most places that work with foreign tourists. Some may turn down American Express. Visa and MasterCard are known, hence more widely honored. ATM machines are widely available in major cities, but note; they do not have letters on the key pad, so if your PIN includes letters remember them as digits.

TELEPHONES
Despite the recent rapid improvements in the telecommunications infrastructure, telephoning in Russia can be difficult and expensive. Best bet is to use the phone at your hotel or use AT&T, Sprint, or MCI’s USA direct services. Tokens or calling cards are required for street pay phones, which can be purchased at newstands, in some stores and at many kiosks.

TIME
Time is GMT +3 for both Moscow & St. Petersburg.

MEDICAL CARE
Remember to bring any medications you may need. Check with your health insurer before you depart to ascertain your coverage in the event of emergency. Many insurance providers offer specialized riders that can cover emergency evacuation. We do recommend buying travel insurance.

TAXIS
In Russia, taxi fees are usually negotiated with the driver ahead of time. Do not use gypsy cabs or accept rides in cabs that already have a rider. We shall be glad to provide you with airport transfers by our company car.

TIPPING
Tipping is increasingly expected at restaurants. Tip 10-15% depending on service. It is typical to round up the amount to the next round figure.
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You are entering the fabulous world of Russia: miraculous and still mysterious to many foreigners, full of cultural and historic treasures, beautiful and unspoiled nature, and motherland to the industrious, bright, and hospitable people. Our main goal is to make your trip to Russia a flawless one. We are here to help individual travelers as well as Travel Agents in search of reliable, efficient and reasonably priced services throughout Russia. We are ready to address all practical issues of converting your travel plans to an unforgettable pleasant experience of real-life acquaintance to Mother Russia. We will guide you step by step, from applying for Russian entry visas till the moment you wave goodbye to your new Russian friends on the way back home, which is the moment we hope you’ll start thinking about returning some day!

Michael Kolesnichenko,
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YOUR FULLY ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES:
- Round-trip Trans-Atlantic airfare from New York (Add ons from other cities are available upon request)
- Two meals per day
- 5 nights first-class hotel accommodation in Moscow and St. Petersburg, including all taxes & services
- Comprehensive sightseeing (listed below)
- Services of English-speaking guides in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Ground transportation by first-class motor coach
- First-class overnight sleeper train between Moscow and St. Petersburg

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
- Moscow and St. Petersburg City Tours
- Kremlin & the Armory Museum
- Tretyakov Gallery
- Novodevichy Convent
- Moscow Metro
- Tour of Hermitage Museum
- Pavlovsk
- Catherine Palace in Pushkin
- Yusupov Palace
- Peter and Paul Fortress
- St. Isaac’s Cathedral
- Yusupov Palace
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DAY THREE
After breakfast, you will be escorted on an in-depth tour of this fascinating Russian capital. Enjoy the grandeur of Red Square and the Russian White House. See Moscow University, the former KGB headquarters and central Moscow. Experience a deep sense of history as you trace the footsteps of the legions of princes, paupers and poets who have passed through this ancient city. This afternoon’s tour takes you to the heart of the city, the Kremlin. This former Moscow citadel, "Kremlin" means "fortress" and houses exquisite palaces, presidential buildings lovely churches and scores of major historical monuments. Your tour of the Kremlin will also include a visit to the fascinating State Armory, the oldest museum in Russia. As its name implies, it contains many ancient weapons and armor, as well as a treasure-trove of gorgeous crown jewels, gold-encrusted icons, bejeweled royal scepters, and exquisitely carved thrones. All these lovely treasures eloquently tell the history of Imperial Russia. Visit Novodevichy Convent, originally built as a fortress, it also functioned as a convent for women of the royal family and prison for Princess Sophia, sister of Peter the Great, after she made three aborted attempts on his life to deprive him of the throne. The convent itself is a unique example of 16th and 17th century architecture.

DAY FOUR
This morning delight in a visit to the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts. Here, discover an important collection of French Impressionism, as well as other major schools of Western art, dating from the Renaissance through the 20th century. After the museum, ride the amazing Moscow Metro, where every station is an individual monument to Soviet art and design. In the evening transfer to the train station for your overnight first-class trip to St. Petersburg.

DAY FIVE
Morning arrival in St. Petersburg. Transfer to your hotel with a city tour. En route, you will enjoy the sights of this gorgeous city, Tsar Peter the Great’s "Window to the West." Only 300 years old, the city was built by Tsar Peter to capture and rival the beauties of Paris and Venice. You’ll love the extravagant baroque architecture of the city center, Nevsky Prospect, Palace Square and Smolny Convent. This afternoon, enjoy the many wonders of the elegant Winter Palace that houses the Hermitage Museum, one of the largest art and cultural museums in the world. This vast collection (about 65,000 items) includes some of history’s most important art.

DAY SIX
Today a late morning drive will take you to the lovely city of Pushkin — formerly Tsarskoe Selo, the Tsar’s Village. Enjoy an escorted tour of the beautiful baroque-style Catherine Palace, built by King Louis’ Italian architect and named for her mother Catherine the First. The architect was Bartolomo Rastrelli, who designed the Winter Palace, as well as the Hermitage Pavilion. Visit Pavlovsk, one of Tsar Paul’s summer palaces. Lunch will be at Pavlovsk. Like many other royal residences, the palace sustained heavy damage during the war, but most of it has been restored to its former glory. Next, visit Yusupov Palace, where Rasputin was murdered!

DAY SEVEN
This morning tour Peter and Paul Fortress with its famous Peter and Paul Church, containing the tomb of Russian rulers from Peter the Great through Alexander III. After visiting the fortress, your tour continues to St. Isaac’s Cathedral (constructed 1818-58), the largest in the city, with its tall gilt dome one of the many focal points of St. Petersburg. Your tour continues with a visit to Alexander Nevsky Abbey. There you will visit the oldest cemetery in Russia, with many of the country’s most famous historical figures. Evening folklore performance.

DAY EIGHT
Bid farewell to this elegant and exciting city, as we transfer you to the airport after your fascinating journey.
"My daughter and I just returned from our 11-day excursion to Moscow, Vladimir, Suzdal and St. Petersburg. We had an absolutely marvelous time! Our guides were excellent; they were professional, friendly and exceedingly knowledgeable on all aspects of Russian history and culture. We would not have had as enjoyable a trip without their assistance! The weather was great and the itinerary was comprehensive. Thank you for making this once in a lifetime trip a memory my daughter and I will always treasure."

**GOLDEN RING OF RUSSIA**

**MOSCOW – SUZDAL – VLADIMIR – ST. PETERSBURG**

**11 DAYS/9 NIGHTS**

Tour Highlights:

- Moscow, St. Petersburg, Vladimir and Suzdal City Tours
- Kremlin & the Armory Museum in Moscow
- Excursion to Kolomenskoe
- Moscow Metro
- Cathedral of the Assumption and Golden Gates in Vladimir
- Kremlin & Cathedral of Transfiguration of the Savior in Suzdal
- Tour of Hermitage Museum
- Pavlovsk Palace
- Catherine's Palace in Pushkin
- Yusupov Palace
- Peter and Paul Fortress
- Moscow Circus

**Your Fully Escorted Tour Includes:**

- Round-trip Trans-Atlantic airfare from New York (Add-ons from the other cities are available upon the request)
- Two meals per day in Moscow and St. Petersburg and three meals per day in Vladimir and Suzdal
- 2 nights first-class hotel at accommodation in Moscow, St. Petersburg and Suzdal
- Comprehensive sightseeing (listed below)
- Services of English-speaking guides in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Ground transportation by first-class motor coach
- First-class overnight sleeper train between Moscow and St. Petersburg

**Day One. USA/En Route:**

Our Russian journey begins with an overnight flight to Moscow. All meals served on board, as well as complimentary beverages, movies and earphones for your travel comfort.

**Day Two. Arrive Moscow:**

Arrive at Moscow International Airport. Upon arrival, meet your awaiting tour escort and motor coach to continue to the hotel for check-in. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Moscow.

**Day Three. Moscow:**

After breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of the city, including Red Square, which was originally known more prosaically as the dog or market place. The present name dates from the 17th century, meaning “beautiful.” Red Square is famous for its scene of markets, lairs and religious festivals, as well as a famous place of execution. Here, rebels met their deaths beside the raised circular dais called the “Lokom Mez,” from which state decrees were also read out. Independent lunch at the city downtown. See the former headquarters of the KGB, Independent hotel for check-in. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Moscow.

**Day Four. Moscow:**

Following breakfast is a morning tour of the Kremlin including a visit to the fascinating State Armory, the oldest museum in Russia. As its name implies, it contains many ancient weapons and armor, but it also houses a treasure trove of gorgeous jewels, gold-encrusted icons, bejeweled royal scepters and exquisitely carved thrones. All of these lovely treasures eloquently tell the history of Imperial Russia. Independent hotel for check-in. Continue on the city tour and enjoy an afternoon ride on the amazing Moscow Metro, where every station is an individual monument to Soviet art and design. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Moscow.

**Day Five. Moscow / Vladimir / Suzdal:**

After breakfast, meet an awaiting motor coach and drive to the Golden Ring of Russia, including Vladimir, an ancient historic Russian town located on a tributary of the Volga. The city dates back to the 10th century and some of the highlights are the Golden Gates, the Byzantine Assumption Cathedral, and countless other treasures you will pass by on your city tour at the "Vladimir" Restaurant. Following the tour, continue to Suzdal, located on the Golden Ring. Dinner and overnight in Suzdal.

**Day Six. Suzdal:**

After breakfast, enjoy a full-day of sightseeing in Suzdal, the most beautiful and best-preserved town on the Golden Ring. Tour sights include the Kremlin of Suzdal and Assumption Cathedral. Lunch at the "Traktir" Restaurant. Dinner and overnight in Suzdal.

**Day Seven. Suzdal / Moscow / Overnight Train:**


**Day Eight. St. Petersburg:**

Breakfast snack provided on board the train. Upon arrival begin a city sightseeing tour including views of the Peter and Paul Cathedral designed by the famous architect Rastril. It stands on the grounds of Peter and Paul Fortress in the oldest section of the city and contains the tombs of Russian rulers from Peter the Great through Alexander III. Independent lunch at the city downtown. Check-in at the hotel, time at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in St. Petersburg.

**Day Nine. St. Petersburg:**

After breakfast, travel outside St. Petersburg to the lovely city of Pushkin – formerly Tsarskoe Selo, the Tsar’s Village. Tour Catherine Palace, the beautiful Baroque-style building was built by Empress Elizabeth and named for her mother, Catherine the First. The architect was Bartolomeo Rastrelli, who designed the Winter Palace, as well as the Hermitage Pavilion. Like many other royal residences, the palace sustained heavy damage during the war, but most of it has been restored to its former glory. Independent lunch in Pavlovsk. Afterward, continue to Pavlovsk’s Palace, the official summer residence of Catherine the Great’s son Paul. The Palace contains an Egyptian vestibule, Italian, French and Greek halls, a Throne room, and picture galleries. Dinner at the hotel. Overnight in St. Petersburg.

**Day Ten. St. Petersburg:**

After breakfast, visit the Hermitage Museum, one of the largest art and cultural museums in the world. This vast collection (about 65,000 items) includes some of history’s most important art. Independent lunch in the city’s downtown. Continue on your city tour along Novsky Prospekt and visit Yusupov Palace, site of Rasputin’s death. The rest of the day is available for independent sightseeing, shopping and last-minute photo opportunities.

**Day Eleven. St. Petersburg / USA:**

After breakfast, time at leisure for independent sightseeing and shopping. Transfer to St. Petersburg International Airport. Our journey comes to an end as we board our flight bound for the USA.
NEW YEAR’S EVE IN Catherine Palace

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Day train between St. Petersburg and Moscow

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
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Tour of Hermitage Museum
Peter and Paul Fortress
St. Isaac’s Cathedral
Alexander Nevsky Abbey
Tsar’s Ball in Catherine Palace in Tsarskoe Selo
Troika Ride
Kremlin & the Armory Museum
Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts
Novodevichy Convent
Russian Ballet

HOTELS:
Your hotel in St. Petersburg is the historic Astoria Hotel.
Your hotel in Moscow is the elegant National Hotel.

DECEMBER 28. DAY ONE.
Leave the US on your overnight flight for your journey to Russia.

DECEMBER 29. DAY TWO.
Arrival in St. Petersburg. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Balance a day at leisure of rest and relaxation. Welcome dinner with cocktails.

DECEMBER 30. DAY THREE.
This morning you will have a city tour. En route, you will enjoy the sights of this gorgeous city. Tsar Peter the Great’s “Window to the West.” Only 300 years ago, the city was built by Tsar Peter to capture and rival the beauties of Paris and Venice. You’ll love the extravagant baroque architecture of the city center, Nevsky Prospect, Palace Square, and Smolny Convent. In the afternoon, tour Peter and Paul Fortress with its famous Peter and Paul Church containing the tombs of Russian rulers from Peter the Great through Alexander III. After visiting the fortress, your tour continues to St. Isaac’s Cathedral (constructed 1818-38) is the largest in the city, with its tall gill dome, one of the many focal points of St. Petersburg. Your tour continues with a visit to Alexander Nevsky Abbey. You will visit the oldest cemetery in Russia, where many of the country’s most famous historical figures are buried.

DECEMBER 31. DAY FOUR.
Today enjoy the many wonders of the elegant Winter Palace that houses the Hermitage Museum, one of the largest art and cultural museums in the world. This vast collection (about 63,000 items) includes some of history’s most important art. Lunch in the City. Balance of afternoon at leisure for relaxation before the New Year’s Eve event in Catherine Palace. A late evening drive will take you to the lovely city of Pushkin, formerly Tsarskoe Selo, the “Tsar’s Village”. On the 300th anniversary of St. Petersburg, you will meet in the magnificent Catherine Palace, which hosts the Ball with an authentic atmosphere of unappaled pomp. A true romance and splendor of the Imperial traditions of festivities will be felt by the guests as they are brought back to the times of a bygone era. Inside the Palace the Russian hussars, Prince and Princess, provide a lavish welcome traditionally reserved for royalty. The Ball starts in the balcony of the Catherine Palace. The Court Ballet greets the guests with a polonaise, followed by the official announcement of the dinner by the Prince and Princess. The specially created menu features traditional Russian caviar, served in large blocks of ice, blinis, and European-style dishes complemented by carefully selected wines and champagne. A philharmonic and classical balalaika orchestra provide background music. Midnight is celebrated with pomp, a bell concert and fireworks in the park. The extravaganza continues through the morning of the New Year with a Russian Folklore and Cossack Show, as well as Gypsy songs with wild dancing and singing by the performers.

JANUARY 1. DAY FIVE.
This morning enjoy the Troika Ride. Afternoon transfer to the train station for your day train trip Moscow. Arrival in Moscow. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. Dinner at the hotel.

JANUARY 2. DAY SIX.
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JANUARY 3. DAY SEVEN.
This morning’s tour takes you to the heart of the city, the Kremlin. This former Moscow citadel, “Kremlin” means “fortress” and houses requisite palaces, presidential buildings, lovely churchs, and scores of major historical monuments. Your tour of the Kremlin will also include a visit to the fascinating State Armory, the oldest museum in Russia. As its name implies, it contains many ancient weapons and armor, as well as a treasure-trove of gorgeous crown jewels, gold-encrusted icons, byzaweld royal scepters and exquisitely carved thrones. All these lovely treasures eloquently tell the history of Imperial Russia. Visit Novodevichy Convent. Originally built as a fortress, it also functioned as a convent for women of the royal family and prison for Princess Sophia, sister of Peter the Great, after she made three aborted attemptson his life to depriive him of the throne. The conven stand is a unique example of 16th and 17th century architecture.

JANUARY 4. DAY EIGHT.
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- Yusupov Palace
- Hermitage Museum
- St. Isaac's Cathedral
- Peter and Paul Fortress
- St Isaac's and Decembrist Square
- Folklore Show
- Peter and Paul Abbey
- Catherine Palace in Pushkin
- Tverskaya Street, Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral
- The Church of the Transfiguration
- The Church of Elijah the Prophet
- Yasupov Palace, St. Petersburg

D A Y N INE
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ST. PETERSBURG
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MOSCOW
City Tour
Experience the grandeur of Red Square and the Russian White House. See Moscow University, the former KGB headquarters building and central Moscow.

Novodevichy Convent
Add Novodevichy Convent to your city sightseeing tour. Originally built as a fortress, it also functioned as a convent for women of the royal family and as a prison for Princess Sophia, sister of Peter the Great. It is a unique example of 16th and 17th century architecture.

The Kremlin
This former Moscow citadel, meaning “fortress”, houses exquisite palaces, presidential buildings, lovely churches, and scores of major historical monuments.

Kremlin Tour with three cathedrals.

Armory Museum
Add a visit to the Armory Museum to your Kremlin tour. The State Armory is the oldest museum in Russia. As its name implies, it contains many ancient weapons and armor, but you will also find a treasure trove of gorgeous crown jewels, golden crusted icons, bejeweled royal scepters, and exquisitely carved thrones. Kremlin tour with three cathedrals.

Royal Diamond Fund
Fund You may add this to the above tour of the Kremlin and Armory Museum. The Diamond Fund is a true treasure trove of thousands of loose diamonds, gold nuggets, and both ancient and modern jewelry of kinds. Rate for Kremlin Tour with Armory and Diamond Fund.

Tretyakov Gallery
Founded in 1856 by Pavel Tretyakov to show the work of Russian artists. Today, after much expansion, the gallery houses and celebrates over 37,000 pieces of the most important ancient and contemporary Russian art in the world.

Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts
Here you will discover an important collection of French Impressionists, as well as other major schools of Western Art dating from the Renaissance to the Twentieth Century.

Excursion to Sergiev Posad
Located 44 miles northeast of Moscow, you will visit the Trinity Monastery of St Sergiy, Russia’s foremost chief monastery. After a visit to Trinity Church, oldest building in the monastery (1422 – 1423), you will visit the museum of icons.

Excursion to Kolomenskoe
This summer residence of the Tsars is located on the high bank of the Moskva River. The museum houses a collection of decorative and applied arts and crafts of the 17th century.

Performances
Any tickets to performances are available for the Bolshoi Theatre, Stanislavsky Opera or Ballet, Tchaikovsky Hall, Puppet Show, and folklor shows.

ST. PETERSBURG
City Tour
Enjoy a tour of the central city including: Nevsky Prospect, Palace Square, and Smolny convent. Combine a city sightseeing tour with one or more of the following in depth tours: Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac’s Cathedral, or the Alexander Nevsky Abbey.

Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac’s Cathedral
At the fortress, visit the famous Peter and Paul Cathedral containing the tombs of Russian rulers from Peter the Great through Alexander III. After visiting the fortress, continue your tour with a visit to St. Isaac’s Cathedral (under construction from 1818 to 1858), largest in the city. With its tall gill dome it is one of the landmarks of the city.

Alexander Nevsky Abbey
Visit the monastery and the 19th century Necropolis, which contains the graves of many famous Russian writers, composers and sculptors.

Hermitage Museum
Enjoy the many wonders of the elegant Winter Palace that houses the Hermitage Museum, one of the largest art and cultural museums in the world. This vast collection (about 65,000 items) includes some of history’s most important art.

Peterhof and Parks
Visit the summer palace complex of Peter the Great, the construction of which began in 1714 and included numerous fountains.

Catherine Palace in Pushkin
Visit the city of Pushkin, formerly Tsarskoe Selo, Tsar’s Village, and the baroque style palace built by the Empress Elizabeth and named for mother Catherine the First.

Pavlovsk Palace
Visit Tsar’s summer palace built by Grand Duchess Ekaterina Pavlovna and named for her husband, Tsar Alexander II.

Yusupov Palace
Visit the palace where Rasputin was murdered. Enjoy a “Vodka Rasputin”.

Performances
Any tickets to performances are available for the Bolshoi and Mariinsky Theatres, Hermitage Theatre, Alexandrinsky Opera and Ballet, Stanislavsky Opera and Ballet, Tchaikovsky Hall, Puppet Show, and folklor shows.

Catherine Palace
Located 44 miles northeast of Moscow, you will visit the Trinity Monastery of St Sergiy, Russia’s foremost chief monastery. After a visit to Trinity Church, oldest building in the monastery (1422 – 1423), you will visit the museum of icons.

Excursion to Kolomenskoe
This summer residence of the Tsars is located on the high bank of the Moskva River. The museum houses a collection of decorative and applied arts and crafts of the 17th century.

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Winter Palace
This former Moscow citadel, meaning “fortress”, houses exquisite palaces, presidential buildings, lovely churches, and scores of major historical monuments.

Kremlin Tour with three cathedrals.

Armory Museum
Add a visit to the Armory Museum to your Kremlin tour. The State Armory is the oldest museum in Russia. As its name implies, it contains many ancient weapons and armor, but you will also find a treasure trove of gorgeous crown jewels, golden crusted icons, bejeweled royal scepters, and exquisitely carved thrones. Kremlin tour with three cathedrals.

Royal Diamond Fund
Fund You may add this to the above tour of the Kremlin and Armory Museum. The Diamond Fund is a true treasure trove of thousands of loose diamonds, gold nuggets, and both ancient and modern jewelry of kinds. Rate for Kremlin Tour with Armory and Diamond Fund.

Tretyakov Gallery
Founded in 1856 by Pavel Tretyakov to show the work of Russian artists. Today, after much expansion, the gallery houses and celebrates over 37,000 pieces of the most important ancient and contemporary Russian art in the world.

Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts
Here you will discover an important collection of French Impressionists, as well as other major schools of Western Art dating from the Renaissance to the Twentieth Century.

Excursion to Sergiev Posad
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ST. PETERSBURG
City Tour
Enjoy a tour of the central city including: Nevsky Prospect, Palace Square, and Smolny convent. Combine a city sightseeing tour with one or more of the following in depth tours: Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac’s Cathedral, or the Alexander Nevsky Abbey.

Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac’s Cathedral
At the fortress, visit the famous Peter and Paul Cathedral containing the tombs of Russian rulers from Peter the Great through Alexander III. After visiting the fortress, continue your tour with a visit to St. Isaac’s Cathedral (under construction from 1818 to 1858), largest in the city. With its tall gill dome it is one of the landmarks of the city.

Alexander Nevsky Abbey
Visit the monastery and the 19th century Necropolis, which contains the graves of many famous Russian writers, composers and sculptors.

Hermitage Museum
Enjoy the many wonders of the elegant Winter Palace that houses the Hermitage Museum, one of the largest art and cultural museums in the world. This vast collection (about 65,000 items) includes some of history’s most important art.

Peterhof and Parks
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TAKING THE TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE

YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:
Round-trip Trans-Atlantic airfare
Breakfast at the Hotels
8 nights first-class hotel accommodation
Comprehensive sightseeing (past below)
Services of English-speaking guides

DAY ONE
Leave the US on your overnight flight for your journey to Russia.

DAY TWO
Arrive in Moscow. Our driver will meet you at the airport and take you to the hotel right in the center of the Russian capital. Receive your train ticket, rest and enjoy Moscow by night.

DAY THREE
A half-day city tour after breakfast will take you to the Kremlin and Red Square - the political, historical, and architectural core of Russia. Beautiful churches, imposing monuments, and the world’s great museums are all around you to explore.

DAY FOUR
Enjoy your breakfast and get ready to check out from the hotel at noon. You have another half-day before the Trans-Siberian Expressed leaves at night. Enjoy an afternoon shopping at one of Europe’s largest malls, men’s clothing, and shopping. You will board the train with two tickets one for the span from Moscow to Irkutsk, and the other from Irkutsk to Vladivostok.

DAY FIVE THROUGH SEVEN EN ROUTE
Your train will take you through the vast Asian expanse, passing you a fascinating sight of the woods, cities, rivers, towns, and villages.

DAY EIGHT
You arrive in Irkutsk. This city, founded in the middle of nowhere in 1661 as a minor exile settlement, a hundred years later developed into a prosperous cultural center of local semi-precious stones. A hydrofoil ride on the Angara River is another exciting option.

Our driver will meet you at the train station and transfer you to the hotel in Listvyanka. Visit the famous Limnological Museum of Lake Baikal and get acquainted with the unique national reservoir, almost a mile deep, that contains the largest stock of pure fresh water in the world, and has a surface area larger than Denmark.

DAY NINE
After breakfast take an excursion to Lake Baikal and behold its pristine beauty. Take pictures that all your friends will envy and, if you are brave enough take a dip in the cold crystal-clear waters of the oldest lake in the world.

More options to explore the town, see its attractions of traditional wooden architecture and partake of rich ethnic cuisine. Don’t miss having a dish of “omal” a delicious fish that lives in Lake Baikal only.

DAY TEN
Have breakfast and be ready to check out from the hotel at noon. The bus will take you to the Hotel Baikal in Irkutsk. Gala night in the capital of Siberia. Hotel personnel will advise you on best places to visit and restaurants for dinner.

DAY ELEVEN
After breakfast the city of Irkutsk is all yours to explore and enjoy. Try not to miss the city’s art gallery with excellent collections of old and new artists, some of the paintings are available for sale. Visit the wonderful Expositional Museum displaying local gems, jewelry and rare crafts made from local semi-precious stones. A hydrofoil ride on the Angara River is another exciting option.

DAY TWELVE
After breakfast, transfer to the Trans-Siberian Express at about noon and continue your epic rail journey through Siberia.

DAY THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN EN ROUTE
You will cover thousands of kilometers and view unforgettable scenery. The section between Irkutsk and the city of Ulan-Ude is perhaps the most interesting and picturesque part of the Trans-Siberian railway. It is called “The Golden Bucolic of the Great Siberian Trail” and it is four years to build. A rail span of 56 miles from Station Kultuk to Port Baikal goes through 48 arches, tunnels and a multitude of bridges-supporting walls.

DAY FIFTEEN
Today you arrive in the final destination of your Great Trans-Siberian Train Voyage. You are in the Far East of Russia, in the city of Vladivostok, also called “The Bosphorus of the East.” The driver takes you to the Hotel Gavan and after you check in an English-speaking guide shows you Vladivostok in a city tour. You may want to visit the Gallery of Modern Art or the city’s enormous fish market.

DAY SIXTEEN
Have breakfast and embark on another adventure, a cruise of Peter the Great Harbor in the Sea of Japan. Before you return to the hotel you can stroll in the streets of this boisterous port, enjoy its restaurants and shops, and take in the gorgeous ocean-side sunset.

DAY SEVENTEEN
Go to the airport after breakfast for your flight to Moscow. You will stay at the Holiday Inn in Moscow this night. You are in the Far East of Russia, in the city of Vladivostok, also called “The Bosphorus of the East.” The driver takes you to the Hotel Gavan and after you check in an English-speaking guide shows you Vladivostok in a city tour. You may want to visit the Gallery of Modern Art or the city’s enormous fish market.

DAY EIGHTEEN
After breakfast, transfer to the international airport and board your flight for New York with a huge luggage of unforgettable experiences to share with your family and friends at home. Please read each item of the “Terms & Conditions” before your travel.

Purchase of travel dollars voluntary acceptance of these terms.

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RESERVATION AND PAYMENT:
Ask your Travel Agent to call RUSSIAN NATIONAL GROUP. A deposit of $250 per person is required at the time of booking. Booking will be confirmed only upon receipt of deposit. Make checks payable to RUSSIAN NATIONAL GROUP.

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All prices are subject to change without notice but are guaranteed on deposit.

Air Tickets:
Please check your documents when you receive them. Call us if you have any questions.

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Carriage rules will be given separately at time of booking.

BOOKING FEES:
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Please be advised that due to the nature of travel in Russia, your tour may not be delivered exactly as described (i.e. theatre scheduling, hotel rooms, restaurant reservations, transportation, excursions, holidays, etc.) BUT RNG will substitute scheduled sightseeing for advertised events, hotels and restaurants with alternatives of equal or greater value and quality.

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GRATUITIES:
All hotel gratuities are included in the price. Whipped cream is featured, those gratuities are also included. However, gratuities for the Tour Manager, local guides, drivers and cruise staff are not included and are at the discretion of the individual traveler.

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