

RUSSIA (10) DAYS TOUR

Visit : Moscow and St. Petersburg



Itinerary:

DAY 01 MANILA / MOSCOW

Assemble at the airport for your departure flight to **Moscow** - capital city and the most populous federal subject of Russia. Overnight on board.

DAY 02 ARRIVAL MOSCOW

(D.)

Upon arrival at the Moscow Domodedovo Airport, clear immigration and custom and meet our local assistant, Transfer to the hotel for check in. Moscow is the Capital and largest city of Russia. It is a major political, economic, cultural, and scientific center of Russia and Eastern Europe, as well as the largest city entirely on the European Continent. Balance of the afternoon is free time for rest and leisure. Dinner at hotel. Overnight at **Radisson Blu Slavyanskaya Hotel** or similar class.



Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

DAY 03 MOSCOW

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed with full day sightseeing. Visit to the **Cathedral of Christ the Saviour** – it is the tallest Eastern Orthodox church in the world. It is situated on the banks of the Moskva River, a few blocks west of the Kremlin. The Cathedral was commissioned by Tsar Alexander I on December 25, 1812, following the defeat and withdrawal of Napoleon's Troops from Russia. The Tsar proclaimed the Cathedral a monument of gratitude for the intervention of **"Divine Providence for saving Russia"** from doom and as a memorial to the sacrifices of the Russian People. Then visit **Saint Basil's Cathedral** a Russian Orthodox Cathedral erected on Red Square in Moscow in 1555-1561. Built in the order of Ivan IV of Russia to commemorate the capture of Kazan and Astrakhan, it marks the geometric center of the city and the hub of its growth since the 14th century, it was the tallest building of Moscow until the completion of the Ivan The Great bell tower in 1600. Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon continue tour with view of **Ivan the Great Bell Tower** – which at a height of 81 meters, was the tallest building in all Russia for almost 400 years, Entrance to the **Armoury Chamber** - part of the Grand Kremlin Palace's Complex. It is situated in the building constructed in 1851 by Architect Konstantin Ton. The museum collections were based on the precious items that had been preserved for centuries in the Tsar's treasury and the patriarch's vestry. Entrance to the Kremlin plus all the Cathedral includes Annunciation (view only, as it is closed for renovation), Assumption, Archangel, Deposition and 12 Apostles Cathedrals. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight stay at **Radisson Blu Slavyanskaya Hotel** or similar class.



Saint Basil's Cathedral



Moscow Subway Station

DAY 04 MOSCOW

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast in the hotel. Morning we will proceed with our full day sightseeing tour. Visit **Red Square** – is a city square in Moscow, the square separates the Kremlin, the former Royal Cital and currently the official residence of the President of Russia. Then visit **Lenin's Mausoleum** also known as Lenin's Tomb, situated in Red Square in the center of Moscow, is the Mausoleum that serves as the current resting place of Vladimir Lenin. His embalmed body has been on public display there since shortly after his death in 1924. View of **Moscow University** is also included. Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon visit **Manezh Shopping Complex** – partially underground the Okhotny Ryad or Manezh Underground shopping mall can be entered from Metro without even venturing into the sunlight. Then visit **Gum Department Store**. Dinner at Chinese Restaurant. Overnight stay at **Radisson Blu Slavyanskaya Hotel** or similar class.



State Hermitage Museum

DAY 05 MOSCOW / SERGIEV POSAD / MOSCOW

(B.L.D.)

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Morning half day excursion to **Sergiev Posad**, is a city in North Moscow Oblast. Sightseeing including entrance to the **Zagorsk Monastery with St. Sergius Cathedral**, grounds and chapel at the well included. Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon continue tour with entrance to the **Moscow Metro** – A rapid transit system serving a large part of Moscow, Russia as well as the neighboring city of **Krasnogorsk, Moscow** oblast. With its first section opening in 1935, it was the first underground raling system in Soviet Union, most of the system is situated underground. Moscow Metro is the World's Second most heavily used rapid transit system after Tokyo's. Then visit **Arbat Street**. Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight at **Radisson Blu Slavyanskaya Hotel** or similar class.

DAY 06 MOSCOW / ST. PETERSBURG**(B.L.D.)**

Box breakfast at hotel. 6am coach pick up from hotel and transfer to the station to take the **SAPSAN TRAIN via 754** to St. Petersburg / 2nd class ticket. **Sapsan (Russian for Peregrine Falcon)**, named after the mythical bird, is a Russian gauge high speed electric express train that achieves a maximum speed of 250 kilometers per hour. Today, this is arguably the most convenient way to commute between Moscow, St. Petersburg and Vladimir. Depart Moscow at 0730 hours to arrive St. Petersburg at 1130 Hours. Upon arrival at the station, meet and take the local transport for lunch at local restaurant. Then check in to the hotel. Balance of the afternoon is free time for rest. Dinner at hotel. Overnight at **Novotel St. Petersburg Centre** or similar class.

DAY 07 ST. PETERSBURG**(B.L.D.)**

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Full day sightseeing tour includes view of **Nevsky Prospekt**, Entrance to the **Hermitage Museum (also known as Winter Palace)** – A museum of art and culture in St. Petersburg. One of the largest and oldest museum of the Worlds. It was founded in 1764 by Catherine the great and open to the public since 1852. Its collection of which only small part is on permanent display. Comprise over 3 million items including the largest collection of paintings in the world. The collection occupy a large complex of six historic buildings along palace embankment including the winter palace, a former residence of Russia Emperor. Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon continue tour with visit to the **Spas – NA – Krovi** (Officially called the Resurrection of Christ Church a.k.a. The Church of our Savior on Spilled Blood) located at ZA Griboedova Canal Embankment, a church constructed in 1883 – 1907. This church was built on the site where Emperor Alexander II was fatally wounded in March 1881, hence the common name of the church "Saviour on the Blood". The construction was funded by the Royal family and was closed in the early 1930's. It was re-opened in 1997 after 27 years of restoration. Dinner at Chinese restaurant. Overnight stay at **Novotel St. Petersburg Centre** or similar class.

DAY 08 ST. PETERSBURG / PETRODVORETS / PUSHKIN / ST. PETERSBURG**(B.L.D.)**

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. Morning proceed with full day excursion to **Pushkin and Petrodvorets**. Visit **Pushkin** – a municipal town in Pushkinsky District of the federal city of St. Petersburg, Russia, located 24 kilometers (15 mi) south from the center of St. Petersburg proper. Here we will visit with entrance to **Ekaterina Palace or Catherine's Palace and Park** which are among Russia's top historical recreation complexes. See the magnificent interior and treasures where you can stroll along the park's alleys and path. Lunch at local restaurant. Afternoon continue tour to **Petrodvorets** – situated on Southern Shore of the Gulf of Finland, 29 KM southwest of the city of St. Petersburg. The town is famous for its series of palaces and gardens known as the **Peterhof Palace**, laid out on the orders of Peter the Great, and sometimes called the "**Russian Versailles**". One of the most famous aspects of Peterhof Palace is the Samson Fountain and Grand Cascade. The fountains of the **Grand Cascade** are located below the grotto and on either side of it. Their waters flow into a semicircular pool, the terminus of the fountain-lined Sea Channel. In the 1730s, the large Samson Fountain was placed in this pool. It depicts the moment when Samson tears open the jaws of a lion, representing Russia's victory over Sweden in the Great Northern War. Dinner with show at **Nikolaevski Palace**. Overnight stay at **Novotel St. Petersburg Centre** or similar class.

DAY 09 ST. PETERSBURG / MANILA**(B.L.)**

Hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. 9 am check out from hotel and visit **Kazan Cathedral**, also known as the **Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan**, It is a cathedral of the Russian Orthodox Church on the Nevsky Prospekt and dedicated to Our Lady of Kazan, probably the most venerated icon in Russia. After lunch at local restaurant, direct transfer to the airport to take the flight back to Manila. Overnight on board.

DAY 10 ARRIVAL MANILA

Arrive Manila with warm and pleasant memories of Russia.

***** END OF TOUR *******LEGEND : B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner****TOUR CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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