

K982 ~ THE BEST OF RUSSIA, BALTIC STATES & WARSAW

13 days from Moscow to Novgorod, St. Petersburg, Tallinn, Riga, Vilnius and Warsaw

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- × First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- × Service charges and hotel taxes
- × Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 7 dinners
- × Airport transfers
- × Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- × Professional English speaking tour director
- × Luggage handling
- × Headsets will be provided for included sightseeing tours, so you can easily hear your guide's commentary

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

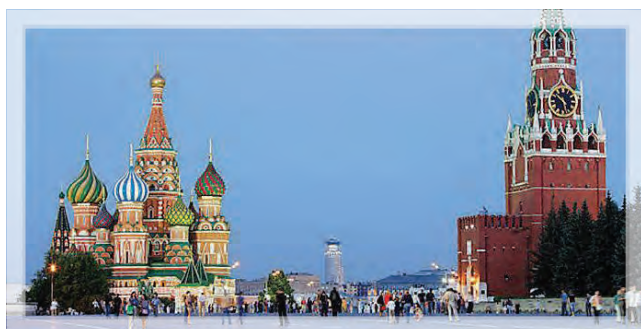
- × Moscow
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Day 1, arrive Moscow, Saturday

Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free to relax. Welcome dinner this evening. **(D)**

Day 2, in Moscow, Sunday

Moscow, one of the largest cities in the world, is the symbolic heart and soul of the country. Sightseeing begins at the Red Square, dominated by St. Basil's Cathedral and by the massive red walls of the **Kremlin**. Visit the **Armory Museum**; proceed to see the Moscow University and the popular Arbat shopping district. Continue with a drive along the wide boulevards and then stroll through GUM,



Russia's largest department store. Rest of the day is at leisure. You may take part in an optional tour by night of Moscow and its subway. **(B)**

Day 3, to Tver and Novgorod, Monday

After an early breakfast, depart for Tver, an ancient trading port nestled on the banks of the Volga River. The city offers fascinating treasures, including Putevoy Dvoretz, built for Catherine II as a resting place on her journeys from Moscow to St. Petersburg. Enjoy a short sightseeing tour of this remarkable city. End the day in historic Novgorod, founded almost twelve centuries ago. **(B, L, D)**

Day 4, to St. Petersburg, Tuesday

A morning sightseeing tour of Novgorod starts at the Kremlin with a visit to **St. Sophia Cathedral**. Then, cross the river via a pedestrian bridge to visit the **Yaroslav Court**. In the afternoon, travel north to St. Petersburg, the former capital of the Romanov Czars. Upon arrival enjoy a first sightseeing tour of the city starting with the visit of **Peter and Paul Fortress**, quarter of the City museum and its cathedral, which houses the crypt of the Russian emperors. Next, visit **St. Isaac's Cathedral**. **(B, D)**

Day 5, in St. Petersburg, Wednesday

There are not many cities in the world that can match the grace of St. Petersburg. When Peter the Great founded the city in 1703, he hired Europe's best architects, craftsmen and artists to build and

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decorate it. Spread over 100 islands linked by over 600 bridges, it is often referred to as "Venice of the North". This morning sightseeing tour will feature highlight: the world-famous **Hermitage**, which houses many treasures from the Czarist era. The rest of the day is free at leisure. An optional tour to visit Petrodvorets, Peter the Great's Summer Palace, will be available. In the evening you may take part in an optional tour featuring a folklore performance. **(B)**

Day 6, to Tallinn, Thursday

Journey to Estonia, where your first stop is Narva. Continue to Tallinn, capital of Estonia and situated on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland. **(B, D)**

Day 7, to Riga, Friday

On a walking tour of the Upper and Lower Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site, visit orthodox **Alexander Nevsky Cathedral**. Next, visit **Toompea Castle** and see the 14th century gothic Town Hall. This afternoon, on to Riga, the capital of Latvia. **(B, D)**

Day 8, in Riga, Saturday

During your sightseeing tour, see Riga Castle, the magnificent Dome Cathedral, St. Jacobs Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Parliament building, Liberty Monument and the district of Art Nouveau houses. Your afternoon is free. **(B)**

Day 9, to Vilnius, Sunday

Morning departure for Vilnius, capital of Lithuania. The rest of the day is at leisure. **(B, D)**

Day 10, in Vilnius, Monday

The city of Vilnius is located on the confluence of the Neris and Velnele Rivers. In Old Vilnius, visit **Peter and Paul Church** and **St. Anna's Church**. View Vilnius University, dating back to 1570, Gediminas' Tower in the Upper Town and Vilnius Castle. The afternoon is free or you may take an optional excursion to Trakai. **(B)**

Day 11, to Warsaw, Tuesday

Cross the border into Poland and reach Warsaw at day's end. **(B, L, D)**

Day 12, in Warsaw, Wednesday

This 700 year old capital of Poland is a symbol of nationhood and the will to survive against great odds. A sightseeing tour here includes a drive along the famous Royal Route from magnificent Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, summer residence of the last king of Poland. Pass by the Palace of Science and Culture (known as a "wedding cake"), the Saxon Gardens, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto and the Barbican. Continue with the walking tour of the Old Town, Old Market Square and St. John's Cathedral. The rest of the day is free for relaxing, shopping, a stroll through the city or an optional late afternoon Chopin concert. **(B)**

Day 13, depart Warsaw, Thursday

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight. **(B)**

HOTELS:

- × **Moscow:** Marriott Grand (SF)
- × **Novgorod:** Park Inn Veliky Novgorod (F)
- × **St. Petersburg:** Holiday Inn (F)
- × **Tallinn:** Meriton Grand (SF)
- × **Riga:** Radisson BLU (SF)
- × **Vilnius:** Novotel Hotel (SF)
- × **Warsaw:** Holiday Inn (SF)

| TOUR K982 | |
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| STARTING DATES: | TERMINATION DATES: |
| 28-Apr | 10-May |
| 12-May | 24-May |
| 26-May | 07-Jun |
| 23-Jun | 05-Jul |
| 07-Jul | 19-Jul |
| 28-Jul | 09-Aug |
| 25-Aug | 06-Sep |
| 08-Sep | 20-Sep |
| 22-Sep | 04-Oct |
| 06-Oct | 18-Oct |
| PRICES: | |
| Per person in twin: | \$ 2,795 |
| Single room supplement: | \$ 973 |