

## Russian Panorama

**Customised Tours**

5 Nights/6 Days



**Russia** is by far the largest country in the world, covering more than one-eighth of the Earth's inhabited land area, spanning Eastern Europe and northern Asia, sharing land borders with Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, by administering the Kaliningrad Oblast exclave on the Baltic coast, Belarus, and Ukraine to the west, Georgia (including the disputed regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia) and Azerbaijan to the southwest, and Kazakhstan, China, Mongolia, North Korea to the east and much of the south. While geographically mostly in Asia, the bulk of Russia's population is concentrated in the European part, and culturally, Russia is unmistakably European.

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 Moscow

We assemble at the Cochin International Airport to board your flight to Moscow. On arrival, proceed to your hotel.

Overnight in Moscow (D)

#### Day 2 Kremlin & City Tour of Moscow

This morning after a buffet breakfast at the hotel, proceed to the centre of the political life in Russia – Kremlin where you see the Kremlin Wall, the fascinating cathedrals and the Cathedral Square.

Later proceed on an excursion of the Moscow city and see the major sights like the Red Square, Triumphal Arch, Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Sparrow hills, Moscow State University, Victory Park, Arbat Square.

Overnight in Moscow (B,L,D)

**Day  
3**

## Arbat Street, Metro & Kostroma Show

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed for a walking tour on Arbat Street. Arbat Street in Moscow, often called "Old Arbat" or "Stary Arbat" is one of the city's most famous streets. Most of the street is closed to vehicular traffic, so it is essentially a pedestrian mall, which is lined with souvenir shops and kiosks, restaurants, bars and other attractions.

Afternoon, you will explore the underground marvel of Moscow – its Metro. Decorated with sculptures, frescos and mosaics it's a fascinating tourist attraction and a transit system at the same time. Later enjoy a performance of the Russian National Dance show "Kostroma" at Moscow's Concert Hall. Experience the history and lives of the Russian people through this musical theatre spectacular, which includes more than 50 dancers and hundreds of intricate costume changes. The choreography intertwines traditional folk dance and modern ballet and the show highlights Russia's unique and varied culture.

Overnight in Moscow (B,L,D)

**Day  
4**

## Neva Cruise

After breakfast, we checkout of the hotel and proceed to board the train to St. Petersburg – Russia's cultural heart. Check in at the hotel.

In the afternoon, enjoy a Neva cruise. Sailing along the Neva River in St Petersburg, pass the Peter and Paul Fortress; glide beneath some of the city's beautiful bridges; and pass elegant landmarks such as the Summer Garden and Mariinsky Theatre as you learn their history.

Overnight in St. Petersburg (B,L,D)

**Day  
5**

## Hermitage Museum

After breakfast, depart for an excursion to the world famous Art Museum Hermitage. With over 3 million items in its collection, it also definitely rewards repeat visits, and new-comers can only hope to get a brief taste of the riches on offer here, from Impressionist masterpieces to fascinating Oriental treasures. One estimate has it that you would need six months to view each exhibit on display for just one minute.

Afternoon free for shopping. Discover new and traditional boutiques, artisans and art galleries, markets or bazaars, where you will be able to buy Russian Nesting dolls, high quality Lacquered Boxes, fur hats or jackets, Amber, jewelry, Russian paintings, Icons, vodka, Caviare. You can visit a Porcelain factory shop to buy the best Russian porcelain.

Overnight in St. Petersburg (B,L,D)

**Day  
6**

## City Tour of St. Petersburg. Return Home with Wonderful Memories

After breakfast at the hotel, proceed on an excursion of the St. Petersburg city with stops at some of the most famous sights: Nevsky Prospect, Peter & Paul Fortress, the Admiralty, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Fine Arts Square, Church of Resurrection on Spilled Blood, Smolny Cathedral, Bronze Horseman (all outside). Later checkout and transfer to the station to board the Sapsan train to Moscow. Arrive Moscow. Later proceed to the Domodedovo International Airport for flight back home. (B,L,D)