



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
28 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Imperial Splendors of Russia

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Admire **Russia's cultural treasures**, from folk songs and handmade collectibles to priceless masterpieces.
- ▶ Stand in awe in historic, monumental **Red Square**.
- ▶ Escape the crowds with early access to the must-see **Hermitage Museum**.
- ▶ Feel the mist from the fountains as you stroll the grand promenades of **Peter the Great's opulent palace**.
- ▶ Be dazzled by the Russian baroque **Catherine Palace** and the mystery of the Amber Room.
- ▶ Take in sweeping vistas on the **Sapsan**, the high-speed train from Moscow to St. Petersburg.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- **Four nights** in Moscow, Russia, at the first-class InterContinental Moscow - Tverskaya.
- **Four nights** in St. Petersburg at the first-class Angleterre Hotel.

TRANSFERS

- The high-speed train transfer in the Land Program and baggage handling.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Eight breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during meals at local restaurants.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart gateway city[†]
- Day 2** Arrive in Moscow
- Day 3** Moscow
- Day 4** Moscow
- Day 5** Moscow
- Day 6** Train to St. Petersburg | St. Petersburg
- Day 7** St. Petersburg
- Day 8** Peterhof | Catherine Palace
- Day 9** St. Petersburg
- Day 10** Depart for gateway city[†]

[†]Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.



QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

DISCOVERY

Moscow Highlights. Take in the capital city's most notable sites, including the copper-domed Cathedral of Christ the Savior, on a panoramic tour.

Tretyakov Gallery. See the evolution of Russian art in this vast collection.

Metro, Kremlin and Red Square.

Go below ground to see the Soviet-era splendor of Moscow's metro stations, featuring marble floors, chandeliers and artwork. Travel inside the Kremlin walls to see superb cathedrals and palaces. Visit the Armoury Chamber to gaze at the czars' glittering treasures, including Faberge eggs, crowns, royal carriages and armor. Cross Red Square and visit the ornate GUM department store. Then stroll to St. Basil's Cathedral and admire its fanciful onion domes.

Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery.

Explore within the walls of this active monastery, noted for the lovely gold-and-silver-domed Smolensk Cathedral with its 16th-century frescoes.

St. Petersburg Highlights. Marvel at this scenic city, filled with canals and hundreds of bridges. See the Admiralty and the Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood, as well as palaces and other monuments. Visit the lavish St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress, home to the czars' tombs.

Mariinsky Theater Backstage. Tour this renowned theater, formerly the Kirov, where ballet legends Pavlova, Nureyev and Baryshnikov electrified audiences.

Peterhof. Be transported to the reign of Peter the Great at his spectacular baroque palace, surrounded by formal gardens and majestic fountains.

Russian Folk Traditions. At a country house, savor lunch and sample vodka, then celebrate folk traditions during a show featuring live music and dancing.

Catherine Palace. Visit this splendid baroque imperial residence and see the famed Amber Room, an exquisite chamber adorned with goldleaf and intricate amber panels.

State Hermitage Museum. Enjoy early access to view one of the world's finest art collections, including paintings by French Impressionists and Dutch and Italian masters; Greek and Roman relics; Egyptian mummies; and much more.

ENRICHMENT

Russian Art. Examine diverse historical trends, including Byzantine-influenced icons, neoclassical paintings and the modern art movement, pioneered by Kandinsky and Chagall.

Russian Music and Ballet. Russian composers, choreographers and ballet dancers have reached the highest echelons of the classical arts. Learn how the national passion for music and dance fostered these talents.

Czarist Russia. Delve into the riveting history of the Romanov dynasty, who ruled the country for three centuries until the 1917 revolution.



Ballerina

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative |

Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

Lecturers | Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

ACCOMMODATIONS

InterContinental Moscow - Tverskaya | Moscow ●●●●●

<http://bit.ly/intercontinentalmoscow>

Angleterre Hotel | St. Petersburg ●●●●●

<http://bit.ly/angleterrehotel>



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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Kremlin and Red Square
2. Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent
3. Historic Center of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments



Novodevichy Convent



St. Petersburg

Let us arrange your flights!

✦ **AHI FlexAir |** Our personalized air program offers incredible advantages:

- **price guarantee**
- arrival and departure **transfers**
- **flexibility** to change or cancel
- **assistance** with changes or delays
- flight insurance

DATES & PRICES

July 10-19, 2019

From \$3,945

Special Savings \$250

Special Price **\$3,695**

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$755 (limited availability).