

**GLIMPSES OF RUSSIA**  
**05 Nights / 06 Days (SUMMER 2022)**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**RUSSIA**

**Moscow:**

- Guided city tour of Moscow
- Ride on Metro Tour
- Visit to Kremlin
- Russian Circus (**Optional**)

**St Petersburg:**

- Guided City Tour
- Visit Kazan Cathedral
- Visit Hermitage Museum
- Visit Vodka Musuem
- Neva River Cruise
- Visit to Catherine Palace & Peterhof Palace (**Optional**)

**ACCOMMODATION:**

- 02 Nights in Moscow
- 03 Nights in St Petersburg

**Note:** All hotels will be either around the airport area or in the outskirts. Most hotels in Europe have only Twin beds. Double bed will be Queen size and not King size.

Hotel rooms may not be air conditioned / air cooled nor will fans be provided. Air conditioning / air cooling in hotels are set as per European weather conditions.

**MEALS**

- Daily continental breakfast. (Breakfast includes bread with butter, jam, cereals, juice, milk, tea and coffee)
- 5 Indian Jain / vegetarian / non-vegetarian dinners.

**Note:** Packed lunches, if applicable, will be Jain / vegetarian.

**OPTIONAL TOUR COST**

<b>OPTIONAL TOUR</b>	<b>ADULT (USD)</b>	<b>CHILD (USD)</b>
Russian Circus	<b>70</b>	<b>70</b>
Visit to Catherine Palace & Peterhof Palace	<b>130</b>	<b>130</b>

**Note:**

- **Optional will be operated subject to minimum strength of 20 passengers.**

## **DAYWISE ITINERARY:**

### **Day 01**

#### **Welcome to Moscow**

Welcome to Moscow - the capital and the largest city of Russia. On arrival check into your hotel on your own any time after 1500 hrs. The evening is free at leisure. Overnight in Moscow.

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**Note: The standard check-in time is 1500 hrs. Packed dinner will be provided in case of late arrivals of flight or long queue at the immigration.**

### **Day 02**

#### **Guided city tour of Moscow - Visit to Kremlin territory and cathedrals – Professional Photo shoot – Metro Tour. Visit to the Russian Circus (Optional)**

Today, we proceed for a guided tour of Moscow: Visit the Red Square, see the St. Basil's Cathedral, the White House and Christ the Saviour Cathedral. Next we proceed on inside visit to Kremlin: see the Kremlin Wall and Kremlin Territory. What's more! Enjoy a professional photo shoot while you are visiting these beautiful sites of Moscow. Next, we visit the Metro station of Moscow often called 'The People's Palaces', for their elegant designs, lavish and profuse use of marble, mosaics, sculptures and chandeliers. Later you have a chance to visit Russian Circus **(Optional)**. Overnight in Moscow.

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### **Day 03**

#### **Onto St. Petersburg:**

Today, we proceed to the railway station to board the High speed SAPSAN train onto St. Petersburg- A major historical and cultural center, as well as Russia's second largest city. On arrival proceed to your hotel and check-in. Overnight in St Petersburg.

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### **Day 04**

#### **Guided tour of St. Petersburg – Visit Kazan Cathedral - Visit Vodka Museum – Visit Hermitage museum:**

Today, we proceed on a guided tour of St. Petersburg: Visit Kazan cathedral, see the Peter and Paul fortress, the famous dome of St. Isaac's Cathedral and drive past the Palace square with its dominant Alexander Column, the Bronze Horseman – dedicated to the founder of St. Petersburg, Peter the Great. Later, we visit a Vodka Museum - museum that presents the long history of Russia's national drink. Next, we visit the famous Hermitage museum which has the gigantic collection of nearly three million objects of the Heritage Museum, ranked as one of the world's major museums. Overnight in St Petersburg.

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### **Day 05**

#### **Day at leisure OR Catherine Palace & Peterhof Palace (Optional)**

Today, the day is free at leisure or you can opt to visit Peterhof Palace and Catherine Palace. Peterhof Palace is a series of palaces and gardens located in Peterhof. These palaces and gardens are sometimes referred as the "Russian Versailles". Later, visit Catherine Palace, the summer residence of the Russian Tsars.

Overnight in St Petersburg.

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### **Day 06**

#### **Return back home with pleasant memories**

Proceed to the airport on your own for your flight back home. Do spare a few minutes to share your feedback with your Tour Manager. Your valued suggestions will be most appreciated. Arrive home with pleasant memories of your European tour, which we are sure you will treasure for a lifetime.

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**Note: -** In capital city like Moscow & St Petersburg, there are parking restrictions for coaches and it's not possible to stop at all the places during the city tour. Tour Manager will try his/her best to stop coach wherever possible for a photo stop.

<b>Tour Cost in USD PER PERSON</b>				
<b>Twin/ Double Room</b>	<b>Triple Room</b>	<b>Child With Bed*</b>	<b>Child Without Bed**</b>	<b>Single Room</b>
<b>USD 1120</b>	<b>USD 1120</b>	<b>USD 970</b>	<b>USD 970</b>	<b>USD 1380</b>

\*As a 3rd in a triple, a roll away cot may be provided.\*\*As a 3rd in a double, no bed or cot will be provided to the child. Person below 12 years will be considered as a Child.

#### **WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Accommodations at the hotels specified above or similar.
- Meals, transfers, entrances, sightseeing and surface transport as mentioned in the itinerary
- Services of a professional & multilingual SOTC Tour Manager/ local representative.(subjected to minimum 15 customers)

#### **WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Passport, Visa charges, Airport & Port taxes.
- Cost of your Air tickets required to participate in this tour.
- Tipping is expected from anyone providing your service e.g. Coach Driver, Local Guides etc. It is mandatory to tip a nominal amount of USD 3 per person/per day. For the entire duration of this tour which is 06 Days, the total Tips amount is USD 18 per person to be paid to the Tour Manager on Day 01 of the tour.
- Porterage, tips, Insurance, laundry, telephone charges, airport transfers, transfers all items of personal nature and also food and drinks not forming part of the group menus.
- Cost of the Cost of Suggested Excursions. (Suggested Excursions will be operated subject to minimum 20 passengers).
- Any increase in the rate of exchange leading to an increase in all land arrangement which may come in to effect prior to departure.
- **Arrival or Departure PCR – COVID test if required by the airline or Government bodies**
- Anything not specifically mentioned in ‘What your Tour Price includes’ box..

#### **VISA REQUIREMENTS**

You must be in possession of a Single entry Russian visa. The cost of this visa is not included in your package tour price. It would be best to check with your travel agent and the consulates nearest to you for advice and information. Please ensure that your travel documents are ready in time for departure.

#### **Ticketing Requirements:**

For this tour you would require confirmed air tickets to arrive into Moscow and depart from Petersburg. It would be advisable to check with your SOTC sales officer or local travel agent for ticketing.

<b>DEPARTURE DATES – 2022</b>	
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>23,30</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>07,14,21,28</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>11,25</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>02,09,31</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>03</b>

## **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

### **HOTELS**

- All hotels will be either around the airport area or in the outskirts.
- Most hotels in Europe have only Twin beds. Double bed will be Queen size and not King size.
- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double room.
- For Child with bed: At times hotel don't have enough roll away beds, in that case they might give a double and a separate single room.
- A person 12 years and below is considered a child and above 12 years, an adult.
- Hotel rooms may not be air conditioned / air cooled nor will fans be provided. Air conditioning / cooling in hotels are set as per European weather conditions.
  
- Functioning of Air cooling / Air conditioning in hotels is subject to official declaration of summer by the local authority.
- During the heat wave in Europe air conditioning of the hotels and coaches may cease to function as they are not built for such high temperatures.
- Most hotels do not provide tea kettles in the rooms.
- Due to international events and trade fairs all throughout Europe such as Air Show, music festivals, ice skating championships etc., you may have to stay in hotels further away from the city.
- In Switzerland the stay may be split in two hotels
- Any damages caused to the hotel rooms / Coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers.
- We also reserve the right to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary.
- In certain cities hotels have not started the buffet breakfasts yet and if the same does not change by the time the tours begin, we will either provide breakfast or the groups will be taken to an Indian / local restaurant for breakfast.

### **COACHES**

- Most of your journey in Europe is by coach and hence you are requested to keep the coach clean.
- Due to hygienic reasons it is not permitted to use toilets in the coach. However the tour manager will make comfort stops during long drives.
- Eating & drinking is not permitted in the coach.
- One check in bag and one hand bag per person only, due to limited boot space in the coach.
- In Europe there are parking restrictions for coaches and it is not possible to stop at all the places during the city tour. Tour Manager will try his/her best to stop coach wherever possible for a photo stop.
- Coaches are non-wheelchair compliant. There are steps to board / alight from the coach.
- Due to private coaches being forbidden inside most of the cities; as per EU norms to preserve them and to avoid getting them polluted and overcrowded, most of your sightseeing will be done by local buses and by foot.

### **MEALS**

- Meals are pre-set and a-la carte is not possible.
- On certain days packed lunch will be provided as specified in the itinerary.

### **SIGHTSEEING**

- On certain departures, we may sometimes amend / reverse the itinerary. However, all the services / inclusions will remain the same.
- Generally, you will have to walk at sightseeing places, amusement parks and at the airports sometimes for a long distance; however the same will be timely instructed by the Tour Manager. It is advisable to carry good pair of comfortable sports shoes. The tour manager and the driver will do their best to get you as close to the monuments as possible.
- There are a few attractions and entrances that are currently closed due to COVID and in case the same remain closed at the time of the groups visiting, a refund will be provided.

## **GENERAL**

- On some occasions you may have to join another group in case the group does not have adequate members.
- A local representative or a driver may only be there to assist you during your initial part of the tour.
- Security alerts and random closures might affect the itinerary.
- Please take extra care of your personal belongings while on the tour, every country you travel to is prone to thefts and bag snatching. SOTC will not be liable for any loss of belongings / baggage.
- Disabled clients should carry their own wheelchair and should be accompanied by a qualified companion who is able to provide assistance to the disabled client.
- SOTC shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, baggage loss, theft, injury, accident, death, breakdown or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out the tour arrangement, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expense must be borne by the passengers. Insurance policies must be carried while on tour.
  
- The management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delay or changes in schedules of train, airplane, bus, ship or other services.
- The Tour Manager and the company reserves the right to amend the itinerary, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised. For the convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However, all the services will remain the same.
- There are no refunds for any services i.e. meals, sightseeing etc. not utilized on your tour
- The images used in this brochure are for representation purpose only.
- Tours operated are subject to RBI / GOI regulations.
- Please refer to the Booking Form for detailed “Terms and Conditions”.