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.

Accommodations
(With baggage handling)
- 4 nights in Moscow, Russia, at the first-class InterContinental Moscow - Tverskaya.
- 4 nights in St. Petersburg at the first-class Angleterre Hotel.

Transfers
- All transfers in the Land Program: high-speed train and deluxe motor coaches, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program
- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

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.
- AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome Reception.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Accompanied by Becky Jaffe*

* Cal lecturer’s participation cannot be guaranteed and is contingent on a minimum number of paying travelers.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations
Day 1  Depart gateway city+
Day 2  Arrive in Moscow
Day 3  Moscow
Day 4  Moscow
Day 5  Moscow
Day 6  Board train | St. Petersburg
Day 7  St. Petersburg
Day 8  Peterhof | Catherine Palace
Day 9  St. Petersburg
Day 10  Depart for gateway city+

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions.

INCLUSION FEATURES

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**Discovery**

**AHI Connects: Saint Petersburg Classic Ballet School.** In an intimate practice room visit, observe the dancers warm up at the barre, then watch as they gracefully leap and glide in costume during an exclusive performance.

**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.

**Kremlin and Red Square.** Head inside the Kremlin walls to see its 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 and Moscow Metro.** Explore within the walls of this monastery, noted for the lovely gold-and-silver-domed Smolensk Cathedral with its 16th-century frescoes. Afterward, descend into the city’s famed Metro stations to admire the splendid Soviet-era decorations, including marble floors, chandeliers and artwork.

**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.

**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.

**State Hermitage Museum.** Enjoy early access to view one of the world’s finest art collections, including renowned paintings; 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.

**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

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- flexibility to change or cancel
- assistance with changes or delays
- flight insurance

**DATES & PRICES**

**August 5-14, 2020**

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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).