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RUSSIAN RHAPSODY

9 or 12 days | Russia | Extension to Estonia and Finland

No longer shrouded behind the Iron Curtain, Russia is yours to discover. Visit the Kremlin, which once contained all of Moscow inside its 15th-century walls, and stand in the middle of iconic Red Square. Board a train for St. Petersburg, former capital of the Russian empire, and visit the Winter Palace (residence of Catherine the Great) and the magnificent Hermitage Museum.

EVERYTHING YOU GET:



Full-time Tour Director



Sightseeing: 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (4 with extension); 1 walking tour (2 with extension)



Entrances: Kremlin; Armory Palace Museum; Circus or folklore performance; Hermitage Museum; Winter Palace; Peter and Paul Fortress; St. Petersburg History Museum; *With extension:* Tempelaukio Church



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All of the details are covered: Round-trip flights on major carriers; Comfortable motorcoach; High-speed Sapsan train; *Ferry with extension*; 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (10 with extension); Breakfast and dinner daily



Moscow



Anyone can see the world.

YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE IT.

As you can see, your EF tour includes visits to the places you've learned about in school. That's a given. But it's so much more than that. Immersing yourself in new cultures—surrounded by the people, the language, the food, the way of life—creates inspirational moments that can't be listed in an itinerary. They can only be experienced.

And the experience begins long before you get your passport stamped and meet your **Tour Director** in your arrival city. It begins the moment you decide to go. Whether it's connecting with other travelers on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or delving deeper into your destinations with our online learning platform, **weShare**, the excitement will hit you long before you pack your suitcase.

When your group arrives abroad, everything is taken care of so you can relax and enjoy the experience. Your full-time Tour Director is with your group around the clock, handling local transportation, hotels and meals while also providing their own insight into the local history and culture. **Expert local guides** will lead your group on sightseeing tours, providing detailed views of history, art, architecture or anything you may have a question about.

When your journey is over and you're unpacking your suitcase at home, you'll realize the benefits of your life-changing experience do not end. They have just begun.

@EFtours I attribute my college semester abroad to the love for travel I discovered on an EF Tour in high school #traveltuesday

— MELISSA, TRAVELER



Via Twitter



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Via Instagram

What you'll experience on your tour

Day 1: Fly overnight to Russia

Day 2: Moscow

- Arrive in Moscow, the political, economic and cultural capital of Russia. During your stay you'll visit iconic Red Square, large enough to accommodate more than 2 million people. Marvel at the colorful cupolas of St. Basil's Cathedral. According to legend, Ivan the Terrible took drastic measures to ensure that the architect would never build anything more beautiful. Visit the Kremlin, which once contained all of Moscow inside its 15th-century walls. Walk across the czarist Square of Cathedrals. Each cathedral had a particular purpose: one for marrying, one for burying and a third for coronations. You'll also visit the Armory Palace, the oldest and most richly furnished museum of the Kremlin. Exhibits include gold and silver jewelry from the past millennium, Russian armor and the breathtakingly ornate Fabergé eggs.

Day 3: Moscow

- Take a guided tour of Moscow: Kremlin; Square of Cathedrals; Red Square; St. Basil's Cathedral
- Visit the Armory Palace Museum
- Attend a circus or folklore performance

Day 4: Moscow

- Full day to explore more of Moscow or
➦ Visit Sergiev Posad

Day 5: Moscow | St. Petersburg

- Travel by train to St. Petersburg, once the capital of the Russian empire. During your stay you'll visit the Winter Palace, once the residence of Catherine the Great and site of the overthrow of the Russian monarchy in 1917. The Winter Palace now is part of the vast Hermitage Museum, where you can see the czars' spectacular art collection. You'll also visit the Peter and Paul Fortress—Trotsky, Gorky and Dostoyevsky were all imprisoned here. Finally, discover Russia's cultural heritage at the St. Petersburg Museum of History. A focus of the museum is the time Russians refer to as the Blockade, the 900 days of bombing and starvation between September 1941 and January 1944 when German forces surrounded Leningrad.

Day 6: St. Petersburg

- Take a guided tour of St. Petersburg
- Visit the Hermitage Museum and Winter Palace. By order of the Tsar, visitors to the magnificent Hermitage Museum were required to dress in evening attire, no matter the time of day. Recall that age of grandeur with your first glimpse of the museum. The Hermitage, founded on the extensive art collection of Catherine the Great and opened in 1852, now boasts more than 3 million works of art, including the world's largest collection of paintings. As part of your museum tour, you'll visit the Winter Palace, originally the royal residence. This block-long structure, with its imposing Baroque exterior, was designed to symbolize the power of Imperial Russia. Ironically, the monarchy was overthrown here in 1917.
- Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress

Day 7: St. Petersburg

- Take a walking tour of St. Petersburg: Nevsky Prospekt; Alexander Pushkin Monument
- Visit the St. Petersburg History Museum

Day 8: St. Petersburg

- Full day to explore more of St. Petersburg or
➦ Visit Peterhof

Day 9: Depart for home

➦ 3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

Day 9: St. Petersburg | Tallinn

- Travel from St. Petersburg to Tallinn
- Take a guided tour of Tallinn

Days 10-11: Helsinki

- Travel by ferry to Helsinki
- Take a walking tour of Helsinki: Government House; Helsinki University; Uspenski Cathedral
- Take a guided tour of Helsinki: Parliament; Olympic Stadium
- Visit Tempeliahkio Church

Day 12: Depart for home

I was amazed with the beauty of the countryside on our voyage between St. Petersburg and Tallinn, delighted with the awesome architecture in Moscow and impressed with the knowledge and experience of our guides. They simply mesmerized me with stories of the tsars and their families; it was almost as if royalty had "come back to life". Thank you, EF for helping make my dream come true

– CAROLE, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

Russia had a lot to offer. It was fun, yet a learning experience. It was very interesting to learn of different tsars and Communist leaders. Trips to the Winter Palace and Red Square was an experience that will never be forgotten. I would highly recommend it and would go back in a heartbeat.

– MATTHEW, TRAVELER

“ Tour review

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My daughter has gained such an amazing view of the world and history from this experience. She has not stopped talking since I picked her up at the airport. Thank you for all the organization, helpful hints, flexible payment plan and knowledgeable tour guides.

—CHARLOTTE, DAUGHTER TRAVELED JUNE 2014



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