



RUSSIA TOUR

DESTINATION: MOSCOW — MURMANSK — ST PETERSBURG

Duration : 8 Nights – 9 Days

3 Nights at Moscow, 3 Nights stay in Murmansk, 2 Nights stay at St Petersburg

INCLUSIONS

- ❖ India-Moscow-India Flight Ticket (with 23kg Check In luggage)
- ❖ Moscow-Murmansk-St Petersburg flight ticket with 15kg check-in baggage
- ❖ All transfers and sightseeing in comfortable reserved coach.
- ❖ Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) hunting near Murmansk (1 Tour)
- ❖ Russia Tourist Visa.
- ❖ Accommodation in Deluxe category hotel (4 star & 3 star)
- ❖ All rooms are with all major amenities
- ❖ All rooms are on Double Sharing basis (2 Adults in a room)
- ❖ Igloo Stay is on quad sharing (4 pax in a room)
- ❖ Foods as indicated in the itinerary.
- ❖ Serving of food: Breakfast every day (Dinner can be added).
- ❖ All parking, toll Taxes, Driver charges.
- ❖ Entry fees as mentioned in the itinerary

Tour Itinerary

Day 1. INDIA – MOSCOW

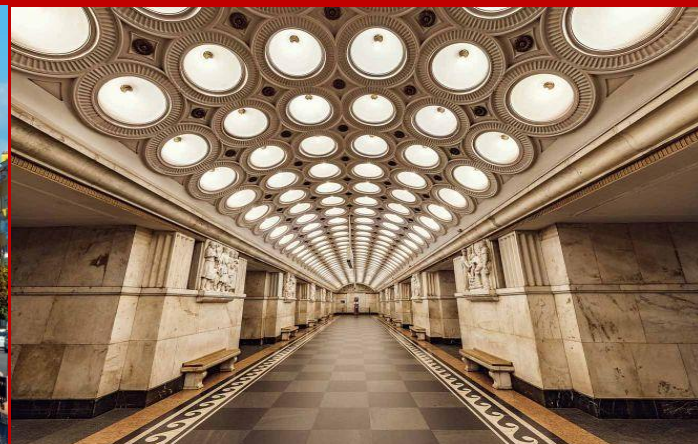
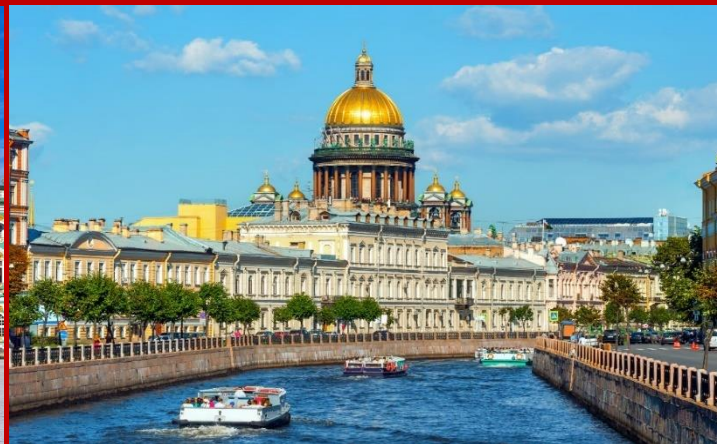
Assemble at your nearest designated airport as per your flight timing to board your flight to Moscow. You will be transiting through middle-east or central Asia on your way to Moscow. Reach Moscow by afternoon/evening and after immigration, get received by our representative and transfer to your hotel. Dinner will be served in an Indian restaurant today.

Overnight at Moscow.

Day 2. MOSCOW SIGHTSEEING TOUR

After breakfast proceed for a day tour of Moscow. The Tour is a combination of transporting by the famous Moscow Metro, car and by foot. A fair bit of walking is involved as we will visit the Moscow Kremlin - the former residence of Russian tsars and Soviet rulers is still used today. You will have a chance to visit the three unique cathedrals built in the 15th and 16th centuries as well as the Patriarch Palace famous for its great collection of 17th-century clothing, tableware, jewelry, and other wonders of the past. You'll see the famous Tsar Cannon and Tsar Bell and take a look at the President's helicopter pad. Exit the Kremlin and walk to the most iconic landmark of Moscow – St Basil's Cathedral. Spend your time at the St Basil's Cathedral complex clicking numerous pictures with the Cathedral at the background. Touring the city by car is an opportunity to see some of the most interesting places in Moscow. Over the course of three hours, we will drive through the Lover's Bridge, Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Victory Park, and have a stop near the magnificent Novodevichy convent. The highlight of the tour is Moscow State University, a stunning example of Stalinist architecture, and Sparrow Hills, the highest point in the city for a panoramic view of Moscow. Later in the evening, we can visit the Old Arbat Street one of Moscow's oldest walking street where you can enjoy the beautiful artworks, handmade items and also meet people who represent a variety of cultures of the ex USSR republics. Enjoy your dinner at an Indian restaurant and take the underground metro back to our hotel.

Overnight at Moscow. (B)



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Day 3. MOSCOW – MURMANSK. IGLOO STAY – AURORA BOREALIS HUNT

Today we will start our lifetime journey in search for the illusive Aurora Borealis. A fascinating adventure in pursuit of an exceptional natural phenomenon! Transfer to the Moscow airport according to your flight timing to take your flight to Murmansk. Reach Murmansk later in the day/afternoon and transfer to your specialised accommodation - The Glass Igloo located at the Aurora Village. A 50km drive from the main city of Murmansk, the Igloos are located far from civilization, consisting of dome houses with 30% double glass transparent sphere. Under favorable weather condition, you can watch the Northern Lights under a glass dome, lying on a soft bed from these wonderful Igloos! On the territory of Aurora Village, you can lie in an open-air font, rent skis, snowshoes, ride snowmobiles, and also have a barbecue with friends.

Among 1 of the 3 night's stay at Murmansk, we will go for Aurora Hunting Tour. The driving to the observation spot takes approximately an hour or two. Once we reach the best destination we have to wait for the Aurora to appear. Sometimes the colorful Northern lights appear in the blink of an eye and vanishes after a few moments later, sometimes we have to wait even several hours, but it is worth it – it may last hours as well. And on the rare occasion of bad luck you may see low glittering or no lights at all – it's just a matter of chance – hence it is called hunting.

Overnight at Igloo Village Murmansk. (B)



Day 4. EXCURSION TO TERIBERKA – ARCTIC OCEAN

Today, we will visit the village of Teriberka – the place in Russia from where you can admire and greet part of the Arctic Ocean. A drive of around 130 km will take you deeper into the Kola Peninsula to feel the real Arctic through the snowy landscape of Tundra. After the release of the Oscar-nominated film, Leviathan by Alexei Zvyagintsev, the forgotten northern settlement of Teriberka has become a mecca for tourists. The ocean around Teriberka never freezes due to the effects of the Gulf Stream, which provides a great contrast for photos with the deep blue sea and snowy hills. Later in the evening, return to Murmansk for your last night stay at Murmansk.

Overnight at Murmansk. (B)

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Day 5. SAMI VILLAGE SETTLEMENT TOUR

After breakfast, we visit the Sami Village settlement to learn about the life of the Sami people. For a long time, the Saami, a local ethnic group belonging to the Ural race — intermediate between Caucasoid and Mongoloid, lived in this territory. The Saami in Russian Lapland live a way of life which almost has not changed over the last century. The primary occupation of the Saami is reindeer farming, but they are also very skilled fishermen and hunters and they know the Russian tundra intimately. Saami possess a rich, unique folklore and many still wear the distinctive and colourful traditional Lappish clothing. The traditional belief of the Sami was the worship to various spirits of nature. Take part in traditional games, meet reindeer and go quad biking in summer and banana snowmobile in winter (weather permitting). You'll also get a taste of the local Sami cuisine when you'll be served traditional soup and tea for lunch. (The Lunch served is very light and may not fulfill your appetite – Hence, we will have separate time to have lunch after the Sami Village tour)

Overnight at Murmansk. (B)



Day 6. FREE DAY – OPTIONAL TOURS – FLIGHT TO ST PETERSBURG

The day is free at leisure at Murmansk. We do have a host of optional tour to choose from today. You can choose an interesting activity of Ice-Floating which is a unique experience on your Northern Russia Trip. Another tour which you can opt for is a visit to the Siberian Husky Farm. Get up-close with these wonderful furry friends and click beautiful pictures with them. Also experience the sledge ride by the Husky at the Husky Farm. **(All the activities/tours on this day is optional and self-paid and is not included in the tour cost – You have to pre-book the at least 1 month in advance).** Later in the evening, transfer to the airport to take your return flight to St Petersburg. Reach St Petersburg by evening and after dinner, transfer to your hotel.

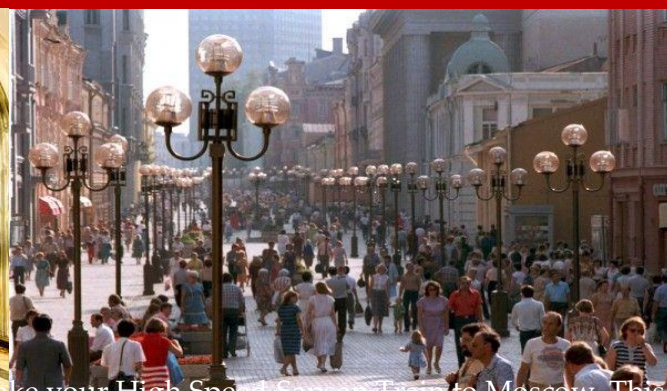
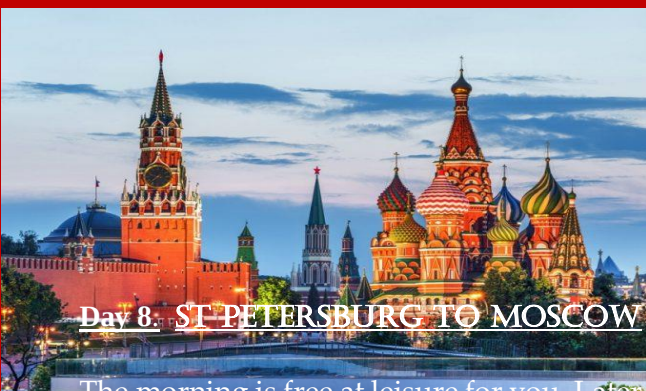
Overnight at St Petersburg. (B, D)

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Day 7. ST PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING TOUR

The day is reserved for an extensive tour of St Petersburg. To many, St Petersburg is the most beautiful and romantic city in Russia. It resembles Paris, Amsterdam and Vienna, but adds a typical Russian flavor. After today you will be able to judge yourself, as we will tour around the whole city and see many of its highlights: Peter and Paul Fortress, St Isaac's Cathedral, Church of the Savior of Spilled Blood and Kazan Cathedral, to name a few. Probably you will visit more churches than on an average day. But they are all worth your time- for sure. In the afternoon, visit the Hermitage. From the 1760s onwards the Winter Palace was the main residence of the Russian Tsars. Magnificently located on the bank of the Neva River, this Baroque-style palace is perhaps St. Petersburg's most impressive attraction. Many visitors also know it as the main building of the Hermitage Museum. The green-and-white three-storey palace is a marvel of Baroque architecture and boasts 1,786 doors, 1,945 windows and 1,057 elegantly and lavishly decorated halls and rooms, many of which are open to the public. In the evening, you can explore the nightlife of the city by yourself. Rubinshteina Street is the place where you can enjoy your night out visiting some of the well-known pubs and have a good night out.

Overnight at St Petersburg. (B)



Day 8: ST PETERSBURG TO MOSCOW

The morning is free at leisure for you. Later in the day, transfer to the St Petersburg Train Station to take your High Speed Sapsan Train to Moscow. This fast speed train will take less than 4 hours to cover a distance of more than 600 km between the 2 most popular cities of Russia. Reach Moscow by afternoon and transfer to the hotel. The evening is free for you to explore the Arbat Street or one of the any reputed malls at Moscow on your own.

Overnight at Moscow (B)

Day 9. MOSCOW AIRPORT DROP

Depending on your flight timing, transfer to the Moscow airport to take your return flight to India. (B)

PRICE

RATES PER PAID PARTICIPANT

9 DAYS' PACKAGE

Deluxe Package: Rs. 2,53,000 + Taxes (Approx 12,800)

Premium Package: Rs. 2,69,000 + Taxes (Approx 13,800)

HOTELS

(EITHER SAME OR SIMILAR TYPE OF HOTELS WILL BE PROVIDED)

<u>CITY</u>	<u>ST PETERSBURG</u>	<u>MURMANSK</u>	<u>MOSCOW</u>
Deluxe	Margarita Hotel	Hotel Tundra	Izmailov Beta Hotel
Premium	Express Sadovaya	Renaissance	Suchevsky Safmar

EXCLUSIONS

- ⊗ Extra Luggage in the flight (International limit is 23kg and domestic limit is 15-20 kg depending on airlines)
- ⊗ Early Check Ins/Late Check Outs at the Hotels
- ⊗ Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- ⊗ The entry fees to museums and sightseeing places which are mentioned as optional/self-paid or not included in the itinerary
- ⊗ GST @ 5% & TCS @ 2% (Approx amount mentioned separately on the price column)
- ⊗ Anything that is not mentioned in Inclusions.
- ⊗ Optional Tours at Murmansk such as Ice Floating or Husky Farm Visit.

Payment Terms:

- 🏠 60% of package amount should be made at the time of confirmation. The remaining 40% must be made at least 1month before the commencement of the journey. Amount for flight ticket has to be paid in full at the time of confirmation.
- 🏠 Payments should be made in favor of 3rd Planet Tours with cheque, online transfer or cash to an authorized person of 3rd Planet Tours against a valid money receipt.
- 🏠 Please find the user agreement & remaining terms & conditions in the following link: <https://3rdplanetours.com/terms-condition/>

🇺🇸 For any cancellation, the actual flight cancellation charge + 25% of the remaining package amount will be charged if cancellation is done more than 1 months prior to the commencement of the journey. Any cancellation in between 1 months and 2 weeks before the commencement of the journey will attract the actual flight cancellation charge + 50% of the remaining package amount. Cancellation within 2 weeks of the commencement of the journey will be considered at NO SHOWS and the total package amount should be paid by the traveler.