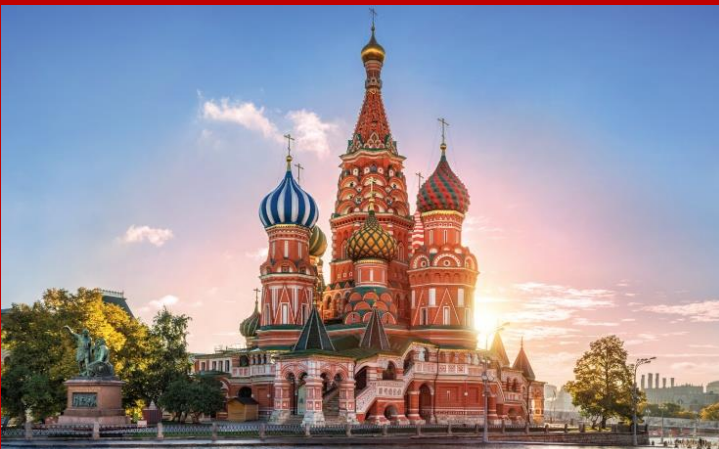




RUSSIA TOUR 2026

DESTINATION: MOSCOW — MURMANSK — ST PETERSBURG - IRKUTSK — LAKE BAIKAL

Duration : 13 Nights – 14 Days

3 Nights at Moscow, 3 Nights stay in Murmansk, 2 Nights stay at St Petersburg, 1 Nights at Irkutsk, 3 Nights at Olkhon Island

INCLUSIONS

- ❖ India-Moscow-India Flight Ticket (with 23kg Check In luggage)
- ❖ Moscow-Murmansk-St Petersburg flight ticket with 20kg check-in baggage
- ❖ Moscow-Irkutsk-Moscow domestic flight ticket with 20kg 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 (3 & 4 star)
- ❖ Accommodation in Guest house at Baikal
- ❖ All rooms are on Double Sharing basis (2 Adults in a room)
- ❖ Igloo Stay is on quad sharing (4 pax in a room)
- ❖ 1 Sapsan bullet train journey from St Petersburg to Moscow

INCLUSIONS

- ❖ Foods as indicated in the itinerary.
- ❖ Serving of food: Breakfast every day (Dinner can be added), 2 Lunches at Baikal (Indian Food will not be available – Siberian cuisine with Veg Option will be available)
- ❖ All parking, toll Taxes, Driver charges.
- ❖ Entry fees as mentioned in the itinerary

Tour Itinerary

Day 1. INDIA – MOSCOW

Assemble at the Delhi airport early morning to board your flight to Moscow. You will be transiting through Baku on your way to Moscow. Reach Moscow by afternoon 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 streets 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)



Tour Itinerary

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.

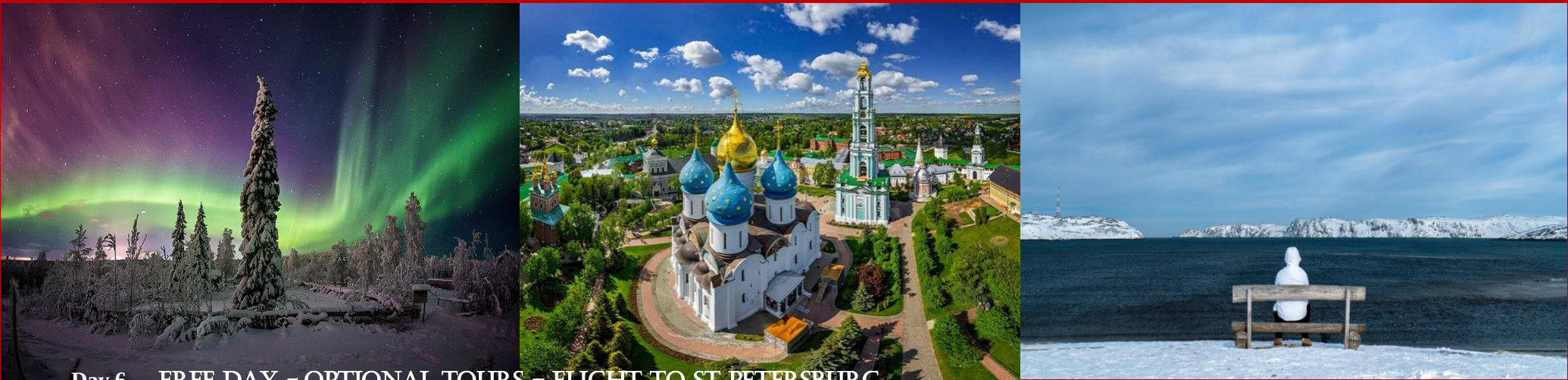
Overnight at Murmansk. (B,)

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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. You can opt to stay at a Glass Igloo on this day and get a chance to experience the Aurora in the most majestic way. 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 2 weeks 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.

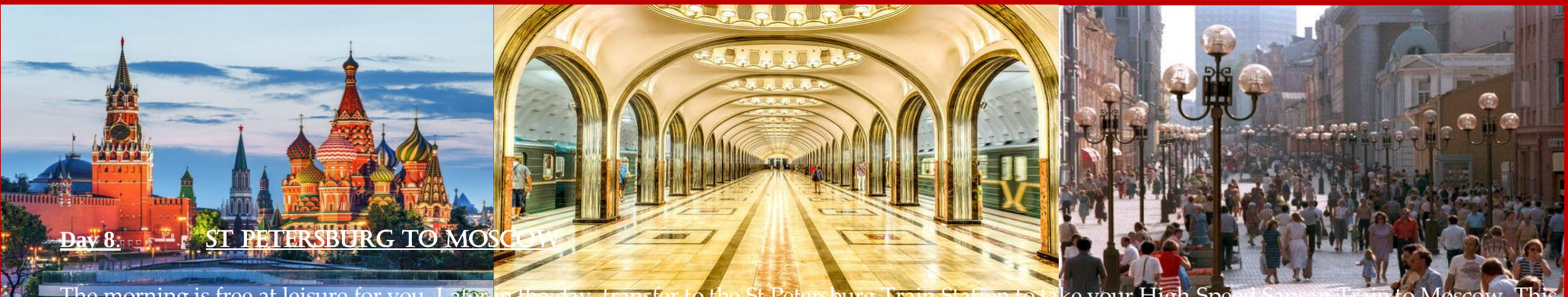
Overnight at St Petersburg. (B)

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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 and transfer to your hotel. Rest of the day is free for you to do some shopping at Moscow city. Alternatively, we can also arrange for you a trip to the Vodka Museum or an experience of AK47 shooting or seeing a Russian Circus (All activities are self paid).

Overnight at Moscow. (B)

BAIKAL EXTENSION TOUR

Day 9. MOSCOW TO IRKUTSK

The morning is free at leisure for you. Later in the day, transfer to the Moscow airport to take your flight to Irkutsk. This 6 hrs long flight will cross 5 different time zones at will reach Irkutsk by late night (23:35 hrs). Upon reaching Irkutsk, get received by our representative and transfer to your hotel. (The dinner today is the same meal which is provided in the flight – We suggest you to carry some snacks with you since you will be reaching at midnight and Irkutsk being a small town – all shops will be closed by that time)

Overnight on transit. (B)

Day 10 TRANSFER TO OLKHON ISLAND

Reach Irkutsk in the morning and start your journey for the fabled Lake Baikal. Get ready to travel for 250 km to the beautiful Olkhon Island. Stop for Lunch en route at the road cafe, and then make the ice crossing to Olkhon Island, Lake Baikal's largest island at 71km long and 18km wide. Olkhon is populated primarily by the Buryati who are of Mongolian descent and whose Buddhist practices coexist with their shamanism. From the end of January till the end of March stops are done on ice to see clear black ice and ice formations along the shore. Explore Khuzir, the island's main village and walk through the settlement to the Cape of Burkhan to see the Sunset at famous Crag of Shaman (Rock Temple) which was generally regarded as one of the 9 sanctuaries of Asia.

Overnight in the guesthouse in Khuzir. (B)

Day 11. NORTH OF OLKHON ISLAND TOUR

In the morning depart by Russian 4x4 UAZ to explore **North of Olkhon** Island and classic Lake Baikal vistas. Heading north and make stops at Kharaldai and Sagaan-Khushun Capes, Shunte cape, including the 200m./650'-high cliffs of Khoboy Cape at the northern tip of the island. Lunch enroute, Uha soup made on fire with hot tea along with bread & salad (lunch-box in case of bad weather).

Walk on ice along the shore at Uzur bay, see coastal icy cave, frozen blue hummocks and stretches of beach along the way. Return to Khuzir village in the afternoon.

Overnight in the guesthouse in Khuzir. (B, L)

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Day 12. SOUTH OF OLKHON ISLAND TOUR

Start from Khuzir village and drive by 4x4 to the **South of Olkhon**. The main stops are: Observation spot to the Khuzir village and Yalga bay. Continue driving along the shores. Lunch-box enroute. Stops are done to see clear blue ice and various ice formations. Visit view point Zamok and Nury bay to see the ice with bubbles. Return to Khuzir village in the afternoon. Dinner and night in the guesthouse in Khuzir. Depending on the weather and ice conditions the number of visits can vary.

Overnight in the guesthouse in Khuzir. (B, L)

Day 13. RETURN FROM OLKHON TO IRKUTSK

After breakfast, drive to the ferry-station. Make an ice crossing to the mainland and drive to Irkutsk. Stop en route at the road cafe in the Buryat village of Elantsi or Bayandai. Approximate time of arrival in Irkutsk is 17:00.

Overnight at Irkutsk. (B)

Day 14. IRKUTSK – MOSCOW – INDIA

Depending on your flight timing, transfer to the Irkutsk airport to board return flight to Moscow. Reach Moscow later in the day and change terminal to take a return flight back to Delhi. Reach Delhi very early next morning. (B)

END OF TOUR

PRICE

RATES PER PAID PARTICIPANT

14 DAYS' PACKAGE

Deluxe Accommodation	Premium Accommodation
Rs. 3,60,000/- + Taxes (Approx 17,000/-)	Rs. 3,82,000/- + Taxes (Approx 18,200/-)

HOTELS

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

<u>CITY</u>	<u>ST PETERSBURG</u>	<u>MURMANSK</u>	<u>MOSCOW</u>	<u>OLKHON ISLAND</u>	<u>IRKUTSK</u>
Deluxe	Margarita Hotel	Hotel Tundra	Izmailov Beta Hotel	Olkhon Guest House	Royal Hotel
Premium	Express Sadovaya	Renaissance	Izmailov Delta	Olkhon Guest House	Irkutsk Hotel

EXCLUSIONS

- ⊗ Extra Luggage in the flight (International limit is 23kg and domestic limit is 20-23 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% (Not Applicable on the Flight Tickets – Amount mentioned separately)
- ⊗ 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 1 month 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.