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# INTRODUCTION

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Experience the ultimate Russian journey and discover a rich treasure trove of history as you explore the secrets of Moscow and St Petersburg, once veiled in secrecy behind the Iron Curtain.

With our unique insider access you'll gain a deeper understanding and insight into the arts, culture and history of this diverse nation.

Beginning in Moscow you'll explore a city that bears the weight of history as its mantle. Step into the Soviet-era with a visit to the Kremlin Museum, meet a former KGB Officer, head 65m underground to a Cold War bunker and take in the sheer opulence of Moscow's oldest and most decorated metro-stations, which are nothing short of spectacular.

From Moscow you'll travel to St Petersburg for five extraordinary nights. The sheer grandeur of this imperial former capital city can't fail to impress. Often referred to as the 'Venice of the North' the St Petersburg is crisscrossed with elegant canals, lined with mansions. And the sheer magnitude of arts and culture is unsurpassed with what is perhaps the greatest collection of Russian art housed in the Russian Museum.

We'll show you a different side to Russia, one beyond the guidebooks.



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# YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

DAY	SUMMARY	ACCOMMODATION
Day 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• On arrival in Moscow you'll be met at the air bridge and assisted through immigration. Your private driver will then transfer you to your hotel.</li><li>• Enjoy private dining and wine tasting in the Wine Room this evening.</li></ul>	Hotel Bulschug Kempinski Moscow
Day 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This morning enjoy VIP access thirty minutes before the general public to the Kremlin Museum. Your tour will include the Armory Chamber, Cathedral Square and the Bell Tower.</li><li>• Over lunch at GlavPivTorg you'll have the unique opportunity to meet a former KGB officer.</li><li>• The metro stations in Moscow are nothing short of spectacular, they are works of art in themselves and this afternoon you'll visit some of the oldest and most beautiful examples in the city to see for yourself.</li><li>• Afterwards your afternoon concludes with a visit to a Cold War bunker, Bunker 42 to be precise. Set 65 metres under ground this cold war museum is based in what was the former top-secret Soviet command post N42.</li><li>• This evening there is a very special private late opening of St Basil's Cathedral in Red Square. This enchanting building was commissioned by Ivan the Terrible in 1552 and is a vivid mix of colourful onion and helmet domes shielding nine chapels. Meanwhile step inside and you'll find an interior filled with pastel-hued 16th and 17th Century fresco's.</li></ul>	Hotel Bulschug Kempinski Moscow
Day 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• After breakfast embark on a full day exploring Moscow.</li><li>• Start in Red Square, the very epicentre of Russian history since the 1500's. From Ivan the Terrible's confessions to executions and great proproganda parades of the country's military might to latter-day demonstrations, this central point in Moscow has its feet firmly rooted in the Russia's history - past and present.</li><li>• After gazing on the city from Sparrow Hills, the best viewpoint in Moscow there will be time for a leisurely lunch.</li><li>• Spend the afternoon exploring the finest Russian artwork at the Tret'yakov Art Gallery before a private choir performance at the Church of St. Nicholas the Miracle Worker in Tolmachi. The church is home to Russia's most sacred object - the Icon of our Lady of Vladmir.</li><li>• This evening a private transfer will take you to Turandot Restaurant for dinner.</li></ul>	Hotel Bulschug Kempinski Moscow

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Day 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• This morning you'll leave Moscow for the one hour drive to the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre. Here you'll get to explore where cosmonauts from Russia, and the rest of the world, undergo their training for manned space flights. Alongside the tour of the museum and centre you'll also learn more about the centrifuge machine pavilion, hydro-laboratory and Soyuz pavilion. There's also opportunity to chat with a real cosmonaut.</li><li>• From here you'll transfer to the airport for your private helicopter flight to St Petersburg, which takes around one and a half hours.</li><li>• Transfer on arrival to your hotel. Dinner this evening is in the hotel's L'Europe restaurant.</li></ul>	Belmond Grand Hotel Europe
Day 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Your exploration of St Petersburg begins with the Peter &amp; Paul Fortress and Yusupov Palace. In the centre of the fortress sits the Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul, instantly recognisable by its landmark golden spire. Founded by Peter the Great the fortress dates back to 1703 and is the oldest building in the city.</li><li>• Spend the afternoon exploring the Yusupov Palace, which has a rich, if somewhat bloodythirsty past. It was here that Prince Felix Yusupov, once the richest man in Russia, planned and executed the murder of Rasputin.</li><li>• The rooms in the place are exquisitely restored and house a magnificent art collection. Your tour also includes the stunning private theatre, where artists such as Anna Pavlova have performed.</li></ul>	Belmond Grand Hotel Europe
Day 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enjoy exclusive access to what is often regarded as the finest museum in the world; The Hermitage. Accompanied by the curator Alexy Leporc you'll gain a deeper insight into the collections housed here. It's four buildings are home to a diverse assembly of works including Da Vinci, Raphael and Rembrandt plus the largest collection of Titians in the world.</li><li>• After a private performance at the Russian Ballet School return to your hotel.</li><li>• This evening a backstage tour of the legendary Mariinsky Theatre is the pre-cursor to a sublime evening performance.</li></ul>	Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

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Day 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore more of St Petersburg today starting with the Museum of Political History.</li><li>• Spend this afternoon at the Stroganov Palace on a private tour with the Chief Curator - Sergey Kuznetsov. The palace is one of the finest and indeed oldest in the city and your guide is the main expert in Russia on the history of both the palace and the family.</li><li>• Late afternoon pay a visit to the Church of Savior on the Spilled Blood. This symbol of the city is quite simply breathtaking. The multi-hued onion domes and mosaics belie its grisly past.</li><li>• This evening we recommend dining at one of the finest restaurants in St Petersburg, the Russky Ampir. Dinner is preceded by a private tour of the mansions cellars along with a traditional tasting of vodka and caviar.</li></ul>	Belmond Grand Hotel Europe
Day 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Built by the architect of the magnificent Winter Palace, the Catherine Palace is the jewel in the crown of Tsarskoe Selo, an idyllic spot on the outskirts of St Petersburg. This summer residence of the Russian Emperors is a sight to behold with opulent interiors and spectacular formal gardens.</li><li>• Indulge in lunch at Podvorye Restaurant, perhaps the most 'Russian' restaurant in Russia.</li><li>• This afternoon you'll head to the Pavlovsk Great Palace for a private tour in the knowledgeable hands of Chief Curator Alexey Guzanov.</li><li>• Return to St Petersburg where the evening is free for you to enjoy the charms of this beautiful city.</li></ul>	Belmond Grand Hotel Europe
Day 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No visit to St Petersburg would be complete without a visit to the world-famous Faberge Museum. Created to preserve the cultural heritage of Russia, the museum is home to the world's largest collection of works by Carl Faberge including nine of the imperial Easter eggs. These are not only priceless in value but also in their significance and importance as historical artifacts.</li><li>• From here your private driver will take you to the airport for your onward flight.</li></ul>	



## YOUR ACCOMMODATION

### Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow



With outstanding views of the Kremlin and St Basil's Cathedral, this beautiful hotel is the perfect choice for a stay in Moscow. The classic facade of the building dates back to 1898 but the interior features contemporary design and elegant, stylish rooms.

Cafe Kranzler is the ideal spot for coffee and a cake, during the day it offers a cosy, European style then, as night falls, the space transforms into a stylish bar and lounge, perfect for a nightcap. Breakfast is served in the Baltshug Grill accompanied with views of the Kremlin.

Wellness comes in the shape of a heated indoor pool, state of the art fitness centre and spa offering a variety of massages and treatments.

Rooms at the Kempinski are elegant and refined with a calm, neutral colour scheme. Many boast wonderful views of the Kremlin, Red Square or the city skyline.

If you like a little more space the hotel also offers a varied range of suites to suit all needs.



### GRAND HOTEL EUROPE - A BELMOND HOTEL

Playing a central role in St Petersburg life for more than 140 years, this iconic hotel sits on Nevsky Prospekt amidst some of the St Petersburg's finest architectural gems.

L'Europe is an elegant restaurant where you'll dine by candlelit surrounded by beautiful art-nouveau design. The Caviar Bar & Restaurant is the perfect spot for an authentically Russian treat; enjoy piles of glistening caviar accompanied by delicate blinis and an icily crisp vodka. The vintage opulence of the Lobby Bar makes it the place to see and be seen, whilst the Mezzanine and Delizie by Cipriani is where you'll find delicious home-made cakes and desserts along with a Russian-style afternoon tea. The hotel also offers a gym, sauna and plunge pool.

Rooms exude a traditional, stylish glamour with rich fabrics and Russian artwork throughout. Terrace Rooms are set on the top floor and styled in the manner of a private residence, These charming rooms offer picturesque terraces with wonderful views over the city.











# INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at the Hotel Baltschug Kempinski Moscow
- 5 nights at the Grand Hotel Europe - A Belmond Hotel
- Daily breakfast
- Private airport transfers and a driver throughout
- Private dining and wine tasting at the Hotel Baltschug Kempinski on your first evening
- Lunch on Day 2 and Day 8
- Dinner on Day 3 and Day 4
- Private helicopter flight between Moscow and St Petersburg
  
- The following experiences during your time in Russia
  - Visit to the Kremlin Museum with VIP access
  - Meeting with former KGB Officer
  - Tour of the oldest and most beautiful metro stations in Moscow
  - Private bunker guide tour of Cold War bunker - Bunker 42
  - Private late opening experience at St Basil's Cathedral
  - Visits to Red Square and Sparrow Hill
  - Exploration of Tretyakov Art Gallery and private choir performance in the Church of St. Nicholas the Miracle Worker
  - Tour of the Yuri Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Centre and meeting with a cosmonaut
  - Tour of the Peter and Paul Fortress and Yusupov Palace
  - Curator-led tour of the Hermitage with exclusive early access
  - Private ballet performance at the Russian Ballet School
  - Memorable backstage tour of the Mariinsky Theatre followed by performance
  - Tour of the Museum of Russian Political History and private curator-led visit to the Stroganov Palace
  - Visit to the Church of the Spilled Blood
  - Visit to Tsarskoe Selo and private curator-led tour of Pavlovsk Great Palace
  - Tour of the world-renowned Faberge Museum

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