



SAINT PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW OPTION 1

A NEW RUSSIAN ROUTE OPTION 2



DAYS 6/10

FROM RM 4,513

DEPARTURE DATES

May.20:	03, 17, 31
Jun.20:	14, 28
Jul.20:	12, 26
Aug.20:	09, 23
Sep.20:	06, 20
Oct.20:	04, 18

EXPECTED HOTELS

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Sunlight, especially in the countries of northern Europe, varies depending on the time of year and allows us to live different experiences: in summer the days are very long, with only a few hours darkness per day, while in winter there are very few hours of sunshine, with darkness predominating everyday life

The high-speed train included in your trip has a maximum luggage allowance of 20 k/ person. On the train, passengers will travel without the Europamundo-tour-guide.

THE PRICE INCLUDES

- 6/10-nights hotel accommodation
- Europamundo General Services: Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- Includes arrival transfer
- Includes departure transfer
- Excursion: Visit to Peterhof Palace in St. Petersburg.
- City tour in: St. Petersburg, Moscow.
- Ticket admission: Peter and Paul fortress, Peterhof Palace and Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Kremlin and its Principal Cathedrals in Moscow, Great Patriotic War Museum in Moscow.
- High Speed Train: St. Petersburg/ Moscow.

(ADDITIONAL SERVICES OPT. 2)

- City tour in: Kazan.
- Ticket admission: Cathedral of the Assumption in Vladimir, Kremlin of Gorokhovets and Nizhny Novgorod, Makarjevo, Monastery, (For groups over 12), Folkloric show in Cheboksary, Sviyaschk, Kremlin and the house of Lenin (for groups over 12 of Kazan).
- Ferry: River Volga.
- Funicular: Nizhni Novgorod.
- 4 Lunch or Dinner Included in: Vladimir, Nizhny Novgorod, Makarjevo, Yoshkar-Ola.



(OPT. 1) SAINT PETERSBURG AND MOSCOW
01 SUN. St. Petersburg.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Arrival. Transfer to the hotel.

Welcome to Europe!!!. On arrival at the airport we shall be waiting to transfer you to the hotel. You can enjoy free time until your tour starts, information about the meeting place and start time can be found on the information boards in the hotel reception area.

02 MON. St. Petersburg.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Panoramic visit of St. Petersburg including Peter and Paul Fortress. Excursion to Peterhof Palace.

With a **local guide** we begin the **panoramic visit** of this beautiful city crossed by the Neva River and built on 40 islands. St Petersburg is the second most important city in Russia and capital of the Russian Empire. This imperial city reveals the history of the Russian tsars through its museums, palaces, and architectural wealth. The visit includes the **Peter and Paul Fortress (entrance included)**, origin of the city. The city is surrounded by numerous palaces. We take an excursion, with a **guide and tickets**, to the **PETERHOF PALACE**. This UNESCO heritage of mankind known as the "Russian Versailles" with magnificent fountains and gardens was one of the residences of the Tsars.

03 TUE. St. Petersburg- Moscow.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Hermitage Museum. High speed train to Moscow.

Today we have included the visit to the **Hermitage Museum**, with a **guide**, a fantastic art museum located in the building that was the Tsars' Winter Palace. In the afternoon we take the "Sapsan", the modern **high-speed train**, and in four hours we cover the nearly 800 km separating the two cities, arriving in **MOSCOW** and transferring to our hotel.

04 WED. Moscow.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: City tour of Moscow with entrances to Kremlin and its main cathedrals.

We will start our day with an exciting **visit to Russia's huge capital city**. This city unites past, present and future in a very unique way. We will visit the immense avenues, elegant shopping areas, the Red Square where Lenin's Mausoleum is, **Saint Basil's Cathedral**, the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. We will also enter the **Kremlin** with a visit to **two of its main cathedrals**. We will try (not guaranteed) to coincide with the ceremonial military parade in Sobornaya Square. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

05 THU. Moscow.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Viewpoint over Moscow. Great Patriotic War Museum.

We will learn more about the history of Russia and its capital. We will pass by the **university viewpoint**, with its fantastic view over the city where newly married couples leave flowers (we could go to the viewpoint after Saturday's visit instead of Sunday) and we will get to know (**including entry**) the **Great Patriotic War Museum (World War II)** that also shows us many aspects of the Soviet period. Free afternoon.

06 FRI. Moscow.-

After breakfast, **transfer to the airport** and end of our services.

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Days 1 - 5 as in Opt. 1

06 FRI. Moscow- Vladimir- Gorokhovets- Nizhny Novgorod.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Cathedral in Vladimir. Lunch included. Forests, pretty scenery around the hills of Gorokhovets. Volga district. Dinner included.

We leave Moscow early and travel towards **VLADIMIR**, here we visit with a **local guide** the majestic **Cathedral of the Assumption (entrance included)** that forms part of UNESCO's World Heritage. We will then take time for **lunch (included)**. We continue eastwards, stopping in the small town of **GOROKHOVETS**, its walled Kremlin, great views, 17th century monastery, and surroundings that seem to divert from time. We go on to **NIZHNY NOVGOROD**, the capital of the federal district of Volga, the fifth most populated city in Russia and the place where Maxim Gorki was born. We suggest strolling walk through its lively streets. Dinner at the hotel and accommodation. **Dinner included.**

07 SAT. Nizhni Novgorod- Makarjevo- Cheboksary.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Cable car in Nizhni, Makarjevo Monastery, Ferry on the river Volga. Lunch included.

We will leave Nizhni on a **cable car** that flies over the Volga. Leaving the busy roads behind, we continue and encounter large plains, fir forests, lakes, and villages of wooden houses. **MAKARIEVO** shows us its great 15th century monastery on the banks of the Volga, a beautiful place virtually untouched by tourism. We cross the **river Volga by ferry** (a crossing of around 20 minutes, cargo ferries cross the river, in very limited conditions). **Lunch included.** We continue to **CHEBOKSARY**, the capital of the **Republic of Chuvashia**, a beautiful and tidy city on the banks of the Volga. Its population speaks Chuvashian, a language of Turkish origin. On arrival, enjoy a small **folkloric show** (if the group is under 12 people, this show is not given).

08 SUN. Cheboksary- Yoshkar- Ola- Sviyaschk- Kazan.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: Lunch included. Tour of Sviyaschk.

We leave for **YOSKHAR-OLA**, the capital of the **Republic of Mari-El**. Here the inhabitants, who lived in the forests for centuries, speak a very ancient language derived from Hungarian and Finnish. Its urban centre has been completely transformed in recent years; and is now one of incredible beauty. Here we will take our **included lunch**. We go on towards the Tartar Republic. We visit **SVIJASCHK**, an island on the river Volga; declared UNESCO World Heritage, and inhabited in the times of Ivan the Terrible. We will take a walk with a **local guide**, among its churches and its ancient wooden dwellings. Continuing to **KAZAN**, and to the hotel.

09 MON. Kazan.-

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS: city tour of Kazan.

A full day in **KAZAN**, the **Tartar capital**, and a city with just over a million inhabitants. Enjoy visiting with a **local guide** the **Kremlin (entrance included)** and the city centre in which the mosques rub shoulders with the Orthodox churches. We will also see the House of Lenin (only on the outside, as it is closed on Mondays), a pleasant early 20th-century traditional dacha. The afternoon is leisure time to explore independently.

10 TUE. Kazan.-

After breakfast, **transfer to the airport** and end of our services.