

Great Russian Discovery: Golden Ring (Russian Province), Moscow & St. Petersburg

CB-06



The Golden Ring is the name given to the chain of ancient towns lying to the north and east of Moscow. These towns contain a collection of architectural masterpieces, set in the charming landscape of central Russia. The Golden Ring is also an opportunity to get acquainted with life of the Russian provinces, unhurried and calm, miles away from the hassle and bustle of the big cities. In one action packed week we offer you the opportunity to see all major treasures of fascinating Moscow and beautiful St. Petersburg together with the most beautiful towns of the Golden Ring. This has long been the most popular tourist route through the Russian provinces.

DEPARTURE DATES:

09.02.2012; 23.02.2012; 08.03.2012; 22.03.2012; 05.04.2012; 19.04.2012; 03.05.2012;
10.05.2012; 17.05.2012; 24.05.2012; 31.05.2012; 07.06.2012; 14.06.2012; 21.06.2012;
28.06.2012; 05.07.2012; 12.07.2012; 19.07.2012; 26.07.2012; 02.08.2012; 09.08.2012;
16.08.2012; 23.08.2012; 30.08.2012; 06.09.2012; 13.09.2012; 20.09.2012; 04.10.2012;
18.10.2012; 01.11.2012; 15.11.2012; 29.11.2012; 13.12.2012.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Thursday - Moscow

Airport arrival transfer to the hotel

Day 2 - Friday - Moscow

Transfer to Sergiev Posad by car / minibus

Guided tour of Sergiev Posad - the heart of Russian orthodox religion

Transfer to Suzdal by car / minibus

Day 3 - Saturday - Suzdal

Suzdal Guided Tour

Transfer to Vladimir by car / minibus

Vladimir Guided Tour

Transfer to Moscow by car / minibus

Day 4 - Sunday - Moscow

Moscow City Centre Walking Tour

Moscow Underground Guided Tour

Day 5 - Monday - Moscow

Red Square Guided Tour

Kremlin Grounds and Cathedrals Guided Tour

The Armoury Museum and Tsar Treasures

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to Novgorod the Great by overnight train

Day 6 - Tuesday - Novgorod the Great

Train arrival transfer to the hotel

Novgorod Kremlin Guided Tour

Yaroslav's Courtyard in Great Novgorod

Yuriev Monastery

Vitoslavlitsy Museum of Wooden Architecture Guided Tour

Day 7 - Wednesday - Novgorod the Great

Train departure transfer from the hotel

Departure to St. Petersburg by local suburban train

St. Petersburg City Tour

Day 8 - Thursday - St. Petersburg

Hermitage Museum (Winter Palace) Guided Tour

TOUR INCLUSIONS AND OPTIONAL EXTRAS

INCLUDED

Flights: advertised package price including flights covers flights from / to London and domestic flights in Russia where applicable. The airfare is not guaranteed unless ticketed. Please note if you depart from a regional airport in the UK there might be additional surcharges for flights. The package price depends on the availability of flight tickets and is to be reconfirmed by your travel consultant.

Accommodation: hotel DBL in Moscow, Suzdal, Novgorod the Great, St. Petersburg; train (2nd Class) - 1 night.

Hotel category - according to the package type selected.

View hotels details

Meals: breakfasts in the hotels, full board in Suzdal and Vladimir. Optional evening meal in the hotels

Transport: for transfers and sightseeing we use a comfortable coach, car or minibus; on our sightseeing we can also go on foot or use public transport (mainly underground which is very efficient and helps to avoid traffic congestion)

Train: comfortable 4 berth sleepers on the overnight train from Moscow to Novgorod the Great, local suburban seater train from Novgorod the Great to St. Petersburg. Optional: if you are travelling as a couple and want more privacy on the overnight train we can offer compartment buyout for 2 people - £75 per person. No 1st class is possible on a local train between Novgorod the Great and St. Petersburg

Tour staff and support: English-speaking guide, transfer driver

Russian visa: standard Russian visa processing within the UK, invitation letter to Russia

Transfers: all airport/ railway transfers as per itinerary

Entrance fees: all entrance fees as per itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

Personal travel insurance, optional excursions and services

OPTIONAL EXTRAS AND ADD-ONS

While on our city-breaks we can offer you a variety of

Day 9 - Friday - St. Petersburg
Half day Guided Tour to Tsarskoe Selo (Catherine Palace & Amber Room)

optional excursions, tour add-ons and tickets to the famous Russian ballet or circus performance.

Day 10 - Saturday - St. Petersburg

Airport departure transfer from the hotel

- Optional excursions in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Early check-in and extra nights in hotels
- 1st class train upgrade - £75 per person
- Evening meals at hotels
- Theatre and circus tickets - please inquire

AVAILABLE PACKAGES

COMFORT PLUS - 3* PACKAGE

Our comfort package is the best value for money for budget-conscious travellers, staying at our recommended 3* hotels. Please note, the hotels we book on our comfort package are well-located within the city with easy access to public transport. In Moscow we use the well-known Hotel Cosmos (17 minutes by tube from the Kremlin and Red Square, underground station is opposite the hotel across the main road), Suzdal Inn on Golden Ring, in Novgorod the Great - centrally located Intourist Novgorod and in St. Petersburg you will be staying at the Nevsky Grand (ideally located in the centre of the city, near Kazan cathedral and very close to the main street of St. Petersburg - Nevsky prospect).

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03/05/2012 - 12/05/2012	£1,325	£1,575	£195
10/05/2012 - 19/05/2012	£1,325	£1,575	£195
17/05/2012 - 26/05/2012	£1,345	£1,595	£225
24/05/2012 - 02/06/2012	£1,345	£1,595	£225
31/05/2012 - 09/06/2012	£1,345	£1,595	£225
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PREMIUM PLUS - 4* PACKAGE

Our premium package is specially designed for customers who prefer to travel in style, and to have additional comfort in their accommodation. We have carefully selected for your stay **premium 4* hotels** which are central, and well located: the Katerina City in Moscow, Nikolaevsky Posad hotel in Suzdal, Intourist in Novgorod the Great (please note as there are no central 4* hotels in Novgorod we will be using a well-located Intourist hotel where you will staying in a junior suite room) and the Hotel Petropalace in St. Petersburg, fitness centre, sauna and wifi.

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10/05/2012 - 19/05/2012	£1,545	£1,795	£395
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ALTERNATIVE TOURS AND TAILOR-MADE ARRANGEMENTS

In addition to organized group tours, we also offer individual trips. This could be an entirely separate holiday arrangement or an extension to a regular "Go Russia" trip. Whether you would like to travel independently, or just with the group of your friends or colleagues, we can help to realise your holiday plans. Depending on your preference for either comfort or budget, we can help you to design the ideal itinerary and provide the optimal value-for-money quote. Please [contact us for a quote](#).

Based on your chosen tour we believe you might be interested in alternative trips listed below:

- [Best of Moscow & St. Petersburg Guided Tour \(CB-17\)](#), Price from £995, 8 days
- [Three Capitals: Kiev - Moscow - St. Petersburg \(CB-18\)](#), Price from £1,245, 10 days
- [Discover the Beauty of the Russian Venice - St. Petersburg \(CB-02\)](#), Price from £495, 6 days

INFORMATION ABOUT VISAS

Go Russia provides assistance in processing visas and visa fees are included in the cost of most of our trips as detailed in the tour dossier. The visa application process is very straightforward. Please do not worry that your application will be unsuccessful (unless you have had any immigration issues with the relevant authorities in the past). All our tourists get their visas.

All nationalities require a full passport valid for at least six months beyond the intended length of stay. Please also make sure there are enough blank pages in your passport: Russian consulate requires minimum two blank pages.

UK residents

Upon your booking we will email you detailed guidance notes how to fill in the visa forms and what additional documents depending on nationality and your immigration status will be required. Please allow about two weeks for your visa application to be processed. Please advise us if you require your passport urgently, we can arrange urgent processing for an additional charge.

Non-UK residents

If you are not resident in the UK, we will issue official paperwork and email the required documents to you. You will need to apply for your visa at the local consulate. The process is very straightforward and we can assist you with completing the visa forms. You will have to pay the correct visa fee at the consulate in the country of your residence.

You can read more information about visa and application forms on our website:

http://www.justgorussia.co.uk/en/visa_support.html

HOW TO BOOK

Step 1 - Choose Your Holiday & Departure Dates

It is important that you choose a trip that is well suited to your interests, capabilities and experience. All our staff has first hand experience of a range of Go Russia holidays and will be happy to talk to you about your chosen trip, enabling you to assess its suitability. We also recommend that you read the descriptions of the relevant region, general information about our services, booking conditions, and trip dossiers carefully. Once you know what tour is right for you, as well as your departure dates, you can start your booking.

Step 2 - Complete the Booking Form

Online: log on to www.justgorussia.co.uk and open the tour you wish to book and click "Book now". You can easily find your tour by using a [Quick Trip Finder facility](#) located on the left hand side of our website. To provide you with a more personalised and relevant experience in all your contact with Go Russia, when you book online we ask you to register on our system. Once registered you can retrieve your bookings, brochure requests, lecture participation, update newsletter subscriptions, passenger and emergency contact details, submit special dietary requests, view invoices and receipts, download trip documents.

Email: alternatively, you can book your tour per email - info@justgorussia.co.uk, or

Phone: call us on +44 (0)20 33 55 77 17

When booking by email or over the phone please confirm your personal details (full name and address), chosen tour, departure date, package type (hotel / cabin category), and available upgrades.

Step 3 - Confirmation of your booking

On receipt of your booking form, we will make any necessary reservations for you and send you confirmation invoice, including the flight details, and additional information about your destination: advice on visas, vaccinations and what to take. The invoice will also show you the exact due date of the payment.

Step 4 - Payment

Please note, if your departure date is more than 56 days you will need to pay the deposit, which should cover the full cost of the flight (if applicable), plus 10% of the land-only arrangements (minimum £100) per person towards your tour. The outstanding payment must be made 56 days prior to departure. If you book less than 56 days before departure, full payment must be made at the time of your booking. You can make your payment by bank transfer, debit or credit card (2% surcharge applies for credit card payments), cheque, bankers draft or postal order. You will find all relevant payment details in your invoice.

