

GOLDEN RING Moscow- SergievPosad – Vladimir – Moscow



Day 1

1. 8:00 Departure from Moscow to Sergiev Posad on a comfortable bus with a personal guidewho will tell you a lot of interesting things on the way to Sergiev Posad
2. 10:00 Visit the UNESCO-protected Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius. A Lavra is the highest rank of Orthodox monastery, and there are only four in all Russia. It was founded in 1340 by the country's most revered saint, St Sergius of Radonezh. Since the 14th century, pilgrims have been journeying to this place to pay homage to him.
3. 12:00 Visit Chernigovskiy Skete. Another remarkable monastery just east of the Lavra is the Chernigovskiy Skete, unique in central Russia for hand-dug monk cells and prayer caves. Featuring the pseudo-Russian red-brick style, the Chernigovskiy Skete is a small complex on the northern shores of the Skitsky (Korbushinsky) pond with the Chernigovskiy cathedral in the center, a holy spring in the caves underneath and a huge belfry above the gate. It was founded in 1847.
4. 13:30 – 14:00 -Interactive meeting at the Bogorodskaya factory of Russian wood toys :
Tourists meet a Russian girl in a national dress and a life-size figure of a Bear with accordion.
Excursion: the history of Bogorodskiy craft: the education cooperative, a new Bogorodskoe. Familiarization with the exhibits of the Museum, creative workshops.
Master class for the Assembly of toys.
Master class on painting of wooden toy with the master.
5. 17:00 Check in to the hotel.
6. 18:00 Dinner with live music (Shasluik)

Day 2

7. 8:00 Russian Breakfast in the restaurant in Bogorodskaya factory with little presents.
8. 9:30 Excursion to the Museum of Cosmonautics in Peresvet
9. 12:00 Excursion to waterfall Gremyachy Key (Holy spring). To the source go all people, whose souls are filled with sorrow, discouragement, fear, doubt and many passions. People come to Gremyachy key, asking God to purify their souls and body in the healing water flows. They say that during the ablution at some point you can feel, how pure you are after.
To the source Gremyachy keys want to go all, who ever heard. People believe that the water here is one of the most healing and that each of the three keys has healing properties: the right helps get rid of heart disease, the average cures diseases of the head and the left heals "women's disease". According to chemical analyses, the water is slightly mineralized, its composition is close to Kislovodskaya Magnesium, but the concentration of salts is much lower. Experts advise to drink water in limited quantities, as a healing.
10. 14:00 Lunch in Sergiev Posad in Russian Restaurant.

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11. 15:00 Departure to Vladimir. The first town of the Golden Ring, 179 kilometers to the east of Moscow with 378 thousand people living there. Vladimir is an Old Russian town, it used to be capital of Russia in the 12th century. The Golden gates - one of the most interesting sights- were built at the western entrance to Vladimir in 1164. The purpose was to decorate and to protect the city. But the interest in the city is in its provincial atmosphere and its contrast with the big cities.

12. 17:00 Check in to the hotel

13. 18:00 Dinner in the hotel restaurant with folk

Day 3

14. 8:00 Breakfast in the hotel restaurant

15. 9:30 Sightseeing tour of Vladimir

- Golden Gates. Built in 1163, the Golden Gates are one of Vladimir's most prominent landmarks. They are an integral part of the City's heritage, having witnessed its history over many centuries. The Gates were built as an impregnable fortress with massive oak doors bound with gilded copper.
- Assumption Cathedral. The original cathedral, with its paintings on the exterior walls, gilded decorative friezes, and carved reliefs, was destroyed in the tragic fire of 1185. That fire changed the face of the Cathedral, but the restored version remains a wonderful masterpiece. In addition to admiring the beauty of this UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site, hopefully you'll be able to attend one of the religious services.
- St. Demetrius Cathedral. The Cathedral of St. Demetrius, built by Prince Vsevolod III, is one of the most graceful and beautiful churches in Vladimir. It is like an icon in stone.

16. 11:30 Cooking master class "Russian deserts"

17. 13:00 Lunch at the restaurant

18. 14:00 Departure to Moscow

Tour includes:

- 1) meals: breakfast on Day 2 – 3, lunch on Day 1-2-3, dinner on Day 1-2;
- 2) English-speaking guide's services according to the program;
- 3) Transfers from/to Moscow and according to the program;
- 4) Entrance fees;
- 5) visits and excursions according to the program;
- 6) accommodation according to the program

Additional Service (extra pay)

- 1) Air tickets
- 2) Optional services as well as theater tickets
- 3) Travel insurance

Price in \$ per person from: 140 \$ ½ DBL

Price:

5	20	30
372\$	177\$	140\$