

Russian History & Architecture

Tour:

Enjoy our tour. The 'Golden Ring' route is known for the famous old cities and towns along the way, so one of the reasons to go there is to see Russian architecture, old churches made of white stone, hear the church bell rings, see old fortifications, fortresses, beautiful monasteries, and learn more about history of Russia.

Tour program

Day 1

Transfer from Saint-Petersburg to **Veliky Novgorod**.

Transfer to the hotel.

Lunch at the hotel.

3-hour **sightseeing tour** (the **Kremlin** of Novgorod - the oldest in Russia. The cathedral of **St. Sophia** dominates the structure of the Kremlin. The Millennium of Russia Monument).

Free time.

Day 2

Breakfast at the hotel.

Tour to the Yuriev Monastery, a medieval religious complex built in 1030 along the Volkov River. **The Cathedral of St. George** will impress you by its size and beauty, as it was initially intended to surpass even **St. Sophia Cathedral** in grandeur.

Transfer to the **Pskov**. The trip will take about 2 hours.

Lunch.

Pskov city tour. (The **Kremlin**, the **Trinity Cathedral**, the **Dovmont's Town**, and the **Administrative Chambers**.)

Day 3

Breakfast at the hotel

Pogankini Palaty, a great example of medieval architecture which houses a rich collection of ancient **Russian icons**.

Lunch.

Tour to **Izborsk** and **Pechory**.

Free time in **Pskov**.

Day 4

Early breakfast at the hotel

Tour to **Smolensk**. (Smolensk is located in the western, central part of Russia on both banks of the **Dniepr River** - about 420 km from Moscow. It is one of the oldest cities in Russia.)

Lunch.

City tour of **Smolensk**. The tour will start with the Cathedral Hill complex and the Assumption Cathedral founded in the XVII century and famous for housing the icon of **Our Lady of Smolensk**, one of the most venerated icons in Russia. You will also see the **Smolensk Fortress**, which used to be one of the most

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important fortifications of ancient Russia.

Day 5

Breakfast at the hotel

Tour of **Talashkino** - a village near **Smolensk** where the Russian Art Centre of XIX-XX centuries is located.

Three functioning churches of the pre-Mongol period (XII century).

Lunch at a local restaurant

Late check-out from the hotel

Transfer to the train station

Departure to Moscow by an overnight train

Day 6

Arrival in Moscow

Transfer to hotel/airport

Tour includes:

- 1) Transfer from and to the airport,
- 2) Accommodation ½ twin,
- 3) Transport service,
- 4) Meals according to the program,
- 5) English-speaking guide service,
- 6) Entry tickets

Additional Service (extra pay)

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

Price in euro per person from: 1185 euro ½ DBL