



CONNECTIONS BOUTIQUE GROUP JOURNEYS

## Russia: Treasures of the Tsars 2020

10 days from \$5,495

Limited to 24 guests

Experience the full panorama of Russian culture as you view artifacts at the Kremlin, explore the historic towns of the Golden Ring, cruise the scenic canals of St. Petersburg, and enjoy early access to the Hermitage and Peterhof.

### A&K Advantages

Explore medieval Suzdal, and have lunch with a local family

Enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar on Russia's past and present

Avoid the crowds with before-hours visits to the Kremlin Armory, Peterhof and the Hermitage

Listen to a choir performance in Moscow's magnificent Church of St. Nicholas

Meet an expert on the Romanovs to learn about the fascinating history of Russia's last ruling dynasty

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 ARRIVE MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Upon arrival in Moscow, transfer to your hotel. This evening, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner.

Metropol Hotel | Meals: Dinner

## DAY 2 MOSCOW | THE STATELY CAPITAL

Tour Moscow, starting at the Kremlin, and beat the crowds with an exclusive before-hours visit to the State Armory. View its impressive collection of carriages, royal gala clothes and fabulous Fabergé eggs. Then, visit two Kremlin cathedrals: Assumption and Archangel. After lunch at a local restaurant, stroll Red Square to view Lenin's Tomb and St. Basil's Cathedral. See the city from a different perspective when you ride the Moscow Metro, renowned for its ornate stations.

Metropol Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 3 MOSCOW | RUSSIAN LEGENDS

This morning, enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar. Continue your explorations of Moscow with a visit to the New Maiden Cemetery, final resting place of Chekhov and other noted figures. After lunch at a local restaurant, stop at the Tretyakov Gallery, one of Moscow's greatest treasures. Behind the gallery's whimsical façade lies the foremost collection of Russian fine art in the world.

Metropol Hotel | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 4 THE GOLDEN RING | RUSSIA'S ANCIENT HEART

Leave the city for the Golden Ring, the circle of venerable cities northeast of Moscow. Travel by train to historic Vladimir for sightseeing before continuing to the old town of Suzdal. Check in to your hotel, and enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride before dinner.

Pushkarskaya Sloboda | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 5 SUZDAL | LIVING MUSEUM

Explore Suzdal, often described as an open-air museum of Russian history for its extensive prerevolution architecture. Eat lunch with a local family before visiting a traditional craft workshop. After some time at leisure, enjoy a revitalizing visit to an authentic Russian bath — an A&K-exclusive experience.

Pushkarskaya Sloboda | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 6 ST. PETERSBURG | VENICE OF THE NORTH

Transfer by road back to Moscow, where you board a high-speed Sapsan train for the ride to St. Petersburg, the crowning glory of Peter the Great, arriving in the evening.

Hotel Astoria | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

## DAY 7 ST. PETERSBURG | LEGACY OF A DYNASTY

Start the day at the Hermitage, home to three million pieces of artwork, enjoying early access and fewer crowds. After lunch at a local restaurant, learn the history of the Romanovs when you meet with an expert on the subject. Cruise the city's canals and visit St. Isaac's Cathedral to marvel at its gilded dome, as well as the red granite columns that grace its façade.

Hotel Astoria | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 8 PETERHOF | PRIVATE GRAND PALACE TOUR

Drive to Peterhof, summer estate of Peter the Great. Tour the Grand Palace, which is opened for you before official operating hours. Return to St. Petersburg via hydrofoil, and visit the fascinating Peter and Paul Fortress.

Hotel Astoria | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

## DAY 9 PUSHKIN | RUSSIA'S PAST & PRESENT

Travel to Tsarskoe Selo (Tsar's Village), also called Pushkin. View Catherine Palace and the world-famous Amber Room, now restored to its original glory. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, and tonight, join your fellow guests for a farewell dinner.

Hotel Astoria | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

## DAY 10 DEPART ST. PETERSBURG

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart.



## Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy.

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
May 15 - May 24, 2020	\$5,995	\$1,895	Call for Availability
Jun 19 - Jun 28, 2020	\$5,995	\$1,895	Available
Jul 10 - Jul 19, 2020	\$5,995	\$1,895	Available
Aug 14 - Aug 23, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,595	Available
Aug 28 - Sep 06, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,595	Call for Availability
Sep 11 - Sep 20, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,595	Available
Sep 18 - Sep 27, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,595	Call for Availability
Oct 02 - Oct 11, 2020	\$5,495	\$1,595	Available

### Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 6:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Internal and international air not included. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).