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Join us on our fully discovery tour of Russia's two major cities with an atmospheric rail journey between them and plenty of time to explore the onion domed cathedrals, majestic palaces and fantastic museums at your own pace. Join fellow passengers who share a love of history and culture. Highlights include Red Square in Moscow, St. Petersburg's spectacular Hermitage Museum and Peter the Great's summer palace.



**HOTEL RENAISSANCE**

Just the sort of hotel that 10 years ago you would have found impossible to find in the capital: stylish design everywhere both in the rooms and public areas. Particular attention has been paid to the beds and bed linen with extra thick mattresses, soft pillows and cotton rich linen sheets.

Central location • Several restaurants • 2 bars. Fitness centre & sauna.

**HOTEL VASILIEVSKY**

Operated by the Finnish Sokos group, the Vasilievsky has some 250 rooms individually styled and decorated not surprisingly in a traditional Finnish manner. Located on Vasily Island virtually adjacent to a metro station, the city's main sights and attractions are all within a short distance from the hotel.

Quiet location • 255 rooms • 2 restaurants. Lobby and other bar • Sauna & gym.



**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS**

**MOSCOW EXPERIENCE**

Our specialist guide takes you inside the walls of the Kremlin fortress to visit one of its cathedrals. Moscow's grand Metro stations are without doubt some of the most ornate in the world, decked out with stunning examples of socialist realist art, and we visit one of these next. Continue to the Borodino Panorama exhibition illuminating the Battle of Borodino, one of the most important events in Russia's history and immortalized in Tolstoy's epic 'War and Peace'. Finally to the Novodevichy cemetery with memorials to such greats as Chekhov, Maykovsky, Prokoviev and Eisenstein.

**ST PETERSBURG EXPERIENCE**

Our local expert will guide you across the square to the Hermitage, one of the world's greatest museums, for an in-depth tour of the

paintings and objects d'art, ranging from Egyptian carvings to Impressionist masterpieces. After lunch, continue to the colossal St Isaac's Cathedral, crowned with a huge gold dome and the island fortress of St Peter and Paul housing the tombs of Russian Royals. For two weeks in late June, St Petersburg celebrates its 'White Nights' - the mid summer solstice when the sun refuses to set.

**PETRODVORETS EXPERIENCE**

Cruise along the Baltic shore to Peter the Great's summer residence, which, for over 200 years, was used for official ceremonies, lavish feasts and formal receptions. Disembark and explore the fabulous Grand Cascade and Samson fountain, the Lower and Upper gardens and Grand Palace with its ornate rococo interior.

**ST. PETERSBURG TO MOSCOW BY RAIL**

**DAY 1 UK-MOSCOW** Scheduled BA flight to Moscow, transfer and welcome drink. Overnight at Hotel Renaissance for three nights.

**DAYS 2/3 MOSCOW** Orientation tour of the city ending in Red Square flanked by St Basil's cathedral with its crimson and ivory coloured onion domes and the impenetrable edifice that is the Kremlin. Individual sightseeing and/or optional excursions with a local guide to many of Moscow's landmark places either by day or night.

**DAY 4 MOSCOW - ST PETERSBURG** Time for some last minute shopping in GUM

for example, before an 8 hour train journey across the vastness of the Russian plains to St Petersburg. Transfer on arrival to Hotel Vasilievsky.

**DAYS 5/6/7 ST PETERSBURG** Orientation tour of the city ending on the street of streets: Nevsky Prospekt with its extensively renovated facades, four bridges and five metro stations. Individual sightseeing and/or optional excursions with a local guide including one to the Czars summer palaces.

**DAY 8 ST PETERSBURG -UK** Transfer to airport for scheduled BA flight to UK.



**DEPARTURE DATES**

April 30, May 28 June 11, 25  
July 6, 20 Aug 3, 17 Sep 6, 20

Prices are in £ per person

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DEPARTURES	TWIN	SINGLE	
May 28, June 11, 25 July 9	1595	1860	
April 30, July 23 Aug 6, 20, Sep 3, 17	1699	2045	

Price includes return BA flights from Heathrow to Moscow and return from St Petersburg • In flight cabin service • Passenger service charges and airport departure taxes • 7 nights in twin bedded room(s) with private WC/shower • Train from Moscow to St Petersburg in 2 berth sleeper compartment • Breakfast throughout • Services of Tour Director • Excursions and sight visits as per itinerary • Airport transfers

