

# Russia

6 Nights | 7 Days



**Country :** Russia

**Capital :** Moscow

**Government :** Republic

**Currency :** Russian Ruble (P??.)

**Area total:** 17,098,242 km<sup>2</sup>

**Water:** 720,500 km<sup>2</sup>

**land:** 16,377,742 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population :** 143,200,000 (2012 estimate)

**Language :** Russian

**Religion :** Russian Orthodox 46.5%, Muslim 6.5%, Spiritual 25.1%, Atheist 12.9, Others 9%.

**Electricity :** 220V/50Hz (European plug)

**Country code :** +7

**Internet TLD :** .ru

**Time Zone :** UTC +3 to UTC +12

## Weather

Month	Max. Temp. C°	Min. Temp. C°
JAN	-7	-14
FEB	-6	-14
MAR	0	-9
APR	9	06
MAY	17	10
JUN	22	13
JUL	24	11
AUG	22	6
SEPT	16	1
OCT	8	-5
NOV	0	-
DEC	-5	10

## Suggested Tour Itinerary

### Day 01 : Arrival at Moscow Airport

Meet with our Representative . at te Airport, Transfer & Check in to the Hotel, Evening proceed for city orientation tour of Moscow at Tverskaya Street, **Night Stay : Moscow**

### Day 02 : City Tour

Visit Red Square followed by a photo stop at St. Basil's Cathedral and Lenin's Tomb, GUM the state departmental store. Later visit Kremlin territory, Tzar's Bell, Tzar's Cannon, Bell tower of Ivan ,Cathedral Square, , the famous Palace of Congresses etc. Excursion in Moscow Metro **Night Stay : Moscow**

### Day 03 : City Tour, Russian Circus

City sightseeing tour with photo stops Church of Christ the savior, new maiden's convent, Moscow state university etc. In the evening enjoy Famous Russian Circus **Night Stay : Moscow**

### Day 4 : Moscow - St. Petersburg

Transfer to the Airport for Flight to St. Petersburg

Arrive, Meet & Visit Peterhof Palace and Park, **Night Stay : St. Petersburg**

### Day 05 City tour

Visit Peter and Paul Fortress, enjoy photo stop at St. Isaacs Cathedral, Bronze Horseman, Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood etc. **Night Stay : St. Petersburg**

### Day 06 Free & Easy

Shopping in St. Petersburg at Gostiny Dvor/ Galleria Mall,

Afternoon Visit the Hermitage Museum **Night Stay : St. Petersburg**

### Night Stay : St. Petersburg

### Day 07 : Departure - Onward Destination

Transfer to the airport for your hometown Tour Over





## Useful Tips



**Currency :** Russian currency is the Rouble (Rbl). There are 100 kopeks in 1 rouble. Notes are in denominations of Rbl 1000, 500, 100, 50 and 10. Coins are in denominations of Rbl 5, 2 and 1.

**Currency Exchange :** Foreign currency should only be exchanged at official bureaus and authorized banks, and all transactions must be recorded on the currency declaration form which is issued on arrival. It is wise to retain all exchange receipts. Bureau de change are numerous and easy to locate. Large shops and hotels offer their own exchange facilities. US Dollars in pristine condition are the easiest currency to exchange. It is illegal to settle accounts in hard currency and to change money unofficially. Do not accept any notes printed before 1998.

**Banking Hours :** Monday - Friday 9:30am - 5:30pm.

**Credit & Debit Cards :** Major European and international credit and debit cards, including Visa, American Express, and Diners Club are accepted in the larger hotels and at foreign currency shops and restaurants, but cash (in Roubles) is preferred. Check with your credit or debit card company for details of merchant acceptability and other services that might be available.

**Currency Restrictions :** The import and export of local currency is prohibited. The import of foreign currency is unlimited but sums greater than US\$3000 (or equivalent) must be declared. The export of foreign currency is limited to the amount declared on arrival.

**Electricity :** Electricity throughout Russia is 220 volt/50 Hz. The plug is the two-pin thin European standard. Be sure to bring your own converter as most places in Russia do not carry them.

**Health :** Do not drink tap water - not even for cleaning your teeth.

Consult with your doctor to make sure that you are up to date with all vaccines, and consider including vaccinations for diphtheria, typhoid, hepatitis A and B. A flu shot is also useful if you plan to travel to Russia in spring or autumn when viruses are common.

Foreigners usually prefer to be treated at private clinics, which are very costly. Travel insurance is highly recommended. Remember to bring any medications you may need.

**Language :** Russian is the country's official language, although there are over 100 regional dialects. Some locals speak English, French, or German but learning a few words of Russian would really enhance your experience.

**Safety :** With the demise of the Soviet Union, crime has been rising throughout Russia, but is mostly related to rival mafia gangs. Taking normal precautions that you would in many of the world's cities should be sufficient; i.e. not flaunting valuables or not walking alone at night through city streets or parks.

Pick-pocketing and bag filching may occur on crowded public transport and hotel rooms are not thief-proof. Lock everything into your bags before leaving the room and use a safe deposit if there is one.

Take care with taxis. Do not use unmarked taxis or accept rides in taxis that already have a rider.

Travel to Chechnya and the north Caucasus is not recommended; check the Foreign Office site or tour operators for up-to-date warnings. Otherwise stay on the regular tourist routes.

It is strongly advised not to travel to Chechnya, Ingushetia, Dagestan, North Ossetia, Karachai-Cherkessia, Kabardino-Balkaria (including the Elbrus area) and to the eastern and southern parts of Stavropol Krai, particularly where it borders Chechnya and North Ossetia. It is advised that potential travellers monitor this situation. There is a high threat from domestic terrorism in Russia, including suicide bombings in public places.

**Telephone / Internet :** Despite the recent rapid improvements in the telecommunications infrastructure, telephoning in Russia can be difficult and expensive. Best bet is to use the phone at your hotel or use AT&T, Sprint or MCI's USA direct services. Tokens are required for street pay phones, which can be purchased at newsstands, in some stores, and many kiosks.

There are many reasonably-priced internet cafés in the bigger cities.

**Tax and Tipping :** Hotels in Moscow and other large cities include a 10-15% service charge. Otherwise 10-15% per cent is a customary tip in restaurants, depending on the service.

**Visas :** All foreigners are required to have entry visas to travel to the Russia.

