



## 10 Days Itinerary

# 10-Day Moscow & St. Petersburg Itinerary for Families

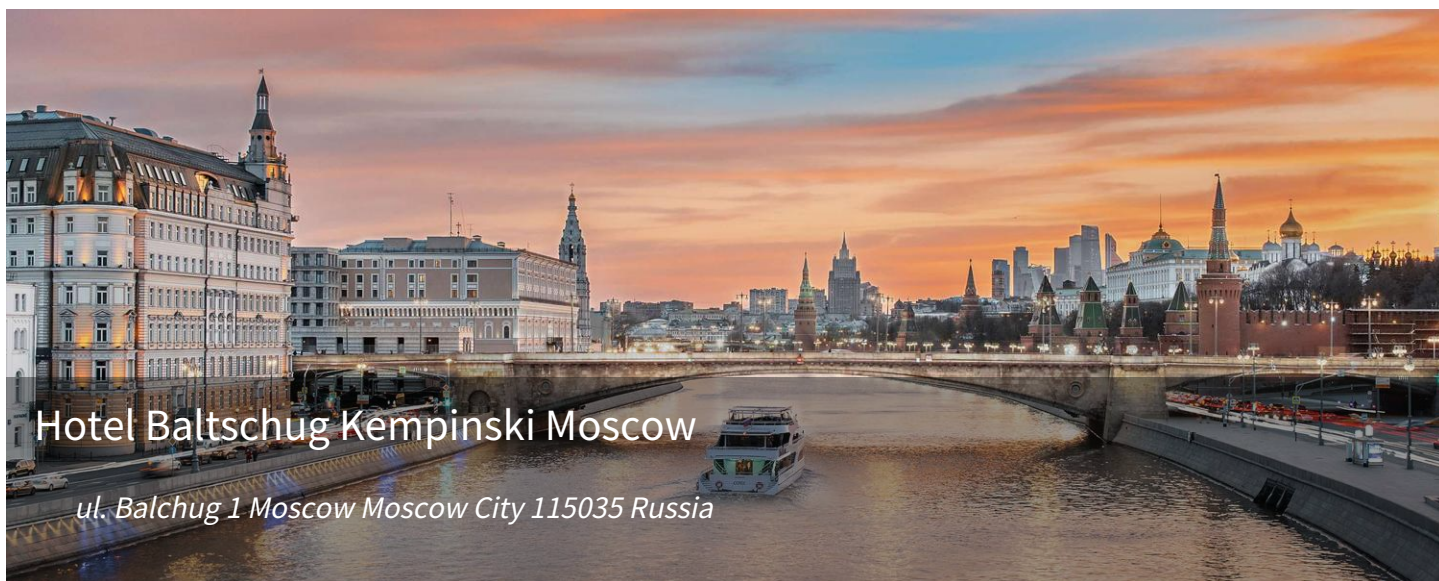
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## Welcome to Moscow

Welcome to the city of Moscow! After clearing immigration and customs, meet your private driver for a transfer to your hotel, located in the historic center of the city. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



### Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow

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**3:00 PM**

Check In

**12:00 PM**

Check Out

**4 Nights**

A classic European Grand Hotel with historic facade dating back to 1898, the Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow is situated in the center of Moscow, right across the Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral and Red Square. Long a byword for style, comfort and service, the hotel provides business and leisure guests alike with the perfect base from which to explore the capital. Located in an enviable location, overlooking the Kremlin and the Moskva River, Hotel Baltshug Kempinski Moscow has long been the hideaway of choice for politicians, business travelers, and sophisticated globetrotters. Choose from 227 spacious rooms and suites, many with a view of the Kremlin, Red Square, or Saint Basil's Cathedral (ask about the Design and Kremlin suites). Dining is of particular note here: Choices include the luxurious breakfast at the Baltshug Grill restaurant and exquisite international cuisine at the refined Café Kranzler. Pack light, as the shopping at nearby upmarket GUM and TSUM is great.

### Amenities

#### River Oaks Travel Amenities

- Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- Daily Buffet breakfast in restaurant for two guests per bedroom, served in the Baltshug Grill restaurant
- \$100 USD Equivalent Food & Beverage credit, to be utilized during stay (not combinable, no cash value if not redeemed in full. Available only at the hotel-operated outlets).
- Early check-in/late check-out, subject to availability
- Complimentary Wi-Fi

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Kremlin Suite

#### Room Description

The elegant Kremlin Suite features a spacious living area and master bedroom, and a magnificent marble bathroom with a rain shower and exclusive amenities. All Kremlin suites offer breathtaking views of the Kremlin and Red Square.





## Behind-the-Scenes Bolshoi Theatre - Red Square with Lenin's Tomb and St. Basils Cathedral - Zaryadye Park - Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

### Full day tour of Moscow

#### Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Your fascinating tour of this magnificent city begins with exclusive access of backstage that takes you literally behind the scenes of the world-famous Bolshoi Theatre.

Continue with a visit to Red Square to see its prominent landmarks - Lenin's Tomb (exterior) and St Basil's cathedral (interior), a colorful multi-domed complex whose architects were supposedly blinded by Ivan the Terrible so that they could never recreate such splendor again.

Stroll to nearby Zaryadye Park for an exciting theatre experience with a 3D flight over Moscow. Over the course of eight minutes, you are transported across the skyline of the Russian capital, with effects to create the sensation of flight.

Afterwards, visit the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, before driving through the Moscow State University campus to marvel at a panoramic view of the city from an observation platform on Vorobiovy Hills, the highest spot in Moscow.

This evening, enjoy a Bolshoi Theater Performance.



## Kremlin - State Armory - Cold War Museum

### Full day tour of Moscow

#### Meeting Point

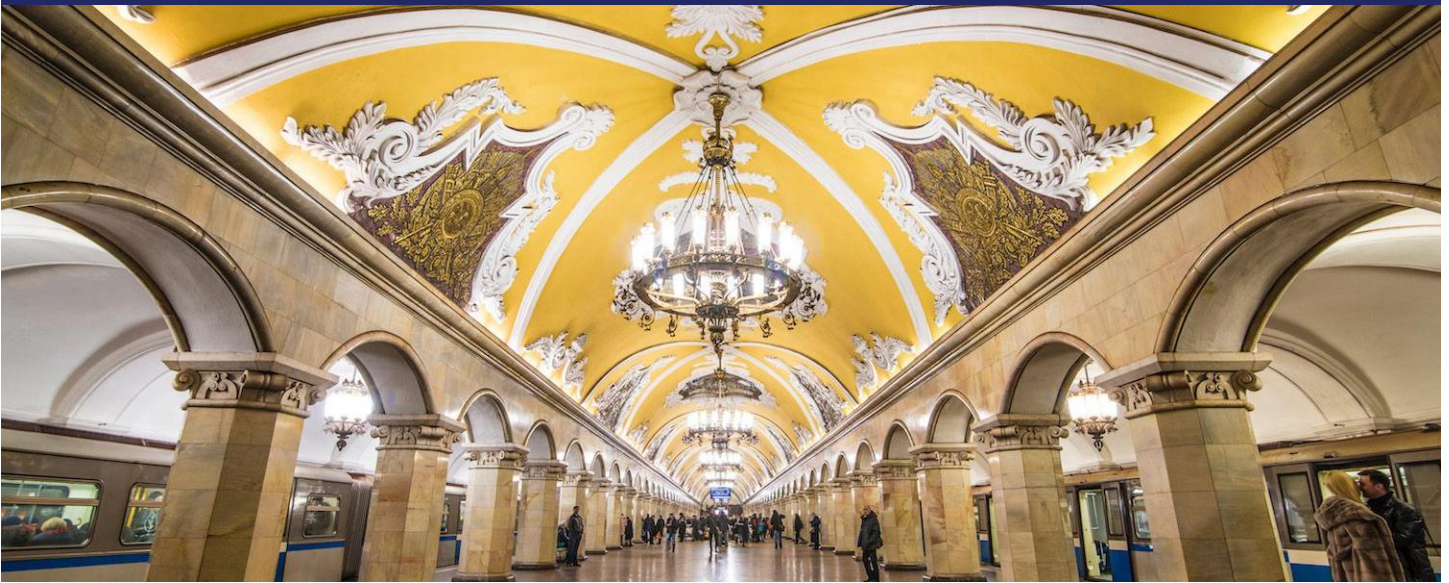
Hotel lobby

See two very different sides to Russian culture and history today. For centuries, the Kremlin has been witness to many famous and tragic events in Russia's past. Visit the Kremlin's cathedrals before touring the exhibits of the State Armoury. The oldest museum in Russia, it's home to Fabergé eggs and other priceless artifacts - children particularly enjoy the displays of carriages and royal armor.

After lunch, you have the opportunity to visit a former top-secret Soviet Command post, known simply as GO-42, which now houses the Cold War Museum. After entering this unassuming-looking building, descend 18-floors underground to discover the tunnels of this secret bunker for yourself. Your excursion leads you through the historical nuclear confrontation between two superpowers, complete with special effects imitating a nuclear missile launch.

To end the day, explore the popular Gorky Park. Grab a free audio guide, rent bicycles or boats, watch a movie at the open-air theater, or visit the Garage Museum of Contemporary Art.





## Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics – VDNKH Park - Metro

### Full day tour of Moscow

#### Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Today's tour begins with a visit to the Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics. Focused on the USSR's endeavors such as Sputnik and Soyuz, the displays include rockets and capsules that bear the scars of re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere and personal belongings of the first cosmonauts.

Afterwards your guide will take you for a walk through the renovated VDNKh Park, one of the most ambitious projects of the Soviet era. Take in the fairground-like atmosphere of this extremely large park, with its statues of ordinary workers in heroic poses and the famous Friendship Fountain, with its golden dancing maidens each dedicated to a Soviet republic. Check out the Museum of Soviet Arcade Machines that displays vintage arcade games from the Soviet days - torpedo enemy ships and drink flavored soda water from Soviet-era vending machines. Don't forget to pick up Soviet coins from the front desk to make the games work!

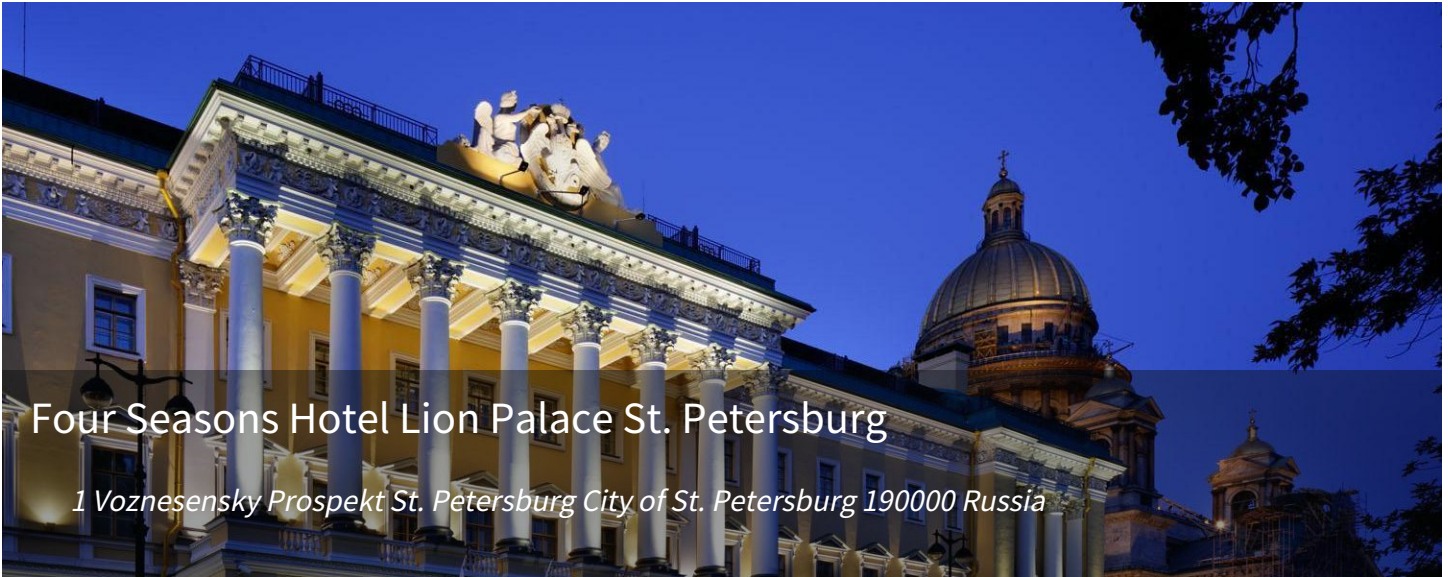
After lunch at leisure, continue your tour with a ride on the famous Moscow Metro. Considered to be the most beautiful in the world, Moscow's metro system is a must-see and elegantly decorated with chandeliers, vivid mosaics, paintings, and bronze statues! Your guide will be delighted to tell you mysterious stories about this huge underground city and show you some intriguing examples of socialist, realist art. Make a wish at the station "Ploshad Revolutsii" (Revolution Square), which is said to bring good luck for school children and students during exams.

To finish off your tour, take the opportunity to appreciate the beauty of Moscow from the 89th floor of the Federation Tower. While observing the spectacular 360-degree panoramic views, enjoy freshly made ice cream: the observation deck is home to the world's highest ice-cream factory.

## Transfer

### Notes

Today, take the high-speed Sapsan train to St Petersburg. After checking into your hotel, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.



3:00 PM

Check In

1:00 PM

Check Out

5 Nights

Expect a landmark stay at Four Seasons Hotel Lion Palace. This fully restored, 19th-century royal palace showcases gilded ceilings and an elegant gold-and-cream color palette. Pass by two marble lions into a world of imperial grandeur, where the 183 guest rooms have been updated with a fresh, airy feel. The four-level spa features a glass-roofed pool and Russian steam room. Parents can breathe easy - the hotel offers special children's amenities and babysitting services. Dining is decidedly international, with Italian cuisine at Percorso and Asian at Sintoho.

### Amenities

#### River Oaks Travel Amenities

- Upgrade on arrival, subject to availability
- Full breakfast in restaurant for two guests per bedroom
- One \$100 USD equivalent Spa Services credit to be utilized during stay (not combinable, no cash value if not redeemed in full)

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

St. Isaac's Cathedral-View Terrace Room

#### Room Description

This king-bedded room is 388 - 474 sqft in size. Walk out to your rooftop terrace and take in spectacular views of St. Isaac's Cathedral. Enjoy your morning coffee on your private terrace while overlooking historic sites.



## City Overview - Grand Maket of Russia Exhibition

### Full day tour of St. Petersburg

#### Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Find your bearings in St. Petersburg on a drive through the historical city center, seeing highlights such as Nevsky Prospect, Palace Square, the Admiralty and Vasilevsky Island. Visit the fascinating Peter & Paul Fortress, which Peter the Great built to provide protection from the Swedes.

Afterwards visit St Isaac's Cathedral, whose gilded dome dominates the city skyline.

Continue to the Church of the Resurrection of Christ (more familiarly known as the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood). The church was built on the spot where Alexander II was fatally wounded in 1881, hence the more commonly used name!

After free time for lunch visit the Grand Maket of Russia Museum, the largest model layout in Russia and the second largest in the world. Kids will enjoy seeing the highlights of Russia on a miniature scale!

Tonight, enjoy an Evening Performance at Marinski Theatre.





## Tsarkoe Selo - Catherine's Palace

### Full day tour outside the city

#### Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Head south out of the city with your expert guide to Tsarskoe Selo, commonly known as Pushkin and home to the beautiful Catherine's Palace. You'll explore the many rooms of the museum including the famous Amber Room, a chamber decorated with amber panels backed with gold leaf and mirrors.



## Hermitage museum - Matryoshka doll painting

### Full day tour of St. Petersburg

#### Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

Experience one of the most famous museums in the world - the Hermitage. Housed across six buildings, this museum houses 3 million pieces of art (from the Stone Age to modern times!). The largest part is in the lavishly decorated Winter Palace, the former residence of the Czars.

This afternoon you will learn the Russian traditional art of Matryoshka doll painting under the guidance of professional masters. These colorful dolls have become a symbol of the country and today you will have the chance to create one yourself.



## Day 9



## Peterhof with Grand Palace

### Full day tour outside the city

#### Meeting Point

Hotel lobby

This morning drive out to the countryside of Peterhof, the great summer estate and artistic gem of Peter the Great. Both adults and children love the Grand Cascade, a series of bronze sculptures, fountains, and water jets descending from the terraces of the Great Palace to the Marine Canal and the sea. The park features numerous palaces, summer houses and pavilions.

After dinner, cruise the city's canals to take in the beauty of the baroque architecture and glide past the dramatically illuminated Peter and Paul Fortress. For night owls, enjoy a midnight cruise to see the city lit up at night and watch the drawbridges rise.

## Day 10

### Transfer

#### Departure Location

Four Seasons Lion Palace

#### Arrival Location

St. Petersburg Airport

#### Notes

Check out from your before meeting your private transfer to the St. Petersburg airport.