



## Colours Of The Baltic Sea With Moscow

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**Visit:** Stockholm – Helsinki - St. Petersburg - Moscow

### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01: DAY 1 THURSDAY Arrival in Stockholm

Arrival to Arlanda Airport, meet & greet by an English-speaking representative, for Regular Arrival Transfer Service to the hotel\* for check-in (Please see notes below for this service). Please consult the welcome letter which you will receive upon check-in at your hotel, and kindly note where and when to meet your tour leader. The day is at leisure. **\*IMPORTANT NOTE!** Regular Arrival Transfer Services, included in the program, are only available for transfers from Arlanda Airport in Stockholm and only on the official date of beginning of the tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative and are shared with

other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur.

**Day 02: DAY 2 FRIDAY Stockholm**

Breakfast at the hotel. Meet with local guide and depart by private coach for a 3-hour city sightseeing. The city of Stockholm is built on 14 islands and connected by 57 bridges. The city embraces the unique character of the 13th century Old Town and modern high-tech architecture. Stockholm's islands are bordered by Lake Mälaren in the west and the Baltic Sea in the east where the archipelago, with its 30.000 islands awaits exploration. The capital is a big city with a small town personality. Stockholm is proudly called “Beauty on Water” and a sightseeing tour, which includes a walk in the Old Town and a visit to the City Hall, makes for a memorable morning tour. Discover a city of contrasts. Go back 750 years in time and feel the medieval atmosphere of the Old Town "Gamla Stan" as you wander through its narrow streets. The seven hundred year old cathedral of Stockholm, Seat of the Archbishop, will be seen during your stroll through Old Town, where you will also get a chance to see Stortorget, where the Stockholm Blood Bath took place. An inside visit is paid to one of the city's best known symbols, the City Hall with its Blue and Golden Halls, where the great Nobel banquet is held. The tour ends at the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure. Optional: VASA Museum following regular sightseeing Duration: approximately 2 hours Includes: entrance to Vasa Museum w/guided tour, private tour guide Min 10 persons Available by pre-booking & in situ Scandinavia's top museum built around the only intact 17th century warship. Following the city tour visit the Swedish warship, Vasa, considered as one of the world's largest and the pride of the mighty Swedish navy. The Museum was built around the 17th century warship, which sank in Stockholm's inner harbour on her maiden voyage in 1628; its discovery in 1956 and subsequent salvage in 1961 is one of the most important events in marine archaeology. Painstakingly restored to its original magnificence, the Vasa represents an authentic piece of living history.

**Day 03: DAY 3 SATURDAY Stockholm – Helsinki (OVERNIGHT FERRY)**

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning is at leisure. In the afternoon, transfer to the pier by private coach to board the comfortable overnight ferry of Tallink Silja Line, sailing along the Baltic Sea, bound for Helsinki. Dinner will be served on board.

**Day 04: DAY 4 SUNDAY Helsinki**

Breakfast is served on board before arrival to Helsinki. Private transfer to the hotel followed by a panoramic sightseeing tour. Meet with your local guide for a city sightseeing of the capital of Finland, also known as “The Daughter of the Baltic Sea”. The tour includes the Senate Square, the University and Lutheran Cathedral – all displaying neoclassical architecture of the 1840's, the colourful Market Square by the sea in the South Harbour, Kaivopuisto Park and diplomatic residences, the imposing statue of Marshall Mannerheim, the Parliament Building, Finlandia Hall, the Orthodox Russian Church Uspenski and the Sibelius Monument. A visit is also made to Temppeliaukio Church – called the “Rock Church” as it is carved

into solid rock (the church reserves the right not to allow the entry of visitors in case of ceremonies).

**Day 05: DAY 5 MONDAY Helsinki - St. Petersburg**

Breakfast at the hotel. The morning is at leisure. In the afternoon depart Helsinki (by private coach or by train. To be confirmed in situ) and travel to St. Petersburg, founded in 1703 by Tzar Peter the Great and one of the most beautiful cities in Europe. Also known to the world as the "Northern Capital of Russia" and "the Venice of the North", St. Petersburg was virtually unharmed by the 1930-50s Stalinist reconstruction, and its downtown dazzles the eye of the visitor with splendid palaces, stylish monuments, straight avenues, beautiful bridges and other attractions. St. Petersburg is filled with history and mystery. Arrival at St. Petersburg and transfer to the hotel for check-in.

**Day 06: DAY 6 TUESDAY St Petersburg**

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, we will be met by a local guide for a panoramic city sightseeing tour, which will cover some of the many highlights of the city. We will drive along the Nevsky Prospect - the heart of the city, and make picture stops at the Spit of Vasilievsky Island, the Senate Square, The Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Art's Square and the Russian Museum as well as at the two magnificent churches, the "Spilled Blood" and the Nikolsky Cathedral. The city tour ends at the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to further explore this magnificent city and its treasures. Your tour escort will provide you with suggestions for tours. Optional: Peterhof Palace Duration: approximately 4 hours Includes: private transportation to hotel, entrance to Peterhof w/guided tour, private tour guide Min 6 persons Available by pre-booking & in situ Take the opportunity to visit the Peterhof Palace, also known as the palace of the Sea God. Here the fountains are not mere accessories: they are the essence of the place. They are the symbolic expression of the sea's dominion, the mist that rises from the waves as they surge against its shores. The world-famous palace, fountain and park ensemble of Peterhof, is an outstanding landmark of Russian artistic culture from the 18-19th Centuries. Founded in the very beginning of the eighteenth Century by Emperor Peter the Great, not far from his new northern capital St. Petersburg, Peterhof was intended to become the most splendid official royal summer residence. Credit for its creation should go to a great number of eminent architects, artists, and anonymous folk craftsmen. Its wonderful parks, 176 fountains of various forms and styles, and four cascades, majestic palaces, numerous gilded statues of ancient gods and heroes, remarkable collections of sculpture, painting and works of the minor arts make Peterhof a veritable gem of art unique in the world, often called "Capital of Fountains". After 1917 the Peterhof ensemble was taken into state custody and turned into architecture and art museum. Nowadays, due to the unforgettable beauty of its fountains, parks and palaces, Peterhof has become the most attractive suburban royal park and palace ensemble of northern Russia's capital for numerous Russian and foreign visitors.

**Day 07: DAY 7 TUESDAY St Petersburg**



Breakfast at the hotel. We meet our local guide to continue our adventure in this charming city. You will visit The State Hermitage Museum, which occupies six magnificent buildings situated along the embankment of the River Neva, right in the heart of St. Petersburg. The leading role in this unique architectural ensemble is played by the Winter Palace, the residence of the Russian Tsars that was built to the design of Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli in 1754-62. This ensemble, formed in the 18th and 19th Centuries, is extended by the eastern wing of the General Staff building, the Menshikov Palace and the recently constructed Repository. Put together throughout two centuries and a half, the Hermitage collections of works of art (over 3,000,000 items) presents the development of world culture an art from the Stone Age to the 20th Century. Today the Museum is creating a digital self-portrait to be displayed around the world. The tour ends at the hotel. The evening is at leisure.

**Day 08: DAY 8 THURSDAY St. Petersburg - Moscow**

Transfer with local guide from your hotel to the Railway station, where we will board the Sapsan Train bound for Moscow. This train ride takes you through endless Russian landscapes and along the Volga River. Afternoon arrival at Moscow and transfer to Intercontinental Tverskaya Hotel, located on the main avenue of the city, Tverskaya. The evening is at leisure. NOTE: Your tour escort will continue services until the end of the tour in Moscow.

**Day 09: DAY 9 FRIDAY Moscow**

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning starts with a full day privately guided panoramic sightseeing tour of Moscow. We will see many ancient churches and cathedrals, some of them dating as far back as the 15th century, many of them having been restored or even built again; beautiful theatres and palaces; modern business complexes and hotels; buildings of late Soviet architecture such as the Moscow State University and the Central Stadium in Luzhniki, which hosted the 1980 Olympic Games. Moscow, with its some 10 million inhabitants, is vast and at times chaotic. We will visit the historic centre of the city, which includes the Red Square, Sofiiskaya Embankment, St. Sophia Cathedral, and the panorama of the Kremlin walls. We will also see the modern part of the city which includes the Vorobievy (Lenin Hills) – the highest place in Moscow, providing a beautiful view of the city and Poklonnaya Hill where there is a monument commemorating defenders of the city during World War Two. During this visit we will also experience a tour of one of Moscow's beautiful Metro stations, a highlight in itself and a must do when visiting Moscow. After the Metro visit, free time for lunch before we continue our visit of the city. The rest of the afternoon and evening are at leisure. Optional: National Russian Dance show "Kostroma" Duration: approximately 4 hours including transportation Includes: private transportation to /from hotel, 2 hours show private local tour guide. 18.00 – 22.00 hours Min 6 persons Available by pre-booking & in situ Subject to availability "The Russian National Dance Show "Kostroma" is the program that reveals the history of Rus and the life of its peoples where the infinite of time and horizons broaden the boundless means of the art of dance. Vital historical milestones, traditions and customs of the multinational Russia expose originality of the hundreds of cultures

of the united people of Russia plunging the audience in the times of christening of Rus, tsar's Russia and USSR, revealing the life of the people living in the Far North, in the southern steppes, in the mountains of the Caucasus and in the Central Russia. The Russian National Dance Show "Kostroma" cleverly and with great prowess unites lyrical sketches with elements of folklore and ancient Russian epic. It uncovers the Russian culture through the nature of its people, social status and national coloring. You can witness the temporal, urban, village, military culture of Russia. The accurately created images of mother, wife, daughter, son, husband and warrior reflect the heritage of the many generations and the unique spirit of the Russian nation. 50 dancers on stage, masterly technique, outstanding acting, 15 reincarnations, 10 tons of freight, 600 unique costumes, 300 items of props, 8 sets changes – this is the fabulous reality of "The Russian National Dance Show "Kostroma" that captivates the audience of all ages and nationalities.

### **Day 10: DAY 10 SATURDAY Moscow**

Breakfast at the hotel. We meet our local guide for a half day excursion, which includes a privately guided tour of Kremlin Territory with Armoury Chamber. During this tour we will walk through the Kremlin grounds and visit the Armoury Chamber with its famous collection of Faberge eggs, jewels and royal thrones. The word Kremlin (Kreml) means a fortress or walled town; Moscow's is the biggest and most famous. The earliest ramparts were of earth and wood, but successive rulers raised and strengthened the defences after every attack. The present brick walls date from the 1490s, though they have been frequently restored. We end the tour at the hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Optional: River cruise on the Moscow river Duration: approximately 3-3,5 hours including transportation Includes: private transportation to /from hotel, 2 hours cruise private local tour guide. 16.00 –19.30 hours Min 6 persons Available by pre-booking only Subject to availability The Radisson Royal Flotilla yachts are state-of-the-art river yachts-restaurants meant for excursion and entertainment cruises along the Moskva River for citizens and visitors of Moscow. The flotilla consists of 10 white-beauty-yachts designed for year-round entertaining excursion cruises on the Moscow River. Flotilla offers all year around navigation - 365 days a year: daily cruises with fixed schedule along with touristic rides with audio excursion about attractions along the route in 2 languages on mp3 players or free iPhone application; free internet access (Wi-Fi). Once aboard the custom designed yachts, passengers enjoy the beauty and comfort possessed by these exceptional vessels. State-of-the-art technology ensures safety and reliability, allowing guests to fully relax and enjoy the splendid two-hour cruise. Two promenade decks offer panoramic visibility of picturesque Moscow.

### **Day 11: DAY 11 SUNDAY Moscow-Departure**

Breakfast at the hotel. An English-speaking representative will meet you for the Regular Transfer Service to Pulkovo Airport\*(Please see notes below for this service). Please note! Regular Departure Transfer Services included in the program are only available for transfer to Moscow Airport and only on the official end date of tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative and are shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur.

### Inclusion

• 9 nights at hotels in standard double/twin rooms • 1 night on board of Tallink Silja Line Ferry (Deluxe Cabin); • 10 Breakfasts – buffet style • 1 dinner (as per program) • Bi-lingual tour escort from Day 1 to Day 11 (English & Spanish or Portuguese) • All touring by private coach, with air-condition, including all the sightseeing mentioned in the program • MONOLINGUAL Guided tours in the cities of Stockholm, Helsinki, St. Petersburg and Moscow. For city tours with local guides, the group will be divided by languages, with their respective monolingual local guide • Regular Arrival Transfer, from Stockholm Airport, ARN\* • Regular Departure Transfer to Moscow Airport • Train ticket for journey Helsinki-St Petersburg, Train Allegro – unless transfer is made by private coach (to be confirmed in situ). • Train ticket for journey St. Petersburg- Moscow, Train Sapsan • Porter service at hotels, ferries & rail stations in Helsinki, St. Petersburg (& Moscow) excluding day 1 & 11. • Luggage allowance is 1 suitcase & 1 piece of hand luggage per person

### Exclusion

Beverages & extras Visa to Russia All services not mentioned in the Inclusions

### Note

HOTELS Haymarket by Scandic Tallink Silja – Exterior Cabin Hotel Kamp Corinthia Hotel St. Petersburg Intercontinental Moscow Tverskaya Regular Arrival Transfer Services included in the program are only available for transfers from the Airport in Stockholm & to the Airport in St. Petersburg/Moscow and only on the published official date of beginning & end of the tour. The transfers are escorted by an English-speaking representative and are shared with other fellow passengers; therefore, minor waiting time at the airport may occur. This transfer service is not valid for passengers with pre/post nights or passengers who require private transfers – for a supplement, private transfers can be reserved for these passengers. Maximum 2 children per room, sharing with parents. Due to the nature of the tour and the destination, we are unfortunately not able to accept children younger than 7 years old on these tours. Child supplement is available on request Cost for optional activities is available on request

## Tour Dates & Pricing

