

## BEST OF RUSSIA 04 Nights / 05 Days

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- A complete all-inclusive tour at an honest price with maximum quality sightseeing and minimum traveling time
- Delicious unlimited Indian Jain / vegetarian / non vegetarian meals included
- Enjoy daily Continental buffet breakfast
- Guided city tour of Moscow
- See the Kremlin and Cathedrals
- Guided city tour of St Petersburg
- Enjoy a boat ride on River Neva in St. Petersburg
- Visit one the world's largest and oldest museums, the Hermitage museum
- Visit the Rococo styled Catherine palace, former home of the Russian Tsars
- Visit the world famous Russian circus in Moscow
- Professional, friendly, multilingual and experienced Indian Tour Managers traveling with you throughout your tour in Europe

### **Day 01**

#### **Welcome aboard Thomas Cook's tour to Russia. Orientation tour of Moscow.**

Bon voyage! Today you are off on your exciting tour to Russia with Thomas Cook. Arrive in Moscow and proceed to your hotel on your own. (Please re confirm with your travel agent for exact timings and details about your tour, hotels and meeting place with the Tour Manager). Freshen up and relax in the comfort of your hotel room. This evening, enjoy an orientation tour of Moscow where you will see the Red Square which is the heart of Moscow city, New Arab street and many such interesting sites. Later, we drive to Vorobiev hills- the highest point of Moscow from where you will get a beautiful view of the city. Tonight, we have arranged a delicious Indian dinner at a restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Delta or similar, in Moscow

### **Day 02**

#### **Guided tour of Moscow. See the famous Russian circus.**

After a buffet breakfast this morning, sit back in your coach as we proceed on a guided tour of this marvelous city along with a local English speaking guide. Moscow is one of the largest cities in the world and has always made an impression on its visitors. Here you will see the St. Basil's Cathedral located on the Red Square, White house, Christ the Saviour Cathedral. This afternoon, enjoy a delicious Indian meal for lunch. Later in the evening you have some free time to explore the city on your own before you join us to see a spectacular Circus which will leave you awestruck. Tonight, enjoy a hot Indian dinner before you return back to your hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Delta or similar, in Moscow

### **Day 03**

#### **See the famous Kremlin and the Cathedral Square. Onto St. Petersburg - home to some of the most stunning architecture in Russia. Enjoy a boat ride today in the evening.**

This morning after a buffet breakfast at the hotel, check-out and proceed to the centre of the Political life in Russia – Kremlin where you see the Kremlin Wall, the fascinating cathedrals and the Cathedral Square. You can also admire The Grand Kremlin Palace that was the Tsars' Palace in the past and is the government residence at the present. Today Indian lunch will be provided. Later proceed to the station to board your train to St. Petersburg. On arrival, we take you to the hotel and check-in. Today, enjoy a boat ride on River Neva

in St. Petersburg. The rest of the evening is free for you to explore the city on your own. Tonight, enjoy a sumptuous Indian dinner.

Overnight at Hotel Moskva or similar, in St. Petersburg

#### **Day 04**

##### **Guided tour of St. Petersburg. Visit the famous Hermitage Museum.**

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, sit back in your coach as we take you on a guided tour of St. Petersburg, Russia's Northern capital and also known as the Venice of the North. This city is laid out with splendid palaces, impressive historical monuments, tree-lined avenues and beautiful bridges. Here you will see the Peter and Paul fortress, the famous dome of St. Isaac's Cathedral which dominates the skyline of St. Petersburg and its gilded cupola can be seen glittering from all over the city. Next, you will see the famous Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood. You will also drive past the Palace square – heart of the city with its dominant Alexander Column, The Bronze Horseman which is an impressive monument to the founder of St Petersburg, Peter the Great and many such interesting sites. This afternoon, enjoy a hot Indian lunch. We then take you to the world famous Hermitage Museum located on the bank of the Neva River. This Baroque-style palace is perhaps St. Petersburg's most impressive attraction. The green-and white three-storey palace boasts 1,786 doors, 1,945 windows and 1,057 elegantly and lavishly decorated halls and rooms, many of which are open to the public. The Hermitage Museum is the largest art gallery in Russia and is among the largest and most respected art museums in the world. Tonight, enjoy a hot Indian dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel.

Overnight at Hotel Moskva or similar, in St. Petersburg

#### **Day 05**

##### **Visit Pushkin to see the beautiful Catherine Palace. Onto Helsinki – the city of four seasons.**

After a buffet breakfast at the hotel, checkout and sit back in your coach as we drive to Pushkin, a town which is situated just outside St. Petersburg. This town is mainly famous for its impressive baroque Catherine Palace, where Empress Catherine the Great lived and died. The Palace is famous for housing the world famous Amber Room, a complete chamber decoration of amber panels backed with gold leaf and mirrors. Today lunch will be provided. Next we drive to Helsinki – the Finnish Capital. On arrival, check-in to your hotel and relax. Tonight, enjoy a delicious Indian dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at Hotel Holiday Inn or similar in Helsinki

#### **WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

##### **SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS**

##### **RUSSIA**

- Moscow : Guided city tour  
See the Kremlin and cathedrals  
Russian Circus
- St. Petersburg : Guided city tour  
Visit the famous Hermitage Museum  
Boat ride on River Neva
- Pushkin : Visit the famous Catherine Palace

##### **ACCOMMODATION**

- 02 nights at Hotel Delta or similar, in Moscow
- 02 nights at Hotel Moskva or similar, in St. Petersburg

## **MEALS**

- Daily buffet breakfast
- 04 Indian Jain / vegetarian lunches
- 04 Indian Jain / vegetarian/non-vegetarian dinners

## **DEPARTURE DATES**

April : 11, 25

May : 2, 9, 16, 23, 27

June : 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24

July : 4, 18

August : 8, 22

September : 5

## **NOTE**

- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double room.
- A person 12 years and below is considered a child and above 12 years, an adult.
- On certain days, we may sometimes amend / reverse the itinerary. However, all the services/ inclusions will remain the same.

## **WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Airfare, Visas and Medical Insurance.
- No portorage included.
- Any expenses of personal nature such as portorage, laundry expenses, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, minibar, telephone calls etc.
- Tips of any nature i.e. drivers, guides, etc.
- Meals other than that what is mentioned in your itinerary.
- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'.
- Taxes as applicable are extra.

## **POINTS TO BE NOTED**

•The tour cost does not include cost of airfare, visas and overseas medical insurance. • You need to be in possession of valid visas, confirmed air tickets and overseas travel insurance. • Passengers joining this tour must travel to / from the hub city at their own expense. • Local Dinners are pre set and a-la carte is not possible. •Breakfast will be continental which includes tea, coffee, cereal, juice, bread, butter. •Any damages caused to the hotel rooms / Coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Thomas Cook will not be liable for the same. •The company shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, baggage loss, theft, injury, accident, death, breakdown or irregularity, which may occur in carrying out the tour arrangement, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such loss or expense must be borne by the passengers. Insurance policies must be carried while on tour. • The management reserves the right to claim any additional expenses incurred due to delay or changes in schedules of train, aeroplane, bus, ship or other services. ue to private coaches being forbidden inside the cities most of your sightseeing will be done by local buses and by foot. The tour manager and the driver will do their best to get you as close to the monuments as possible. • Due to major international events and trade fairs throughout Europe such as Air Show, World Athletic Meet, the Motor Show, Ice Skating Championships, Football Championships etc, the hotels may be blocked out more than two years in advance. In view of this, you may have to stay in hotels further away from the cities and the itineraries may have to be altered / amended. • We also reserve the right to substitute a hotel of similar class if it is deemed advisable or necessary. • We reserve the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised. • For the convenience of our passengers, we will sometimes amend the itinerary. However all the services will remain the same. • There are no refunds for any services i.e. meals, sightseeing etc. not utilized on your tour. • Making note of the varied interests of our past clients, we have not deemed the Lido Show essential to be a part of the tour cost. • Please refer to the Booking Form for detailed 'Terms and Conditions'.

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