

# BEST OF RUSSIA



**WHY THIS TRIP?**  
History, vodka, UNESCO cities and stories of wonder – expect nothing less as you explore the very best of Russia.

● Places visited  
① Nightstops  
③ 3 World Heritage sites visited

**8 DAYS • 1 COUNTRY** FROM **US\$1405** <sup>PP\*</sup> **US\$176** <sup>P/DAY\*</sup>

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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



**NIGHTS**  
7 nights in twin-share hotel accommodation



**INCLUDED MEALS**  
7 breakfasts (B), 3 dinners (D)



**INCLUSIONS**  
See p.173 for more info on our standard inclusions.



**ME TIME OPTIONS**  
**M** Canal Cruise, St.Petersburg  
**M** Peter & Paul Fortress, St.Petersburg  
**M** Dinner, Moscow



**NO REGRETS EXPERIENCES**  
 ● Locally guided tour of St. Petersburg & the Hermitage  
 ● Locally guided tour of Novgorod  
 ● Moscow Metro tour



**FREE WIFI**  
Available on all Contiki coaches

**DAY 1: Start St. Petersburg.** Hello Russia! Known as the “Venice of the North”, St. Petersburg’s canals & opulent buildings will impress. Over eight days you’ll dive head first into this country packed with culture, history & sights. Today meet your fellow travellers & Trip Manager & maybe head out into the action. Hotel (D)

**DAYS 2 - 3: St. Petersburg.** St.Petersburg will astound & amaze everywhere you look & there’s so much to see. With two full days to explore, get right into it – you’ll discover the riches & palace-lined waterways of this impressive city. Maybe see the Russian Ballet, shop in local markets for Matryoshka dolls or tuck into the local specialities – beef stroganoff & vodka! Hotel (B)(B)

- Locally guided tour of historical St. Petersburg
- Locally guided tour of the Hermitage, former home of the Russian Tsars & one of the world’s largest art & culture museums
- Visit Peterhof Palace Gardens
- See the Church of Our Saviour on Spilled Blood

**DAY 4: St. Petersburg to Novgorod.** Discover the picturesque ancient fort town of Novgorod, once the stronghold of the early Tsars. Hotel (B,D)

- Locally guided tour of Novgorod’s old town & see the Millennium Bell

**DAY 5: Novgorod to Moscow.** Stop in the township of Klin on the way to Russia’s economic powerhouse & cultural core. As the country’s historical heart, this massive metropolis mixes up extravagance from the time of the Tsars & relics from the Cold War with a new, progressive Russia. Moscow is a popular destination for travellers, its rich historical past makes a haven for explorers. Hotel (B,D)

- See the famous composer Tchaikovsky’s house in Klin

**DAYS 6 - 7: Moscow.** Moscow is a richly layered city, with history & culture at every turn. Witness the mix of ‘New’ & ‘Old’ Russia – architecture, culture & people. Hotel (B)(B)

- Visit Red Square, the Kremlin & see Lenin’s Mausoleum & St. Basil’s Cathedral
  - Locally guided coach sightseeing tour of the city
  - Guided tour of the famous Moscow Metro.
- M** Guided tour of The Armoury

**DAY 8: End Moscow.** The trip ends after breakfast in Moscow. (B)

**Please note:** Days 1 & 8 have been designed to allow you to start & finish the trip without needing extra nights accommodation.

## HOW MUCH & WHEN

**SUMMER 2017 CODE: CCRP**

Start	Finish	Trip	Food	Total
St. Petersburg	Moscow	US\$ pp*	Fund US\$ pp*	Cost US\$ pp*
<b>2017</b>				
May 24	May 31	1265	140	1405
May 31	Jun 7	1265	140	1405
Jun 14	Jun 21	1265	140	1405
Jun 28	Jul 5	1325	140	1465
Jul 5	Jul 12	1325	140	1465
Jul 12	Jul 19	1325	140	1465
Jul 19	Jul 26	1325	140	1465
Jul 26	Aug 2	1325	140	1465
Aug 2	Aug 9	1325	140	1465
Aug 9	Aug 16	1325	140	1465
Aug 16	Aug 23	1325	140	1465
Aug 23	Aug 30	1295	140	1435
Aug 30	Sep 6	1295	140	1435
Sep 6	Sep 13	1295	140	1435
Sep 13	Sep 20	1295	140	1435

\* Prices above are based on twin-share, if you’re travelling solo, we can share you with a same sex room-mate at no extra cost.

Copy of passport required at the time of booking.

**Important Visa info:** It is necessary to obtain a Russian Tourist Voucher & a Russian visa for this trip. It is your responsibility to obtain both documents prior to travel. The fee for the Russian visa will be an additional charge.

Airport transfers in St. Petersburg & Moscow are not included but can be arranged at an extra charge. Please contact Contiki or your travel agent for details on how to book these.

Trip starts 6:00pm in St. Petersburg & ends approx. 8:00am in Moscow.

**Note:** This trip is part of a bigger picture – our 22-day Scandinavia & Russia Plus and 14-day Russia Plus trips. When you jump aboard this trip, you’ll be joining a horde of other travellers who are already geared up in Contiki’s world-famous exploration mode. Wait until you see the warm welcome you’ll receive as a new addition to the wolf pack.

For more ways to save see p.11.

For departure points & stay longer accommodation options see [contiki.com/staylonger](http://contiki.com/staylonger)

For travel insurance see p.171.