



## CLASSIC RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG | MOSCOW

8 DAYS  
from  
**\$3,479**

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

### TOUR OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total 7 nights accommodation; 5-Star hotels  
3 nights in Moscow  
4 nights in St. Petersburg
- ▶ All private transfers from airport, train station and hotel
- ▶ Business-Class train ticket: Moscow – St. Petersburg
- ▶ Private touring with English-speaking driver and guide
- ▶ Entrance fees to sites & museums as per itinerary
- ▶ Continental Breakfast daily
- ▶ Hotel taxes and service charges\*\*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Red Square, Kremlin and State Armoury in Moscow
- The Church of Spilled Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, the Hermitage museum
- Peterhof in St. Petersburg

**International airfare not included.**  
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Canadians and Americans require a Visa for entry into Russia.

Program as noted valid for August 24, 2018, subject to availability at time of booking. Order of tours is subject to change due to the complexity of opening schedules in Russia. Program availability may be limited due to FIFA World Cup and other blackout periods.

\*\*European city/tourist taxes collected locally unless otherwise indicated.

For full terms and conditions, refer to page 39.

**TOUR CODE: EU3018**

This 8-day deluxe private journey highlights of two most iconic Russian hubs, Moscow and St. Petersburg with accommodation at 5-Star luxury hotels. See domed St. Basil's Cathedral in fabled Red Square; Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg, explore *Peterhof*, the opulent summer palace of Peter the Great and more.

### Day 1 – Friday

**MOSCOW** Welcome to **Moscow**, the iconic 860 year-old capital of Russia. Upon arrival, welcome by our English-speaking assistant, who will accompany you during your private transfer to your hotel. *InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya, Deluxe Room* ★★★★★

### Day 2 – Saturday

**MOSCOW** After breakfast, begin your captivating half-day tour of this magnificent city, beginning with a visit to **Red Square**. Admire its prominent landmarks – **Lenin's Tomb** and **St. Basil's cathedral**, a colourful multi-domed complex whose architects were supposedly blinded by Ivan the Terrible so that they could never recreate such splendour again. Visit the **Cathedral of Christ the Saviour**, one of Russia's most important cathedrals, which was destroyed in Stalin's time and restored in 1990. Visit the **Novodevichy convent cemetery**, the final resting place of Nikita Khrushchev, Raisa Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin amongst many other famous names. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure. We suggest a ride on the famous **Moscow Metro**, a palatial underground many consider to be the most beautiful in the world. *InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya*

### Day 3 – Sunday

**MOSCOW** Breakfast at your hotel. Tour **Kremlin Territory** beginning with the extraordinary **State Armoury**; see the oldest museum in Russia, home to a vast collection of precious stones, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>-century jewellery and other priceless artefacts dating as far back as the 14<sup>th</sup>-century. It is also home to an impressive selection of carriages from the best Russian and European masters, precious fabrics, royal gala clothes and a fine collection of Fabergé eggs. Also visit two of the Kremlin's cathedrals: **Assumption**, the cathedral of coronations and the burial place of religious leaders, and **Archangel**, the royal burial church. *InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya*

### Day 4 – Monday

**MOSCOW – ST. PETERSBURG** Breakfast at your hotel; morning at leisure. Early afternoon, transfer to the Moscow railway station to begin your journey to **St. Petersburg** in Business Class with pre-reserved seating and luggage assistance. Upon arrival at St. Petersburg railway station, you will be met at the door of the train with your luggage collected for you. St.

Petersburg is a mecca of cultural, historical and architectural landmarks, a proud UNESCO World Heritage Site. Private transfer to your hotel. *Belmond Grand Hotel Europe, Deluxe Room* ★★★★★

### Day 5 – Tuesday

**ST. PETERSBURG** After breakfast, begin your half-day drive through the historical city centre of St. Petersburg, seeing highlights such as **Nevesky Prospect**, **Palace Square**, the **Winter Palace**, the **Admiralty** and **Vasilevsky Island**. Visit the fascinating **Peter & Paul Fortress**, which Peter the Great built in 1703 to provide protection from the Swedes. The **Fortress Cathedral** is the burial place of most of Russia's Tsars and Tsarinas from the 18<sup>th</sup>-century onwards, including Peter the Great himself. Visit **St. Isaac's Cathedral**, whose gilded dome dominates the city skyline. *Belmond Grand Hotel Europe*

### Day 6 – Wednesday

**ST. PETERSBURG** Enjoy breakfast. Experience the awe-inspiring **Hermitage**, housed in the lavishly-decorated Winter Palace. The Hermitage occupies six magnificent buildings and boasts a vast collection of no less than 3 million pieces of art from the Stone Age to modern times. The main building and largest part of the museum is the Rococo-style Winter Palace, residence of the Tsars from 1762 to 1917. In the evening, we suggest seeing a World-class opera or ballet performance in this magical city, not included. *Belmond Grand Hotel Europe*

### Day 7 – Thursday

**ST. PETERSBURG** After breakfast, drive to **Peterhof**, the great summer estate and artistic gem of Peter the Great, nestled on the shore of the Gulf of Finland. The park features numerous palaces, summer houses and pavilions; a prominent highlight is the **Grand Cascade**. To avoid the crowds, the **Grand Palace** is opened for you before official opening hours. Afterwards, you are whisked back to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil. *Belmond Grand Hotel Europe*

### Day 8 – Friday

**ST. PETERSBURG – HOME** After breakfast, transfer to the St. Petersburg airport for your departure flight home.