

16 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

# SILK ROAD OF RUSSIA

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## THE OFFER

The Silk Road is one of the most exotic and alluring trade routes of antiquity - a vast and winding trail from Asia to Europe, passing through harsh deserts and lush farmland, grand capitals and long-abandoned villages. On this 16 day journey along the Silk Road of Russia, the diverse wonders of this ancient trail will truly come to life.

Uncover the highlights of Moscow on tour, from the Kremlin and Red Square to the KGB Building and Leningradsky Avenue; plus enjoy free time to further explore this vibrant city. Travel to Astrakhan on the Volga River, known for its domed churches and 16th century Kremlin; discover Elista, the only predominantly Buddhist city in Europe; stroll through the desert city of Sarai Batu; and visit the colossal sand dune of Sarykum. Stay in Makhachkala; marvel at the immense scale of Sulak Canyon in the mountainous region of Dagestan; visit Gamsutl, an abandoned village described as the 'Machu Picchu of Russia'; discover the ancient city of Derbent - and so much more!

Includes return international flights aboard Singapore Airlines, two additional one-way flights within Russia, 12 nights quality hotel accommodation, 22 meals, English-speaking guides and more.

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### THE ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Australia - Moscow, Russia

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, or Perth for Moscow, Russia. Fly with award-winning Singapore Airlines and any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

**Meals included: In-Flight**

#### Day 2 Welcome to Moscow

Upon arrival, be met by a representative and transferred to the hotel.

**Overnight: Renaissance Monarch Hotel, Moscow or similar**

**Meals included: None**

#### Day 3 Moscow City Tour

After breakfast this morning, set out on a city highlights bus tour. See major sights such as Leningradsky Avenue, Tverskaya Street, Teatralny Passage, the KGB building, Novodevichy Convent, and Manezh Square. Following the bus tour, relax with free time at the Red Square, where you can marvel at the St. Basil's Cathedral (entrance not included), one of the most recognisable monuments in Russia. This afternoon, enjoy lunch at an inner-city restaurant.

The tour then continues with a visit to the Kremlin, which translates to 'fortress inside a city' and is the official residence of the President of Russia. It is a true fortified town harbouring its own squares, churches and cathedrals. The Kremlin is still open for visitors and is consistently one of the most visited landmarks, despite the fact it's still the residence of the Russian Government.

**Overnight: Renaissance Monarch Hotel or similar, Moscow**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 4 Moscow Free Day

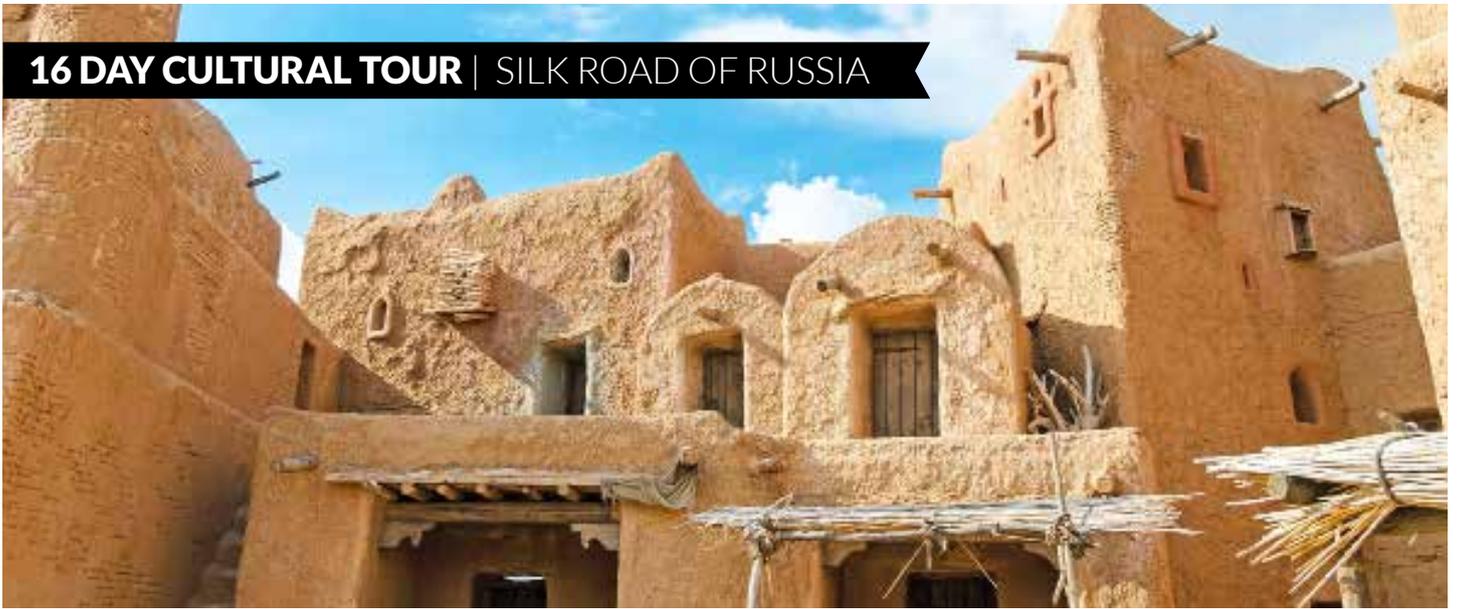
Today is free at leisure, alternatively you may take part in an optional tour (not included).

Optional Activity: Tretyakov Gallery & Arbat Street - \$100 per person

The Tretyakov Gallery houses one of the world's most celebrated and extensive collections of Russian art and artefacts. The gallery was named after the entrepreneur Pavel Tretyakov, who donated approximately 2000 works of Russian art from his own private collection to the city of Moscow at the end of the 19th century. Exhibition halls feature icons (most notably an impressive collection of icons by the artist Andrei Rublev), 18th century portraits, Realist works, Romantic, Symbolist and avant-garde canvases and displays of graphic and applied arts. A visit to the Tretyakov Gallery is a definite must for anyone interested in Russian art and culture.

You will also get the opportunity to take a walk along the Arbat, Moscow's most charming and lively pedestrian street. Once a bohemian quarter of the city, littered with cafes crammed full of the capital's intellectual elite, the Arbat still retains a vibrant and artistic air today, with souvenir stalls selling traditional Russian gifts, artists offering original canvases and street performers entertaining the shoppers. At the western end of the Arbat visitors cannot fail to notice the imposing Gothic facade of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building, constructed to celebrate the economic and engineering prowess and achievements of the Soviet regime.

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#### Optional Activity: Moscow By Night & Moscow Metro - \$90 per person

Moscow becomes another city with the setting sun. The illumination of its buildings, parks and monuments is a splendid view to see. Explore the Red Square, the heart of Moscow, the lively Tverskaya Street with its numerous shops, cafes, bars and restaurants; and Victory Park – a huge park-memorial to the Russian glorious victory in the war against the Nazi Germany, decorated with the endless chain of fountains, bathed in red light at night.

You will also enjoy a glimpse into the surprisingly opulent world of the city's underground Metro system. The stations of Moscow's subway system have often been called 'the people's palaces', for their elegant designs and profuse use of marble, mosaics, sculptures and chandeliers. Built during Stalin's rule, these metro stations were supposed to display the best of Soviet architecture and design, as well as show how privileged the lives of Russian people were. The Arbatskaya, Smolenskaya and Ploschad Revolutsii stations are incredible. The last, in particular, abounds with 76 magnificent bronze figures of the creators of the new socialist order, nestled into niches between the station's broad columns.

**Overnight: Renaissance Monarch Hotel or similar, Moscow**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 5 Moscow - Astrakhan, Russia**

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport for your domestic flight to Astrakhan. Upon arrival, be transferred to your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Astrakhan is home to a portion of the great Silk Road, a network of ancient trade paths that were once the main passage connecting the East to the West. One of the various

ways to pass through Asia into Europe is through southern Russia, which is full of dramatic scenery that still remains untouched to this day. As the Silk Route snakes through Russia, it meanders into southern Siberia and then across to the region's southwest. Between southern Siberia and the North Caucasus, lies the Republic of Kalmykia, the only Buddhist republic in Russia. The Silk Road truly unveils the natural beauty and unique culture of the Republic, perfect for intrepid travellers.

**Overnight: Park Inn Hotel or similar, Astrakhan**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

#### **Day 6 Astrakhan City Tour**

After breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a guided tour of the city. Astrakhan sits on the shores of the Volga, north of the Caspian Sea, and is Russia's face on that multinational body of water. You will see the city's most beautiful main streets and walk through the "White City" - the oldest Russian sector of Astrakhan, where the Kremlin is located. Continue along the river embankment and pass old merchant houses until you reach the famous Swan Lake.

The city's main treasure and most visited site is the majestic Kremlin, a unique architectural ensemble and a monument of military engineering dating back to the second half of the 16th century. Finish the tour with a visit to Astrakhan museum, where you will see the exhibition "The Sarmatian Gold" – a unique collection of mysterious artefacts from ancient civilisations created about 2000 years ago. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Park Inn Hotel or similar, Astrakhan**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

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#### Day 7 Astrakhan - Elista (approx. 300km)

After breakfast, head to Elista, the capital city of the Republic of Kalmykia. It holds the title of the only Buddhist city in Europe. Enjoy a visit to the new Buddhist khurul (temple) which houses a nine-metre high statue of Buddha, the tallest in Europe. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local cafe. Take part in a guided walking tour of the city centre and view sculptures created at the International Biennale, such as "The Great Silk Road" and "Man and nature through the eyes of the East". This afternoon travel back to Astrakhan for an evening at leisure.

**Overnight:** Park Inn Hotel or similar, Astrakhan

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch

#### Day 8 Astrakhan - Sarai-Batu (approx. 140km)

After breakfast, travel through the rugged Astrakhan desert. Continue to a village called Selitrenskoye, which can be found at a distance of 140km north from Astrakhan. It's hard to believe that this deserted steppe was one of the world's biggest capital cities and one of the biggest centres of civilisation. Nevertheless, it is here, on the hills of this village, that the famous Golden Horde invaders founded their first settlements. Step back in time at a re-creation of the historic city of Sarai-Batu. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and return to Astrakhan this afternoon. Enjoy the remainder of the day free at leisure.

**Overnight:** Park Inn Hotel or similar, Astrakhan

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Lunch

#### Day 9 Astrakhan - Volga Delta - Makhachkala (Overnight Train)

Today journey to the delta of the Volga river, the area closest

to the Caspian Sea. The world's largest inland body of water, it is home to a wide range of species and perhaps best known for its caviar and oil industries. The Astrakhan Nature Reserve covers this area and is visited by nature lovers from all over the world. Take time to soak in and admire the beautifully intact environment.

This evening, enjoy dinner at the hotel. Afterwards, you will be transferred to Astrakhan train station to board the overnight train to Makhachkala.

**Overnight:** Overnight Train, Private Cabin with Shared Facilities

**Meals included:** Breakfast;Dinner

#### Day 10 Welcome to Makhachkala

Enjoy breakfast on board this morning before being transferred to your hotel. Makhachkala is the capital city of the Republic of Dagestan, Russia. Situated on the western shore of the Caspian Sea, Dagestan is home to the Makhachkala Grand Mosque, one of Russia's largest.

Continue your Silk Road journey with an excursion to the sand dune of Sarykum along with a visit to the Sulak canyon. The sand dune Sarykum is a unique natural monument in Dagestan Reserve which is officially recognised by geologists as the second largest dune in the world. The Sarykum is 12km long, 4km wide and 2.5km high. Its age is unknown but this piece of the Sahara Desert in the heart of the Dagestan mountains is definitely more than a few hundred thousand years old.

The journey to the Sulak Canyon is a wonderful experience. If you stand on the cliff above the canyon you will see the bright azure colour of the Sulak River, with a cascade of hydropower plants, far below. It is truly a landscape of incomparable beauty.

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Following the tour, enjoy lunch at the hotel and take the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Sarikum Business Hotel or similar, Makhachkala**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 11 Makhachkala - Akhulgo - Gunib (approx. 240km)

After breakfast, drive to the rural area of Gunib. En route stop by the culture and history of complex in Akhulgo. Opened at the beginning of 2017, the memorial complex features a lighthouse, and an exhibition hall boasting artefacts from the period of the Caucasian War. Upon arrival in Gunib, enjoy a guided tour of the Tsar's meadow and Imam Shamil's Fortress. The fortress was the last stronghold of Imam Shamil and was occupied by the Russian troops on August 25th, 1859. The Tsar's Meadow is also a historical site from the period of the Caucasian War. Enjoy lunch at the hotel before spending the remainder of the day free at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Radde or similar, Gunib**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 12 Gunib - Gamsutl - Derbent (approx. 200km)

Today, travel to the village of Gamsutl, located on top of Gamsutlmeer mountain. According to the traditions of the Caucasus, the doors here are kept open for every guest, but the legendary hospitality of the Dagestan people is not the only reason why you can enter each and every house. The locals left the aul a few decades ago and the only person who stayed in this place was Abdudzhaliil Abdudzhaliilov, the native of the aul, who died in 2015. Be served lunch at the foot of the mountain before transferring to Derbent. The ancient UNESCO town of Derbent forms the narrow gateway between the Caspian

Sea and the Caucasus Mountains. After the tour, you will be transferred back to the hotel to enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel Alye Parusa or similar, Derbent**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 13 Derbent

This morning take an excursion to the old Naryn-Kala citadel, the ancient Juma mosque and historical city centre. Continue on to the museum of four religions which consist of - the house of Alexander - Bestuzhev - Marlilnsky and Peter the Great. Afterwards, take a break to enjoy lunch at a local cafe. The citadel of Naryn Kala in Dagestan is a true visiting card of Derbent.

Today this legendary citadel is included in UNESCO's World Heritage list as a monument of cultural and historical importance. Though only parts of the citadel lived up to the present age it is still amazing in its grandness and beauty. Its exact age is unknown, however scientists agree the construction lasted several centuries. The ancient Juma Mosque in Russia and one of the world's oldest mosques. Derbent is a city of many cultures and religions where Muslims, Christians and Jews lived peacefully for centuries. In earlier times it was the centre of Zoroastrianism.

**Overnight: Hotel Alye Parusa or similar, Derbent**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### Day 14 Derbent - Kubachi - Makhachkala - Moscow (approx. 260km)

After breakfast this morning, continue your adventure to the village Kubachi - situated at the impressive height of 1750m

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above the sea level. Currently, the village counts less than 1000 people who speak the Kubachi dialect of the Dargin language. The local houses are in such proximity to one another that they look similar to a residential complex. Visit a local jewellery production plant, the only place in the North Caucasus and Russia where craftsmen still possess unique ancient technologies, enabling them to process metallic items on a high artistic level. After the tour ends enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Later today, be transferred to the airport in Makhachkala for your flight back to Moscow.

**Overnight: Hotel SVO Holiday Inn or similar, Moscow**

**Meals included: Breakfast;Lunch**

#### **Day 15 Moscow, Russia - Australia**

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight back home to Australia.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

#### **Day 16 Arrive in Australia**

Please note: some flights may arrive in Australia +1 day later.

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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the ancient Silk Road trade route of Russia
- Visit Moscow, Elista, Derbent, Kubachi and more
- Enjoy free time in the historic city of Moscow
- Marvel at St. Basil's Cathedral and Red Square on a Moscow city tour
- Visit Astrakhan, the 'White City' on the Volga River
- Discover Elista, home of an impressive Buddhist temple
- Journey through the vast desert near Astrakhan
- Explore Sarai Batu, a recreation of a 13th century Mongol 'Golden Horde' city
- Admire the beautiful lotuses of Astrakhan Nature Reserve
- Stay in Makhachkala, home of the impressive Grand Mosque
- Visit the impressive sand dune of Sarykum
- Marvel at the rugged beauty of Sulak Canyon
- Visit the culture and history complex in Akhulgo
- Tour the Tsar's meadow and historic Gunib Fortress
- Visit the ruined village of Gamsutl, the 'Machu Picchu of Russia'
- Discover the ancient city of Derbent on the Caspian Sea
- Visit the UNESCO listed Naryn-Kala Citadel
- Explore Juma Mosque, the oldest mosque in Russia
- Tour the Museum of Four Religions in Derbent
- Learn of the Dargin dialect in the isolated village of Kubachi
- Witness jewellery production using ancient techniques

### FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/PER
- Fly with premium airline Singapore Airlines
- 2 x 1-way domestic flights within Russia

### ACCOMMODATION

- 12 nights quality hotel accommodation

### DINING

- Enjoy 22 meals including daily breakfast

### TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour leader and guides
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Parking, checkpoints
- Visa Support Letter

### TRANSPORT

- Transportation by private A/C vehicles
- 1 x overnight train: Astrakhan to Makhachkala

### TRANSFERS

- Return airport and rail transfers

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

\*Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

*Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).*

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 10th September 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

## Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$980 applies.

## Departure Dates (2020)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

## Surcharges

Please note: dates/months with a \* incur a flight high season surcharge of \$300

per person.

*Please note: dates/months with a ^ incur a land high season surcharge of \$200 per person.*

## Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane or Perth

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Singapore Airlines plus codeshare partners (subject to availability).

*Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.*

### Arrive early in Moscow, Russia

\$200 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.
- Blackout dates:  
14th December 2019 - 20th January 2020  
28th Mar 2020 - 27th April 2020  
20th June - 19th July 2020  
17th September - 11th October 2020

### Stay behind in Moscow, Russia

\$200 per person, subject to availability

*Please note:*

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout dates:  
20th June - 19th July 2020

17th September - 11th October 2020

10th December 2020 - 20th January 2021

## Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$450 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

\* Singapore

Includes:

2 Nights in 4 star accommodation

Daily breakfast

Return airport transfers

*Please note:*

- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.
- A Singapore stopover (pre or post) is not permitted for the 10th September departure date due to the Singapore Grand Prix
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

## Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Not available
- Business Class: Buy Now \$6,499 per person

*Please note:*

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

**3 - 4 Star (self-rated)**



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- Moscow: Renaissance Monarch or similar
- Astrakhan: Park Inn or similar
- Makhachlaka: Sarikum Business Hotel or similar
- Gunib: Hotel Radde or similar
- Derbent: Alye Parusa or similar
- Moscow: SVO Park Inn or similar

## No star rating

- Overnight sleeper train, private twin cabin with shared facilities

*Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.*

## Extra Nights

- Moscow, Russia (Pre/post Tour): \$270 per room.

*Please note: extra nights are based on room only and subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.*

## Maximum Room Capacity

2 People

## Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

*Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.*

## Triple Share

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

*Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.*

## Bedding Configuration

Twin/Double bedding (subject to availability).

## Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotel's discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 50 per vehicle.

## Optional Tours / Activities

Day 4: Moscow Tretyakov Gallery & Arbat Street - \$100

Day 4: Moscow By Night + Metro - \$90

### Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions
- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa for Russia is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

*Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.*

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information

on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

*Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.*

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Typical high temperatures in the warm months of June, July and August are around 23°C, but during heat waves, which can occur anytime from May to September, daytime temperature highs often top 30°C for sometimes one or two weeks.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive



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at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

## Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

22 meals are included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

### Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

*Please note: a general level of fitness will be*

*required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.*

## Gratuities / Tipping:

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- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is at the customer's discretion for the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.
- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

## Sightseeing:

*Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.*

## Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

### Russia

- A tourist visa for Russia is a strict requirement if travelling on an Australian passport.
- The visa is valid for 30 days for double entry and the final exit date must be no more than 30 days from the date of first entry. You must apply for this visa at least 6 weeks prior to departure from Australia.
- A valid voucher and official confirmation letter issued by a registered Russian tour agency will be provided to you through TripADeal. Please contact your nearest Russian Embassy or Consulate for instructions on how to apply in person or via post.
- TripADeal will provide you with further information in your Travel Pack.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

*Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.*

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.



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- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

## **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

