

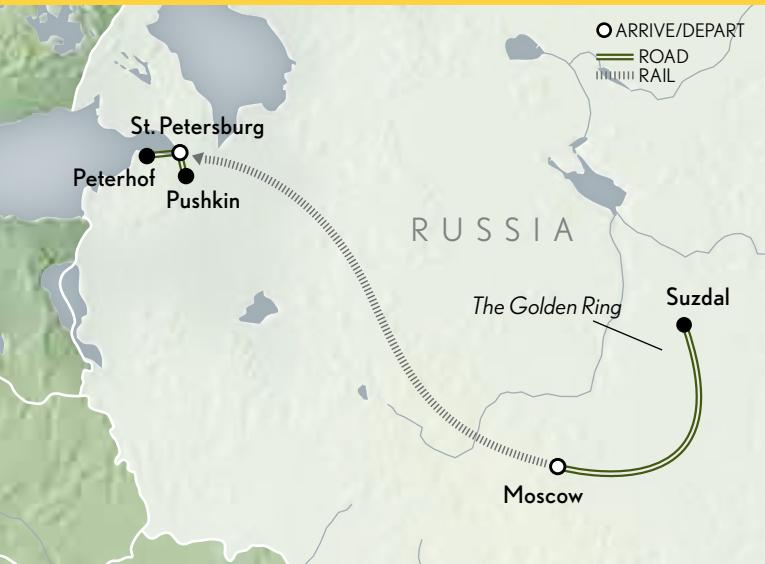
View vibrant St. Basil's Cathedral on a tour through Red Square



Russia: Treasures of the Tsars

10 days from \$5,495 | Limited to 24 guests

Experience the full panorama of Russian culture, immersing yourself in the flavors and atmosphere of the nation's beautiful countryside along with two major cities, each boasting a rich, fascinating history and a powerful global influence.



A&K ADVANTAGES

- ▶ Avoid the crowds with before-hours visits to the Kremlin Armory, Peterhof and the Hermitage
- ▶ Enjoy an exciting presentation from a Russian scholar that reveals Russia's profound past and present
- ▶ Listen to a private choir performance in Moscow's magnificent Church of St. Nicholas
- ▶ Explore medieval Suzdal and its beautiful countryside for a more rural look at Russia, and have lunch with a local family
- ▶ Meet an expert on the Romanovs to learn about the fascinating history of Russia's last ruling dynasty

DAY 1: Arrive Moscow, Russia

Upon arrival in Moscow, transfer to your hotel. This evening, join fellow guests for a welcome dinner. Metropol Hotel | Meals: D

DAY 2: Moscow | The Stately Capital

Tour Moscow, starting at the Kremlin, and beat the crowds with an exclusive before-hours visit to the State Armory. View its impressive collection of carriages, royal gala attire and fabulous Fabergé eggs. Then, visit two Kremlin cathedrals: Assumption and Archangel. After lunch at a local restaurant, stroll Red Square to view Lenin's Tomb and

St. Basil's Cathedral. See the city from a different perspective when you ride the Moscow Metro, renowned for its ornate stations. **Metropol Hotel** | Meals: B L

DAY 3: Moscow | Russian Legends

This morning, enjoy a talk by a Russian scholar. Continue your explorations of Moscow with a visit to the New Maiden Cemetery, final resting place of Chekhov and other noted figures. After lunch at a local restaurant, stop at the Tretyakov Gallery, one of Moscow's greatest treasures. Behind the gallery's whimsical façade lies the foremost collection of Russian fine art in the world. **Metropol Hotel** | Meals: B L

DAY 4: The Golden Ring | Russia's Ancient Heart

Leave the city for the Golden Ring, the circle of venerable cities northeast of Moscow. Travel by train to historic Vladimir for sightseeing before continuing to the old town of Suzdal. Check in to your hotel before dinner. **Pushkarskaya Sloboda** | Meals: B L D

DAY 5: Suzdal | Living Museum

Explore Suzdal, often described as an open-air museum of Russian history for its extensive pre-revolution architecture. Enjoy a horse-drawn carriage ride before eating lunch with a local family, and partake in a bread-baking master class of Russian *kalach*. After some time at leisure, enjoy a revitalizing visit to an authentic Russian bath — an A&K-exclusive experience. **Pushkarskaya Sloboda** | Meals: B L



Discover the healing properties of a banya (Russian bath) during your stay in Suzdal, enjoying a profound cleansing experience accompanied by authentic food and drink.

DAY 6: St. Petersburg | Venice of the North

Transfer by road back to Moscow, where you board a high-speed Sapsan train for the ride to St. Petersburg, the crowning glory of Peter the Great, arriving in the evening. **Hotel Astoria** | Meals: B D

DAY 7: St. Petersburg | Legacy of a Dynasty

Start the day at the Hermitage, home to three million pieces of artwork, enjoying early access with fewer crowds. After lunch at a local restaurant, learn the history of the Romanovs when you meet with an expert on the subject. Cruise the city's canals and visit St. Isaac's Cathedral to marvel at its gilded dome, as well as the red granite columns that grace its façade. **Hotel Astoria** | Meals: B L

DAY 8: Peterhof | Private Grand Palace Tour

Drive to Peterhof, summer estate of Peter the Great. Tour the

Grand Palace, which is opened for you before official operating hours. Return to St. Petersburg via hydrofoil, and visit the fascinating Peter and Paul Fortress. **Hotel Astoria** | Meals: B L

DAY 9: Pushkin | Russia's Past & Present

Travel to Tsarskoe Selo ("Tsar's Village"), also called Pushkin. View Catherine Palace and the world-famous Amber Room, now restored to its original glory. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure, and tonight, join your fellow guests for a farewell dinner. **Hotel Astoria** | Meals: B D

DAY 10: Depart St. Petersburg

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and depart. Meals: B

BOUTIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS



Metropol Hotel

Fronting Revolution Square and the Bolshoi Theatre, this striking Moscow landmark once served as the headquarters of the Bolshevik party.



Pushkarskaya Sloboda

This charming collection of villas occupies a sunny stretch of riverfront in the heartland of Russia, welcoming guests with a relaxed, park-like atmosphere.



Hotel Astoria

Overlooking St. Isaac's Cathedral, this iconic St. Petersburg address boasts a fascinating guest registry, including H.G. Wells and George W. Bush.

DATES & PRICING

Guaranteed Departure Dates	Double Occupancy	Single Supplement
May 13-22, Jun 17-26, Jul 8-17	\$5,995	\$1,895
Aug 12-21, Sep 16-25	\$5,495	\$1,595

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome briefing at 7:00 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 9.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.