

RUSSIA, BALTICS AND WARSAW

June 03 – 19, 2018

USD 5,936/ person based on
twin/triple sharing

DAY 01 JUN 03 (SUN) DEPART MANILA

DAY 02 JUN 04 (MON) ARRIVE MOSCOW, RUSSIA

On arrival in this fascinating city, transfer to hotel for check-in and rest until welcome dinner.

DAY 03 JUN 05 (TUE) MOSCOW

Begin exploration of this Russian capital in the Red Square, lined by Moscow's famous landmark buildings: St. Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's Mausoleum, Spasskaya Tower and GUM. Enter the walls of the Kremlin Fortress, see the Armoury Chamber, then stand on Cathedral Square surrounded by the *Cathedrals of Assumption, Annunciation, Archangel, Deposition and the 12 Apostles*.

DAY 04 JUN 06 (WED) SERGIYEV POSAD

An hour away from Moscow, through huge birch forests and rolling hills is Sergiyev Posad, foundation of the Russian Orthodox Church and visit the Trinity Monastery of St. Sergius. Highlight visit to a Vodka Museum (degustation included) then on to Lenin Hills before a walk around Arbat Street.

DAY 05 JUN 07 (THU) MOSCOW / ST. PETERSBURG

Check out of hotel. Go to Poklonnaya Hill war memorial then follow guide and go underground to see Moscow's famed METRO Stations. DOMESTIC FLIGHT to St. Petersburg, imperial capital and second largest city of Russia.

DAY 06 JUN 08 (FRI) ST. PETERSBURG

Visit the Fortress of Peter and Paul and see the Cathedral. Then on to St. Isaac's Cathedral. In the afternoon visit the Yusupov Palace.

DAY 07 JUN 09 (SAT) PETRODVORETS AND HERMITAGE

Hydrofoil transfer to Peterhof (Petrodvorets), an exquisite summer residence by Russian Tsars. Marvel at the Grand Cascade and enter the Grand Palace. Then on to the Hermitage, one of the world's greatest museums.

DAY 08 JUN 10 (SUN) ST. PETERSBURG / PUSHKIN

Today we go to Pushkin, and visit the grand Catherine Palace and its magnificent Halls. Then walk to the equally beautiful Pavlovsk Palace, former home of Catherine the Great's son. Back to St. Petersburg and see the Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood.

DAY 09 JUN 11 (MON) ST. PETERSBURG / TALLIN, ESTONIA

Cross the Russian-Estonian border. Short stop to see Hermann Castle, then Narwa Castle before heading to Tallinn.

DAY 10 JUN 12 (TUE) MAGIC OF TALLINN

After breakfast drive through Kadriorg with a stop at the Tallinn Song Bowl, a natural amphitheater. Visit St. Bridget's Convent ruins then on to the Pirita Marina, former sight of Olympic yachting. Transfer back to the Old Town, walking tour through the Upper Town and Lower Town and see the best of both medieval and modern parts of Tallinn.

DAY 11 JUN 13 (WED) TALLINN / RIGA, LATVIA

Cross the Estonia-Latvia border. Tour of the Old Town of Riga, capital of Latvia and get acquainted with the romance of the Medieval Ages. Visit St. Peter's and St. Johann's churches, Dome Cathedral, the romantic Convent Courtyard and other historical monuments of the Old Riga. A peep at the Soviet KGB Museum, a reminder of grim and relatively recent events.

DAY 12 JUN 14 (THU) RIGA / SIAULIAI / VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Discover why Riga became a centre for Art Nouveau. Then on to some sweetness and fun at the Laima Chocolate Museum. Then travel south and cross the border from Latvia to Lithuania to Siauliai to see unusual Votive Hill of Crosses, the symbol of resistance against the Soviet occupation.

DAY 13 JUN 15 (FRI) VILNIUS / ISLAND CASTLE OF TRAKAI

After breakfast we visit the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul before moving on to see the neo-classical Cathedral. Walk through the Old Town to the Jesuit University, the Vilnius university complex and the the Gates of Dawn. Then travel on to Trakai for a highlight visit to this fortified island Castle.

DAY 14 JUN 16 (SAT) VILNIUS / AUGUSTOW / WARSAW, POLAND

From Lithuania to Poland we enter the border town of Lazdija then to Augustow for some free time to relax or stroll around before heading to Warsaw. Check-in, dinner and overnight.

DAY 15 JUN 17 (SUN) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL WARSAW

A guided stroll through Warsaw's pristine Old Town to the Warsaw Castle and see how the city rebuilt itself after WWII. See St John's Cathedral, the Royal Route and the magnificent Lazienki Park. Finally, the famous Wilanow Palace and Gardens. Farewell dinner tonight.

DAY 16 JUN 18 (MON) DEPART WARSAW

DAY 17 JUN 19 (TUE) ARRIVE MANILA

EXCLUSIONS:

- Visa processing Fee
- Lunch • Airline Taxes
- Any other items not mentioned

INCLUSIONS:

- RT International Airfare
- 4-star hotel accommodation
- Breakfast and Dinner
 - Domestic Flights
- Private Coach All Through Out
- Tours as specified in the itinerary
 - Tips and gratuities
 - Travel insurance
 - Filipino Tour Escort

IMPORTANT:

- USD 1,000 non-refundable deposit is required for reservation
- Minimum 20 passengers