

Moscow and St. Petersburg - The Taster Tour (M-ID: 2227)

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from €1,950.00

Dates and duration (days)

The ideal tour for a first short visit to Russia.

Highlights: Moscow with Red Square and the Kremlin. Saint Petersburg with the art museum Ermitage, Peterhof Palace and the Catherine Palace with the world famous Amber Room. Great side streets, fascinating cultural program and Russian cuisine. Perfect for first impression!

- Travel program:

Day 1: Arrival in Moscow

After the plane has landed safely in Moscow and you have arrived at the hotel in the center of the city, you can acclimatize a little in your rooms before the first tour briefing. Here you will get the details about the itinerary, the route and general information about rules and customs in Russia. Afterwards we will explore Moscow on foot and get a first taste of Russian cuisine in a nice restaurant near the Kremlin.

Day 2: Moscow

A first immersion into Russian life and culture is on the agenda. We start our excursion into the city with the Kremlin and the Red Square, visit the GUM (main shopping center) and St. Basil's Cathedral. After that we will explore the extraordinary Moscow Metro and walk on Arbat Street, the most famous pedestrian street in Moscow, where you can buy authentic Russian souvenirs.

Day 3: Moscow - Valday - 400 km

In the morning we ride directly to the Red Square to take some pictures of us with the motorcycles. And then it starts: We begin the first stage and leave Moscow towards

Valday. It is a long way, so we will ride on toll roads and the highway. These roads were built only a few years ago and are in good shape. This will also give you a chance to get acquainted with the bike. We will have lunch on the way in Tver, a small provincial town about 200 km from Moscow. Also on the program is the Valdaisky Iversky Svyatoozersky Bogoroditsky Monastery, one of the holiest sites for the Russian Orthodox religion community. We will spend the night in a cozy hotel in the area of Valday National Park. Here you can experience the typical rural lifestyle of the Russians with home-grown food. You will also have the opportunity to enjoy a typical banya (Russian sauna with high humidity).

Day 4: Valday - St. Petersburg - 400 km

We pass through some smaller towns on this stage before reaching St. Petersburg in the evening. One of these cities is Novgorod, one of the oldest and most famous cities in Russia. It celebrated its 1,155th anniversary in 2014 and is considered the birthplace of the Russian state and its democracy. The historic buildings, the Novgorod Kremlin (circular castle) and the monastery still stand well preserved in the heart of the city. In Gatchina we will have a coffee break and a visit to the castle and the park. Afterwards we will go directly to Saint Petersburg, where we will check in at the hotel and have our dinner at the Museum of Russian Vodka.

Day 5 and Day 6: St. Petersburg

On the two "sightseeing days" in St. Petersburg there is a lot on the program: The Peterhof, where we will see dozens of fountains in the lower garden, which have been

delighting their viewers for over 250 years. The "Russian Versailles" rivals its French model in luxury, decoration and engineering genius. We will take walks in the city center, e.g. around the Palace Square, on the boulevard "Nevsky Prospect", to the Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood and along the rivers and canals in the city. One of the largest and most important art museums in the world is also there: The Hermitage. Paintings by Rembrandt, Rubens, da Vinci and van Gogh, Egyptian mummies, the collection is pure breathtaking. There are calculations according to which the visit to all exhibitions in the Hermitage would take at least a week. Unfortunately, we don't have that much time, but you can believe us that even a half day tour will impress you. For many THE cultural highlight on the tour: The Catherine Palace with the world-famous Amber Room.

Day 7: Saint Petersburg - Pechory - 350 km

The tour of Pskov is on the agenda. Along with Novogrod, Pskov is one of the oldest cities in Russia. The very old church right in the center, in the Kremlin, has remained untouched. We will briefly tour the city and in the evening we will have our meal in a local restaurant.

Day 8: Pechory - Derbovezh - 430 km

On many back roads we will reach Derbovezh Lake, idyllically situated by a forest. Dinner will be prepared by a local cook and in the evening you will hear more stories about Russia, its culture and history and enjoy the leisurely end of the day.

Day 9: Derbovezh - Moscow - 375 km

The last day of riding takes us back to Moscow. At the beginning we will start with about 100 km of highway, then we will continue on smaller roads until we arrive in Moscow. We will spend the last evening together in the best beer restaurant of Moscow.

Day 10: Journey home

Depending on your departure time, you can use the time to pack or explore Moscow on your own. We hope that you were so enthusiastic about Russia that you will come back one day for another tour and we say to you:

"Do svidaniya" - Goodbye - in Russia.

Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl. on request
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	easy
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room with his/her own bike:	€1,950.00
per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F750GS:	€3,250.00
per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW F850GS:	€3,250.00
per rider in shared twin/double room with BMW R1250GS incl. surcharge:	€3,600.00
per pillion passenger:	€1,750.00
Single room surcharge:	€450.00

Included

Overnight stays in good and upper middle class hotels

- incl. breakfast
- lunch and dinner on riding days

Motorcycle rental BMW F750GS / F850GS / R1250GS (extra charge)

- incl. fully comprehensive insurance with € 1,000 excess (R1250GS € 1,500 excess)
- Optional: Surcharge € 350 for comprehensive insurance with € 0 SB

incl. petrol for rental motorcycle

Tour guide on motorcycle, English speaking

Escort vehicle from 5 motorcycles

Entrance fees for attractions according to tour description

Support in obtaining visas

Not included

Flights: We can offer these on request.

Motorcycle clothing and protective equipment

Gasoline, if with his/her own motorcycle.

Lunch and dinner (except on riding days)

Visa fees

Personal expenses

Tips

All services that are not expressly listed as included.

Also not included, but strongly recommended: Travel insurance with cancellation protection. International health insurance mandatory for Russia!

More details

Minimum number of participants: 4 persons.

Approx. 2,000 km; easy tour, short sections on unpaved roads.

10 days in total, including 5 riding days, 3 rest days and 2 days for arrival/departure

The general travel conditions apply. These will be given before booking.

If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the trip can be canceled up to four weeks before the start of the trip.