



### PRE-COVENTION ROTARY TOUR


#### «Golden Ring of Russia+ Two Capitals: Moscow - Saint Petersburg»

#### 20 - 31 May 2019

Dear friends, Rotary Club Moscow-East invite you to visit our two wonderful capitals and learn about their culture, history and architecture, and what is the most important, to get familiar and make friends with the Rotarians of district 2220. The tour program includes sightseeing tours, dinners with clubs and participation in the district assembly where networking events, aimed at establishing social and business contacts, will be held.

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<b>Day 1</b> <b>May 20</b>	Arrival in Moscow. Transfer from the airport to Hotel 4*.
<b>Day 2</b> <b>May 21</b>	<p>07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 8:00 Trip to the Sergiyev Posad</p>  <p>Sergiyev Posad the only city in the Moscow Region to be included in the Golden Ring is Sergiev Posad which is closely linked with the UNESCO-protected Troitse-Sergieva Lavra which was founded in the 14th century by St Sergius of Radonezh. The Lavra is now one of the most important religious sites in Russian and St Sergius is one of the most revered native Russian saints. 13:00 Lunch 15: 00 Departure to Suzdal 19:00 Dinner at the hotel</p>
<b>Day 3</b> <b>May 22</b>	<p>07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 8:00 Trip to the Suzdal</p> 

	<p>Suzdal is often referred to as an open-air museum for the amount of old buildings that have been preserved and the lack of industrialisation. Several sights are protected by UNESCO as the White Stone Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal. Highlights include the Spaso-Yefimiev Monastery, which is now a museum, and the museums of the Kremlin.</p> <p>13:00 Lunch</p> <p>Free time</p> <p>19:00 Networking – dinner.</p>
<p><b>Day 4</b> <b>May 23</b></p>	<p>07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>8:00 Departure to Vladimir</p> <p>09:00 Sightseeing tour of Vladimir, the ancient capital of the north-east Russia.</p> <div data-bbox="322 425 1396 618" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Vladimir As the former capital of mediaeval Russia, Vladimir is a very historically important city. It is somewhat more industrial than its neighbour of Suzdal but its Golden Gates, St Demetrius' Cathedral and the Dormition Cathedral are UNESCO protected and masterpieces of ancient Russian architecture.</p> <p>13:00 Lunch</p> <p>15:00 Departure to Moscow.</p> <p>19:00 Dinner at the hotel</p>
<p><b>Day 5</b> <b>May 24</b></p>	<p>07:00 – 09:00 Breakfast at the hotel</p> <p>10:00 – Trip to Kolomenskoe park</p> <p>Tour to the Kolomenskoye Museum-Reserve</p> <div data-bbox="298 983 1417 1292" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Parade Chambers and Private Chambers of the Kolomna Palace</p> <p>During the tour, the guests will learn how the palace of Tsar Alexey Mikhailovich was constructed, make a walk through the ceremonial halls and personal quarters of the Tsar and the Tsaritsa and get the understanding of how the royal family spent time in their Kolomna Palace.</p> <p>13.00 Lunch</p> <p>14.00 -16. Free time in the park.</p> <p>17:45 Romantic walk (dinner included) around the Golden Island of Moscow</p> <p>A two-hour walk with dinner along the most unusual route in the center of Moscow around the Golden Island, with passing through a unique section of the Vodootvodny Canal, inaccessible to other ships. During the cruise you will see not only all the major tourist attractions of the capital – the Moscow Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, the Monument to Peter the Great – but also the amazing floating fountains on the Vodootvodny Canal ("water bypass canal"), as well as the architecture of the "small" bridges of the canal. The panoramic premium motor vessel "Maria Ermolova" welcomes you to enjoy its cozy atmosphere, fully opening windows in the lower lounge, live music and a delicious chef's dinner.</p>





20:00 Arrival back at the hotel

**Day 6  
May 25**

07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast at the hotel

10:00 Trip to the Tretyakov Gallery



Tretyakov Gallery.

Vast museum complex. Masterpieces of Russian art from the 11th to early 20th century, temporary exhibitions. Historical building, which housed the collection of the Gallery's founder – Pavel Mikhailovich Tretyakov (since 1856).

13:00 Lunch in the Tretyakov brothers' original cuisine restaurant.

Free time

18:00 RUSSIAN PARTY. Charity dinner with Moscow clubs.



**Day 7  
May 26**

07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel

09:00 Group gathering at the hotel

10:00 General sightseeing tour around Moscow *with visiting the central city streets and squares, Moskva River embankment with the Kremlin panorama, the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, Vorobyovy Gory, Moscow State University, the Novodevichy Convent (from the outside), the Arc de Triomphe, Poklonnaya Gora (2 hours)*



**12:00 Walking tour around Red Square and Alexander Garden. (2 hours)**

*Red and Manezhnaya Squares, Alexander Garden, Iberian Gates, Kazan Church, GUM building.*

**Lunch**

**Free Time**

**Dinner in the Hotel**

**Day 8  
May 27**

07:00 – 09:00 Breakfast at the hotel

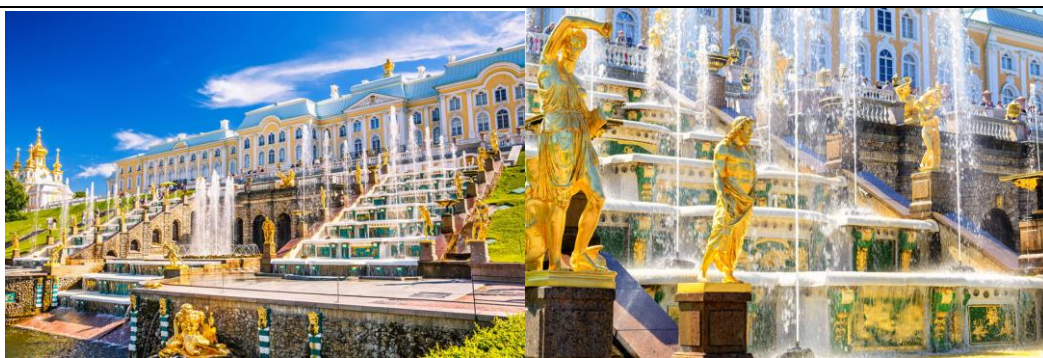
09:00 – 11:00 Check out

12:00 Lunch

13:30 – 17:25 Trip to Saint Petersburg on an express train

	<p>18:30 Check in to 4* Hotel 19:30 Dinner at the hotel 21:00 Night walk with bridge raising view.</p> 
<p><b>Day 9</b> <b>May 28</b></p>	<p>07:00 – 08:30 Breakfast at the hotel 09:00 Departure to the sightseeing bus tour around St. Petersburg (Nevsky Prospekt, Palace Square, "Bronze Horseman", Admiralty, Arrow of Vasilievsky Island, cruiser "Aurora", Smolny Convent, Tauride Palace).</p>  <p>13:00 Lunch 14:30 The Hermitage. Museum of fine, decorative and applied arts, located inside the Winter Palace, in the center of St. Petersburg. 19:00 Day of Victory dinner.</p>
<p><b>Day 10</b> <b>May 29</b></p>	<p>07:00 – 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel 8:30 Trip to the Tsarskoye Selo. CATHERINE THE GREAT PALACE</p>  <p>The exposition of the Catherine (until 1910, the Great Tsarskoselsky) Palace Museum covers a history of over 300 years of the outstanding monument's existence and introduces the creativity of the architects who participated in its construction and decoration in the 18th-19th centuries. The palace in the Baroque style impressed with its size, powerful spatial dynamics and the "scenic" decorations. Its wide facade azure ribbon with snow-white columns and gilded ornament looked festive</p> <p>13:00 Lunch Free time 19:00 dinner at the hotel</p>
<p><b>Day 11</b> <b>May 30</b></p>	<p>07:00 – 09:00 Breakfast at the hotel Trip to Peterhof.</p>





Peterhof consists of several palace and park ensembles, which has been formed for over two centuries. Lower Park, Upper Garden and English Park are the ensembles that were developed in the 18th century; Alexandria, Colonists Park, Lugovoy Park, Alexander Park, Sergievka, Own Dacha are the ensembles of the

13:00 Lunch

19:00 dinner at the hotel

**Day 12**  
**May 31**

07:00 – 09:00 Breakfast at the hotel

12:00 Check out

13:00 Arrival departure from Pulkovo airport

**Tour Price: EUR 1,700 / USD 1,900**

**Single supplement : + 360 Euro\ 430 \$**

### **The price includes:**

4\* hotel accommodation from May 20 to May 31

Breakfasts, lunches and dinners from May 20 to May 30

Breakfast on May 30

Tickets for Sapsan fast-speed train or plane from Moscow to Spb

Russian Party

Entrance tickets to all palaces and museums.

River cruise

English-speaking guide

### **Not included:**

The tickets to the Theatre.

### **The conditions of registration and payment**

You should pay only 50% now. The rest sum you can bring us when you will arrive in Russia.

### **The special price for early registration**

**Before 1th October – 1750\$1470 euro**

**Before 1th January – 1850 \$1550 euro**

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