

COUNTRY(S)

RUSSIA

TOUR CODE

RUSNL10

DURATION

10D9N

GROUP

FIT
2 TO GO

TYPE

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NOTE

GROUND
ONLY

10D9N NORTHERN LIGHT – MIRACLE IN RUSSIA

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Kremlin & Red Square
- Vodka Tasting
- Snow Village
- Sami Village
- Experience the Snow Mobile
- Hunting Aurora Borealis
- St Petersburg City



FIXED DAILY DEPARTURE from

27 DEC 2019 – 5 JAN 2020 * • 24 – 31 JAN 2020 • 7 – 16 FEB 2020

ITINERARY

DAY 01 ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW

Meet and greet at the Moscow International airport upon arrival. Proceed for hotel check-in. Overnight in Moscow.

Meal

MOB/D

DAY 02 MOSCOW > KIROVSK ON NORTHERN LIGHT EXPRESS

The tour begins with *Moscow City Sightseeing Tour*, showing you the “heart of Russia”: the Kremlin and the impressive orthodox cathedrals on Kremlin ground. On the east side of the Kremlin you walk over the famous *Red Square* and explore the amazing GUM department store. The panoramic bus tour further takes you to see the *Bolshoi Theatre, the Parliament Building (Duma)*, continuing along *Moscow River to the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Arbat Street, Sparrow Hills with the mighty Lomonossov University*, one of 7 Stalin-era skyscrapers, *Victory Park and Novodevichy Convent*. Around midnight, board the Northern Lights Express for its almost 2000 km journey to the north. Overnight on board the Northern Lights Express.

Meal

B/L/D

DAY 03 ONBOARD NORTHERN LIGHT EXPRESS

A full day on the train, you get a feeling for the huge dimensions of Russia which stretches more than 10,000 km from east to west and more than 5,000 km from south to north. While you watch a fully snow-covered land with outside temperatures well below 0° C, you enjoy a warm environment in your cabin and in the restaurants and bar-lounge. Our tour escorts today give you lectures with a deep insight view into history and culture of Russia. After dinner, a *taste of various sorts of the famous Vodka* will be celebrated. Overnight on board the Northern Lights Express.

Meal

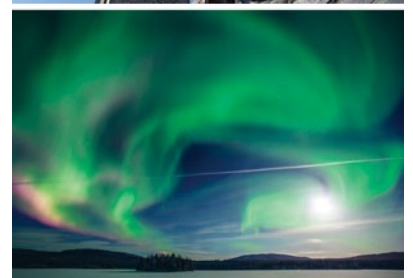
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DAY 04 APATITY > KIROVSK

Morning, reach the station *Apatity*, where you will be transferred to the nearby city of *Kirovsk*. There you visit a unique *Snow Village* which consists of Igloo's constructed from ice cubes. If weather permits, in the evening you have the opportunity for going outside the city and *chasing Aurora Borealis*. Snowmobiles will take you into the mountains where its best to chase the Northern Lights. Overnight in Kirovsk.

Meal

B/L/D



DAY 05 | KIROVSK > MURMANSK

Meal
B/L/D

Morning, continue the journey to the north by bus to a **Sami Village** where you get an introduction into the culture and life of the local people who call themselves Sami. See how they live and have the opportunity of a short sledge tour with reindeers. In the evening, reach to **Murmansk**, the most northern point of the tour. After dinner, get the second opportunity for an **Aurora Borealis Hunting**. Experienced local Aurora specialists will take you to the places where there are the greatest chances to catch a glimpse of the Northern Lights. Overnight in Murmansk.



DAY 06 | MURMANSK

Meal
B/L/D

Murmansk was founded only little over 100 years ago, in 1915, on the shore of the Barents Sea. The harbor is ice-free in winter thanks to the gulf stream. Murmansk is the biggest city of the world north of the Arctic Circle. In the morning, a panoramic tour takes you around the city to see the most important places. Afternoon is free at own leisure. In the evening, there will be the third opportunity for an **Aurora Borealis Hunting**. Today our experienced local Aurora experts are taking you to other places which might allow the best chances to catch sight of the Northern Lights – of course, as always, if weather is permitting. Overnight in Murmansk.



DAY 07 | ONBOARD NORTHERN LIGHT EXPRESS

Meal
B/L/D

Morning, transfer back to the Northern Lights Express train which takes you back south, to **St Petersburg**. While you relax, enjoy your meals with local specialities, listen to the lectures of our tour escorts, you will have the opportunity of watching the scenery of a white winter miracle. Overnight on board the Northern Lights Express.



DAY 08 | ST PETERSBURG

Meal
B/L/D

Noon, arrive in **St Petersburg**, Russia's "window to Europe" on the Baltic Sea. The city was founded more than 300 years ago by Tsar Peter the Great who invited European architects to design the city. A **St Petersburg Panoramic City Bus Tour** in the afternoon takes you to the sights of the **Winter Palace (Hermitage), St Isaac's Cathedral, Church of Our Saviours on Spilled Blood, Peter & Paul Fortress, Nevsky Prospekt**. Overnight in St Petersburg.



DAY 9 | ST PETERSBURG

Meal
B/L/D

Visit to **Hermitage Museum** also known as Winter Palace the cultural highlights of this tour. The Winter Palace used to be the residence of the Tsars, today it is home of one of the finest art collections of the world. An excursion to **St Catherine Palace** with its remarkable Amber Chamber is another unforgettable highlight. Overnight in St Petersburg.



DAY 10 | ST PETERSBURG > DEPARTURE

Meal
B/-

After breakfast, free & easy at own leisure time before transfer to airport for flight departure. End of service.



INCLUSION	EXCLUSION	REMARKS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 nights on Northern Light Express Train • 6 Nights hotel accommodation • Return airport transfer • Fullboard meals as per itinerary • English speaking Guide • Sightseeing, entrance fees, activities & transport services as per itinerary • Travel Insurance • Russia Visa 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International air ticket • Beverages not included during meals • Additional/ Special meals • Personal expenses • Other charges in the hotel for additional services • Recommended Tipping EUR100 - EUR120 per pax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each booking is valid 45 days before the departure date. Last departure booking valid until 1 JAN 2020. • Minimum 2 to go. • High Season supplement applies from 27 Dec 2019 until 5 Jan 2020 • Price quoted is subject to change without prior notice. • GATS terms & conditions apply.