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* 7 DAYS 6 NIGHTS RUSSIA GOLDEN RING TOUR *

Private Tour Good for 10 Pax Travel Price frSGD1,418 per pax

Day 1 Arrival in Moscow (No Meal)

Welcome to Moscow

Arrive in Moscow airport, welcome and assist by our local representative for your transfer to hotel.

Day 2 Moscow – Vladimir – Bogolyubovo (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

UNESCO World Heritage Tour



This morning, you will travel to Vladimir, which used to be one of the medieval capitals of Russia. It is part of the Golden Ring of the ancient Russian towns and an important tourist centre, where frescoes by the icon-painting genius Andrei Rublyov can be seen in the Cathedral of the Assumption. During the **Sightseeing Tour** in Vladimir, you will visit **Cathedral of St. Demetrius** (1194-1197), **Cathedral of the Assumption** (1158-1160, 1185-1189) and the **Golden Gate** (1158-1164).

These monuments are designated as UNESCO World Heritage sites, among the White Monuments of Vladimir and Suzdal. Thereafter, proceed to Bogolyubovo. Upon arrival, you will visit **Bogolyubsky Monastery** and the **Church of the Intercession on the Nerl River** (1165). The church was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992.



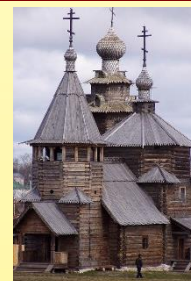
Day 3 Bogolyubovo – Suzdal – Kostroma (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Visit the Magical Town of Suzdal



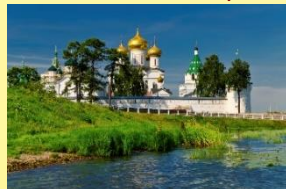
Today, you will embark on a tour to Suzdal, which is possibly the most magical of the Golden Ring towns. With its Kremlin, market stalls, monasteries and countless little churches, this museum city has hardly changed over the last two-and-a-half centuries. More than 200 architectural monuments from the past millennium are concentrated here. And on every corner, “medovukha” is sold, an ancient Russian drink (a sort of honey beer). You will visit the old **Kremlin**, **Spaso-Yefimiev Monastery**, **Cathedral of the Transfiguration** and the **Museum of Wooden Architecture**.

Thereafter, drive to Kostroma, a historic city which sits on the banks of the Volga River.



Day 4 Kostroma (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

Tour the Historic City of Kostroma



Start your day with a tour to the **Ipatiev Monastery**, the main attraction of the city, located at the confluence of the Volga and Kostroma, known as the “cradle of the Romanov dynasty”. It was within the walls of the Ipatiev Monastery, where Mikhail Fedorovich Romanov was called to the royal throne. His coronation took place inside the Trinity Cathedral of the Ipatiev Monastery. The royal path of the dynasty which began from here, lasted just over 300 years. You will explore the grounds of the monastery and visit the Trinity Cathedral, famous for its unique

fresco paintings. Following lunch, go on a **Sightseeing Tour of Kostroma** to see the beautiful view of the city. Kostroma is the pearl of the Golden Ring of Russia, the oldest jewelry center, craft and merchant city on the Volga. A perfectly preserved ensemble of mansions of the 18th - 19th centuries, patterned wooden houses and a fan-shaped arrangement of streets give it a special, unique charm. The former power, wealth and glory of the city have over time turned into a priceless historical heritage. You will stroll through the city center, admire the ancient architecture, white-stone churches, see the old shopping arcade and the hallmark of Kostroma - the Fire Tower. Free at own leisure for the evening.



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Day 5 Kostroma – Yaroslavl

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Discover the UNESCO-listed Yaroslavl



Today, you will depart for Yaroslavl, one of the most beautiful cities in the Golden Ring with a thousand-year history. Yaroslavl is a UNESCO World Heritage site, which attracts visitors with its lovely embankment on the Volga River, tiled churches, ancient monasteries and cozy small-town atmosphere. Upon arrival, check in at the hotel. Following lunch, proceed for the **Sightseeing Tour of Yaroslavl** and explore the amazing beauty of this historic city. One of the main sights of Yaroslavl is the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour, which was built in the 12th century as a kremlin or fortress, to protect the city with its high white walls and towers. Within

those walls is the magnificent **Cathedral of the Transfiguration of the Saviour** (1516), the oldest building in Yaroslavl. You will also visit the **Church of Elijah the Prophet**, the most beautiful church of the city. Founded in 1647 – 1650, the church fully preserved its decoration and style. It is one of the most complete and best-preserved monuments of Yaroslavl.

Day 6 Yaroslavl – Rostov the Great – Sergiev Posad – Moscow

(Breakfast, Lunch)

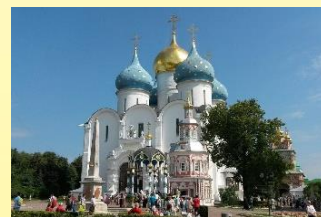
Tour Last Two Cities In One Day



Bid farewell to Yaroslavl and make your way to Rostov the Great, popularly known to Russians as Rostov Veliky. Enjoy a **Sightseeing Tour of Rostov Veliky**, which includes visit to the famous **Rostov Kremlin**, a unique architectural ensemble of the 17th century. You will explore around the white-stone fortress with towers and domes of churches, similar to the decoration for Russian fairy tales. Following lunch, proceed to **Sergiev Posad**, one of the oldest cities of Russia. It is home to the **Trinity Lavra of**

St. Sergius, the most important Russian monastery and is a world famous spiritual centre of the Russian Orthodox Church. The monastery was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993.

The town also claims to be the birthplace of the Russian nesting doll or matryoshka. After the excursion, enjoy a leisure drive back to Moscow.



Day 7 Departure from Moscow

(Breakfast)

Free & Easy

Free at own leisure till departure transfer to Moscow airport for homebound flight.