

The 2018 WORLD CUP ADVENTURE IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG

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MOSCOW

JUNE 20 – JULY 3, 2018

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- 2) SEND A CHECK TO THE RUSSIA AND WEST VIRGINIA FOUNDATION (SEE ABOVE)
- 3) CONTACT RUTH LILLY AND GIVE HER YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION AND SHE WILL CONTACT HUBERTUS

PLEASE NOTE: THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE DIFFERENT FROM ALL PREVIOUS TOURS. FLIGHTS AND ITINERARY ARE SEPARATE. FOR FLIGHTS TO AND FROM RUSSIA, YOU NEED TO CONTACT HUBERTUS OR MAKE YOUR OWN RESERVATION. GROUP FLIGHTS ARE JUST TOO EXPENSIVE.

AIR FLIGHT INFORMATION – Because this is an extremely popular time in Russia, air flights are just crazy. Hubertus Rank (our arranger) can work on these for us but understand the prices are changing constantly. He sent these prices and they are excellent, but they will be first come, first serve. We just want to make sure that everyone arrives in St. Petersburg on June 21 at ABOUT the same time.

OS 94 Mi.,20JUN IAD - VIE 17:05 - 08:10 +1

OS 611 Do.,21JUN VIE - LED 12:50 - 16:25

OS 606 Di.,03JUL DME - VIE 06:30 - 08:20

OS 93 Di.,03JUL VIE - IAD 10:30 - 14:30

Flight fare today appr. Euro 1.240,- (appr. \$ 1.470,-)

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AF 9 Mi.,20JUN JFK - CDG 23:25 - 12:40 +1

AF 1664 Do.,21JUN CDG - LED 18:05 - 22:15

AF 1145 Di.,03JUL SVO - CDG 08:45 - 11:50

AF 6 Di.,03JUL CDG - JFK 13:40 - 15:55

Flight fare today appr. Euro 980,- (appr. \$ 1.160,-)

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ARE YOU READY?

TOUR ITINERARY:

June 20 – Depart USA or your country. Departure determined by individuals and small groups making individual arrangements. Please inform Virginia Simmons of your flight arrangements.

**Jun 21 St. Petersburg arrival at ?? with airline ?? and flight number ??
After arrival transfer from the airport to your hotel**

HOTEL AZIMUT SAINT PETERSBURG ***, St. Petersburg
See hotel info at:
<http://bit.ly/2wigYxF>
OR SIMILAR HOTEL

Jun 22 St. Petersburg, 1st World Cup Game

Transfer from your hotel to the stadium for 1st match and after the match back to hotel

HOTEL AZIMUT SAINT PETERSBURG ***, St. Petersburg

Jun 23 St. Petersburg, local sightseeing

HALF DAY CITY TOUR - CITY TOUR

You'll be taken on a tour of all the most important historic sights in the city as your guide introduces you to downtown St. Petersburg with the Nevsky Prospekt, Monastery of Alexander Nevsky, Church of the Saviour on the Blood, Kazanskiy Cathedral, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Palace Square, the Hermitage, Admiralty and even the St. Basil Point where you can admire the most picturesque view over this wonderful city

You'll have several opportunities to stop along the way and take photos of your favorite pieces of Russian architecture.

Go on to visit the first construction of the city, The Peter and Paul fortress which is an incredible piece of architecture in the center of the city.

As one of the most remarkable landmarks of the city, you will be taken through the historic haunts of the fortress learning all about the history of St. Petersburg.

The Peter and Paul Cathedral will take your breath away with its gorgeous interior and decorations. The Cathedral also served as the burial place for Russian Emperors and members of their family and Peter the Great is even buried near the south wall of the Cathedral.

Bask in the history and culture of this building as you learn about the architecture and the fabulous Russian Emperors as well as the mysterious facts surrounding the Royal family.



The main attraction of this tour is the visit to the Church of the Saviour on the Spilt Blood which commemorates the tragic event of 1 March 1881 when a terrorist bombed the area and killed the Tsar, Alexander II. The Cathedral was built in honor of the Tsar on the place of assassination by architect Parland. It imitates Russian architecture from the nineteenth century making it one of the most exquisite, historic and cultural areas of the city.

HOTEL AZIMUT SAINT PETERSBURG ***, St. Petersburg



Jun 24 St. Petersburg, local sightseeing

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THE GRAND PALACE AND PARKS IN PETERHOF



Peterhof is located at the seaside. It is known throughout the world as a jewel of Russian art, a place of parks, palaces and fountains. In the past, it was an exquisite summer residence for Russian tsars. Peter the Great was the first to realize that he would need not only a new capital and a naval base on the Gulf of Finland, but also a new country palace. Nowadays, the whole complex comprises the Grand Palace, the Lower and the Upper Parks with several park pavilions, 150 fountains and five monumental cascades. The Grand Palace was redesigned by Bartolomeo Rastrelly in the mid 18th century. Its fabulous Baroque decoration surpasses any expectations. The palace houses collections of Russian and European paintings, sculpture, furniture, porcelain and crystal ware. From the marble terrace of the Grand Palace, there is a magnificent view over the Grand Cascade, made up of waterfalls, 64 fountains and 37 statues.

Jun 25 St. Petersburg, local sightseeing

OPTIONAL HALF DAY TOUR - PUSHKIN AND EKATERININSKIY PALACE

This tour is made up of three different parts giving you a whole day of different experiences and views.

First, you will get to admire the sights on the way to Pushkin as you learn about the history of Tsarskoselskiy ensemble and the tragic destiny of Ekaterininskiy Palace under fascist occupation.

When you reach Pushkin, you'll visit one of the most magnificent monuments of Baroque architecture style: Ekaterininskiy Palace. The Palace sits in the centre of the beautiful architecture and park. The interiors are ornate and delicate with projects from the architects Rastrelli, Kameron, Stasov and Monigetti as you stroll around the numerous halls of the palace.

You'll get to admire the Italian hall, with an amazing collection of marble sculptures as well as the Greek hall, decorated with slender columns, sculptures, elegant lamps

and an art gallery to honour the tradition of the 18th century, when collections of Russian artists' works were the pride of every palace. The Palace is full of wonderful architectural monuments such as the Cold Russian Baths, the Agate room, Kameroon's Gallery, the Hermitage Pavilion (Pushkin), Grotto, Upper and Down Baths, Mareyskaya and Chesmenskaya Columns and Kagulsky Obelisk. You can also enjoy the white marble structures dotted around this glorious rooms, including the famous Milkwoman with broken jug. This trip is full of regal promise as well as the history and culture of this stunning Palace.

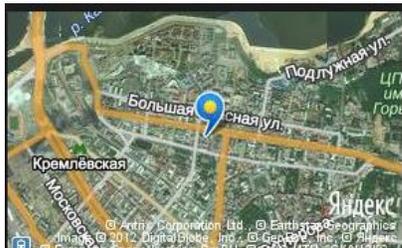
OR TOUR THE CITY ON YOUR OWN OR WITH FRIENDS.

HOTEL AZIMUT SAINT PETERSBURG ***, St. Petersburg

Jun 26 St. Petersburg – take flight to Kazan

Departure transfer from your hotel to the airport

After arrival in Kazan meet & greet with English speaking guide at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Note: from Ginny. This hotel is within walking distance of the Kremlin and the great shopping//restaurant walking street of Bauman.



HOTEL OSOBNYAK NA TEATRALNOI ***, Kazan

See hotel info at:

<https://www.osobnyak-t.ru/en/>

OR SIMILAR HOTEL

Jun 27 Kazan, local sightseeing

CITY TOUR

City tour around Kazan with visiting all the main attractions of the city: white stone walls o Kazan Kremlin; the Old Tatar settlement with the first stone mosque - the Al Mardjani Mosque; the legendary lake Kaban, the Tatar State Academic Theater, Kremlevskaya Street with the main building of the Kazan Federal University and the Aleksandrovsy Passage, the Peter and Paul Cathedral, the Liberty Square with the Opera and Ballet theater and Concert hall, the church of the Exaltation of the Cross, where you can see the miracle-working Kazan Icon of Our Lady. During the city tour you'll also visit Kazan Kremlin - a heart of the city.

Evening transfer to "Kazan Arena" Stadium for match and after the match back to hotel



HOTEL OSOBNYAK NA TEATRALNOI ***, Kazan

Jun 28 Kazan, local sightseeing

**TOUR TO SVIYAZHISK ISLAND-CITY +
PHOTO STOP AT THE TEMPLE OF ALL RELIGIOUS**

Sviyazhsk is located at the confluence of the Volga and Sviyaga Rivers. The distance from Kazan is just over 30 km up to the Volga. Sviyazhsk was founded in 1551 as a fortress which was built within 4 weeks. It became a military base of the Russian army during the siege of Kazan in 1552. Now it's historical and cultural gem of the Republic of Tatarstan. The complex of city buildings includes the works of Ivan Shiryaj and Postnik Yakovlev, who is well known as one of the builders of Saint Basil's Cathedral on Red Square in Moscow. Picturesque nature, surrounding shallow, waters of bays attracted people since the ancient times. Somebody said that Sviyazhsk became a prototype of the mysterious Buyan island-city mentioned in the Tale of Tsar Saltan, of His Son the Renowned and Mighty Bogatyr Prince Gvidon Saltanovich, and of the Beautiful Princess-Swan written by Alexander Pushkin.

Price includes: English/Spanish-speaking guide and transport for 5 hours, entrance fees to Sviyazhsk

Special Dinner and entertainment at Azerbaijan Restaurant (Ginny's favorite)

HOTEL OSOBNYAK NA TEATRALNOI ***, Kazan

Jun 29 Kazan - Moscow

Meeting with English/Spanish-speaking guide at the hotel's lobby
Transfer from hotel for departure of the train Kazan - Moscow

Train no 1
leaving on 01.07.18 at 20.00
arriving on 02.07 at 07.10
running time is 11.10 hrs

Jun 30 Moscow arrival

Met by host families from Moscow

LODGING IN MOSCOW IS WITH FAMILIES. If you know of someone that you want to stay with, please let Ginny know.

Jul 01 Moscow, local sightseeing

Transfer from your accommodation towards the soccer match and after the match back by host family

Jul 02 Moscow, local sightseeing

LODGING IN MOSCOW IS WITH FAMILIES

Jul 03 Moscow - flight back home

Each party taken to airport 3 hours before departure time.

ESTIMATED TOUR RATE:

EURO 2,350 per person with minimum 20 paying persons

Single room surcharge Euro 740,-

INCLUDED SERVICES:

**** TICKETS TO ALL FOOTBALL GAMES**

- ** 8 Nights at the selected hotels with daily buffet breakfast included
- ** Transfer from St. Petersburg airport to your hotel
- ** Transfer from your hotel to the stadium for 1st match and after the match back to hotel
- ** Half Day City Tour - City Tour
- ++Peterhof Tour
- ** Transfer from your hotel in St. Petersburg to the airport
- ** Flight tickets from St. Petersburg to Kazan included
- ** After arrival in Kazan transfer to your hotel
- ** 4 Hours city tour with visiting Kazan Kremlin (incl. entrance fees)
- ** Bus Tour To Sviyazhsk Island-City + Photo Stop At The Temple Of All Religious
- ** Evening Dinner at Azerbaijan Restaurant
- ** One evening transfer to "Kazan Arena" Stadium for match and after the match back to hotel
- ** Transfer from your hotel in Kazan the train Kazan
- ** Train tickets Kazan - Moscow in sleeper 4 berths shared
- ** English speaking tour guides for all transfers and tours
- ** Service charges and taxes at current rates (19%)
- ** PDF Tour information

NOT INCLUDED IN PACKAGE PRICE

- * Beverages not stated in the above
- * Optional tours
- * Any other services not stated in the above

Best regards
Hubertus Rank

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