

(Moscow & Golden Ring) “RUSSIAN ART THROUGH THE CENTURIES”

DAY 1: MOSCOW

Welcome to Russia! Guided airport arrival transfer and hotel “check in”. Spend the rest of the day preparing for an exciting full day of touring tomorrow!

DAY 2: MOSCOW

In the morning visit the very heart of Russian Capital - **the Red Square and see the “stone flower” of the Red Square - St. Basil’s Cathedral.**

In the afternoon enjoy a guided tour **the Kremlin.**

DAY 3: VLADIMIR

In the morning transfer to **Vladimir, the ancient capital of Rus.** Sightseeing tour around Vladimir, **excursion to Bogolubovo. Transfer to Suzdal** one of the oldest Russian cities first mentioned in 1024 storing treasures of its ancient culture. “Check in” at hotel.

DAY 4: SUZDAL

In the morning guided tour around **Suzdal.**

In the afternoon excursion to **Spaso-Ephimovskiy monastery**, where you will see legendary interiors of Spaso-Preobrazhensky Cathedral decorated with paintings of the famous masters of the 17th century. Enjoy the concert of bells during the excursion.

Transfer to Kostroma. “Check in” at hotel

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

UNESCO-listed the **RED SQUARE**

ST. BASIL’S CATHEDRAL

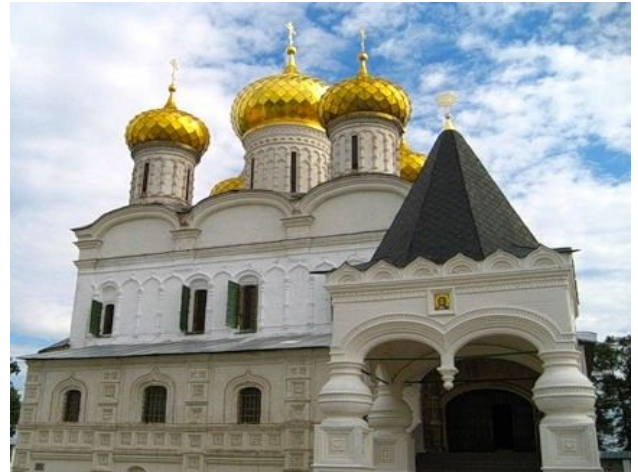
Often referred as the most beautiful Russian Orthodox monument in the world

VLADIMIR

Its unique historical and architectural monuments testify to the former beauty and power of the ancient Russian capital. Vladimir has preserved its ancient defensive ramparts, the main gateway to the city - the Golden Gate, the golden-domed Cathedral of Assumption with Andrey Rublev’s frescoes, and the Cathedral of St. Dmitry which walls are lavishly decorated with relief carvings in white stone.

SUZDAL

During the excursion you will see ancient Suzdal Kremlin, listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site.** You will visit one of the most complex monuments of Russian medieval architecture Cathedral of the Navity and famous cross chamber of Suzdal Kremlin.



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DAY 5: KOSTROMA -YAROSLAVL

“Check out” from hotel.

In the morning we offer you a sightseeing tour around **Kostroma** with visit to an Open-air Landscape Museum “Kostromaskaya Sloboda” . Transfer to Yaroslavl

In the afternoon guided tour around **Yaroslavl**

“Check in at hotel”

DAY 6: SERGIEV POSAD-MOSCOW

“Check out” from hotel

In the morning transfer to **Sergiev Posad**, which is considered a symbol of Russian clergy. In the afternoon transfer to Moscow.

“Check in” at hotel.

DAY 7: MOSCOW

In the morning explore the **best gallery of Russian art, the state Tretyakov Art Gallery.**

In the afternoon explore Moscow independently. Alternatively, you can choose one or two of our exciting optional excursions.

DAY 8: MOSCOW

Hotel “check out”. Transfer to the airport

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

KOSTROMA

Kostroma is the only city in Russia that has retained the layout and architectural ensemble formed in its central part during the XVIII - early XIX centuries. Of the buildings erected in the XIX century no two were alike, which is an indication of a high standard of town planning in that period.

YAROSLAVL

Yaroslavl is one of the most beautiful cities of old Russia with churches rich in frescoes and ceramic ornamentation.

TRETYAKOV ART GALLERY

It is the largest and most important depository of Russian art. Its holdings of paintings, ancient Russian art, sculptures, drawings and engraving number more than 100,000 exhibits.