



"RUSSIAN NORTH" St. Petersburg & Solovetsky islands

DAY 1: ST. PETERSBURG

Welcome to Russia! Guided transfer to hotel from airport/railway station. "Check in" at hotel

DAY 2: ST. PETERSBURG

In the morning sightseeing tour "The "Golden Age" of St. Petersburg architecture" combined with visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress.

In the afternoon enjoy excursion to the State Hermitage Museum (Winter palace)

DAY 3: ST.PETERSBURG

"Check out" till 12.00

In the afternoon explore one of the most beautiful of former imperial estates, Peterhof with its gorgeous Lower park.

Transfer to railway Station. Departure by night train St. Petersburg – Kem

DAY 4: SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS

In the morning arrival to Kem. Guided transfer to the Solovetsky Islands by motor ship. "Check in" at hotel, after 14.00. In the afternoon enjoy walking sightseeing excursion "History and Architecture of Solovetsky Monastery"

DAY 5: SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS

In the morning excursion to "Botanical Garden"

Lunch – picnic

In the afternoon excursion

" On green and blue roads of Solovky"

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

STATE HERITAGE MUSEUM

Russia's best gallery of art, one of the most prominent art museums in the world.

PETERHOF

The Lower Park with its 150 fountains and four cascades inclusive of the Grand Cascade, **the largest fountain ensemble in the world** is a real masterpiece .

SOLOVETSKY MONASTERY

During the tour You will visit the greatest citadel of Christianity in the Russian North – Solovetsky Monastery founded in 1429. The architectural ensemble of Solovetsky Monastery called the "purple of the White sea" is inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage list and includes number of ancient constructions of 16th-17th century.



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DAY 6: SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS

In the morning walking tour

"History of a Solovetsky prison camp"

In the afternoon bus excursion "Monuments of the Holy Ascension monastery. Sekirnaya mountain"

DAY 7: SOLOVETSKY ISLANDS

"Check out" from hotel, till 12.00

In the morning excursion "Big Hare island" (by boat)

Transfer to Kem by motorboat.

Departure to St. Petersburg by night train.

DAY 8: ST. PETERSBURG

Arrival to Saint-Petersburg. Guided transfer to hotel.

"Check in" at hotel, after 14.00

In the afternoon "Rivers & canals" boat trip

DAY 9: ST. PETERSBURG

"Check out" . Transfer to airport/railway station

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

SPECIAL PURPOSE CAMP

During the excursion you will learn information about the stages in history of the Solovetsky Special Purpose Camp, the "mother of the GULAG" according to Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

In 1926 the Camp was turned into a prison, partly because of the conditions which made escape nearly impossible and partly because the monastery was the only official prison in Russian empire.

BIG HARE ISLAND

The island is unique, it differs from all the rest of archipelago. The main attractions of Big Hare island are ancient stone labyrinths, pagan sanctuaries and funeral complexes of first-second millennium B.C.

