

thrones, carriages and coronation dressers of the 16-19th centuries, as well as ambassadorial gifts of the 16-19th centuries.



THE DIAMOND FUND

A unique collection of Gold and nuggets, diamonds from Siberia Crown Jewels of the 18-19th



platinum as well as centuries.

Dinner at the hotel restaurant
3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water

Overnight at the hotel

D A Y 3	31 December 2009, Thursday
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Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Included

City tour

City tour with visit to Cathedral of Christ the Savior
Stops at St. Sofia Embankment of the Moskva-river; The Bolshoy Stone Bridge; stops at Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts; the new monument to Peter the Great; Gorky Park; stop at New Maiden Convent; observation platform of Sparrow (Lenin) Hills; Viktory Park and Poklonnaya Hill with World War II Memorial; Kutuzov Avenue; White House.

You will come to **Red Square** by bus and walk to Red Square; guided tour (15 - 20 minutes); then you will have free time (30 - 40 minutes); you can go to the **GUM** themselves. During this portion of the tour they see (but do not go inside): *The Kremlin Walls, St. Basil Cathedral, the building of the Historical Museum, the church of Our Lady of Kazan (may go in on their own if they want), Iverskiye Gates.* They may decide to use this time to change money in GUM etc. If so, they should be given more time. Drive through historical centre of the city (pass by *the House on the Embankment, the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, Church of Our Saviour, Prechistenka Street, Bolshaya Pirogovskaya street.*



The **next stop** to be made at **New Maiden Convent** of the 16th Century. Started by Father of Ivan the Terrible with the construction of a 5 dome Cathedral of Our

Lady of Smolensk, it soon developed as the Convent for aristocratic women who preferred to take the veil or were made to do so by circumstances or tough orthodox rules, thus, wives could be sent there instead of divorce or after death of their sovereign husbands. Both first wife and the rebellious sister of Peter the Great were nuns at Novodevichy as it is called in Russia. It is the most romantic and beautiful place of Moscow, its historical and architectural value can not be overestimated. The early Moscow baroque Belfry of the 17th century is rated to be the most beautiful in the country

Then you go to the **Observation Platform of Sparrow (former Lenin) Hills**; get off the bus; have free time (20 - 30 minutes); taking photos, buying souvenirs. During this portion of the tour they also see *the main building of the Moscow State University*. Go back to the centre of the city by bus. Stop at the *Ukraina Hotel* for taking pictures of the **White House of Russia**.

Lunch at the local restaurant.

3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water

Back to the Hotel

NEW YEAR GALA DINNER at the hotel

Overnight at the hotel

D A Y 4	01 January 2010, Friday
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Buffet breakfast at the hotel

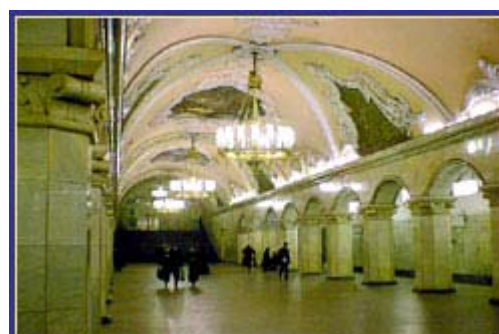
Included



Walking tour on Arbat Street and Metro riding

MOSCOW METRO (walking tour)

Metro with its stations decorated with marble, mosaics, stained glass panels and bronze sculptures looks like as art museum -- 1,5 hours;



Lunch at the local restaurant in the city
3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water

Visit to Pushkin Fine Art Museum



PUSHKIN FINE ART MUSEUM

It was founded in 1912 by professor of Moscow University Tsvetaev. It has a fine collection of western European Art. Ancient Greece and Rome are also well represented though mostly by copies. The pride of museum is the collection of ancient Egyptian art collection by Golenishev, as well as famous Fayoum Portraits of the 1st-4th centuries A.D. The French art of the 18-20th centuries is fully

represented and illustrates different schools and trends such as "barbosin" school, impressionism, postimpressionism, cubism and so.

Dinner at the hotel restaurant
3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water

Overnight at the hotel

D A Y 5	02 January 2010, Saturday
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Buffet breakfast at the hotel

Included

KOLOMENSKOE MUSEUM ESTATE

It is located on the territory of the former summer residence of Russian Czars. The architectural ensemble includes the famous Church of the Ascension of the 16th century built in the old Russian "tent" style. the summer residence of Czar Alexei Romanov, the Kazan Church of the 17th century has remained as well as the Office and the Kitchen.

An open-air museum includes examples of Russian wooden architecture of the 17-18th centuries. The museum boats the collection of icons, metalwork, tiles and so on.

Also, you will have an unique opportunity to try the riding on Russian "Troyka".

Lunch at the local restaurant in the city
3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water

Free time

Dinner at the hotel restaurant
3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water

Overnight at the hotel

D A Y 6**03 January 2010, Sunday****Visit to Zagorsk****ZAGORSK**

The town 70 km away from Moscow. Has had many names including Posad (from 1782), Sergiev (from 1919), Zagorsk (from 1930), Sergiev Posad (since 1992).

Troitse Sergieva Lavra (monastery), founded in the 14th century by Sergei Kadonezhski is the historical centre of Zagorsk. For centuries it has been the largest religious and cultural centre of Russia. Such great masters of icons such as

Adnrey Rublev and Daniil Nickon to paint the most sacred place of the monastery - the Troitsky Cathedral (1422).

"Svyataya Troitsa" - is one of the most surprising masterpieces of iconic art. A. Rublev created it for the Cathedral. Now it is kept in The Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow.

The history of the city is closely connected with the history of Lavra. Zagorsk is famous for its architectural monuments, such as the historico-architectural set of Troitse Sergieva Lavra. The Trinity Church (1422), the Dukhovskaya church (1635), the Assumption Cathedral (1559-1585), the Hospital Chambers with its church of Zosima and Savvaty (1635-1637), the refectory with its church of Sergy (1686-92), the Tsar's Mansion built at end of the 17th century and Smolenskaya church (1746-1748). There are also some other churches in Zagorsk: Vvedenskaya (1547), Voznesenskaya (of the Ascension Day) built in 1766-1779. There are is the Moscow Theological Academy and the Theologikal college in Zagorsk.



The Civil buildings are very interesting too: the GuestHouse of the Monastery (1823) is in a classical style, Trade rows (1902), the museum reserve of History and Art (1920) and also the Toy museum (1918).

Lunch at the restaurant**3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water****Dinner at the hotel restaurant****3 course, coffee/tea, mineral water****Overnight at the hotel****D A Y 7****04 January 2010, Monday****Buffet breakfast at the hotel****Check- out****Transfer to the airport**

We have to depart 2,5 h prior to the scheduled time of departure

Price greed

2 pax. (individual tour)	1535 EURO per person Single supplement - 200 EURO pp per tour
10 pax group	990 EURO per person
20 pax group	900 EURO per person
40 pax group	855 EURO per person
Single supplement	143 EURO pp per tour.

The price includes:

- ✓ Transfers Airport - Hotel - Airport on a private car/coach with English-speaking guide.
- ✓ Accommodation at the hotel "Hilton Moscow Leningradskaya" 4* in Moscow for 6 nights (DBL/TW)
- ✓ Meal according the above itinerary incl. 4 lunches in the local restaurants and 5 dinners at the hotel.
- ✓ Excursion program as per above itinerary incl. private car/coach, English-speaking guide and entrance fees.
- ✓ New Year Gala dinner with performance.