

Terms & Conditions



18-DAY ARCTIC CIRCLE & **RUSSIA PERSONALLY FSCORTED TOUR**

Priced From \$5,796pp*

Departing 15 August 2014 - Stockholm SWEDEN to Moscow RUSSIA



- · 23 nights accommodation in Superior Class Standard
- Tour escort and driver for the full duration of the tour
- Sightseeing highlights throughout each stop
- Tour Gratuities
- · Cross the Arctic Circle and receive your Certificate
- Visit 5 Countries in 24 Days inc Russia

person twin share* land only

\$2,129 per person twin share* land only

Booking conditions apply.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

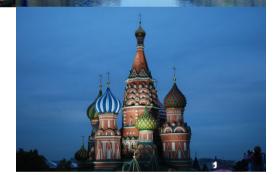
- FREE WI-FI Available on your motorcoach (Arctic Circle) and in most hotel lobbies

- Rail transfer from Helsinki to St Petersburg

Arctic Circle priced from \$5,796 per

St Petersburg & Moscow priced from

*Based on a minimum number of 20 passengers.



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Non-refundable deposit of AUD\$1000 per person at the time of booking. Final balance is due 90 days prior to departure.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees apply; please refer to your travel agent for booking conditions and for further information on any applicable conditions and charges.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Although travel insurance is not compulsory, it is highly recommended by the department of foreign affairs. For further information please ask your travel consultant.

REVISION FEES

A minimum fee of \$60 per transaction will be charged for any alteration or revision made to a reservation. A change to traveller name, tour date or tour itinerary within final payment dates will be treated as a cancellation and new reservation standard cancellation fees apply.

VISAS & PASSPORTS

A valid passport is required to travel internationally (some countries insist the validity be for at least six months beyond the dates of your visit.). Visa's will be required for Australian Passport holders and can be arranged at an extra cost. Any other passport holders may have other visa requirements and you will need to contact your embassy for further details.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE

Passport, gratuities, vaccinations, visa application, laundry, telephone, mini bar, alcohol, beverages and food not on the regular menu as per itinerary, optional excursions, porterage, travel insurance, excess baggage fees, early and late check-in and out, parking fees, entrance fees, all other items of a personal nature.

TRANSPORTATION

Motorcoaches are fully air-conditioned everywhere while touring. No use of the motorcoach is included other than as specified in the itinerary.

HOTELS

Accommodation will be twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower, based on double occupancy. Hotel taxes, service charges, state and local taxes. Single supplement applies for single travellers. We reserve the right to seek alternative accommodation in which we will advise you immediately if such a situation should occur. Hotels are subject to availability & subject to change.

Sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary including entrance fees to scenic attractions (not including camera or video fees).

NATIONAL ESCORT

The services of a professional, English speaking Escort will be provided throughout your tour.











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Day 1 Arrive Stockholm 15 August 2014

Welcome to Stockholm! At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (D)

Day 2 Stockholm 16 August 2014

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Royal Palace, Riddarholm Church, and the blue and gold chambers in the CITY HALL, where the annual Nobel Prize banquet is held. Choose from our exciting optional excursions to make the most of your stay. (B)

Day 3 Stockholm - Copenhagen 17 August 2014

Enjoy the Swedish countryside during a comfortable drive south via Lake Malar and Lake Vattern to Helsingborg. Cross by FERRY to Denmark and enjoy views of Hamlet's Kronborg Castle at Elsinore. Arrive in Copenhagen, proud capital of Denmark. Tonight is your chance to join an optional dinner to try out Danish specialties. (B)

Day 4 Copenhagen - Overnight Cruise to Oslo 18 August 2014

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the Church of Our Savior and the Stock Exchange on the way to Christiansborg Palace, where you visit the elegant ROYAL RECEPTION ROOMS. Drive past the National Museum and the Royal Theater, and stop for pictures of Amalienborg Palace and at the LITTLE MERMAID statue. In the late afternoon, board your ship for the overnight NORTH SEA CRUISE to Norway. Dinner will be served on the ship. (B,D)

Day 5 Oslo - Heddal - Vemork - Telemark 19 August 2014

After disembarkation, stop to admire the HEDDAL STAVE CHURCH, the largest of the country's remaining wooden churches. Via Lake Tinnsjoen-where saboteurs sank a ferry loaded with heavy water, ruining Nazi hopes of winning the race for the atomic bomb-enter the Rjukan Valley.

Then, the highlight of the day: a guided visit of VEMORK, scene of the daring sabotage action featured in the movie The Heroes of Telemark. Learn about the dramatic events of 1943 and about the technology of hydroelectric power generation, one of the pillars of Norway's economy. Continue to rustic, unspoiled Telemark, (B,D)

Day 6 Telemark - Bergen 20 August 2014

Drive along Lake Totak to the Hankeli mountains, where polar explorer and Nobel Laureate Fridtjof Nansen prepared his polar expedition. Admire thundering Latefoss Waterfall and continue via Odda and the orchards along Sorfjorden, whose tranquil splendor was the inspiration for Grieg's Morning Mood. Cross Hardangerfjord by FERRY, and arrive in picturesque Bergen. This evening, a special dinner with wine at a local restaurant has been prepared for you. (B,D)

Day 7 Bergen 21 August 2014

During your orientation tour, hear about its 11th-century origins and its association with the Hanseatic League. Stroll through the colourful fish market and the narrow lanes of ancient Bryggen, and ride the FUNICULAR up to Mount Floyen. Exciting optional excursions are available. (B)

Day 8 Bergen - Flam - Oslo 22 August 2014

A wonderful day: drive along beautiful fjord and lake shores. Continue to Flam, and have free time for lunch. Then, experience a spectacular ride on the FLAM TRAIN and see the magnificent Kjosfossen Waterfall. At the Myrdal mountain station, change to the regular TRAIN, which takes you through the Hardanger National Park and the beautiful Hallingdalen Valley to Oslo, Norway's proud capital. (B,D)

Day 9 Oslo 23 August 2014

Sightseeing with a Local Guide features the National Theatre, Parliament, and the Royal Palace. Highlight visits: FROGNER PARK with Gustav Vigeland's famous stark sculptures and the ornate CITY HALL. The afternoon is free, with a chance to join an optional excursion to the relics of a glorious seafaring past. (B)

Day 10 Oslo - Tromso 24 August 2014

Board your flight to Tromso and arrive in the world's most northern university city, starting point of many great polar explorers. Here, winters can be hard and summers usually surprisingly warm because of the warm gulf currents and the "Midnight Sun." During your orientation, visit the ARCTIC CATHEDRAL. (B)

Day 11 Tromso - Alta 25 August 2014

Leave the capital of northern Norway and continue your journey northwards. Enjoy FERRY CROSSINGS on the Ullsfjord and Lyngenfjord, one of the most spectacular ferry rides because of the breathtaking views of the Lyngen Alps and their glaciers, and arrive in Alta. Tonight you can experience the midnight sun for the first time. (B,D)

Day 12 Alta - North Cape 26 August 2014

Orientation features a visit to the spectacular ROCK CARVINGS, one of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites, then continue to Honnigsvag, the northernmost point of the North Cape. Discover the North Cape Visitor Centre, a sheer cliff rising 305 metres (1,000 feet) from the Atlantic Ocean. (B,D)

Day 13 North Cape - Karasjok - Ivalo 27 August 2014

A scenic drive across the border into Finland. Stop in Karasjok, seat of the Sami Parliament, before arriving in Ivalo. (B,D)

Day 14 Ivalo - Arctic Circle - Rovaniemi 28 August 2014

Cross the Arctic Circle (66'31'N), and stop at SANTA CLAUS VILLAGE, with a chance to see Father Christmas himself. Here you will receive your Arctic Circle Certificate. Continue to Rovaniemi, where an orientation features the Town Hall and the Lutheran Church. Tonight is your chance to join an optional dinner at a Sami home. (B)

Day 15 Rovaniemi - Oulu - Jyvaskyla

29 August 2014

A comfortable drive south to the university city of Oulu, where there is time to have lunch before continuing to Jyvaskyla. (B,D)

Day 16 Jyvaskyla - Lahti - Helsinki

30 August 2014

Arrive in the international ski resort of Lahti, with its three enormous ski jumps. Then, continue via Jarvenpaa, Sibelius hometown, to Helsinki, capital of Finland. Guided sightseeing features the City Hall and the Parliament House, the Presidential Palace, the monumental railroad station, the great LUTHERAN CATHEDRAL, the Olympic Stadium, the SIBELIUS MONUMENT, and Helsinki's local arts and crafts OPEN-AIR MARKET. (B)

Day 17 Helsinki 31 August 2014

A full day at leisure offers the opportunity to join an optional excursion to Tallinn, capital of Estonia, known as one of the "Pearls of the Baltic" countries. Tonight, a special farewell dinner with wine awaits you at one of Helsinki's fine restaurants to celebrate the success of your Arctic journey. (B,D)

Day 18 Helsinki - St Petersburg

01 September 2014

After breakfast this morning your ARTIC CIRCLE Globus tours ends. Travel with your escort via rail to St Petersburg where you will begin Globus tour, ST PETERSBURG & MOSCOW. At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for a special welcome dinner at your hotel with traditional Russian delicacies like caviar, blinis, pickled cucumber, and vodka. (B,D)

Day 19 St Petersburg

02 September 2014

Founded by Peter the Great, construction began in 1703 and the city eventually spread over 100 islands linked by 700 bridges. It suffered severe damage during World War II, when a cruel 900-day siege claimed more than a million victims. Start with the Winter Palace complex. Formerly the residence of the czars, it is now home of the world-famous HERMITAGE MUSEUM, with celebrated works by Rembrandt, Leonardo da Vinci, and the major French impressionists. Next, drive along elegant Nevsky Prospect and visit ST. ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL with its gilded dome and marble columns. (B)

Day 20 St Petersburg

03 September 2014

Travel to Pushkin, home of Russia's last czar, and visit magnificent CATHERINE PALACE (if closed, visit PAVLOVSK PALACE instead). Balance of the day is at leisure, and exciting optional activities are available. (B)

Day 21 St Petersburg - Moscow

04 September 2014

Transfer to the railway station and board the high-speed SAPSAN TRAIN to Moscow. (B)

Day 22 Moscow

05 September 2014

Sightseeing with a Local Guide includes RED SQUARE, the centre of this 865-year-old city. At its core are the Lenin Mausoleum and opulent St. Basil's Cathedral. Inside the KREMLIN, a city-within-a-city, admire the medieval towers, cathedrals, and palaces. At the ARMORY MUSEUM, see treasures such as Ivan the Terrible's throne. Of course, you will also see the Bolshoi Theater. (B)

Day 23 Moscow

06 September 2014

Another day to further explore this fascinating city. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner with Russian champagne and local specialties as a proper farewell to Russia. (B,D)

Day 24 Moscow

07 September 2014

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning. (B)