

Serbian Orthodox Pilgrimage to the Best of Orthodox Russia

with His Grace Bishop Maxim,
Western American Diocese of the Serbian Orthodox Church

and Fr. Bratso Krsic,
St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, San Diego, CA

12 Days

September 11 – September 22, 2017

Land and Air from Los Angeles \$4,295.00



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ITINERARY

Day 1, Monday, September 11 – Depart Los Angeles on an Aeroflot overnight flight to St. Petersburg.

Dinner and breakfast will be served on the plane.

Day 2, Tuesday, September 12 – Arrival in St. Petersburg

Upon arrival to St. Petersburg airport, you are greeted by Select International Tours' English speaking tour guide who will be with you the entire time, you are then transferred to the hotel. Enjoy free time before dinner to relax. Tonight you will have a welcome dinner together at your hotel. Overnight St. Petersburg. (D)

Day 3, Wednesday, September 13 – St. Petersburg – Valaam

Today we will have a guided city tour of this magnificent city. We marvel at the beauty of St. Isaac's Cathedral – one of the world's biggest domed cathedrals, and "Savior of the Split Blood" Cathedral. You will also see the monument to Peter the Great "Medniy Vsadnik" ("Copper Horseman") – the symbol of St. Petersburg. Late afternoon we are transferred to the port and depart for Valaam on an overnight boat. Dinner will be served on the boat. (B, D)

Day 4, Thursday, September 14 – Valaam

Arrival in Valaam – tour of the island and visit to the monastery complex. Lunch and dinner served during the cruise. Overnight on the boat. (B, L, D)

Day 5, Friday, September 15 – Valaam – St. Petersburg

Breakfast on board, before we transfer from the port to the Hermitage museum. We visit St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Peterhof – an Orthodox masterpiece with beautifully painted galleries and a ceramic iconostas inside. Dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B, D)

Day 6, Saturday, September 16 – St. Petersburg

We continue to the state historical park "Tsarskoe self" (tsar's village) and palace. Built in the second half of the 18th century, it represents the glory of Russia's "Golden Age". You will see the amazing Catherine Palace (Pushkin) and the fully restored Amber room located in it. The remainder of the day is leisure, shopping in the Nevsky Prospekt with all its shops and cafes. Dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B, D)

Day 7, Sunday, September 17 – St. Petersburg – Moscow – Sergiev Posad – Suzdal

Early breakfast at your hotel, before we transfer to St. Petersburg train station where you will board the fast-speed sapsan train to Moscow. Upon arrival we meet and greet at the train station in Moscow. We then board a coach and visit Sergiev Posad, an ancient town renowned for its trinity – St. Sergius Monastery, one of the oldest and most prominent in Russia and the spiritual center of Russia for the past six hundred years. Lunch is at the local restaurant. During the private tour, discover the monastery's thirteen churches, the Tomb of Boris Godunov, the relics of St. Sergius of Radonezh, St. Filaret of Moscow, and St. Innocent – apostle to America. We Continue towards Moscow, stopping at the Sofrino church factory/store for some shopping. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated today. Dinner is at the hotel and overnight in Moscow. (B, L, D)

Day 8, Monday, September 18 – Suzdal

Excursion in Suzdal: proceed for a city tour, seeing the Kremlin, Nativity Cathedral, and Museum of Wooden Architecture, Pokrovsky Monastery, Spassky Monastery, and Bells Transfiguration Cathedral. Lunch is at the local restaurant or with the Suzdal family. We transfer to Vladimir and visit the of Assumption Days Dmitriev Cathedral. We Return to Suzdal for dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 9, Tuesday, September 19 – Suzdal – Vladimir – Bogolyubovo – Moscow

Following breakfast we visit Vladimir. The city tour features the Assumption Cathedral, Dmi-



His Grace Bishop Maxim



Fr. Bratso Krsic



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triev Cathedral, and the Golden Gate. We also stop in Bogolyubovo for a visit to the Bogolyubovskiy Monastery and the Church of Intercession on the Nerl and take a break for a lunch at the local restaurant. We arrive at our hotel in Suzdal for dinner at the hotel and overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 10, Wednesday, September 20 - Moscow

Today we first visit the St. Basil's Cathedral, and the Kremlin grounds. The Moscow Kremlin is the center of Moscow and of Russian politics. View the Cathedral of the Assumption, built in 1479, used for the coronation of the tsars and the Cathedral of the Archangel, completed in 1509, used for burying them. Following our tour, we'll proceed to the old Arbat pedestrian walking street, lined with shops, cafes, street vendors, and artists. You'll see the house of Great Russian poet Pushkin and the memorial dedicated to him and his wife Natalie Gontcharova and its many treasures. We see the famous cake factory "Red Square" and the Gum department store. Dinner is at the hotel and overnight in Moscow. (B, D)

Day 11, Thursday, September 21 - Moscow

View Danilov monastery, the oldest monastery in Moscow established in the 1200's by St. Prince Danilo, which presently serves as the official headquarters of the Russian Orthodox Church. We also explore Tretyakov Gallery with its priceless collection, and Novodevichiy Convent. The farewell dinner is at the local restaurant, and overnight at your Moscow hotel. (B, D)

Day 12, Fri, September 22- Depart Moscow to Los Angeles

Breakfast at your hotel is followed by a transfer to the airport for the flight home to Los An-



YOUR COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip air LAX/ST. PETERSBURG x MOSCOW /LAX
- Included in the price are airport taxes and fuel surcharges of \$589.00. Taxes and surcharges are subject to change based on the rates at time of ticketing.
- First class hotels
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Breakfast daily
- 8 dinners and 1 lunch in Valaam (No beverages)
- Assisted arrival and departure airport transfers
- All transfers with modern air conditioned motorcoach as per itinerary
- Professional English speaking tour escorts
- Sightseeing and touring by private motorcoach as per the itinerary
- 1st Class Train tickets on fast-speed train St. Petersburg- Moscow
- 2 Day cruise St. Petersburg - Valaam - St. Petersburg - English speaking tour guide for excursion to Valaam:
- Guide with tourists 2 nights on Boat and one day on Island
- Private boat ride along rivers and canals of St. Petersburg
- Luggage handling at hotels (One piece per person in and out.)

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Travel protection - optional and highly encouraged
- Medical insurance
- Transportation to and from the airport in Russia if traveling separately from the group
- Fee for Russian visa (Letter of Invitation and confirmation along with vouchers will be provided once the passenger is registered).
- Private transfers, additional (optional) tours and tickets to unscheduled show/concerts or museums.
- Drinks with meals (other than breakfast coffee and juice)
- Anything else that is specifically not mentioned in "Prices includes"
- Airline baggage fees
- Tips and gratuities will be added to the invoice at \$150.00 per person.

Deposits and final payment: A deposit of \$750.00 per person by check should accompany the registration form along with your optional travel protection payment, if purchasing, and a copy of your passport picture page by **June 1, 2017. Final payment is due by July 7, 2017.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Sylvia Kowalewski, 800-842-4842, sylvia@select-intl.com.**

Your passport must be valid at least six months after the date of the trip return. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies. Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices \$4,295.00 for the complete package, \$3,395.00 land only (air not included), \$795.00 single supplement (in room by yourself) Credit card payments are: \$4,510.00 for the complete package, \$3,565.00 for land only, \$835.00 single supplement.

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Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Land only : _____ Need help with flights from _____

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Room: (check one) Single (1 Bed) _____ Double (1 Bed, 2 People) _____ Twin (2 Beds, 2 People) _____ Triple (3 Beds) _____

Name of Roomate(s): _____

Emergency Contact (Name and Phone): _____

Enclosed is a check/money order in the amount of \$ _____ for my initial deposit.

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