

Cruise Adventures Offers 2008 Russia Tour

Come Travel with Your Friends
at the Madera Chamber of Commerce
October 14th thru 22nd, 2008

St. Petersburg / Pushkin / Novgorod
\$2199.00 per person*

**Limited to
200 Passengers**

NOTES FROM RUSSIA INFORMATION NIGHT

April 14, 2008

**This trip is limited to 200 passengers, on a first-come; first served basis
Non-refundable deposit of \$249.00 per person, is due at a time of booking
Reservations close and final payment is due July 15, 2008**

**The cost of this trip is EXCLUSIVE per the agreement with Cruise Adventures (CST 2069482-50) and
the Madera Chamber of Commerce**

Meal information:

- § Meals included (listed in Information Packet):
 - § Breakfast every day at the hotel (7:00 to 11:00 a.m.)
 - § Six (6) Lunches
 - § Three (3) Dinners
- § For the meals that are not included:
 - § A list of optional 'free time' excursions will be provided – operas, dinner theatres, etc.
 - § A list of suggested restaurants, shopping options, etc. will be provided
 - § You will return to the hotel daily at approximately 4:30 p.m. and unless dinner is included; you will have free time

Flight information:

- § Air schedule not available yet
- § Travel Insurance through 'Cruise Adventures' covers 'Travel Default' (airlines that may discontinue service) – cost is \$195.50 per person
- § Seat assignment is not completed until check-in at airport; if you have a medical condition, please notify Cruise Adventures
- § Round-Trip Bus Transportation from Madera to LAX (optional) – an additional \$99.00 per person; this price is still be negotiated (it may be less but will NOT be more)
- § If you choose not to ride take Bus Transportation to LAX; Cruise Adventures will be booking a block of rooms at a hotel where you may leave your car – contact Cruise Adventures if you desire this option
- § It appears that the group may be on two different flights; families and roommates will not be split – it is important to list your 'Traveling Companions' on the Registration Form so that you will not be split on flights and tour busses.

Tour Operator:

Esperance Travel (a Russia-based Tour Company) is in charge of all travel details while in Russia, please review the additional documents in the Information Packet regarding details

- § Sovietskaya Hotel in St. Petersburg
- § Full Size Motor Coaches
- § Day-by-day Itinerary

Moscow – Optional Tour Available

There is an ‘add-on’ trip to this Tour to Russia – an additional six-day tour with visits to Helsinki, Finland and Moscow for an additional \$3000 per person; if interested, please contact Cruise Adventures

For additional information, please read ‘Answers to Frequently Asked Questions’ (FAQS)

ATMS – Yes, they are available in Russia and you will have access to them

- § ATMs are the more economical, they only charges are the standard service charges charged by your bank
- § Notify your bank prior to leaving the U.S. that you will traveling out of the country, so you will not have problems using your ATM/Credit Card
- § On the way from the airport, to the hotel – busses will stop for you to access an ATM
- § ATMs carry the best conversion rates from USD to Rouble (RUB)
- § Hotels and banks will charge an exchange rate based on a percentage of the amount you are exchanging

HAIR DRYERS – Hotels will have hair dryers in the rooms

CONVERTERS/ADAPTORS – Yes, you will need an electrical converter/adaptor; available at Radio Shack

LUGGAGE LIMITATIONS

- § Two (2) – 50 lb. Pieces of checked luggage; One (1) – 40 lb. Carryon
- § Any extra bags or parcels will be charged the ‘airline rate’ – varies, usually \$150.00 per piece

WEATHER

- § Average temperature in St. Petersburg for the time of travel is 41 degrees F.
- § It is suggested to dress warm, in layers, bring a rain jacket and umbrella

BOTTLED WATER

- § Water will be available on the busses daily
- § It is recommended that you only drink bottled water; and from a reputable vendor (hotel, bus, tour operator)

RESTRICTIONS ON PURCHASES – there are restrictions on cash and antiquities; please contact the U.S. Customs Department for specifics – visit <http://www.cbp.gov>

TIPPING – Recommended

- § \$3-4 per day for your guide a bus driver
- § \$1-2 per day per piece for baggage handling – bus/airport and hotel
- § It is suggested to leave the U.S. with \$100 of fresh \$1 bills for tipping; it is acceptable to tip in USD; exchange rate is 25 RUB to 1 USD

VISAS – Yes you will be required to have a Russian VISA

- § VISA kits will be mailed to confirmed passengers after final payments have been made
- § Russian VISAs are not stamps, but ‘affixed’ to a page in your passport
- § Please make sure your Passport will be valid for six months after the last travel date; if not – you must renew

QUESTIONS???

Please contact Cruise Adventures at (559) 438-7447