

# Best of Orthodox Russia

*with Fr. Djokan Majstorovic*

**12 Days**  
**September 3 – 14, 2018**



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# WHAT'S THE COST?

Land and Air  
**\$4495.00**

Land Only  
**\$3495.00**

Single Supplement  
**\$795.00**

Deposit due by May 30, 2018  
Final Payment due by July 2, 2018

## ITINERARY

### †Day 1, Monday, September 3 – DEPART JFK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT for a flight to ST. PETERSBURG.

Dinner and breakfast are served on the plane.

### †Day 2, Tuesday, September 4, – ARRIVE IN ST. PETERSBURG

Upon arrival in St. Petersburg airport, we meet our English-speaking tour guide and transfer to our hotel. Enjoy time at leisure to become acclimated to the local time zone. Relax with a drink before meeting our fellow travelers at the welcome dinner at our hotel. Overnight in our hotel in St. Petersburg. (D)

### †Day 3, Wednesday, September 5 – ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast at our hotel. We will start the day with a visit and service at Kazan Cathedral, once the main cathedral of the Russian empire, built in the early 19th century in dedication to the most venerated icon in Russia – Our Lady of Kazan. The view of St. Petersburg from its observation deck is truly magnificent. Following, we marvel at the beauty of St. Isaak's Cathedral – one of the world's biggest domed cathedrals. We also visit: Smolenskoye cemetery (chapel of St. Xenia) and St. John of Rila monastery (tomb of St. John of Kronstadt) and visit Holy Resurrection Trinity, known as "Savior of the Spilt Blood" Cathedral. You will also see the monument to Peter the Great "Mednyi Vsadnik" ("copper horseman") – the symbol of St. Petersburg. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in St. Petersburg. (B, D)

### †Day 4, Thursday, September 6 – ST. PETERSBURG

Breakfast at our hotel. Visit St. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Peterhof - an Orthodox masterpiece with beautifully painted galleries and a ceramic iconostas inside. We continue to the state historical park "Tsarskoe Selo" (Tsar's village) and the palace. Built in the second half of the 18th century, it represents the glory of Russia's "golden age". You will see the amazing Palace of Catherine the Great (Pushkin) and the fully restored Amber Room located in it. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in St. Petersburg. (B, D)

### †Day 5, Friday, September 7 – ST. PETERSBURG – VALAAM

Breakfast at our hotel. This morning we visit the Hermitage Museum. We then have time for shopping in the Nevsky Prospekt with all its shops and cafes. Late afternoon transfer to the port and departure for Valaam on an overnight cruise. Dinner and overnight on your cruise. (B, D)

### †Day 6, Saturday, September 8 – VALAAM

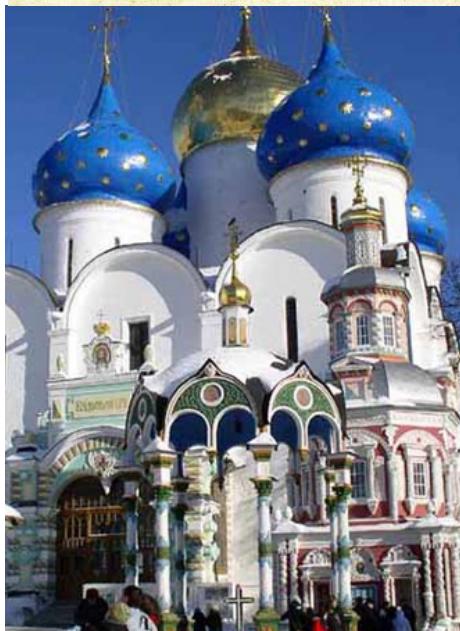
Arrive in Valaam – tour of the island and visit to the monastery complex. Lunch and dinner served during the cruise. Overnight on the cruise. (B, L, D)

### †Day 7, Sunday, September 9 – VALAAM – ST. PETERSBURG – VLADIMIR – SUZDAL

A room on the cruise will be provided to participate in the Divine Liturgy. After arrival to the port and transfer to St. Petersburg train station, you will board the high-speed Sapsan train to Moscow. Upon arrival, board a coach to visit Vladimir. The city tour features the Assumption Cathedral, Dmitriev Cathedral, and the Golden Gate. Lunch included. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Suzdal. (B, L, D)

### †Day 8, Monday, September 10 – SUZDAL

Breakfast at our hotel. Excursion in Suzdal, enjoy a city tour, seeing the Kremlin, Pokrovsky Monastery, and Spassky Monastery. Lunch at the local restaurant or with Suzdal family. We participate in the Divine Liturgy at one of the Cathedrals in Suzdal. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Suzdal. (B, L, D)



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## †Day 9, Tuesday, September 11 – SUZDAL – BOGOLYUBOVO – SERGIEV POSAD – MOSCOW

Breakfast at our hotel. Stop in Bogolyubovo for a visit of the Bogolyubovsky Monastery and the Church of Intercession on the Nerl and take a break for a lunch at the local restaurant. We visit Sergiev Posad, an ancient town renowned for its 14th-century Trinity Lavra 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 in the city. Continue to Moscow. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Moscow. (B, L, D)

## †Day 10, Wednesday, September 12 – MOSCOW

Breakfast at our hotel. Today we first visit St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin grounds. The Moscow Kremlin is the center of Moscow and of Russian politics. We visit 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 the Tsars. 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 Goncharova and its many treasures. We see the famous cake factory, "red square" and the gum department store. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Moscow. (B, D)

## †Day 11, Thursday, September 13 – MOSCOW

Breakfast at our hotel. 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. Also, explore Tretyakov gallery with its priceless collection and Novodevichy Convent. Farewell dinner at the local restaurant, and overnight at your hotel in Moscow. (B, D)

## †Day 12, Friday, September 14 – DEPART MOSCOW FOR HOME

Transfer to Moscow airport for our flight home. (B)



## YOUR COMPREHENSIVE

### TOUR INCLUDES

- Round trip air JFK/ST. PETERSBURG x MOSCOW/JFK
- 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
- 10 dinners and 4 lunches (TBC) (No beverages)
- Assisted arrival and departure airport transfers
- All transfers with modern air condition motor coach 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

### Services Included

- Accommodation at chosen cabin (nights on boat), meals (full Board), excursion on an island. On the day of the beginning and end of the cruise day. Meals are available depending on the time of embarkation and disembarkation: If the duration of the tour coincides with meal time tourist, have their meals at the restaurant, café in the city of your get: Lunch Boxes:
- 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 (Latter of Invitation and confirmation along with vouchers will be provided)
- 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

**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 **May 30, 2018**. **Final payment is due by July 2, 2018. A late payment fee of \$100 will be charged per person for all registrations received after the final payment date.** Please mail your payment to: **Select International Tours, 85 Park Ave., Flemington, NJ 08822 Attn: Kristine Smart, 800-842-4842, kristine@select-intl.com.**

**Your passport must be valid through March 14, 2019. Reservations will not be processed until we have passport copies.** Prices quoted are based on cash payments. Cash prices **\$4,495.00** for the complete package, **\$3,495.00** land only (air not included), **\$795.00** single supplement (in room by yourself). Credit card payments are: **\$4,720.00** for the complete package, **\$3,670.00** for land only, **\$835.00** single supplement.

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**Land Only Option:** **\$3,495.00** per person cash price. Land only services start and end at the hotels, unless you are able to meet the group at the airport, and do not include airfare.

**Baggage:** Each participant is permitted to check (1) suitcase weighing no more than 50 lbs., and one small carry-on bag on the plane. Airline baggage fees are not included. Please check the specific baggage fees on the airline website.

**Tour Cancellation Policy:** A **\$350.00 non-refundable fee will be assessed if reservation is canceled more than 90 days prior to departure.** 90-60 days

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**Shipping & Handling:** **\$15.00 per person - not included in package price** will be added to each invoice. Your invoice will confirm the trip registration.

#### REGISTRATION/CONSENT FORM:

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Please complete this form and mail it to Select International Tours, along with your deposit, travel protection payment (if purchasing), and a copy of your passport picture page.



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Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Land only: \_\_\_\_\_  Need help with flights from \_\_\_\_\_  
(Starts/ends at hotel, no airfare)  
Medical/Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

I am purchasing travel protection: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No, I decline. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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