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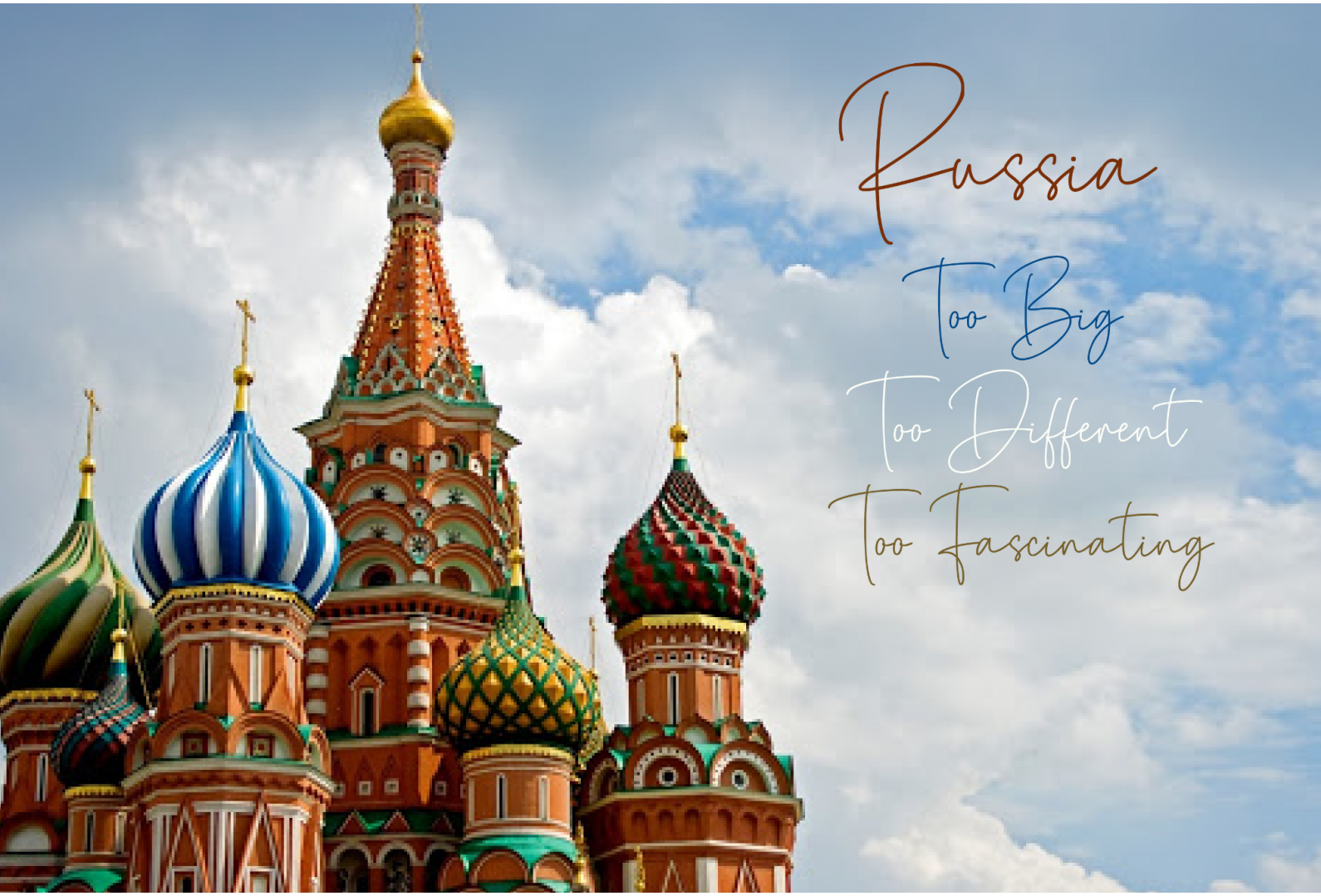
RUSSIA
Winter in Russia
Moscow - Murmansk - St Petersburg
10 - Day Itinerary



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Introduction: The Kola Peninsula - Russian Region in the North of the Arctic Circle - is a place that gives you a fair chance of experiencing the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) in action. Seeing the Northern Lights in Murmansk may require hunting and knowing where and when to hunt is a good start.

We can arrange this trip for you to get to know the nature and traditions of North Russia.

Day 1 – Moscow

Arrival in Moscow. Transfer from the airport to the hotel for check – in.

Day 2 – Moscow

Breakfast at a hotel. Discover Moscow with a **Panoramic city tour.** The city tour will take about 3 hours, showcasing the best and the most interesting parts of Moscow. You'll visit the historical center: will walk by the worldwide famous Red Square, will take the greatest pics at the Sofiyskaya Embankment, and look at the building of the St. Sophia Cathedral and the panorama of the Kremlin walls. You'll stop nearby the famous Novodevichy convent, and walk by the pound that inspired Tchaikovsky to create the famous «Swan Lake '' ballet. You'll see the buildings of the Bolshoi Theatre, the districts of 18-th and 19-th century, will stop by the unique and gorgeous St. Basil's Cathedral. Then we'll take you to the modern part of Moscow: you'll enjoy the panoramic views from the Sparrow Hills, and will see the famous "7 sisters" , the soviet skyscrapers built by Stalin.

Day 3 – Moscow

Breakfast at a hotel. Start your day by visiting Moscow Kremlin (territory and 1 Cathedral). The Moscow Kremlin has always been perceived as a symbol of power and might of the Russian state, a kind of a national idea expressed in stone. And once you enter inside it becomes clear that the Kremlin is something really unique: each era in the history of Russia left its significant architectural trace in the Kremlin. You will appreciate by it's diversity, it's history and it's beauty. On the territory of the Kremlin you'll find 5 World-Heritage Cathedrals that will definitely impress you.

Day 4 – Murmansk

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. Transfer to the airport. Arrival in Murmansk.

Transfer to a hotel.

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Day 5 – Murmansk

Full day tour in Murmansk. Breakfast at a hotel. AM–Husky tour drives approximately 2 hrs to Lake Imandra to local Husky Farm meet and communicate with these energetic and friendly dogs. After you listen to an exciting story about Husky you will proceed to an exciting sleigh ride around the lake covered with ice and snow. PM visit to Saami people settlement. Upon arrival you will be met and greeted by the representative of Saami people who will prepare a traditional lunch for you. After lunch you will get acquainted with traditions, culture and daily life of Saami – visit their traditional buildings, play traditional games and feed reindeers.

22:00–Reserve day for Aurora Borealis hunting trip (in case the first day was unfavourable) duration 3–4 hrs.

Day 6 – Murmansk

Full day tour to Teriberka. Breakfast at a hotel. FD trip through wildlands to Arctic Ocean Coast –our today's destination is small village Teriberka located in the northwest part of Russia at 120 km from Murmansk. You will pass through Arctic tundra –a treeless area completely covered with white snow so you feel like you are in a white desert. On the way you will have a couple of photostops as well as an active stop where you will have a chance to walk along the snow desert with the help of snow shoes. Upon arrival at Teriberka you will go to the coast by snowmobiles. After visiting the ocean coast, northern waterfall and having lunch at a local restaurant you will head back to Murmansk.

Day 7 – St Petersburg

Breakfast at hotel and check-out Morning Ice-breaker Lenin tour ICE-BREAKER LENIN TOUR Breakfast at hotel. AM-Excursion to Museum-Icebreaker "Lenin"–the world's first icebreaker with a nuclear power engine. Icebreaker was built in the Soviet Union, first and foremost, to serve the Northern Sea Route. After working for 30 years, the icebreaker "Lenin" in 1989 was decommissioned and put in eternal parking in Murmansk. Afterwards visit the Monument to the Defenders of Russian North "Alyosha". Time at leisure for lunch and transfer to the airport.

Arrival in St Petersburg. Transfer from the airport to the hotel.

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Day 8 – St Petersburg

Breakfast at a hotel. Panoramic city tour. During our tour you will get acquainted with the main sights of St. Petersburg: architectural monuments belonging to different epochs and styles, beautiful Neva embankment, magnificent palaces, cathedrals and unique bridges. This private tour covers the historical center of the city picking up the main highlights.

Day 9 – St Petersburg

Breakfast at a hotel. Visit to the Hermitage: main museum complex with the Winter Palace. The museum was founded in 1764 when Catherine the Great purchased a collection of 225 paintings from the German city of Berlin. Today, the Hermitage boasts over 3 million exhibits and displays a diverse range of art and artifacts from all over the world and from throughout history (from Ancient Egypt to the early 20th century Europe). The Hermitage's collections include works by Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian, a unique collection of Rembrandts and Rubens.

Day 10 – St Petersburg - Departure

Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Transfer from the hotel to the airport.