

**NORTHERN EUROPE
& RUSSIA**
REGIONAL JOURNEY



RUSSIA, WARSAW & THE BALTIC STATES

"The trick to really connecting with an unknown place is to keep an open mind and open heart and dare to try new things. Just embrace the differences – isn't that why we travel?"
- Maja, Travel Director

INSIGHT EXPERIENCES

Riga: Enjoy the vibrant colours and flavours when sampling some of the local delicacies as you wander through the maze of stalls in Riga Central Market.

TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel by hydrofoil to Petrodvorets • Travel by Sapsan Train from St. Petersburg to Moscow.

Visit Church of St. Peter and St. Paul in Vilnius • Votive Hill Crosses in Siauliai • formal gardens of Petrodvorets and Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg • Metro stations and a cathedral inside the Kremlin in Moscow • Trakai Castle.

City tours of Warsaw, Riga, Tallinn, St. Petersburg and Moscow, all with Local Experts.

See Palace of Culture, Chopin Memorial and Ghetto Heroes Monument in Warsaw • Old Town and House of the Three Brothers in Riga • Old Town and market square Tallinn • St. Isaacs Cathedral, the fortress of St Peter and Paul and Decembrist's Square in St. Petersburg • Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum in Moscow.

AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Warsaw • Estonian Highlight Dinner in Tallinn • Celebration Dinner in Moscow.

FROM \$304 PER DAY

COACH WITH EXTRA LEGROOM

SMALLER GROUPS



@ilseizetman sharing one of many #InsightMoments from St. Petersburg, Russia



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YOUR ITINERARY - AT A GLANCE

15 DAYS | 5 COUNTRIES | 14 BREAKFASTS | 5 DINNERS | 15 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES



TRIP PLANNER - 15 DAYS

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT
SAVE UP TO \$485 pp

TRIP CODE: E977

STARTS	ENDS	TWIN	STARTS	ENDS	TWIN
* Sun 05 Apr	Sun 19 Apr	\$4550	* Sun 05 Jul	Sun 19 Jul	\$4725
Sun 12 Apr	Sun 26 Apr	\$4550	Sun 12 Jul	Sun 26 Jul	\$4550
Sun 19 Apr	Sun 03 May	\$4550	Sun 19 Jul	Sun 02 Aug	\$4550
Sun 26 Apr	Sun 10 May	\$4550	Sun 26 Jul	Sun 09 Aug	\$4550
Sun 03 May	Sun 17 May	\$4750	Sun 02 Aug	Sun 16 Aug	\$4550
+ Sun 10 May	Sun 24 May	\$4775	Sun 09 Aug	Sun 23 Aug	\$4550
* Sun 17 May	Sun 31 May	\$4775	Sun 16 Aug	Sun 30 Aug	\$4550
+ Sun 24 May	Sun 07 Jun	\$4850	Sun 23 Aug	Sun 06 Sep	\$4550
+ Sun 31 May	Sun 14 Jun	\$4850	Sun 30 Aug	Sun 13 Sep	\$4550
+ Sun 07 Jun	Sun 21 Jun	\$4850	Sun 06 Sep	Sun 20 Sep	\$4625
Sun 14 Jun	Sun 28 Jun	\$4775	Sun 13 Sep	Sun 27 Sep	\$4625
Sun 21 Jun	Sun 05 Jul	\$4775	* Sun 20 Sep	Sun 04 Oct	\$4625
Sun 28 Jun	Sun 12 Jul	\$4775			

NOTES: Twin prices are per person. Some parts of Russia, clean small denomination US\$ bills or Euro notes are the only accepted currency. * Solo Traveller Savings: There is a 15% reduction to the Single Supplement on these departures, subject to availability. Visas: Visas are required for this trip. Please speak to your Travel Agent at time of booking to assess your requirements. Documents may not be issued at borders in Europe. + These departures will stay at the Solo Sokos Hotel Estonia in lieu of the Radisson Blu Sky Tallinn. × These departures will stay at a hotel of similar standard in Tallinn.

FURTHER SAVINGS UP TO: Young Traveller \$460 | Triple Room Reduction \$140 | 2nd Trip \$121 | Past Guest \$243

ROOMING OPTIONS: Single Supplement from \$1170 p.p. to \$1600 p.p.

PREPAID GRATUITIES OPTION: For your Travel Director and Driver \$167 p.p.

THIS TRIP IS A COMBINATION OF WARSAW & THE BALTIC STATES AND EASY PACE RUSSIA. WHY NOT EXTEND YOUR TRIP BY ADDING THE GOLDEN RING? SEE PAGE 191.

***SOLO TRAVELLER SAVINGS**

DAY 1

ARRIVE WARSAW.

On arrival at Warsaw airport, your transfers depart for your hotel at 10:30, 12:30 and 15:30. Relax and settle in before joining your Travel Director at 18:00.

🍴 *Your Welcome Dinner is at Restaurant Zapiecek, an authentic local restaurant full of Polish charm, serving delicious traditional meals accompanied with wine. (DW)*

🏨 The Westin Warsaw.

●●●● | Traditional | 📶

DAY 2

EXPLORING THE PROUD POLISH CAPITAL OF WARSAW.

☆ A Local Expert will show you how well the Polish capital was restored after almost complete obliteration during World War II. Pass the tiered Palace of Culture and stroll through Łazienki Park to the Chopin Memorial. Take a moment to reflect at the Monument to Ghetto Heroes. Then walk to the Market Square in the Old Town. (B)

DAY 3

VILNIUS, VENERABLE CAPITAL OF LITHUANIA.

Pass Augustów and Suwalki during your scenic journey through Masuria, a region rich in lakes and vast forests. Cross into Lithuania and continue to the capital city of Vilnius. (B) (DW)

🏨 Radisson Blu Royal Astorija Hotel, Vilnius.

●●●● | Historic | 📶

DAY 4

VILNIUS AND TRAKAI.

- ☆ Visit the Baroque Church of St. Peter and St. Paul and the neoclassical cathedral.
- ☆ Join your Local Expert for a leisurely walk through the Old Town to see the Jesuit University and the Gates of Dawn.
- ☆ Visit the fortified island castle of Trakai, originally built in the 13th century. (B)

DAY 5

SIAULIAI AND THE ART NOUVEAU NIRVANA OF RIGA.

☆ Head north to visit the unusual Votive Hill of Crosses near Siauliai, the symbol of resistance against the Soviet occupation. Continue your escorted journey to the Latvian capital of Riga, a melange of Teutonic-inspired spires, stylish cocktail lounges and some of the world's most remarkable art nouveau architecture. (B)

🏨 Radisson Blu Ridzene Hotel, Riga.

●●●● | Traditional | 📶

DAY 6

RIGA SIGHTSEEING AND ON TO TALLINN.

👁️ *Explore Riga's Old Town with your Local Expert, including a visit to the old aircraft hangers that now house the Riga Central Market. Enjoy the vibrant colours and flavours when sampling some of the local delicacies.*

Your travels continue along the shores of the Gulf of Riga and across the Estonian border to reach Tallinn, hailed by travel aficionados as the New Prague. (B)

🏨 Radisson Blu Sky Hotel, Tallinn.

●●●● | Traditional | 📶

DAY 7 - RELAXED START THE MAGIC OF TALLINN.

☆ Led by a Local Expert, drift back through 800 years of history as you stroll through the cobbled streets of the Old Town. Visit the market square with its old German weighing house, pharmacy and Town Hall. The energetic may choose to walk up Toompea Hill to see the castle and Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.

🍴 *Join your travelling companions at a local restaurant for a freshly prepared meal, rich with traditional flavours and accompanied with wine. (B) (DW)*

DAY 8

ST PETERSBURG: TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE

Head east to the town of Narva, dominated by the mighty Hermannsburg Fortress. Cross the River Narva, which forms the Russian border, and continue to St. Petersburg, founded by Peter the Great in 1703. (B) (DW)

🏨 Crowne Plaza St Petersburg, Ligovsky.

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ALL INCLUDED EXPERIENCES & DINING WORTH APPROXIMATELY \$758

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**DAY 9****ST. PETERSBURG SIGHTSEEING.**

- ☆ Morning sightseeing with your Local Expert includes views of St. Isaac's Cathedral, the fortress of St. Peter and Paul and Decembrists' Square. Travel along Nevsky Prospekt for views of the great Cathedral of Kazan and the iconic, onion-domed Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood. (B)

DAY 10 · RELAXED START **PETRODVORETS BY HYDROFOIL.**

Cruise by hydrofoil along the Baltic shore to Peter the Great's summer residence of Petrodvorets. For over 200 years it was used for official ceremonies, lavish feasts and formal receptions.

- ☆ Explore the perfectly manicured gardens and see the cascading fountains. (B)

DAY 11 · RELAXED START**THE HERMITAGE MUSEUM.**

- ☆ Located in the Winter Palace, the Hermitage is one of the world's greatest museums. Marvel at this fabulous collection of paintings and ornaments, ranging from Egyptian carvings to Impressionist masterpieces. (B)

DAY 12 · RELAXED START **HIGH SPEED TRAIN TO MOSCOW.**


Enjoy a relaxed start in the morning, or perhaps visit the former residence of the Yusupov family and the scene of Rasputin's murder? Later, board your high speed Sapsan train and relax in comfort as you swoop to Moscow in just a few hours. (B)

 **Radisson Collection Hotel, Moscow.**●●●● | Historic | **DAY 13 · RELAXED START****MOSCOW, A RUSSIAN REVELATION.**

- ☆ Begin your exploration of the Russian capital with a Local Expert. Start in Red Square, lined by Moscow's landmark buildings. See the onion-shaped domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin and Lenin's Mausoleum.
- ☆ Visit one of the Metro stations which Stalin called 'Palaces for the People.' Gain a local insight into the themes depicted among the marble, mosaics and sculptures. (B)

DAY 14 · RELAXED START**MOSCOW AND THE KREMLIN.**

- ☆ Walk within the walls of the Kremlin Fortress to visit one of the cathedrals.

 *Enjoy delicious food, great wine and wonderful company as you toast to your travels during your Celebration Dinner. (B) (DW)*

DAY 15 **FAREWELL MOSCOW.**

Departure transfers will arrive at Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport at 05:00, 08:00 and 11:00 and at Moscow's Domodedovo Airport at 05:00, 10:00 and 13:00. (B)

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