



The 700-ton granite Alexander Column is held in place by gravity alone

# FLEXIBLE ESSENTIAL PRIVATE TRIPS

## CLASSIC INDEPENDENT JOURNEYS

*F*lexible **Essential Private Trips** are compact, well-designed private tour itineraries — researched and ready to book on the dates you choose. They work perfectly as brief overviews of a country or as effortless extensions to group tours — great for solo travelers, couples, or private parties who prefer to travel independently but appreciate a savvy pre-designed program.

### Essential St. Petersburg

IMPERIAL SPLENDORS OF THE CZARS

**St. Petersburg, home of the czars and their courts, is a rich repository of extravagant palaces, brilliant museums and renowned theaters overflowing with music and dance. Its fashionable boulevards and serene canals glisten in the “White Nights” of summer and dazzle on sunny winter days.**

**Days 1-7: St. Petersburg & environs** Admire Peter the Great’s cultured capital, reflected in the superb Russian Museum, the polished columns of St. Isaac’s Cathedral, the elegant theaters and the recent proliferation of private art galleries, gourmet restaurants and fine hotels.

Visit the renowned Hermitage Museum, with an exclusive private tour of the Gold Room. Admire Peter’s summer home at Peterhof, boasting more than 150 gilded fountains and cascades. Explore lavish Catherine’s Palace, with its expertly restored Amber Room. Enjoy a magical evening at the ballet or opera, step inside the exquisite Usupoff Palace and experience a traditional Russian dinner in a private home.



### Essential Russia

SURVEY OF MOSCOW AND ST. PETERSBURG

**A compact and compelling survey of Russia’s political capital, Moscow, and its cultural capital, St. Petersburg, this tour communicates the character of Western Russia in a succinct and meaningful series of experiences.**

**Days 1-3: Moscow** Begin in Moscow, Russia’s flourishing capital city. Recognize the simple beauty of Red Square, framed by the elaborate cupolas of St. Basil’s Cathedral and the red brick Kremlin wall. Visit the Tretyakov Gallery and the Armory Museum, housing Russian treasures. Board the overnight train on its way to St. Petersburg, Peter the Great’s imperial capital.

**Days 4-7: St. Petersburg** Immerse yourself in the opulence of Catherine’s Palace and Pavlovsk. Wander the world-class Hermitage Museum. At Peter the Great’s summer palace, Peterhof, admire the glistening marble and granite fountains that adorn the Lower Park. Just off Nevsky Prospekt, discover the magnificent blue and gold cupolas of the Church of the Savior on the Blood.

### Essential St. Petersburg

**7 Days**

**Private Journey**

Your choice of dates – start on a Saturday



#### Land Tour Cost

2 traveler minimum From \$3,095 to \$3,595  
Single Supplement From \$495 to \$945

**Essential trip prices** vary by season and are subject to hotel availability for your travel dates. Hotel upgrades, additional nights and solo traveler prices are available on request. Contact us for a descriptive itinerary and booking details.



Burnished eagles in Red Square

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#### Land Tour Cost

2 traveler minimum From \$2,595 to \$3,395  
Partial Single Supplement From \$335\* to \$795\*

\*See page 93 for Partial Single Supplement details.

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