



GOLDEN EAGLE LUXURY TRAINS

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & POLAR NIGHTS

From St Petersburg and Moscow, in search of the Northern Lights



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ONBOARD THE GOLDEN EAGLE TRANS-SIBERIAN EXPRESS



Moscow - Murmansk - St Petersburg

Tour Schedule

December 23 2013 - January 2 2014
December 23 2014 - January 2 2015

Tour Includes

1 night in Moscow | 6 nights onboard the *Golden Eagle*
3 nights in St Petersburg

St Petersburg - Murmansk - Moscow

Tour Schedule

December 28 2013 - January 6 2014
December 28 2014 - January 6 2015

Tour Includes

2 nights in St Petersburg | 6 nights onboard the *Golden Eagle*
1 night in Moscow

MOSCOW - VLADIMIR & SUZDAL - VELIKY USTYUG - ARKHANGEL - MURMANSK - ST PETERSBURG

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & POLAR NIGHTS

MOSCOW – MURMANSK – ST PETERSBURG

DECEMBER 23, 2013 – JANUARY 2, 2014

CHRISTMAS EVE IN MOSCOW AND NEW YEAR'S EVE IN ST PETERSBURG



Red Square, Moscow

Our tour takes in Uspensky Cathedral, built between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries. It is considered one of the most important and beautiful of Russian cathedrals, where many of the prominent Russian Tsars were crowned.

From Vladimir we travel to Suzdal, one of Russia's most perfectly preserved walled cities dating back to 1024 located 35 kilometres from Vladimir. Here we visit the atmospheric St Euthymius Monastery to witness an enchanting choral performance by the resident monks. No Russian winter experience would be complete either without a horse-drawn sleigh ride through this stunning location.

We celebrate Christmas on board at our signature Gala Caviar Dinner in the beautifully designed restaurant car and enjoy after dinner drinks and musical entertainment for a Christmas you won't forget.

DAY 4 VELIKIY USTYUG

BOXING DAY

We travel to Velikiy Ustyug, the once important and beautiful Golden Ring town on the bank of the Sukhona River. Here we will visit the official residence of Ded Moroz (Father Frost) and experience the excitement of the Russian children visiting this traditional Santa Claus character.



DAY 1 MOSCOW

December 23rd

Flight arrivals into Moscow and transfer to the centrally located five-star Marriott Royal Aurora Hotel (or similar), for a one-night stay. Why not extend your stay with additional nights to explore more of the city at your leisure and enjoy the Russian Christmas festivities or go skating on the open air ice rink at the Red Square.

This evening we enjoy a welcome reception dinner at our hotel and meet our fellow travellers.

DAY 2 MOSCOW

CHRISTMAS EVE

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an iconic symbol of Russia's former military and political might with its eclectic mix of fascinating architecture, such as the ornate St Basil's Cathedral's magnificent onion-domed spires, the beautiful façade of the world famous GUM Department store, constructed in Tsarist times, and the sombre and evocative site of Lenin's tomb. With our Freedom of Choice touring option you may instead wish to visit the famous State Tretyakov Gallery (National Museum of Fine Art).

This afternoon we board Russia's premier train, the *Golden Eagle* and settle into our modern, stylish cabins to embark upon our rail adventure to the Arctic Circle.

DAY 3 VLADIMIR AND SUZDAL

CHRISTMAS DAY

The historic city of Vladimir was founded in 990 and is one of Russia's oldest communities. With an architectural wealth, it has been decreed a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



DAY 5 ARKHANGEL & NORTHERN LIGHTS

December 27th

We spend the day touring Arkhangel, a town located on the banks of the White Sea that was the chief seaport of medieval Russia. The importance of Arkhangelsk as a center for trade, especially with Western Europe, reached its heyday in the late 1700s.

As the gate to the Arctic, Arkhangelsk also became the starting point for many polar expeditions and during World War II, Arkhangelsk along with Murmansk became the key supply port, bringing much needed foreign equipment & food supplies to the Russian army. British and American Arctic Convoy War Graves can still be seen in Arkhangel.

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Tonight and tomorrow night we go in search of nature's most spectacular light show – the Northern Lights. This magical experience could be one of the highlights of our journey.

DAY 6 MURMANSK & NORTHERN LIGHTS

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Today we cross into the Arctic and we mark the occasion with a glass of champagne. We will continue to Murmansk, a city halfway between Moscow and the North Pole, and 120 miles north of the Arctic Circle. As the main city of the Kola Peninsula, it started as a tiny settlement

and Arctic trading post. In 1916, under pressure from the British to establish a support port, Murmansk was founded. Thanks to a current of the Gulf Stream, the port is ice-free year-round.

Homeport of Russia's nuclear-powered icebreakers we'll visit to the Nuclear Icebreaker Museum Ship. We'll also stop at the Museum of Regional Studies which houses exhibits on areas such as the tundra zone, the Barents Sea, Lapps, the development of icebreakers, and Murmansk's role during World War II. Time permitting we'll also visit Murmansk Oceanarium. This is the only aqua complex in Europe where Arctic seals are trained and studied.

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DAY 7 ONBOARD

December 29th

Today we have the opportunity to unwind and reflect on the many sights and sounds we have experienced or are about to experience on our rail journey so far. Maybe listen to a talk on Russian history or simply relax and enjoy the ever-changing landscape outside your window as we head towards St.Petersburg.

Our guest astronomer will host a drinks reception and afternoon of discussions about the Northern Lights in our stylish bar car.

DAY 8 ST PETERSBURG

December 30th

We continue to the Imperial City of St Petersburg and on arrival have a tour of the beautiful Imperial Waiting Room at Vitebski Station. We transfer from the rail station to the luxurious Grand Hotel Europe (or similar), where we stay for the remaining three nights.

Today there is a tour of St Petersburg featuring a visit of the key sights including St Isaac's Cathedral, Nevsky Prospect and the Hermitage Museum, the former Palace of the Tsars which houses the royal art collection of over three million works. It is one of the world's largest and most impressive art museums.

Make your evening in St Petersburg extra special by purchasing a ticket for a ballet or opera performance at the world-renowned Marinsky Theatre (subject to schedule and availability and pre-booked six weeks prior).

DAY 9 ST PETERSBURG

NEW YEARS EVE

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St Petersburg is beautifully decorated for Rozdestvo (Russian Christmas) celebrated on the 7th January. You can enjoy the lively atmosphere of the city streets with concerts and entertainment. You'll have time to enjoy the busy Christmas markets or go ice skating on one of the outdoor rinks in the central squares.

Tonight we will celebrate New Year's Eve with a special gala dinner.



St Petersburg

DAY 10 ST PETERSBURG

NEW YEARS DAY

Breakfast in the hotel and enjoy free time to explore more of the city at your leisure, or join our guided city tour in the afternoon. Lunch and dinner are by your own arrangement.

DAY 11 ST PETERSBURG

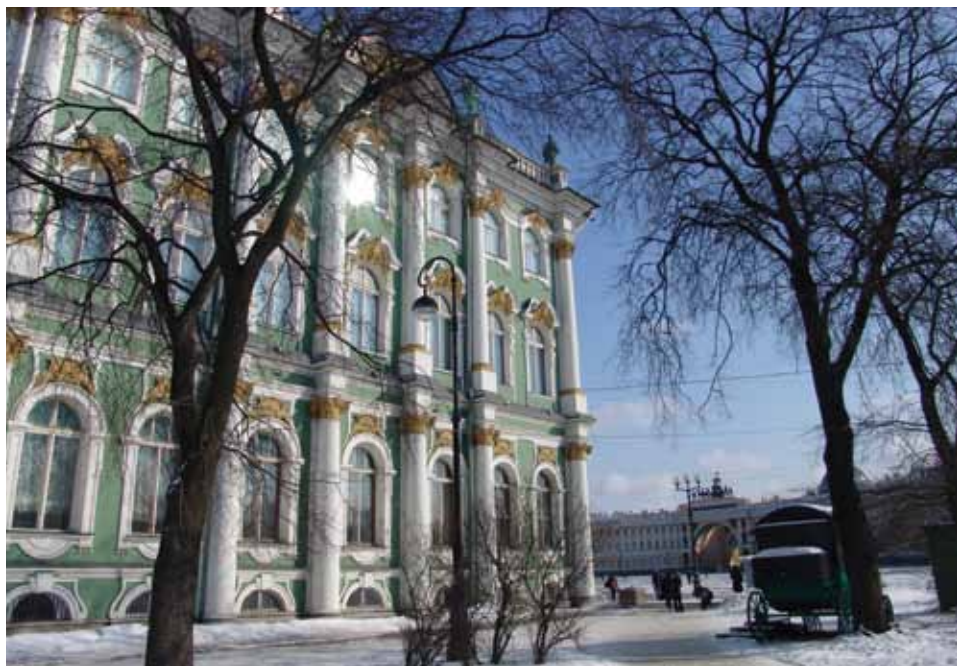
January 2nd

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS & POLAR NIGHTS

ST PETERSBURG - MURMANSK - MOSCOW

DECEMBER 28, 2013 – JANUARY 6, 2014
NEW YEAR'S DAY IN THE ARCTIC



Hermitage Museum, St Petersburg

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GUEST SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT

Ian Ridpath of
the Royal
Astronomical Society



Ian Ridpath will be our on-board guest speaker on both Winter 2013 tours. Ian previously worked at the University of London Observatory and has been a full-time writer, broadcaster, and lecturer on astronomy and space since 1972. He's a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society (Council member 2004–07) and editor of the Oxford Dictionary of Astronomy.

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Suzdal

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND POLAR NIGHTS SCHEDULE & PRICE LIST

ALL PRICES ARE PER PERSON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

	TWIN	SINGLE	TWIN	SINGLE	TWIN	SINGLE
USD Prices	SILVER		GOLD		IMPERIAL SUITE	
DEPOSIT REQUIRED	\$1,500		\$2,000		\$4,000	
Moscow - Murmansk - St Petersburg (11 days) Dec 23 Jan 2	\$10,595	\$15,195	\$12,795	\$18,895	\$18,995	On Request
St Petersburg - Murmansk - Moscow (10 days) Dec 28 Jan 6	\$10,295	\$14,895	\$12,495	\$18,595	\$18,695	On Request
GBP Prices	SILVER		GOLD		IMPERIAL SUITE	
DEPOSIT REQUIRED	£750		£1,000		£3,000	
Moscow - Murmansk - St Petersburg (11 days) Dec 23 Jan 2	£6,595	£9,495	£7,995	£11,795	£11,895	On Request
St Petersburg - Murmansk - Moscow (10 days) Dec 28 Jan 6	£6,395	£9,295	£7,795	£11,595	£11,695	On Request
Euro Prices	SILVER		GOLD		IMPERIAL SUITE	
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We only accept payments in US Dollars (\$) with the exception of UK residents (payments in GBP £) and residents of the Eurozone countries (payment in Euros).

Please note that this tour may operate as a small group departure (normally less than 30 guests, compared to 100 on our other departures).
Reduced numbers mean more intimate groups and a shorter formation of Golden Eagle sleepers with a combined bar/restaurant appropriate to the number of guests.
Russian Railways attach our carriages to the rear of a regular train each day however your onboard experience will be unaffected, there being no connection between our carriages and the main train



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