



## Arctic Circle by Private Train On board The Golden Eagle

A Private, Historical and Cultural Tour from  
Moscow to Moscow with your English-speaking guides

### **Day 1, Moscow**

Arrival in Moscow, where you will be met and transferred to the luxurious five-star Marriott Royal Aurora hotel (or similar) located in the heart of this vibrant city for a one-night stay. Enjoy a welcome reception dinner at your hotel, whilst you meet your fellow travelers and anticipate the epic 16 day voyage that lies ahead.

### **Day 2, Moscow**

You'll be transferred this morning to Moscow's Yaroslavl station to join your private sleeping car train that will be your home for the next 14 days. There will be a welcome reception and introduction to the train staff in the bar car, followed by dinner, as you depart eastwards towards Yaroslavl; There will not be many hours of darkness in the next two weeks as this is the time of year the Russians call 'White Nights'.

### **Day 3, Kungor & Yekaterinburg**

Kungor, located in the Urals, is famous for its Ice Caves which date back some 12,000 years. One of the biggest caves in the world, the network of 100 grottoes and 60 lakes are connected by nearly 6 kilometres of underground passages. Late evening you'll continue your journey towards Yekaterinburg. Founded in 1723 by Peter the Great, the third largest Russian city is also the capital of the Urals. The cultural and architectural influences of European and Asian civilisations come together in this fascinating and cosmopolitan landscape. Your short city tour takes you to the poignant site where the Romanov, Nicholas II of Russia was executed with his family by the Bolsheviks in 1918. Now a church dedicated to their memory, this site provides you with a powerful insight into the turmoil of the Russian Revolution.

### **Day 4, Kalino**

This morning you'll arrive in the town of Kalino where you take the opportunity to visit the preserved Perm-36 Gulag and Museum in nearby Kutchino. This was the site of one of the harshest Soviet Gulag prison camps for political opponents during the communist Soviet period, only closing in 1990.

### **Day 5, Velikiy Ustyug**

In Slav culture the traditional character of Ded Moroz plays a role similar to that of Santa Claus. The literal English translation of the name is Father Frost. You will visit the official

residence of Ded Moroz which is located close to the town of Veliky Ustyug, as well as tour the once important and beautiful city on the bank of the Sukhona River.

### **Day 6, Vorkuta**

In the afternoon, you arrive in the coal-mining town of Vorkuta which was the location for one of the more notorious forced labor camps of the Gulag which was established in 1932 and remained open until the 1980s. During the night, you'll cross the Urals and descend to the River Ob in Asia.

### **Day 7, Labitnangi & Salekhard, Asia**

From Labitnangi you'll cross the River Ob to prosperous and modern Salekhard for a tour of the town. It is believed to be the only town in the world that is located right on the Polar Circle. After leaving Labitnangi, you'll climb back through the snow-capped Ural Mountains and make a stop in the mid-afternoon at the Europe/Asia Monument.

### **Day 8, Kotlas**

Kotlas is a town in the south of Arkhangelsk Oblast, situated at the confluence of the Northern Dvina and Vychegda Rivers. Kotlas is an important river port as the Northern Dvina is one of the largest and most important waterways of the northern European portion of Russia. It flows 462 miles (744 km) in a generally north-westerly direction and enters the Dvina inlet of the White Sea.

### **Day 9, Arkhangel**

You spend the day touring Arkhangel, a town located on the banks of the White Sea that was the chief seaport of medieval Russia. On your city tour you will have the opportunity to visit the British and American Arctic Convoy War Graves and the Wooden Architecture Museum.

### **Day 10, Solovetsky Island**

After arriving early morning into Kem you transfer to a small boat bound for Solovetsky Monastery on Solovetsky Island in the White Sea. The Island is also infamous for its 'Special Purpose Camp' set up by Stalin and is the location used as the basis for Solzhenitzyn's *Gulag Archipelago*. Late this evening, in daylight, you will cross the Arctic Circle as you head to the most northerly point on the journey.

### **Day 11, Nickel Murmansk & Murmansk**

Mid-morning you will arrive at Nickel, on the border with Norway. The station is close to the Nickel smelting plant which in part has caused the devastation to the surrounding countryside that will have been evident for the 20 miles before your arrival. An eerie place but has been one of the highlights of our previous tours. Early evening you will arrive in Murmansk for a city tour and a visit to the Nuclear Icebreaker Museum Ship.

### **Day 12, Onboard**

A leisurely day onboard your private train as you return south from the Arctic Circle.

**Day 13, Pavlovsk & St. Petersburg**

After breakfast you'll arrive in Pavlovsk and visit Catherine's Summer Palace in Pushkin, including a visit to the Amber Room. Lunch will be served after which you'll continue to St. Petersburg hauled by Russia's oldest working steam locomotive Ov. 324 built in 1905. There is an afternoon tour of the city of St Petersburg incorporating a visit to the Imperial Waiting Room at Vitebski Station and an optional visit to the Railway Museum before you rejoin the train for dinner.

**Day 14, Novgorod & Pskov**

In the morning you will tour Novgorod, one of the oldest towns in Russia, with its five-domed Cathedral before continuing to Pskov with its ancient and well restored centre on the Latvian border and in whose station Tsar Nicholas II abdicated on 15<sup>th</sup> March 1915.

**Day 15, Moscow**

Your final morning on the train sees you traveling down the St Petersburg - Moscow mainline before you arrive at Moscow Leningradski station and transfer to the five-star Marriott Aurora Hotel (or similar) located in the centre of the city. Enjoy free time in the afternoon before the tour farewell dinner is served in the hotel.

**Day 16, Moscow**

Breakfast in the hotel brings the tour to a close and airport transfers are provided for departing flights.

**Price:**

Silver Class

\$11,295.00 per person, double occupancy.  
\$15,795.00 single occupancy

Gold Class

\$15,395.00 per person, double occupancy  
\$21,695.00 single occupancy.

Imperial Suite

\$19,095.00 per person, double occupancy  
\$26,795.00 single occupancy.

Prices are per person for the fully inclusive tour Moscow to Moscow. Air-fare is not included.

Prices are subject to change until deposit is received.

**Moscow to Moscow (2012)**

June 11 - 26

**General Information:**

A full passport with at least six months validity from the start of the tour is required along with a Russian Visa.

Subject to bookings, this tour may also be operated in the reverse direction on the same dates or cancelled.

A deposit in the amount of \$2,500.00 per person is required on all Silver Class cabins, a deposit in the amount of \$3,000.00 per person is required on all Gold Class bookings and a deposit in the amount of \$5,000.00 per person is required on all Imperial Suite bookings.

**The Train Tour Price Includes:**

*Accommodations:*

**Moscow**

**One (1) night** at the Marriott Aurora or similar; Buffet Breakfast and tax included daily.

**Golden Eagle**

**One Silver or Gold Class Cabin or Imperial Suite for Thirteen (13) nights** on board the Golden Eagle. Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included daily.

**Moscow**

**One (1) night** at the Marriott Aurora or similar; Buffet Breakfast and tax included daily.

### **Imperial Suites:**

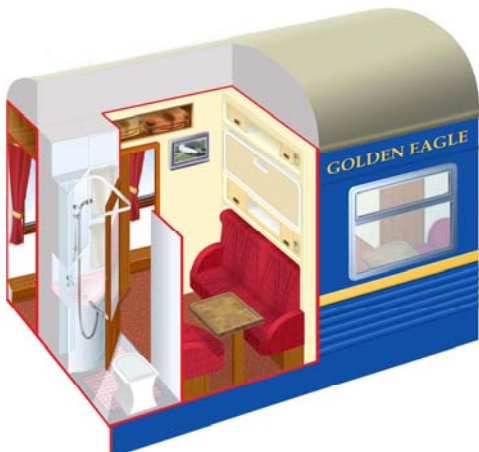
The Imperial Suites are the most spacious cabins available onboard the *Golden Eagle* measuring 120 square feet and benefit from their own large and luxurious fixed double bed as well as a dedicated lounge area with dressing table. Suite facilities include private en-suite facilities with power shower and underfloor heating, individual air-conditioning, wardrobe, DVD/CD player with LCD screen and two large picture windows. Guests will also benefit from a dedicated butler service, a selection of complimentary drinks from the premium bar list, included laundry service and room upgrades to the next available category at our selected hotels as per the itinerary.

### **Gold Class Cabins:**



Gold Class Cars are purpose-built, new carriages designed for the 21st century to offer top-class comfort and service, which equals the best luxury trains in the world today. Each carriage has five twin compartments, all fitted with one upper berth and one lower berth that converts to a sofa seating for daytime travel. Each compartment offers 77 square feet of space and features its own private shower and toilet facilities and has a wardrobe, audio system, DVD/VCR with the latest flat, plasma screens and air conditioning with individual climate control by remote handset.

### **Silver Class Cabins:**



The Silver Class Carriage provides complete comfort for our passengers. These newly added cabins are slightly smaller than Gold Class Cabins offering 60 square feet, but still

have modern en-suite facilities with a smaller shower area. The sleepers are modern air conditioned cars built in Germany. They are cozy and comfortable, and provide an ideal method of transport for the remote areas of Russia that you will visit. Each car has six twin compartments, all fitted with one upper berth and one lower berth that converts to a sofa seating for daytime travel.

There is ample space for luggage storage and for suitcases in a recess above the corridor area. Clothes hangers are provided and the cars are well appointed with mirrors, bedside table, reading lamps and space for the storage of small items.

**The Tour Includes:**

- \*All meals.
- \*Wine, beer and soft drinks provided with Lunch and Dinner.
- \*Experienced tour representatives throughout the tour.
- \*Russian Interpreters able to speak English, German, French and Italian.
- \*Comprehensive off-train sightseeing program as detailed in the itinerary. Please note that all touring is with fellow-passengers at all times.
- \*A doctor who travels with the train throughout the tour.
- \*Complimentary tea, coffee and mineral water throughout the tour from your car attendant.

**The Tour Does Not Include:**

- \*Travel cancellation insurance.
- \*Charges of a personal nature on the train or at the hotels (laundry, telephone, bar account, etc.)
- \*Visas (as required) or Excess Baggage Charges, Airport Departure Taxes, Vaccination or Medical Costs.

**Options and Extensions:**

Please contact Exeter International for tour extensions and options in Russia. All tour extensions are on a private customized basis.

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