



RUSSIAN REVELATIONS



TRIP CODE:

EERSTG-9



Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Come explore this part of Europe on a tour of Russia and beyond that will reveal some of the region's best-kept travel secrets. From St Petersburg to Moscow via some of the hottest destinations in Eastern Europe, we'll finish up in buzzing Berlin. Ready for this?

WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Russian guide travelling with the group for 8 days through Russia
- + Local guide in St Petersburg, Novgorod and Moscow
- + Visit The State Hermitage Museum
- + Guided tour of the Moscow Kremlin

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Driving tour of St Petersburg with a local guide
- + Visit the State Hermitage Museum
- + Walking tour of Novgorod with a local guide
- + Driving tour of Moscow with a local guide
- + Guided tour of the Kremlin
- + Guided tour of Moscow's Metro
- + Visit to Lenin's tomb
- + Walking tour of Riga
- + Visit the Hill of Crosses
- + Walking tour of Vilnius
- + Driving tour of Warsaw

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Berlin
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Estonia - EUR
- + Russia - RUB
- + Latvia - EUR
- + Lithuania - EUR
- + Poland - PLN
- + Germany - EUR

Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP
LEADER

DAY 1 | TALLINN

Meet the group today and get ready for the ultimate Russian adventure. Pro tip: Old Town is where you'll get the best kind of Estonian #throwback vibes.

DAY 2 | TALLINN TO ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Cross the border to Russia for a tour of the country's former capital. Later, scoff some blini and caviar (yes, caviar) - and wash it down with a shot of vodka, if you wish. When in Rome...



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner

DAY 3 | ST. PETERSBURG

Today: a St Petersburg driving tour with a super knowledgeable local guide. Learn all the juicy insider info as you check out oh-so-many bucket list items. Anything called the Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood has got to be worth a look (and it really is). You won't be bored in St Petersburg, for sure.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of St Petersburg with a local guide

DAY 4 | ST. PETERSBURG

Dig into breakfast, then we're off on a guided tour of the Hermitage Museum. This place spans six palatial buildings, including the epic Winter Palace. Ah-maze! You won't want to miss this. Next: (window) shopping your way down Nevsky Prospect, the capital's main street.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the State Hermitage Museum

DAY 5 | ST. PETERSBURG TO NOVGOROD

Through the Russian countryside to the World Heritage-listed city Novgorod. Try: Medovukha, the Russian version of mead.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Novgorod with a local guide

DAY 6 | NOVGOROD TO MOSCOW

Roll into Moscow today, where the city is alive in rain, hail or shine. Believe it or not, Moscow sparkles - so be prepared for an incredible few days ahead. As you move through the city, spot the tangible reminders of Russia's involvement in modern history.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 7 | MOSCOW

Swing by the greats on today's driving tour, including Moscow University, Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral (aka the capital's technicolor sandcastle). Explore the Kremlin with our local guide before setting off to roam the streets. Tonight: get fancy with an optional evening at the Russian ballet. Clink that champagne and get those binoculars at the ready.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Moscow with a local guide
- + Guided tour of the Kremlin



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Tickets to a famous Russian ballet

DAY 8 | MOSCOW

Down we go for a guided tour of the not-so-mundane Moscow Metro. If you're picturing the Piccadilly or Central Line in London, think again. Not even close! We're talking chandelier-lined stations, each one more decadent than the last. Next: visit Lenin's tomb. Keep the history lesson going with an optional guided tour of the Kremlin Armoury.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Optional activity:
- + Guided tour of the Kremlin Armoury



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Guided tour of Moscow's Metro
- + Visit to Lenin's tomb

DAY 9 | MOSCOW TO VELIKIYE LUKI

Today it's out of Moscow and into Velikiye Luki, where we'll stay overnight. This town is also known as 'Small Stalingrad'.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 10 | VELIKIYE LUKI TO RIGA, LATVIA

Cross the border into Latvia. Riga's up next - another World Heritage star in an already studded Baltic lineup. Late medieval sights and lots of art nouveau await on today's guided walking tour. Key highlights: Power Tower, the Freedom Monument and Riga Cathedral. Oh, and the impressive House of Blackheads building - but more on that later.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Riga

DAY 11 | RIGA

You've got a free day today, so take the chance to explore Riga's wooden buildings and medieval Old Town. Set on the Baltic Sea at the mouth of the River Daugava, Riga offers a wide range of water activities, from canal boat tours to swimming at the beach. Tonight, hit up the town's cellar bars.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 12 | RIGA TO VILNIUS, LITHUANIA

Today we set our sights on the capital of Lithuania. Vilnius is home to Europe's largest baroque Old Town and the world's only statue of Frank Zappa (we know - the connection escapes us, too). Today's walking tour covers the Town Hall, Gediminas Tower and Vilnius Cathedral. As you make your way around, keep an eye out for the Gate of Dawn and St Anne's Church. Tonight: let your feet carry you to a local spot for dinner.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Hill of Crosses
+ Walking tour of Vilnius

DAY 13 | VILNIUS TO WARSAW, POLAND

On today's driving tour, you'll find that modern day Warsaw is a far cry from its war-torn past. Street art, picturesque lakes and epic street food are just the beginning.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Driving tour of Warsaw

DAY 14 | WARSAW

Today, Warsaw is all yours. Keep on exploring or simply sit back and eat your way through a bevy of Poland's notorious baked goods.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 15 | WARSAW TO BERLIN, GERMANY

Return to the scene of the crime, #Topdeckers: we're heading back to Berlin. Tonight: reminisce over a group dinner.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner

DAY 16 | BERLIN

Time for a few sad farewells: we're outta here after breakfast. Swap numbers and plan that next adventure together.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day (except on the first morning). Included meals will be a combination of those prepared by Topdeck On-Site Chefs, local restaurants and places in which we stay.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck app when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs, particularly in Eastern Europe. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!