



# From Vienna to Moscow

Exploring the Wonders of East Europe and Russia

21 DAY TOUR

APRIL 25 - MAY 15, 2019

TOUR HOSTS:

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St. David's Calgary Spiritual Travellers

FEATURING:

VIENNA • PRAGUE • KRAKOW • WARSAW • VILNIUS  
RIGA • TALLINN • ST. PETERSBURG • MOSCOW



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Join us as we travel through Eastern Europe, the Baltic States and Western Russia! We start in Austria, then travel to the Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Russia from St. Petersburg to Moscow, by bus and train. We visit many places featuring secular and religious history and enjoy many cultural sites and experiences. We view famous old cities, see spectacular scenery and meet wonderful friendly people along the way. Enroute we enjoy the distinct music and folklore of each region.



THURSDAY, APRIL 25

## Day 1 • Departure Day

Our wonderful journey begins as we meet our fellow travellers at the airport and board our overnight flight to Europe.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | D

## Day 2 • Vienna

Upon arrival, we will be met and transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight, we will gather with our traveling companions for a Welcome Dinner.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | BD

## Day 3 • Vienna

On a morning sightseeing tour, we will visit Hofburg Palace, once the center of the Habsburg monarchy, and see Belvedere Palace, Prater Amusement Park, the UN Buildings, St. Stephen's Cathedral, and other remnants of the city's imperial history. The afternoon is at leisure.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 | BD

## Day 4 • Prague

After breakfast, we head to the Czech Republic. Prague has a long and colorful history, from its early days as a bishopric, to becoming the residence of the Bohemian kings, and later the capital of both Bohemia and the Holy Roman Empire. We will end the day in Prague, with its Baroque churches, promenades, parks, and ancient city walls. The rest of the day is at leisure.

MONDAY, APRIL 29 | BD

## Day 5 • Prague

Built across seven hills on both banks of the Vltava River more than 1000 years ago, Prague is one of the most attractive cities in Europe. Our sightseeing starts with a panoramic drive to famous Wenceslas Square, Strahov Stadium, and Castle Square. Then, on a walking tour, visit the Royal Castle of Hradcany with the Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Old Royal Palace, St. George's Basilica and the Golden Lane with the Daliborka Tower. Cross the Charles Bridge and walk through the old quarter of Prague to view the Jewish Ghetto, Town Hall and world-famous Astronomical Clock. The afternoon is at our leisure. Tonight we will enjoy dinner and a Folklore show.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 | BD

## Day 6 • Krakow

After breakfast, we will drive across the unspoiled Polish countryside. We will continue to Slovakia and end the day in Krakow.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 | B

## Day 7 • Krakow

Our sightseeing tour today starts with a visit to Wawel Hill, viewing the Royal Castle and visiting the Royal Cathedral. We will enjoy a walking tour of the Old Town, where we will see the Main Market Square, Renaissance Cloth Hall, and St. Mary's Church. The afternoon is free for a stroll around the city, shopping, or maybe sample some bigos or pierogi in a little café.

THURSDAY, MAY 2 | BD

## Day 8 • Auschwitz - Warsaw

This morning we will tour haunting Auschwitz-Birkenau, the notorious World War II concentration camp. We will then journey to Czestochowa, known for the blackened picture of St. Mary in the Yasna Gora Monastery, popularly called the "Black Madonna." We will end the day in Warsaw.

FRIDAY, MAY 3 | BD

## Day 9 • Warsaw

Today we tour Warsaw, the 700-year-old capital of Poland. Our sightseeing tour here includes a drive along the famous Royal Route from magnificent Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, the summer residence of the last king of Poland. Pass by the Palace of Science and Culture (known as a "wedding cake"), the Saxon Gardens, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Monument to the Heroes of the Warsaw Ghetto, and the Barbican. Then on a walking tour, see the Old Town, Old Market Square, and St. John's Cathedral. The rest of the day is free for a stroll through the city, shopping or relaxing. After, we will enjoy a Chopin concert followed by dinner at our hotel.

SATURDAY, MAY 4 | BL

## Day 10 • Vilnius

As we leave Warsaw, take in the Polish countryside, cities, and towns. Then we'll cross the border and drive through the landscapes of Lithuania. We will arrive in Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. The rest of the day is at leisure to begin exploring the city with its interesting architecture.

SUNDAY, MAY 5 | B

### Day 11 · Vilnius

The city of Vilnius is located on the confluence of the Neris and Velnele Rivers. In Old Vilnius, we will visit St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and St. Anne's Church. We will spend time at Vilnius University, dating back to 1570, Gediminas' Tower in the Upper Town, and Vilnius Castle. In the afternoon we will take an excursion to Trakai, beautifully set on three lakes. There we will enjoy a tour of Trakai Island Castle.

MONDAY, MAY 6 | BD

### Day 12 · Riga

After our breakfast, we will travel to Riga, the capital of Latvia. We will check into our Hotel and spend the rest of the day in leisure.

TUESDAY, MAY 7 | B

### Day 13 · Riga

On a morning sightseeing tour, we will see Riga Castle, the magnificent Dome Cathedral, St. Jacobs Cathedral, St. Peter's Church, the Parliament building, Liberty Monument, and the district of Art Nouveau houses. Our afternoon and evening are free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 | BD

### Day 14 · Tallinn

Today our journey will take us to Tallinn, Estonia's capital, situated on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland. On a walking tour of Tallinn's Upper and Lower Old Town, we will visit the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral. Next, we will go to Toompea Castle and see the 14th-century gothic Town Hall.

THURSDAY, MAY 9 | BD

### Day 15 · St. Petersburg

Today our first stop is Narva, set just across the border with Russia. We will continue to St. Petersburg and enjoy the folk show at Nikolaevsky Palace. After the show we will check into our hotel and meet for dinner.

FRIDAY, MAY 10 | B

### Day 16 · St. Petersburg

There are not many cities in the world that can match the grace of St. Petersburg. When Peter the Great founded the city in 1703, he hired Europe's best architects, craftsmen, and artists to build and decorate it. Spread over 100 islands and linked by over 600 bridges, it

is often referred to as the "Venice of the North." Today the main sites to be visited on the tour are Palace Square with the Winter Palace, Senate Square with the monument to Russian Emperor Peter the Great, the founder of the city, St. Isaac's Square with St. Isaac's Cathedral, Smolny Cathedral, Cruiser Aurora, Field of Mars, and Nevsky Prospect. We will also see the Granite embankments of the Neva River and then visit Peter and Paul Fortress. We will then visit Peter and Paul Cathedral, which towers in the center of the fortress served as the burial place for Russian Emperors from Peter I. It is now a museum. After, we will join an Evening Canal Cruise.

SATURDAY, MAY 11 | BD

### Day 17 · St. Petersburg

This morning we'll make a high-light visit to the world-famous Hermitage, housing more than four million works of art. It ranks among one of the largest and oldest museums of the world, founded in 1764 by Catherine the Great. Admire the world-famous masterpieces by Leonardo da Vinci, Rafael, Titian, Rembrandt, El Greco, Velasquez, Rubens, Van Dyck, Goya, and French Impressionists. The Hermitage occupies five buildings, the largest is the Winter Palace, the former residence of Russian Emperors. This afternoon, we'll visit Catherine Palace & Park in Pushkin.

SUNDAY, MAY 12 | B

### Day 18 · Moscow

Today we will transfer to the railway station for our four-hour high speed Sapsan train to Moscow. Upon arrival at the Moscow train station, we will be taken for a short sightseeing trip before transferring to our hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure.

MONDAY, MAY 13 | BD

### Day 19 · Moscow

Today we travel 75 km North of Moscow, to a small town of Sergiev Posad, former Zagorsk – founded in the 14th century and renowned as a center of ancient Russian art and architecture. For centuries it served as a place of pilgrimage and the religious capital of Russia. Within the old walled city admire the fairy-tale golden and blue domes of the Holy Trinity St. Sergius Lavra, one of the most beautiful of all monasteries. After

lunch, return to Moscow and spend the rest of the afternoon at leisure. This evening we will take a Moscow by Night & Metro tour, to see the metro stations which Stalin called "Palaces for the People."

TUESDAY, MAY 14 | BD

### Day 20 · Moscow

Moscow, one of the largest cities in the world, is the symbolic heart and soul of the country. Our sightseeing tour begins at Red Square, dominated by colorful St. Basil's Cathedral and by the massive red walls of the Kremlin. Visit the Armory Museum, with its impressive collection of Tsarist, Russian, and foreign jewelry, armor, and other artifacts. Then walk by Moscow University. Continue with a drive along the wide boulevards and a stroll through GUM, Russia's largest department store. Continue, on the north bank of the River Moskva, passing by baroque Novodevichy convent; ending the tour at the popular Arbat shopping district. The rest of the day is at leisure. Celebrate tonight with a Farewell Dinner.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | BD

### Day 21 · Return Home

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Dinner and Folklore Show in Prague
- Chopin Concert
- Guided Tour at Trakai Island Castle
- Evening Canal Cruise in St. Petersburg
- Moscow Metro Tour

## SAVE UP TO \$500 PER PERSON

Ask us about our Early Booking and Rostad Frequent Traveller discounts

## DEPOSIT INFORMATION

- Deposit of \$300 is fully refundable until 100 days before departure
- Make cheques payable to Rostad Tours Ltd.
- Visa or MasterCard accepted

Call 1-800-361-8687

## TOUR HOSTS

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## PRICES

Calgary \$8599

Prices from other cities available upon request. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. The supplement for a single room is \$1,609 per person.

This tour is not subject to GST/HST.

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Return economy class airfare
- Current airline taxes, fuel surcharges and airport fees
- Superior Tourist class and First class hotels
- First class motorcoach
- Meals as shown (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner)
- Professional tour guide
- Sightseeing tours including entrance fees
- Luggage handling at hotels
- Tipping for all included services
- All foreign taxes
- Rostad Tours travel gift
- Comprehensive and personalized tour documentation
- Russian Visa - \$350

**Not Included:** Meals not shown on the itinerary, Beverages, Items of a personal nature, Any airline luggage fees, Increases to surcharges, taxes or fees, Insurance.

## WORLD HERITAGE SITES

- Vienna Historic Centre
- Prague Historic Centre
- Auschwitz Concentration Camp
- Warsaw Historic Centre
- Vilnius Historic Centre
- Historic Centre of Riga
- Historic Centre (Old Town) of Tallinn
- Saint Petersburg Historic Centre and Related Monuments
- Moscow Kremlin and Red Square

## TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

### Active



Able to walk 4-6 km on uneven surfaces such as cobblestone streets and be able to climb stairs or steep inclines unassisted.



# Tour Conditions & Information

## RESERVATIONS

A deposit of \$300 per person is required to make a reservation on this tour. This deposit is completely refundable up to 100 days prior to departure. A confirmation of your reservation will be forwarded to you after the deposit is received.

## FINAL PAYMENT

The final payment is due no later than 100 days before departure (January 15, 2019). A reminder will be sent to passengers in advance of this date. If you are joining the tour within 100 days of departure, full payment is required.

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

For payments made by credit card, we reserve the right to have credit card charges processed by the suppliers of travel services such as the airline, cruise line, etc. If this occurs, your payment will be split between Rostad Tours and the other suppliers and will appear as separate payments on your credit card statement. All credit card payments will be processed in Canadian dollars.

## SHARED & SINGLE ACCOMMODATION

Passengers must indicate at the time of booking whether they want to share a room or if they prefer a single room. Your roommate, if known, should also be indicated. If you do not have a roommate a single supplement will apply.

## RESERVATION CHANGES

If you want to change your reservation, such as change your departure city or plan an extended stay, you must submit your request to Rostad Tours in writing via mail or email (flights@rostad.com) at least 100 days prior to departure (January 15, 2019). Please note that your airfare may increase if you travel on different dates than the group or if you travel to a different city. Any subsequent changes,

cancellations of extension arrangements or changes requested within 100 days of departure are subject to a service fee of \$100 per person in addition to any fees charged by the various travel suppliers.

## TOUR PRICE

Prices are based on currency levels, airfares, fuel surcharges and taxes valid as of August 16, 2018. Although unlikely, we reserve the right to adjust prices if there are significant changes to any of the above elements.

## CANCELLATIONS

Your deposit is fully refundable for any reason up to 100 days prior to departure (January 15, 2019). Cancellations after this date are subject to the following maximum cancellation charges:

99 to 61 days prior to departure	50%
60 to 31 days	75%
30 to 0 days	100%

If you cancel, you will receive back all money paid towards the tour less the applicable cancellation fee. The charges apply to the base price of the tour only and do not include cancellation charges for any extra arrangements such as single supplement, accommodation upgrades, additional tours, etc.

## INSURANCE

We recommend that all passengers buy insurance to protect themselves against any possible cancellation charges or out-of-country medical expenses. An all-inclusive policy which has cancellation, hospital/medical and baggage coverage will be offered to Alberta residents prior to making their final payment. For passengers residing outside of Alberta, we will explain how you can obtain travel insurance direct

from our provider. We recommend that insurance be purchased when you register for the tour in order to ensure that emergent situations are covered.

## PASSPORTS

A passport is required for all tour participants. Your passport must be valid for at least six months past your intended return date. If you do not already have a passport, or if your current passport will expire within this period, apply for your new passport at least 125 days before departure. We require a copy of your passport 100 days prior to departure in order to issue your airline tickets. If you are a Canadian citizen you are responsible to ensure you have all documentation required to enter the countries you are visiting and for your return to Canada.

## HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

During walking tours you will likely experience uneven ground, cobblestone streets and various amounts of steps or stairs. For your enjoyment, and in fairness to your fellow passengers, you should be in good physical condition, with the ability to stand for reasonable periods of time and walk several kilometres easily. Should you feel a particular excursion may be too strenuous, you are welcome to forego the sightseeing tour and rest or explore on your own. At the time of printing, no inoculations are required for this tour. Consult with your doctor or travel clinic.

## TOUR DOCUMENTS

An extensive set of tour documents will be sent approximately 2-4 weeks prior to departure. Please notify our office in writing if you require any information in advance of this date.

## BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

Typically airlines allow you to check one suitcase free of charge but this is subject to change. In order to avoid excess bag-

gage fees, the dimensions of your suitcase should not exceed 60" (i.e. 30" length + 20" height + 10" width) and the weight should not exceed 23 kgs. Your suitcase will be portered at all hotels but tour members are responsible for their flight bags/carry-on luggage at all times. Rostad Tours accepts no responsibility for the loss of, or damage to, any baggage or any tour member's personal belongings.

## ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Rostad Tours reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to airline schedule changes or any other circumstances beyond our control. Every effort will be made to keep the tour as close as possible to the original itinerary.

## TOUR MEMBERSHIP

Rostad Tours reserves the right to reject any person as a tour member and to expel from the tour any person whose actions are deemed to be detrimental to the enjoyment of the tour by the other passengers. Children 6 years of age and under at the time the tour departs are considered too young to travel on tour.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Rostad Tours Ltd. of Calgary, Alberta act as agents for the various owners or contractors providing hotels, means of transportation or other services. Issuance and acceptance of the tour documents shall be deemed to be consent to the condition that Rostad Tours Ltd. shall not become liable or responsible in any way for any personal or property loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused or arising. In the event that we are forced to cancel a tour due to insufficient registrations, Rostad Tours Ltd.'s sole responsibility shall be the refund of all monies paid to Rostad Tours by the tour participant.



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## PASSENGER REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and mail it to the Tour Host or directly To Rostad Tours

If paying by credit card, you may also register by phone, fax or email a pdf of this form to Rostad Tours

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**Departs: April 25, 2019**

### PASSENGER INFORMATION

(1): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: 19 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Title Last Name First Name Year/Month/Day

(2): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: 19 \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Accommodation Requested:  Twin/Double or  Single Departure City: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ If unknown, would you like us to find you a roommate? \_\_\_\_\_

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### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Deposit Required (per person): \$300 x \_\_\_\_\_ = Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Deposit is fully refundable  
until January 15, 2019**

Payment Method:  Visa  Mastercard  Cheque (made payable to Rostad Tours)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

Cardholder Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that we reserve the  
right to have credit card payments  
processed by third parties such as  
airlines, cruise lines, etc.**

Cardholder Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail with payment to the address below:

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