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MAXIMUM OF
24 TRAVELERS

Imperial Splendors of

RUSSIA

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Inspiring Moments

A World of Discovery

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

This journey will inspire an exciting chapter in your own story as you explore Moscow, St. Petersburg and beyond. From the grandeur of the czars to enchanting nesting dolls and steamy black tea, your memories of Russia will enrich your life for years to come.

- ▶ Admire **Russia's cultural treasures**, from folk songs and handmade collectibles to priceless masterpieces.
- ▶ Stand in awe in historic, monumental **Red Square**.
- ▶ Escape the crowds with early access to the must-see **Hermitage Museum**.
- ▶ Feel the mist from the fountains as you stroll the grand promenades of **Peter the Great's opulent palace**.
- ▶ Be dazzled by the Russian baroque **Catherine Palace** and the mystery of the Amber Room.
- ▶ Take in sweeping vistas on the **Sapsan**, the high-speed train from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

Dear Texas Ex,

Please join a Flying Longhorns group for our **Imperial Treasures of Russia**. Experience the opulence, humanity and drama of Russia on this thoughtfully designed 10-day journey. From its golden spires and onion domes to its gingerbread cottages and babushkas, get to know a vast, intriguing land that can feel like a world away.

Carefully curated for your convenience and pleasure, the Imperial Splendors of Russia program delivers an insider's look at the world's largest country and still one of its most enigmatic. Daily discoveries introduce you to Russia's grandeur while local guides and enrichment opportunities shed light on Russia's history, secrets, humor and day-to-day life.

Our fascinating program delivers a seamless Russian adventure and an unparalleled travel value — including all excursions, illuminating lectures, friendly local guides and much more. On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at **800/594-3900** or **travel@texasexes.org** with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at **512/672-6134**.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team: Shelley, Janice, & Leslie

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GUM department store, Red Square, Moscow

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Moscow, Russia. 🌐

Day 2 | Moscow, Russia

Arrive and transfer 🔄 to the InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya.

This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Moscow

Discovery: Moscow Highlights and Red Square. With more than 12.1 million residents, Moscow is Russia's most populous city, as well as the largest one on the European continent. Become acquainted with its notable landmarks on a panoramic tour. See the vast fortifications of the Kremlin, bustling Tverskaya Street, Red Square, Manezhnaya Square and the Arbat, a pedestrian-friendly area and one of the city's oldest streets. Other highlights include the "Seven Sisters," known as Stalinskie Vysotki by Muscovites, a collection of skyscrapers commissioned by Stalin and constructed from 1947–1953. Visit the copper-domed Orthodox Cathedral of Christ the Savior, a 20th-century creation. Then step inside imposing Red Square. Visit the ornate GUM department store and stroll to St. Basil's Cathedral to admire its colorful onion domes.

Free Time: Enjoy lunch on your own.

Day 4 | Moscow

Enrichment: Russian Art. Examine diverse historical trends, including Byzantine-influenced

icons, neoclassical paintings and the modern art movement pioneered by Kandinsky and Chagall.

Discovery: Tretyakov Gallery. Witness the evolution of Russian sculptures and paintings in a striking collection that spans a thousand years. After your visit, enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Discovery: The Kremlin. Travel inside the red-walled Kremlin, a self-contained 15th-century city that includes palaces, gold-domed cathedrals and a medieval fortress. At the Armoury Chamber, marvel at the glittering treasures of Russian monarchs, including Fabergé eggs, gold and silver works of art, royal carriages and armor.

Day 5 | Moscow

Discovery: Novodevichy Cemetery. Founded in 1524 on the Moskva River, the Novodevichy complex was part of a defensive ring of monastery fortresses that once guarded Moscow. Take a



Arbat Street, Moscow



guided tour of the adjacent cemetery, where many prominent artists and political leaders, including Anton Chekhov, Nikolai Gogol, Nikita Khrushchev and Boris Yeltsin, are buried. Then, visit Victory Park on Poklonnaya Hill. Filled with monuments and fountains, this complex commemorates Russia's victory over Germany in World War II.

Discovery: Moscow Metro. Go underground to discover the city's uniquely beautiful Soviet-era Metro stations, featuring marble floors, chandeliers, mosaics and decorative artwork.

Free Time: Make your own plans for lunch and sightseeing this afternoon. Dine together at one of the city's fine restaurants.

Day 6 | St. Petersburg

After an early breakfast, transfer to the Leningradskaya rail station for your high-speed Sapsan train ride to St. Petersburg. Sapsan is the Russian word for the peregrine falcon, and like its namesake, this train is incredibly fast, zipping between cities at speeds of up to 155 miles per hour. Arrive in St. Petersburg



and transfer to the Angleterre Hotel.

Discovery: St. Petersburg Highlights.

Marvel at this picturesque city, founded in 1703 and lined with canals and hundreds of bridges due to its location across numerous islands in the delta of the Neva River. Admire the Bronze Horseman, the famous statue of Peter the Great on a rearing horse; the neoclassical gold-spired Admiralty; the Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood; as well as other historic monuments, palaces and churches that make St. Petersburg one of Europe's most dazzling cities. Visit lavish St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul





Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg

Fortress, home to some of the city's oldest buildings. Its cathedral holds the tombs of the most famous Russian czars. Enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 7 | St. Petersburg

Enrichment: Russian Music and Ballet.

Russian composers, choreographers and ballet dancers are among the upper echelon of the classical arts. Learn how the country's passion for music and dance fostered these talents.

AHI Connects: St. Petersburg Theater Classic Ballet School. Delight in an intimate look at the artistry of this ballet company, founded in 1996. After an introduction from the ballet group's director, observe the dancers' intense warm-up exercises at the barre from your seat in the practice room. Then watch the dancers gracefully pirouette, leap and glide in costume during an exclusive performance of pieces from famous ballets.

Relax over lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Free Time: Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.



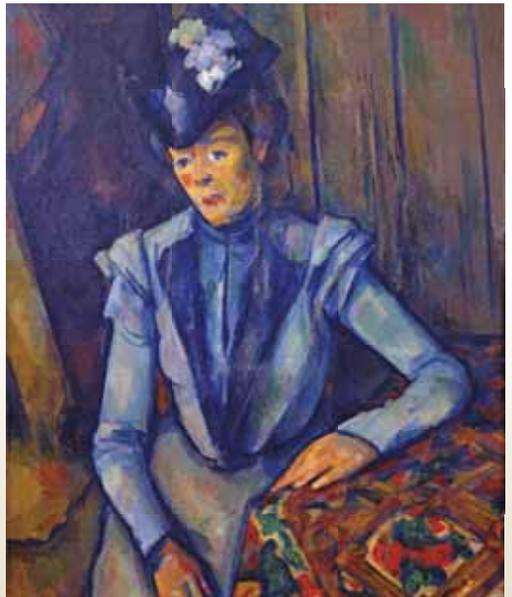
Ballet company, St. Petersburg

Enrichment: Czarist Russia. Czar, the Russian word for emperor, was the title given to the rulers of the Romanov Dynasty who determined Russia's destiny from 1613 to the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. Delve into the riveting story of their reign.

Day 8 | St. Petersburg

Discovery: State Hermitage Museum.

This acclaimed museum, which began as the private gallery for the acquisitions of Catherine the Great, contains one of the world's finest and broadest art collections, including paintings by French, Dutch and Italian masters; fine Asian art; Greek and Roman antiquities; Egyptian mummies and much more. On your half-day visit, enjoy early entry, which allows you to view the most popular exhibits before the museum



"Lady In Blue," Paul Cézanne, State Hermitage Museum



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Kremlin and Red Square, Moscow
2. Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent, Moscow
3. Historic Center of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments

opens to the public. The Hermitage is located within the opulent Winter Palace.

Discovery: Canal Cruise. Glide along the city's tranquil waterways on a short, guided boat ride this afternoon.

Free Time: Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Day 9 | Peterhof | Catherine Palace

Discovery: Peterhof. Be transported back in time to the reign of Peter the Great at his spectacular palace, Peterhof. Overlooking the Gulf of Finland, the estate delights visitors with expansive formal gardens, landscaped parkland, grottoes, statues and a remarkable array of magnificent fountains. Feel the cool mist as you stroll near the breathtaking Grand Cascade, which alone comprises 64 decorative fountains.

Discovery: Russian Folk Traditions. At a country house, savor lunch and sample vodka, then celebrate folk traditions during a show featuring live music and dancing.

Discovery: The Catherine Palace.

This afternoon, visit this splendid baroque residence built by Empress Elizabeth for her mother, Empress Catherine I, which was inspired by the palace at Versailles. Admire the Amber Room, an exquisite chamber decorated with gold leaf and intricate inlaid amber panels. The original priceless decorations were stolen by the Nazis during World War II and recreated later through a joint German-Russian effort.



This evening, gather for a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers to share stories of your Russian adventures and celebrate your journey.

Day 10 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer  to the airport for the return flight  to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions.*

 Flights and  transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- ▶ walking through train corridors whether the train is in motion or stopped



Canals of St. Petersburg

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations in the heart of each city. They are ideally situated for exploring Moscow and St. Petersburg's renowned landmarks while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



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ANGLETERRE HOTEL | ST. PETERSBURG



Imperial Splendors of Russia

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Ready to reserve? Contact the Flying Longhorns team via phone, email or fax!
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Please have the information outlined below available to share via phone or include it in your email.

Once your request is received in our Flying Longhorns office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office.
Send to: Texas Exes, P. O. Box 7278, Austin, TX 78713

Membership in The Texas Exes is a requirement for all participants in the Flying Longhorns travel program. Alumni, friends of the University, UT faculty and staff, and parents of current UT students are welcome to join. Our dues are 80% tax-deductible and memberships start at just \$50.

I/we would like to request _____ place(s). Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Full Legal Name (*exactly as it appears on passport*)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Sharing with _____
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$755 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

- Yes, I/we are requesting the AHI FlexAir to Moscow, Russia, with a return from St. Petersburg, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **June 11, 2021** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website, texas.ahitravel.com, on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our AHI travel experts.

Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: August 25 – September 3, 2021

Land Program dates: August 26 – September 3, 2021

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$4,245	\$250	\$3,995

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$395 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$755 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

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with AHI FlexAir.**

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace-of-mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

St. Isaac's Cathedral,
St. Petersburg



Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Petersburg

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INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

{with baggage handling}

- **4 nights** in Moscow, Russia, at the first-class InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya.
- **4 nights** in St. Petersburg at the first-class Angleterre Hotel.

Transfers

- All transfers in the Land Program: high-speed train and deluxe motor coaches, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Enjoy a panoramic tour of Moscow's highlights.
 - See the Kremlin and Red Square.
 - View the art of the Tretyakov Gallery.
 - Explore Novodevichy Cemetery and admire the Metro stations.
 - Delight in St. Petersburg's elegant ambience.
 - Witness ballet dancers in action up close.
 - Marvel at Peter the Great's majestic palace.
 - Feel like royalty at lavish Catherine Palace.
 - Revel in a live performance of Russian folk singing and dancing.
 - Benefit from early access to the Hermitage Museum.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - Free time to pursue your own interests.
 - A Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.



Winter Palace Square, St. Petersburg

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

- On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.
- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
 - ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
 - ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

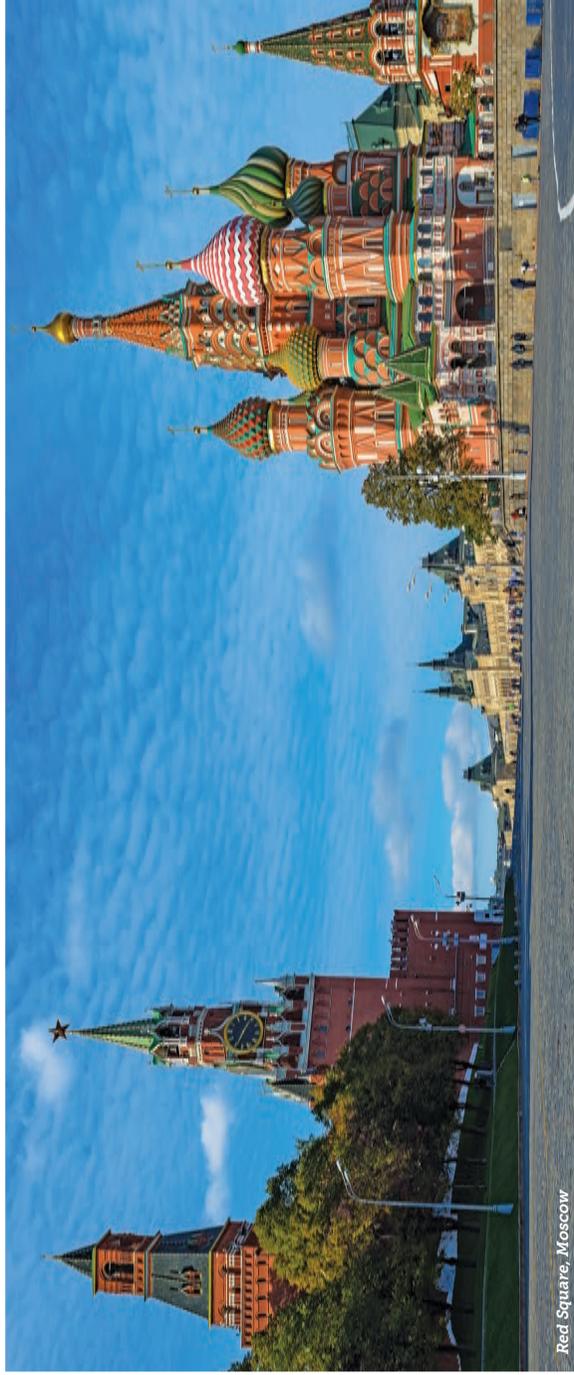
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Red Square, Moscow

Discover the history, humanity and mystique of Russia!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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