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❖ BERLIN (WARNEMUNDE), GERMANY

WAR-003 THE STREETS & CANALS OF BERLIN

Duration: 12.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$208.00 Retail Price: CA\$404.00

Date: August 20, 2022 06:30 AM

Settle in for a scenic drive across the German countryside to tour Berlin by coach and river cruise, with free time to add your own discoveries to the agenda. Many of the symbols in this reunited capital city still pack a powerful punch, like the monumental Brandenburg Gate, walled off with barbed wire from 1961 until East and West were reunited in 1990. Another classic Berlin icon is the Unter den Linden, the fashionable avenue of aristocratic old Berlin. Lined with stately linden trees, it stretches from the Brandenburg Gate to Alexanderplatz, once the heart of socialist East Germany. A stop at the East Side Gallery invites you to contemplate the messages embellishing a section of the actual Berlin Wall on which artists were invited to express themselves in paint. Midday brings free time to seek lunch on your own before regrouping for a cruise along the River Spree, where you'll pass must-see landmarks like the Reichstag and Charlottenburg Palace, large enough to hold several other palaces within its baroque walls. Additional free-range time for exploring Berlin at your leisure follows before the coach return to Warnemunde pier.

- Enjoy a comfortable panoramic drive through northern Germany and into its capital city.
- Survey Berlin's top landmarks by coach, including Brandenburg Gate and historic Unter den Linden.
- Encounter a section of the Berlin Wall painted by artists' expressing the power of freedom.
- Board a tour boat for a gentle cruise on the city's River Spree, bordered by signature landmarks.
- Lunch on your own and enjoy independent time for exploring as much or little as you choose.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. The tour includes little scheduled walking; that done during free time is at guests' discretion. There are 15 steps involved in boarding both the coach and boat. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide some orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. This tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Not all shops accept credit cards or USD; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

WAR-004 BERLIN ON YOUR OWN

Duration: 12.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$221.00

Date: August 20, 2022 06:30 AM

This non-guided tour is the perfect option for independent-minded travelers who relish the adventure of exploring at their own pace and with their own agenda. You'll depart Warnemunde pier by coach with your escort, traveling through northern Germany to arrive in central Berlin in about 3 hours' time. On arrival at the drop-off location, you'll have approximately 6 hours in town to do, see and savor whatever most captures your imagination. While this is to be a self-directed day, your escort will be available for a time to equip you with a Berlin map and provide information about places you may want to visit while in the city. They will also confirm the time and place to rendezvous later for the return journey. Keep in mind that museum and attraction hours vary by day and season, and that meal or admission costs incurred during this visit are your responsibility. At the appointed time and location, you'll rejoin your coach for the transfer back to Warnemunde. Plan this step wisely: those who run late for pickup must then make their own way back to the ship, at their own expense.

- Express your independence and keen traveler instincts by creating your own day in Berlin.
- Begin with a coach transfer to a convenient spot in the city center, accompanied by your escort.
- Make use of your escort's local knowledge to help get your day's itinerary sorted out.
- Once oriented, head out and spend a marvelous 6 hours or so exploring this multifaceted capital city.
- Be sure to return for pickup at the pre-set time and place for the return trip to Warnemunde.
- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; perhaps include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

Amount of walking and level of exertion on this independent tour are at guests' discretion. No guide services are included, only transportation to and from Berlin. An official escort will be on the coach and will provide city maps and limited information about places to visit while in town. Not all shops or restaurants accept credit cards or USD; bringing along some Euros or visiting a bank ATM on arrival is recommended. For most calls, drop off point is the Hilton Hotel Gendarmenmarkt; your Destinations Team will advise of any changes.



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WAR-005 THE BERLIN EXPERIENCE

Duration: 12.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$274.00** **Retail Price: CA\$470.00**

Date: August 20, 2022 06:30 AM

Enjoy an exceptionally scenic drive to Berlin, where you'll be introduced to top landmarks as you survey the city by coach. Many symbols in this reunited capital still pack a powerful punch, like the monumental Brandenburg Gate, walled off with barbed wire from 1961 until the divided city was reunified in 1990. Another must-see is the Unter den Linden; a fashionable, tree-lined avenue of aristocratic old Berlin that stretches from Brandenburg Gate to Alexanderplatz in what was once the heart of socialist East Germany. At the East Side Gallery, you'll contemplate a section of the actual Berlin Wall embellished with messages painted by artists, both famous and obscure. Encounter other sights that serve as poignant reminders of Berlin's earlier divided-city years as you visit Checkpoint Charlie – the infamous Cold War crossing point featured in so many spy stories – and feel the postwar era come alive at the Allied Museum and Tempelhof Airlift Memorial in the old American Sector. Midday brings free time for lunch on your own before traveling to more attractions like the Reichstag and new Memorial for the Victims of War and Dictatorship. Some more free time for shopping precedes the coach return to Warnemunde.

- Enjoy a comfortable panoramic drive through northern Germany and into its capital city.
- Encounter classic Berlin landmarks like the Brandenburg Gate, Reichstag and Unter den Linden.
- See a section of the old Berlin Wall embellished by artists expressing the power of freedom.
- Stop at iconic Cold War sites including Checkpoint Charlie and the Allied Museum.
- Savor free intervals for lunch and for shopping on your own in this exciting, cosmopolitan city.
- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. Some easy-to-moderate walking is involved at the stops, plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps involved in boarding the coach. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. While not recommended, this tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended.

WAR-005SG THE BERLIN EXPERIENCE - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 12.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$326.00** **Retail Price: CA\$522.00**

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- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. Some easy-to-moderate walking is involved at the stops, plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps involved in boarding the coach. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. While not recommended, this tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended.



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WAR-006 ECHOES OF THE PAST - JEWISH HERITAGE

Duration: 12.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$195.00** **Retail Price: CA\$391.00**

Date: August 20, 2022 06:30 AM

Travel through the hills of northern Germany to Berlin on an expedition focused on iconic landmarks with ties to Jewish history, including the exceptional Jewish Museum Berlin with a photo stop at the Holocaust Memorial. A panoramic three-hour drive through pastoral heath and moorland provides the ideal relaxed prelude before the emotional impact of touring a museum that chronicles 2,000 years of German-Jewish life. Even the Jewish Museum's building packs a punch; clad in zinc metal and vaulting skyward, it elicits inspiration and hope – a response fully intended by its superstar architect, Daniel Libeskind. Following your museum visit, which includes free time for lunch at the in-house café, you'll reboard the coach to survey sights significant to every Berliner, Jewish or otherwise. See tree-lined Unter den Linden, the promenade of aristocratic old Berlin. Gaze at the über-historic Brandenburg Gate and marvel at the Reichstag, rebuilt under the direction of superstar architect Norman Foster and once again home to Germany's parliament. An especially haunting highlight of the afternoon will be your visit to the Topography of Terror, an open-air photography exhibit located on the former site of the Nazi's Gestapo and SS headquarters. It's impossible to stand at this spot without hearing powerful echoes of the past. Before saying goodbye to Berlin, you'll stop for photos at Charlottenburg Palace.

- Sit back for a leisurely panoramic drive through rural northern Germany and into Berlin.
- Visit the landmark New Jewish Museum Berlin and take an emotional journey through 2,000 years of Jewish life in Germany.
- Take a break to enjoy lunch on your own at this inspiring venue.
- Tour the city of Berlin by coach, encountering iconic sights with ties to history and Jewish life here.
- Visit the open-air Topography of Terror exhibition at the former Gestapo and SS headquarters site.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin. Approximately 1.5 hours of walking are required at the Jewish Museum, plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. There are steps involved in boarding the coach. The order of sites visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to provide orientation information for use during self-guided intervals. The tour is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended.

WAR-016 THE ROYAL ROUTE - BERLIN TO POTSDAM

Duration: 12.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$156.00** **Retail Price: CA\$352.00**

Date: August 20, 2022 06:30 AM

This scenic excursion first visits Berlin, then travels the classic route of the Prussian Emperors to tour historic Potsdam. It begins with a three-hour jaunt to Berlin, much of it across pastoral heath and moorland. Once in the city, your panoramic drive includes highlights like Gendarmenmarkt square, the majestic Victory Column, the Reichstag, and famously tree-lined Unter den Linden, running between Brandenburg Gate and Lustgarten Park. To set the stage for royal splendors to come, you'll also see the city palace restoration and imposing Berlin Cathedral, where the Hohenzollern Royal Family rests. Then it's on to Potsdam – summer getaway of kings and emperors – via Royal Route No. 1, the first Prussian Highway. Along the way, you'll cross the Bridge of Glienicke, famously used for exchanging spies during the Cold War. Soon, you'll find yourself squarely in history at Cecilienhof Palace, site of the 1945 Potsdam Conference where Truman, Churchill and Stalin engineered the division of postwar Germany. Following free time for lunch on your own, you'll tour another famous kingly palace, Sanssouci, nestled atop six terraced vineyards and ranked as one of Europe's premier Rococo buildings. A leisurely stroll through Potsdam's café- and shop-filled Dutch Quarter rounds out this marvelous day.

- Settle into the scenery on a leisurely drive through rural northern Germany and into Berlin.
- Take in many of Berlin's most famous sights on an orientation spin through this landmark-filled capital.
- Travel the famed Prussian Highway to Potsdam – where German royals got away from it all in summer.
- Visit Cecilienhof Palace, venue of the 1945 Potsdam Conference, and sumptuous Palace Sanssouci, with its terraced vineyards.
- Enjoy lunch on your own in Potsdam and take some time to wander the lively Dutch Quarter.
- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of coach travel each way to Berlin/from Potsdam and includes over 1.5 hours of walking/standing on flat, as well as stone, gravel and cobbled surfaces, inclines and some steps. Additional walking and level of exertion during free time are at guests' discretion. To avoid congestion, the order of sights visited may vary. An official escort will be in the coach to/from Berlin and you will meet your guide on arrival. It is suggested to bring Euros as not all shops accept US currency or credit cards. Most shops are closed on Sundays. The Cecilienhof Palace is closed on Mondays; guests will visit the Neue Palais instead.

WAR-GL1 LOCAL COLORS, LOCAL FLAVORS

Duration: 12.00 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$182.00** **Retail Price: CA\$378.00** **GL**

Date: August 20, 2022 06:30 AM

Become immersed in the culture of Berlin leading up to World War II and how it has radically changed, turning Germany's capital into a progressive and eco-friendly city. For a glimpse into Berlin's shameful past, you will behold an art installation of signs in the Bavarian Quarter that spell out former Nazi laws against the Jews. The signs are unsettling and dehumanizing and depict just how cruelly Jews were treated during that dark period. You will also see the former Tempelhof Airport, an absolutely massive structure that was built as a symbol of Nazi power and later used in the post-war Berlin Airlift that brought supplies to West Berlin. Following free time at a trendy market hall, you will visit Klunkerkränich, a rooftop garden bar that offers extraordinary views of the city. To round out the experience, you will next see Prinzessinnengarten, an ingenious project that has turned an urban wasteland into a green garden oasis.

- See how the culture of Berlin has changed dramatically and positively since World War II.
- Observe disturbing symbols of the Nazis' power leading up to and during the war.
- Delight in Berlin's inclusive contemporary culture at a market hall and at a restaurant.
- Marvel at the way an urban wasteland was transformed into a garden oasis.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.
- Bring Euros as not all shops accept U.S. currency or credit cards.

The travel time to and from Berlin is about three hours each way. This tour includes about 2¼ hours of walking and standing on surfaces that may be level, cobblestone, gravel and sand, with a few steps to negotiate at all sites. This tour is not available for wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns. An official escort will be in the coach to and from Berlin, and you will meet your city guide on arrival. As the Market Hall is closed on Sundays, the tour will instead include a visit to the Mauerpark flea market, where you might have lunch on your own at the self-service stands. This tour has a limited capacity; therefore, it is recommended that guests pre-book this tour as early as possible.

WAR-011 FAIRY TALE CASTLE SCHWERIN

Duration: 5.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$208.00

Date: August 20, 2022 08:15 AM

You are cordially invited to join us on a scenic 90-minute coach journey to an even more scenic destination, one of Germany's most romantic castles. Castle Schwerin sits on its own island in the lake of its namesake town, the capital of Mecklenburg. You'll first see it from a relaxing lake cruise, then by guided tour as you enter this truly spectacular royal residence, topped with more decorative towers and turrets than even the most audacious French chateau. Touring this museum-like former home of the Dukes of Mecklenburg, you'll gain many insights into the life of Pomeranian royalty – and it wasn't modest. Intricate wood carvings, fine silk wallpapers and masterfully painted ancestral portraits are everywhere. While the structure dates back only to the mid-1800s, Schloss Schwerin evokes a time that is far older – and has a fantasy style that's pure Baroque-era splendor. Once your castle tour is completed, take some free time in Schwerin city center before the return to Warnemunde pier. Perhaps you'll browse for mementos of your visit or simply find an inviting place to sit back and relax while nibbling on a local specialty – accompanied by beer, of course. This is Germany, after all.

- Travel by coach across pastoral inland Mecklenburg to its famous capital city of Schwerin.
- From the waters of a placid town lake, view Castle Schwerin set romantically on its own island.
- Enjoy a guided inside tour of the castle, a fairytale residence that demonstrates just how sumptuously a royal family can live.
- Spend free time in Schwerin, browsing the shops or sampling the menu of an inviting eatery or beer garden.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes some 3 hours of round-trip coach travel and 1 hour of moderate walking at the castle, with approximately 60 steps to negotiate. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Most shops are closed on Sundays.

WAR-001 AMAZING ROSTOCK

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$195.00

Date: August 20, 2022 09:00 AM

Amble through 800 years of maritime history on a guided Rostock walk that also includes a brewery stop and free time for independent exploration. This lively harbor and university city along the Warnow River has been a power player in shipbuilding and fishing ever since the heyday of the Hanseatic League – and despite heavy damage in WWII still has the buildings to prove it. Your stroll through the city center provides encounters with ancient towers, imposing fortifications, gabled houses from the 15th century and inspiring churches and abbeys, foremost of which is Marienkirche, a true Gothic stunner. During your free time here, you might browse the shops of picturesque New Market Square in the heart of old town, or stop in at the city's signature medieval monastery, now home to a cultural history museum. And your reward for all this walking around? That visit to a Rostock brewery complex, where you'll be invited to sample fresh-brewed German beer along with its ideal accompaniment, a salty pretzel.

- Enjoy a guided Rostock walk that brings you past landmark buildings dating back to Hanseatic times.
- Spend free time exploring further or window-shopping in vibrant New Market Square.
- Visit a local brewery and sample their delicious wares. With a pretzel, of course.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking over mostly flat surfaces but with some cobblestones and steps involved. Not all shops accept credit cards or USD; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Guided visit of St. Mary's will not be possible during religious services; in this case, your guide will provide commentary from the outside and you will enter on your own. It is suggested to bring Euros as not all shops accept US currency or credit cards. All shops are closed on Sundays. As tour visits a place of worship, please wear non-revealing, conservative attire that covers knees and shoulders.

WAR-001SG AMAZING ROSTOCK - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$65.00

Retail Price: CA\$234.00

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WAR-012 MEDIEVAL FLAVORS OF ROSTOCK

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$195.00

Date: August 20, 2022 09:00 AM

Discover the many Middle Age charms of Rostock on a delightful guided walk that visits key town landmarks, then takes you to a church tower high above them all. The coach transfer from Warnemunde provides views of the suburbs of this Hanseatic harbor city before arriving in Rostock city center, where you'll embark on your leisurely stroll. Among the diverse highlights encountered will be the venerable University of Rostock, the gardens of Holy Cross Convent, the vibrant shopping mile known as Kropelin Street, the old library and the evocatively playful Fountain of Joy. At picturesque New Market Square, you'll have a chance to admire Rostock's very pink Town Hall and St. Mary's Church, a true Gothic stunner. Free time in town allows for making more discoveries on your own before reboarding the coach for a short hop to St. Peter's, oldest of the town's three principal churches. Its rebuilt 360-foot tower is equipped with a modern elevator for a smooth ride up to an observation level that offers amazing bird's-eye views over all of Rostock. A champagne reception awaits you here and your excursion concludes with an interesting studio demonstration of antiquated blueprinting.

- Experience Rostock's medieval landmarks up-close on a guided walk through its historic district.
- Ascend to the top of St. Peter's Church by elevator for high-altitude views over the city.
- Enjoy a champagne reception and a visit to a blueprint studio that keeps the old techniques alive.
- Travel to and from Rostock by coach, gaining perspective on this Hanseatic port's 800-year history.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking over mostly flat surfaces. Guests not wishing to use the elevator at St. Peter's Church may reach the top via climbing 196 steps. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended. All shops are closed on Sundays. As tour visits a place of worship, please wear non-revealing, conservative attire that covers knees and shoulders.

WAR-012SG MEDIEVAL FLAVORS OF ROSTOCK - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$65.00

Retail Price: CA\$248.00

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WAR-013 BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$195.00

Retail Price: CA\$391.00

Date: August 20, 2022 09:00 AM

Get a candid look at the weaponry and vehicles that Germany and Russia used during World War II and the Cold War. You will first visit a technology museum housed in a former air force base. The curator will accompany you through the hangars while describing the collection. Hangar One contains military vehicles such as Panzers, which are armored tanks that Germany produced until the end of World War II. You will even have the opportunity to be a passenger in a Panzer and experience the sheer power of these heavily armed tanks. Other attractions include motorcycles, police cars, helicopters and former Russian government limousines. Browsing the vehicles and aircraft and then watching a S-IL truck demonstrate its missile-launching capabilities will provide great insight into the mindsets of wartime Germany and Cold War communist Russia. You will then tour nearby Rostock, a city known for its characteristic deep-red brick buildings from Hanseatic times.

- Browse a collection of weapons and vehicles used during World War II and the Cold War.
- Experience the sheer power of a Panzer military vehicle as a passenger.
- Gain great insight into the mindsets of wartime Germany and Cold War communist Russia.
- Enjoy a brief tour of Rostock's brick buildings from Hanseatic times.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This excursion is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns.



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Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$221.00**Date: August 20, 2022 02:00 PM**

Take a drive into Germany's pastoral Mecklenburg district and ride the narrow-gauge rails to a classic seaside resort once favored by Dukes, Kaisers and Tsars. This road and rail voyage brings you through some of the country's most sparsely populated terrain, a delightful marshland dotted with traditional villages and what seem to be thousands of pristine lakes. In the town of Bad Doberan, tucked between ancient beech forests and the Baltic Sea, you'll encounter several medieval treasures including a 700-year-old Cistercian abbey considered one of the Baltic region's finest Brick Gothic buildings. Stepping off the coach at the Molli train station, you'll climb aboard a historic narrow-gauge steam train for a true ride back in time. Your destination is Heiligendamm, Germany's oldest seaside resort, founded in 1793 as the summer residence of the local royalty. It feels royal still, with its line of sprawling white shorefront hotels and mansions. After a time, you'll head for refreshments and homemade German cake at a restaurant along the central beach promenade in Kühlungsborn – another spa town just up the coast, with its own grand buildings and even grander stories.

- Travel into the Mecklenburg countryside – a place of beech forests, marshes, lakes and the sea.
- Pass scenic villages en route to Bad Doberan, home to a very famous medieval abbey.
- Board the Molli train for an unforgettable narrow gauge, steam-powered voyage to the coast.
- Step off in the seaside resort town of Heiligendamm, long the playground of the privileged.
- Enjoy cake and refreshments along the promenade in neighboring seaside Kühlungsborn.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes a small amount of moderate walking, with high steps involved in boarding the coach and train. The order of sites visited may vary. Credit cards or USD are not always accepted; bringing along some Euros is recommended. Most shops are closed on Sundays.



❖ TALLINN, ESTONIA

TLL-007 COUNTRYSIDE FISHING AND LUNCH

Duration: 6.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$169.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$365.00



Date: August 22, 2022 10:15 AM

The history, culture and people of Estonia's capital city are yours to discover during this scenic orientation tour of Tallinn. Depart the pier for the drive through Tallinn's Old Town. Along the way, you will pass the 13th-century town, which features several Medieval towers, a main railway station, the National Library, Freedom Square with St. George's and St. John's Churches, Bank of Estonia, National Opera Theatre, and the modern buildings of the New City. Next, you will continue along the picturesque North Estonian landscape and past Lahemaa National Park to Käsmu, a village of sea captains, and site of a marine school from 1884 -1932. Upon arrival, a stop will be made at the Käsmu Maritime Museum, which is located in the former border guard station. From here, you will drive past the summer resort of Võsu, Sagadi Manor House and Forestry Museum, where a brief stop will be made to learn about the present and past lives of the noble families living in the Estonian forest. You will then proceed for lunch at Pihuvere Farm, an interesting farmstead in Haljala that plays an interesting role in the history and culture of the village. Here you will have an opportunity to catch a fish, and have it prepared to eat. Following your visit, you will rejoin the coach for the return drive to the pier and ship. Please note: This tour includes approximately 2.5 hours of moderate walking, over a gravel path and some steps to negotiate (approximately 10). This tour is not considered suitable for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted.

TLL-001 TALLINN WALKING TOUR AND CONCERT

Duration: 3.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$0.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$117.00

Date: August 22, 2022 12:30 PM, 01:00 PM, 01:30 PM

Watch the beauty and wonder of Estonia come alive during this unforgettable walking tour of scenic Tallinn. Depart from the Port of Tallinn, and transfer to Old Tallinn at Mere Boulevard. Upon arrival, you'll meet your guide and begin your walking tour of the city. At the corner of Uus Street, you'll see the monument by Finnish architect Jorma Mukala devoted to the shipwreck of The Estonia. Next, you'll pass St. Olav's Church, the highest church in Estonia, and noted as one of the tallest buildings in Europe in the Middle Ages. A group of old houses called Three Sisters has been converted into a hotel, and hosted Queen Elizabeth II during her overnight visit to Tallinn in October 2006. On Pikk Street, you'll see the remains of former merchant homes, along with the imposing merchants guild, House of the Blackheads. The first religious services in Estonia were held at the Church of Holy Spirit, which is still in operation today, and features a 17th-century street clock. Continue on to Town Hall Square, the central square of Old Tallinn, where you'll have an opportunity to buy some typical Estonia souvenirs, including woolen socks, wooden toys and linen clothing. From there, you'll visit the Dominican Monastery to enjoy a short concert of ancient music. After the concert, take a stroll through Catherine's Passage to Mürivahe Street, where you can buy famous Estonian sweaters and scarves. On your return, it's possible to see the wonderful flower market on Viru Street. Please note: This tour includes approximately 1.5 miles of moderate walking, including inclines, uneven surfaces, at times over cobblestones and some steps to negotiate, plus any additional walking at the guests' discretion during free time. Cafés may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted. Streets in Tallinn's Old Town are cobbled in many places, and extra care should be taken. Flat-soled shoes are recommended for this tour. This tour is not considered suitable for guests who utilize a wheelchair or those with mobility concerns. Order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed.



TLL-001SG TALLINN WALKING TOUR AND CONCERT - SMALL GROU

Duration: 3.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$65.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$221.00

Date: August 22, 2022 12:30 PM, 01:00 PM, 01:30 PM

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TLL-005 OLD TALLINN & CHOCOLATE MAKING WORKSHOP WITH MA

Duration: 4.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$261.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$457.00

Date: August 22, 2022 12:30 PM, 01:30 PM

If you love chocolate, you'll simply adore this chocolate workshop and walking tour in Old Tallin. Master Pierre is one of the best-known confectioners in Estonia, going from a single chocolate recipe to over 60 recipes and two popular retail establishments frequented by chocolate lovers from near and far. The secret of his success is a pursuit of perfection, delicate sense of taste and sensitive hands. He has shared his ideas and knowledge with his good colleague Kaspar, who is now also one of the best-known confectioners in Estonia. Depart from the pier via coach to the main railway station to begin your walking tour. You will pass by the Old Town wall and Long Leg Gate, or Pikk Jalg Gate. Continue walking along narrow cobblestone streets to the Town Hall Square. There, you'll view picturesque old buildings that include the Town Hall, built in 1404, and the Town Council's Apothecary, built in 1422. Next, you will proceed through Pharmacy Lane, or Apteegi Lane, then on to Vene Street and the Medieval Master's Courtyard, location of the famous Café & Chocolaterie Pierre. Over the next two hours, you will learn how to make delicious fillings for your truffles, and cover them with chocolate. You'll enjoy making your own truffles with different flavors, ingredients and spices while being serenaded by the sounds of good music. After the chocolate workshop, you'll visit the handicraft workshops at Catherine's Passage. A brief stop will then be made to shop for wool and linen products at the street market on Müürivahe Lane. Following your walking tour in Old Tallinn, you'll rejoin your coach for the return drive to the ship. Please note: This tour includes approximately 1.5 miles of moderate walking, over cobblestone surfaces, gravel path and some steps to negotiate, plus any additional walking at the guests' discretion during free time. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour is not considered suitable for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted.

TLL-006 ESTONIA'S SOVIET PAST

Duration: 4.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$0.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$169.00

Date: August 22, 2022 12:30 PM

Relive Estonia's turbulent past and fight for freedom from Soviet oppression during this memorable tour of Tallinn. Depart the pier for the drive to the seaplane harbor, where you will view Estonian navigational exhibits. Next, you will drive to the Old Town for an exterior visit to the KGB House. The memorial tablet on the wall still evokes the tragedies that began here. Next, you will drive to the eastern part of Tallinn, and a visit to the Forest Cemetery. Here, you will see the grave of Estonia's first president, Konstantin Päts, perhaps the best-known victim of Soviet repression. Next to the cemetery soars the TV tower, which stands as a memorial to the demonstrations against Soviet power during the Moscow uprisings in the early 1990's. You will then have an opportunity to explore the everyday life of Soviet people during a drive through the vast apartment district of Lasnamäe on the return drive to the city. Your tour concludes with a visit to the Estonian Museum of Occupation, where articles from the everyday lives of Soviet people are displayed. You will see a phone box, Soviet car, vouchers for buying food, etc., and learn about Soviet repression from one of the victims who suffered at the hands of the KGB. Following your tour, you will be transferred back to the pier and ship. Please note: This tour involves negotiating numerous steps (approximately 60) and some uneven ground. This tour is not considered suitable for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Order of sights visited may vary and the itinerary may be reversed. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted.

TLL-002 UPPER TOWN AND ROCCA AL MARE WITH FOLK SHOW

Duration: 3.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$0.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$195.00

Date: August 22, 2022 12:45 PM

Drive from the port directly to Tallinn's Upper Town, passing ancient walls and tower gateways and disembark the coach at Tall Hermann Tower from which flies the national blue, black and white flag. Walk up Toompea Hill to Palace Square. View the baroque Toompea Castle, now the residence of the Estonian Parliament and visit the lovely Russian Orthodox Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, a dominating feature of Upper Town's city skyline, and home to numerous golden icons and mosaics. Continuing along Tallinn's medieval cobbled streets you will visit the gothic Dome Church, also known as St. Mary's Cathedral. Continue to the scenic viewpoint over the Lower Town where you will have a brief opportunity for shopping. Re-board your coach at Tall Hermann and drive to Rocca al Mare to visit the Museum's 18th and 19th century village buildings including a windmill, a church and farms, all situated in a pleasantly wooded park. Local performers in national costume will present a folkloric show and refreshments (tea or coffee and a traditional pastry) will be served at the local inn. Browse the museum's gift shop before the return drive to the port. Please note: The Dome Church regrets that interior visits are not possible during services on Sunday mornings. Please note there are cobbled streets and uneven paths in the old town, plus some steps to climb. At Rocca al Mare, the paths are flat but uneven. This tour involves approximately 2 hours of walking. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted.



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TLL-003 BIKING IN RURAL ESTONIA AND OLD TOWN

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$195.00

Date: August 22, 2022 01:00 PM

Depart the port by coach for a 30 minute drive to the more tranquil roads around Rocca Al Mare. Your mountain bike will be ready upon your arrival and you will take a few minutes to get set. The terrain and scenery in this area are suited for viewing from the seat of a bike. You will be accompanied by a guide on a lead bicycle for the leisurely ride along country roads to the open air museum of Rocca Al Mare. At the conclusion of your 1-hour ride, you will have refreshments of tea, coffee and barley cake in the Inn at Rocca Al Mare. Return to Tallinn by coach for a walking tour of Lower Town. The coach will stop at the beginning of Nunne Street. You will walk via Nunne Street to Pikk Street enjoying a view of Upper Town and pass the House of Great Guilds and the Church of the Holy Spirit, on your way to Town Hall Square. You will have the opportunity to view the famous Town Hall. There will be free time to visit numerous shops and cafes. Walk back to your coach via Viru Street taking a short stop at Müürivahe handicraft market. Rejoin your coach on Mere Boulevard for your return journey. Please note: Bicycle helmets are provided, cycling is at your own risk. Dress appropriately for cycling and understand that the tour involves approximately 1 hour of cycling and 1 hour of walking. Children's sized bikes are not available. Guests must be 5 feet in height in order to participate. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted.



TLL-009SG PANORAMIC TALLINN - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$65.00 Retail Price: CA\$221.00

Date: August 22, 2022 01:00 PM

Enhance your shoreside experience with a Regent Choice small group tour. Hosting no more than 16 guests, these tours provide a more intimate experience and allow for more personal engagement with your knowledgeable guide. Your tour begins with a scenic drive through the cultural heart of Tallinn. View the Tall Herman Tower (from the outside), one of the three remaining towers of the Knights of the Sword Castle. From the base of the nearby cannon tower, enjoy a wonderful view of the churches and towers of Tallinn's Upper Town. Continue on through Kadriorg Park, a true highlight with its charming Baroque ensemble that was designed as a summer residence for Peter the Great. Visit the Song Festival Ground, a natural amphitheater that hosts Estonia's national song festivals. Next, drive through a beautiful residential area drowned in greenery to the popular Pirita beach. From here it's on to the lovely St. Birgit's Convent, an outstanding monument of the 15th- century limestone architecture. As you make your way back to the pier, you'll drive past the summer residence of count Orlov and the delightful statue of Russalka, Estonia's mermaid, on the sea coast. Please note: This tour includes approximately 50 minutes of optional easy walking, and 15 steps to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and ability and may make arrangements with the guide to not participate in some of the walking portions of the tour. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walkig shoes are recommended. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary.

TLL-009 PANORAMIC TALLINN

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$169.00

Date: August 22, 2022 01:15 PM

Your tour begins with a scenic drive through the cultural heart of Tallinn. View the Tall Herman Tower (from the outside), one of the three remaining towers of the Knights of the Sword Castle. From the base of the nearby cannon tower, enjoy a wonderful view of the churches and towers of Tallinn's Upper Town. Continue on through Kadriorg Park, a true highlight with its charming Baroque ensemble that was designed as a summer residence for Peter the Great. Visit the Song Festival Ground, a natural amphitheater that hosts Estonia's national song festivals. Next, drive through a beautiful residential area drowned in greenery to the popular Pirita beach. From here it's on to the lovely St. Birgit's Convent, an outstanding monument of the 15th- century limestone architecture. As you make your way back to the pier, you'll drive past the summer residence of count Orlov and the delightful statue of Russalka, Estonia's mermaid, on the sea coast. Please note: This tour includes approximately 50 minutes of optional easy walking, and 15 steps to negotiate. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned only to participate to the extent of their personal stamina and ability and may make arrangements with the guide to not participate in some of the walking portions of the tour. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walkig shoes are recommended. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary.



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TLL-004 KADRIORG PALACE AND TALLINN ENVIRONS

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$195.00



Date: August 22, 2022 01:30 PM

Depart from the port for a scenic sightseeing drive to Kadriorg Park, founded by Peter the Great in honor of his empress wife Catherine I. Its magnificent scale is enhanced by its setting in tiered gardens in contrasting styles. The Swan Pond, with its picturesque island and the grottos in the upper garden, is a visual delight. Kadriorg means "Catherine's Valley" in Estonian, though the palace was seldom visited by the Tsarina. Since the Russian Revolution the ornate palace rooms have been used as an art museum and, following closure in recent years, Kadriorg has reopened in its former glory. Should Kadriorg Palace be closed to the public due to an official event, you will visit Mikkel's Museum instead. The private collection of Johannes Mikkel was opened in the former kitchen building of the Kadriorg palace. The wooden guards' house opposite the gates of the palace that was originally built at the beginning of the 19th century has been completely restored. Mikkel's ceramics collection is one of the largest and most valuable of its kind in Estonia. It is almost the only local collection that provides quite a complete picture of the history of European porcelain art. Take a stroll through the Lower Garden and walk along the scenic park avenue. View the President's residence and the house of Peter the Great, before arriving at Russalka monument. The monument depicts an angel with a cross and commemorates the many Russian sailors who lost their lives on the ship Russalka. Here you can enjoy a pleasant view over the bay and the towers of old Tallinn before rejoining your coach. Enjoy a scenic drive through the residential areas of Kose and Pirita before returning to the port.

This tour emphasizes art painting and is for art lovers. It also involves approximately 2 hours of walking, mostly on gravel paths. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Cafés and shops may insist on Euro currency and US dollars may not be accepted.



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❖ ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

LED-011 CATHERINE'S PALACE IN PUSHKIN

Duration: 4.25 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$208.00

Date: August 23, 2022 08:15 AM

Depart on your tour to one of the most splendid royal summer residences, Tsarskoye Selo, which after the revolution acquired the name of Pushkin, after Alexander Pushkin, Russia's most celebrated early 19th century poet and writer. Following an hour long drive you will tour Catherine palace which is considered to be one of the masterpieces of the world architecture. The lavish imperial palace was designed by architect Rastrelli in 1752 for Empress Elizabeth. She named it Catherine Palace in honor of her mother, Catherine I, who originally owned the estate. The stunning baroque facade is adorned with a profusion of atlantes, columns, pilasters and ornamental window framings. Rastrelli used pure gold for the exterior gilding and contemporary visitors complained that the palace blinded their eyes on sunny days. Your tour begins from the Great staircase by Monighetty which takes you to the state rooms on the first floor. The white-on-white ornamentation is relieved by the red curtains and blue oriental vases on the walls. The interior consists of a seemingly interminable succession of state-rooms, which give the impression of a golden corridor. The splendid effect of this passage way prepares you for the opulent décor of the Great Hall. Light streams into this glittering hall illuminating the mirrors, gilded carvings and the vast ceiling painting. The gold seems to flow around the room. For official receptions and balls the hall was lit with 696 candles set in sconces in front of the mirrors, ornamented in gold. Of special interest is the Amber Room of the palace that was once considered to be the "Eighth Wonder of the World". The amber wall panels were presented to Peter the Great in 1717 by King Friedrich Wilhelm. They were assembled of small pieces of amber, decorated with mouldings in amber and weighed 800 kg. The panels were too heavy to dismantle and evacuate into safety when the Second World War broke out. They were looted by the Nazi army, dispatched into Germany and never seen again. Preserved photographs and archives helped the Russian art experts to fashion thin amber pieces so that they exactly match the original in shape and color and to carve fine ornaments, thus recreating this legendary work of art. The next ruler to leave her mark on the palace was Catherine the Great, and during her reign she commissioned the Scotsman Charles Cameron to redesign the baroque interior according to her neo-classical taste. The famous Green Dining Room is considered one of his best. Cameron's restrained neo-classical style contrasts with the baroque flamboyance of Rastrelli's work. The exquisite stucco bas-reliefs sculptured by Martos were based on motives from frescoes discovered in Pompeii. The high quality restoration work is still going on in some rooms of the palace after the destructions of the last World War. Afterwards you will enjoy a short walk in the park. The 1400 acres of grounds are dotted with charming pavilions set around the central lake. The romantic landscape of the park is animated with the neo-gothic Admiralty, Chesma column, Turkish bath, Marble Bridge, Chinese pagoda, the Grotto pavilion and the Hermitage pavilion. Please Note: We will arrange a special opening of the Catherine Palace on its day off – Tuesday and last Monday of the month. The Catherine Palace may change the exposition or close some of the halls without prior notice. Special shoe covers must be worn in the Catherine Palace. Large carry bags, umbrellas and heavy jackets must be checked before entering the Catherine Palace. No photography is allowed in the Amber Room



LED-011SG CATHERINE'S PALACE IN PUSHKIN - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 4.25 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$65.00

Retail Price: CA\$234.00

Date: August 23, 2022 08:15 AM

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LED-002 CLASSICAL ST. PETERSBURG

Duration: 8.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$208.00

Retail Price: CA\$391.00



Date: August 23, 2022 08:30 AM

This exploration of St. Petersburg begins with a picturesque drive to Catherine's Palace, the lavish summer residence of the imperial family until the time of the last tsar. Expanded and renovated, first by Peter's daughter Elizabeth and then by Catherine the Great, the palace is truly breathtaking, and you will have access to many of its most glorious areas. Highlights include the superb white marble Grand Staircase and the spectacular baroque Great Hall, an astonishing room of gilded carvings, mirrors and vast ceiling paintings. You'll also visit the Cavalier's Dining Room, set with china made for Catherine the Great, and the handsome Amber Room, a magnificent chamber decorated with ornate panels that have been recreated to match the splendor of the originals from 1709. Outside Catherine's Palace, you may stroll through the formal gardens, which are laid out geometrically and adorned with Italian marble statues and baroque pavilions. Following lunch, more highlights await you, including a visit to the fabulous Peter and Paul Cathedral, which was completed in 1733. Tsars from Peter the Great to Nicholas II are buried here, along with other members of the royal family. During a panoramic drive through the city, you will be able to see some of the city highlights such as the Aurora, the cruiser that signaled the beginning of the Bolshevik Revolution by firing a single round from its bow gun. You'll pass by landmarks such as the Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Field of Mars and the Marble Palace and the equestrian statue of Peter the Great. Please note: We will arrange a special opening of the Catherine Palace on its day off – Tuesday and last Monday of the month. The Catherine Palace may change the exposition or close some of the halls without prior notice. Special shoe covers must be worn in the Catherine Palace. Large carry bags, umbrellas and heavy jackets must be checked before entering the Catherine Palace. No photography is allowed in the Amber Room.

LED-005 PETER THE GREAT'S GRAND PALACE - PETERHOF

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$208.00

Date: August 23, 2022 09:00 AM

Date: August 24, 2022 08:30 AM

Peterhof, the magnificent residence of Peter the Great, lies in the flat, forested countryside outside of St. Petersburg. It features a commanding view of the sea down a Marine Canal that allowed the tsars to sail between Peterhof and the Gulf of Finland. Inside the main palace, you will see a wealth of spectacular sights, such as the intricately gilded main staircase, the opulent Throne Room adorned with royal portraits, a fabulous exhibit of Russian porcelain, the royal bedchamber, furnished with a huge Turkish sofa from Catherine the Great, and Peter's oak study, which has survived unaltered from the original design. Lavish period furniture, chandeliers and paintings are found throughout the residence. After touring the palace, a guide will escort you through the gorgeous Peterhof Gardens, which features both French and English influences, and is punctuated with ornamental ponds and cascading fountains.



LED-005SG PETER THE GREAT'S GRAND PALACE - PETERHOF - SM/

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$65.00

Retail Price: CA\$248.00

Date: August 23, 2022 09:00 AM

Date: August 24, 2022 08:30 AM

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LED-050 ST. PETERSBURG BY DOUBLE DECKER & SPILLED BLOOD

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$221.00

Date: August 23, 2022 09:00 AM

Enjoy the amazing views of the most iconic places St. Petersburg has to offer, all from the top of a double decker bus. You'll be on board your own private Hop on Hop off tour bus. Thirteen (13) different languages (Russian, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Chinese, Japanese, Dutch, Swedish, Finnish, Arabic & Korean) and Five (5) full stops, will help you discover the city's past and present. Don't wait for the bus, the bus will wait for you! You will have a private professional guide during the whole ride, which will be ready to assist in any questions for a deep understanding of this amazing city. Your tour includes an inside visit to the Church on Spilled Blood. Hop Off at the following Stops, walk around, take some pictures and get back on board. The bus will be waiting for you: 1. St Isaac's Cathedral 2. Spit of Vasilevskiy Island 3. Church on Spilled Blood (inside visit included) 4. Neva Embankment 5. Cruiser Aurora Please note: This panoramic St. Petersburg tour has been designed for scenic viewing from a private double-decker bus. The group departs from St. Petersburg port and stays together until the end of the tour, on the same private bus with the designated private tour guide. Tour does not operate on Wednesdays as Spilled Blood is closed. To reach the top of the double decker, participants need to negotiate a narrow staircase. This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with mobility concerns.



LED-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF ST. PETERSBURG

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$182.00

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The ultimate overview of St. Petersburg, the city founded by Peter the Great in 1703, this tour takes in all the great landmarks. During the initial drive, you will pass the stunning, pale blue and white Baroque façade of St. Nicholas Cathedral and the Mariinsky Theater, the home of Russia's most famed ballet company. After a brief stop to photograph St. Isaac's Cathedral, whose gleaming dome is covered with 200 pounds of gold, you will drive through resplendent Palace Square, a vast open space surrounded by Italianate buildings that once housed the Tsarist ministries. Drive across the Neva River and view the Spit of Vasilevskiy Island, flanked by two Rostral Columns originally lighthouses, in olden days guiding ships through the busy port of St. Petersburg. Enjoy the magnificent view of the Neva River in its widest part. From here, you can easily see the soaring golden spire of the Peter and Paul Cathedral, which lies within a fortress across the Neva River, which you will visit. In the center of the fortress is the Peter-and-Paul Cathedral, designed by the first architect of St. Petersburg Domenico Tresini. The interior of the Cathedral is light and airy, with its glittering chandeliers, pink and green Corinthian columns and an opulent gilt iconostasis. After Peter's death in 1725, the Cathedral became the burial place of the tsars. All the tombs are of uniform white marble. Especially remarkable are the tombstones over the graves of Alexander II and his wife Maria. Continuing your scenic city drive, the beautiful Field of Mars and the Marble Palace will come into sight, en route to the extraordinary Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood a wonderful setting for more picture-taking. Returning to the ship, you will drive along the famed Nevsky Prospect, St. Petersburg's main thoroughfare. Please note: This tour includes approximately 45-minutes of walking standing at the Peter and Paul Cathedral. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. The streets and squares in the city center are subject to unexpected closures due to high-level visits, road repair works, etc.



LED-001SG HIGHLIGHTS OF ST. PETERSBURG - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$65.00 Retail Price: CA\$221.00

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Enhance your shoreside experience with a Regent Choice small group tour. Hosting no more than 16 guests, these tours provide a more intimate experience and allow for more personal engagement with your knowledgeable guide. The ultimate overview of St. Petersburg, the city founded by Peter the Great in 1703, this tour takes in all the great landmarks. Leaving from the pier by coach, one of the first sites you will pass is the stunning, pale blue and white Baroque façade of St. Nicholas Cathedral and the Mariinsky Theater, the home of Russia's most famed ballet company. After a brief stop to photograph St. Isaac's Cathedral, whose gleaming dome is covered with 200 pounds of gold, you will drive through resplendent Palace Square, a vast open space surrounded by Italianate buildings that once housed the Tsarist ministries. From here, you can easily see the soaring golden spire of the Peter and Paul Cathedral, which lies within a fortress across the Neva River. While stopping at the cathedral, be sure to notice the tombs of the Romanov monarchs. Continuing your scenic city drive, the beautiful Field of Mars and the Marble Palace will come into sight, en route to the extraordinary Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood a wonderful setting for more picture taking. Returning to the ship, you will drive along the famed Nevsky Prospect, St. Petersburg's main thoroughfare, where you can glimpse the neoclassical Kazan Cathedral. Please note: This tour includes approximately 45-minutes of walking standing at the Peter and Paul Cathedral. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. The streets and squares in the city center are subject to unexpected closures due to high-level visits, road repair works, etc. The tour route and the order of sights visited may change depending on the traffic situation on the day of the tour.



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No visit to St. Petersburg would be complete without a tour of the world-famous Hermitage Museum – the “Crown Jewel” on the museum list in St. Petersburg. Founded in 1764 as a private museum of Catherine the Great to which only she and her closest courtiers had access, today it is Russia’s largest art museum that houses an astounding collection of art. The collection occupies four buildings: the Winter Palace, former official residence of the imperial family, the Small Hermitage, the only custom-built museum which served as Catherine’s retreat from the bustle of the court, the Old Hermitage and the New Hermitage opened to public in 1852. The Jordan staircase is the grand entrance to the Winter Palace. It will strike you with its splendor, the glimmer of the golden stuccowork and the dazzling whiteness of the marble statues. Reaching the upper landing, you’ll walk through the Winter Palace superb staterooms: the Field-marshal’s Hall, the Small Throne Room meant to commemorate Peter the Great and his deeds, the Emblem Hall with its vast gilded columns, the Gallery of 1812 displaying portraits of Russian military heroes of the Napoleonic war, and the Hall of St. George fitted in Cararra marble and gilt bronze. The floor parquet made up of 16 varieties of wood is a reflection of the ceiling motif. Next, you will proceed to the Small Hermitage and find yourself in the Pavilion Hall with its slender marble columns supporting an elegant gallery and twenty-eight scintillating cut-glass chandeliers. A real gem in the Hermitage collection is the famous Peacock Clock in a glass cage made by a celebrated English clockmaker in the middle 18th century and presented to Catherine II by her favorite, prince Potyomkin. The “clock” represents a peacock on a gilded tree branch (completed with gilded leaves), an owl in a cage, and a rooster. Continuing on, your tour moves from one building into another via covered galleries. Thus, you enter the Old Hermitage which is devoted to the 13th – 18th century Italian art collection. Here on display are two paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci: the Madonna with a Flower and the Litta Madonna, an early work by Rafael – the Connestabile Madonna and a later work by him the Holy Family. The Crouching Boy is the only work by Michelangelo in Russia. The Venetian school of art dominates with Judith by Giordgione and an array of works by Titian: Repentant Mary Magdalene, Danae and St. Sebastian. Proceed from here into the New Hermitage, a 19th century building first opened for public in 1852. The Spanish collection features all Spain’s golden age leading artists from El Greco to Murillo, Zurbaran, Velasquez and Goya. The Hermitage is proud of its vast Rembrandt collection. Within a short period of time Rembrandt produced the dramatic Abraham’s Sacrifice, the gentle Flora and the brilliant Descent from the Cross. You will find here his psychological portraits including the stunning Old Man in Red. One of his last works was The Return of the Prodigal Son painted with an emotional depth unseen before. There are also over 40 works by Rubens that include religious subjects, such as The Descent from the Cross, and scenes from classical mythology - Perseus and Andromeda, as well as landscapes. Another world famous painting is a subtle and poetical portrait of Infanta’s Maid. Walking through the ensemble of buildings, you will marvel at the seemingly endless exhibitions. You might see Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Little Madonna,” “Abraham’s Sacrifice” by Rembrandt, and a Scythian gold stag from the 2nd century B.C. Upon leaving the museum, you will walk through the Palace Square, passing the red-granite Alexander Column, a monument that commemorates Russia’s victory over Napoleon before re-boarding your coach for the return transfer to the pier.

This tour includes approximately 2.5-hours of moderate walking/standing plus numerous stairs to negotiate (approximately 120 steps). The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with mobility concerns. The halls of the Hermitage Museum may be closed due to restoration works or exhibitions; therefore, the order of the sites viewed or visited may change, and some of the collections may not be available to visitors. When possible, the local operator will try to arrange an early opening one-hour before the museum opens to the general public, but there is no guarantee that will be the case. Large carry bags, umbrellas and heavy jackets must be checked before entering the Hermitage museum. New security regulations require that all visitors to the Hermitage Museum go through metal detectors before entering. Tour participants who have implants that cannot go through metal detectors, must carry a medical ID card or other medical documentation; otherwise, access to the museum will be denied.



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LED-004SG HERMITAGE, A WEALTH OF ART & HISTORY - SMALL GR

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LED-027 THE FABULOUS FABERGE MUSEUM

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Browse a collection of masterpieces made by the famed House of Fabergé, which includes bejeweled eggs created for the imperial family and countless other objects of art. After departing from the pier, you will drive to Shuvalov Palace, a magnificent architectural gem on the Fontanka River. Here, billionaire Viktor Vekselberg has placed his priceless collection of Fabergé Eggs on display for the general public. Much of the 4,000-piece collection was purchased from the estate of American newspaper magnate Malcolm Forbes. As you will discover, Shuvalov Palace is a truly fitting setting for the world's largest collection of works by the House of Fabergé, master jewelers whose clients included the Russian tsars. Included in the display are fifteen Fabergé eggs, nine of which are the famous Imperial Fabergé eggs previously owned by the Romanov family. As you stroll through the gloriously restored palace, you will see one masterpiece after another, including those once owned by the imperial family. One particularly well-known egg commemorates the coronation of Nicholas II and features a miniature carriage that is an exact replica of the one that carried the tsar during his coronation. The Hen Egg, the first in the imperial series, was created for Emperor Alexander III as a gift to his wife. It was the first Fabergé egg that was crafted from gold. Its opaque white enameled "shell" opens to reveal its first surprise – a matte yellow gold yolk. This in turn, opens to reveal a multicolored gold hen that also opens. It originally contained a tiny diamond replica of the Imperial Crown from which a small ruby pendant was suspended, but unfortunately, these last two elements have been lost. Empress Maria was so delighted by the gift that Alexander appointed Fabergé as "goldsmith by special appointment to the Imperial Crown", and commissioned another egg the next year. After that, Peter Carl Fabergé was apparently given complete freedom for future Imperial Easter Eggs, and their designs become even more elaborate. The collection of eggs are truly extraordinary and made with materials such as gold, precious gems, delicately painted enamel and even feathers at times. It is believed that even the Tsar didn't know what form they would take, the only requirement being that each contains a surprise. Following Alexander III's death in 1894, his son Nicholas II presented a Fabergé egg to both his wife, Empress Alexandra Fedorovna, and his mother, the Dowager Empress Maria Fedorovna. Eggs were made each year except 1904 and 1905 during the Russo-Japanese War. The Imperial eggs enjoyed great fame, and Fabergé was commissioned to make similar eggs for a few private clients, including the Duchess of Marlborough, the Rothschild family and the Yusupovs. A series of seven eggs were also made for the industrialist Alexander Kelch. Vekselberg's nine Imperial Easter Eggs are a portion of the 50 that are left in the world today. The museum also contains thousands other items, most of them from the House of Fabergé. Depending on where you browse, you may see imperial memorabilia, painted porcelain plates, religious icons of saints, silver cups, diamond-studded jewelry and paintings by Russian artists. Following what will surely be an unforgettable visit; you will re-board your coach and return to the pier. Please note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy to moderate walking that includes stairs to negotiate (there are no elevators). The tour is not available to wheelchair guests as the Palace is not wheelchair accessible, and not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. Weather appropriate clothing and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.



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LED-009 YUSUPOV PALACE AND CANAL CRUISE

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The Yusupov family line goes back at least as far as the Romanovs'. Crimean merchants of Tartar extraction, the family's wealth rivaled that of the Tsar himself, with some believing the Yusupovs to be richer. Fortunately there was always an heir apparent in the family dynasty, and the palace was almost continuously expanded and reconstructed during the family's ownership. As a favorite of Felix Yusupov, the palace was decorated lavishly exemplifying his wealth and eccentric lifestyle. It was in the Yusupov Palace that Prince Felix conspired to kill Rasputin, a man whom he regarded as a threat to the future of the Russian Empire. A peasant who had gained extraordinary control over the tsar's family through his alleged supernatural powers, Rasputin was killed at the Yusupov Palace and as part of this tour, the murder will be recreated in the cellar. Following your visit at the Palace, you will board a local boat for a relaxing cruise along some of St. Petersburg's loveliest waterways, passing under several beautiful, ornate bridges. One of the most spectacular sights along the way is the onion-domed Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, a church so elaborate it took almost 25 years to build. A cruise along the Moika and the Fontanka Rivers is another chance to appreciate history and splendid architecture of this beautiful city. In the beginning the city's bridges were usually known by their color: Red, Blue, Green. The Blue Bridge at 328 ft. wide is the widest. The area around the Moika River boasted a number of riverside mansions and was one of the city's most fashionable addresses. Your cruise along the Moika has you passing such notable landmarks as St. Isaac Cathedral, a famous gambling club that Pushkin, the eminent Russian poet, described the club in his novel "The Queen of Spades". Also seen is a group of yellow buildings that form the Teachers' Training University. At the time of Catherine the Great it used to house the orphanage instituted by the empress. Before leaving the Moika, you'll pass by the Stroganov Palace, a baroque masterpiece of Rastrelli. Count Stroganov who owned the palace in the late 18th century was the president of the Academy of Arts and a noted collector. The Stroganovs amassed their huge fortune through the monopoly they held on salt, which came from mines in their vast territories in the north. Your boat cruises under the Choir Bridge, which takes its name from the Choir Hall located nearby and then turns onto the Fontanka or Fountain River. Its name goes back to the early 18th century when the water of the river used to feed the fountains of the Summer Gardens. On the right bank of the Fontanka stands the Summer Palace of Peter the Great. Peter had his rooms on the ground floor and his wife's rooms on the first floor. The Summer Gardens and the Summer Palace used to be the center of the city's social life. On the left bank you'll see the former Law School which counts Peter Tchaikovsky as one of its first graduates. Continuing on, you'll pass the "Salt Town" - a former warehouse for storing salt which dates back to the 18th century. The present day building was erected in 1870 for an All-Russia industrial exhibition. Further along, St. Panteleimon's Bridge across the Fontanka is Russia's first chain bridge. It is decorated with double-headed eagles perched on laurel wreaths. At this point, your boat turns back onto the Moika River where you will see the Engineers' Castle built for Paul I. The castle originally had drawbridges and moats since Paul was afraid of assassination. Unfortunately, soon after moving in he was killed by a group of his courtiers. On the right is the Swan Canal leading into the Neva. It is named after swans that were once drawn to its peaceful waters. Next is the Field of Mars square. It used to be a military parade ground for Russian troops. One of the last landmarks you will see is considered one of the most beautiful churches in St. Petersburg - the Church of the Spilled Blood. This marvelous Old Russian-style church was built on the spot where Emperor Alexander II was assassinated on March 1, 1881. Built in 1883-1907, the church is designed in the spirit of the sixteenth and seventeenth century Russian architecture, inspired particularly by St. Basil Cathedral in Moscow's Red Square. The best Russian painters, masters of stone carving, ceramic and enamel took part in the decoration of the Church and it is truly magnificent. Following your canal ride, you'll transfer by coach directly back to the pier. Please note: This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate to strenuous walking/standing and includes a significant number of steps to negotiate. The palace does not have elevators and the canal boats are not wheelchair accessible. Depending upon the tidal rise and fall, there are times participants will have to access the boat via duck boards. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and not considered suitable for those with walking difficulties. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; sunscreen; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. For security reasons, guests must be seated in the upper deck of the boat when passing under bridges. The boat route may vary.



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LED-014 METRO RIDE AND SHOPPING

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The St. Petersburg subway that is called Metroin Russian is certainly worth a visit. The first plans to build a metro in St. Petersburg were drawn in 1899, but were not implemented due to the outbreak of WWI and then the Revolution of 1917. In 1941, 8 years after the Moscow metro was opened, construction work began on the Leningrad metro, but a few months later the U.S.S.R. was forced to enter WWII. Following the war, the construction work resumed and the first metro line (from Avtovo to Ploschad Vosstania) was opened on November 15, 1955, linking all the five railway stations of the city. From the moment it opened it was acclaimed as one of the best in the world, not only because of its efficiency and cleanliness, but also for its architecture. Today, it is the quickest, safest, most reliable and comfortable means of travel. Most of the stations are equipped with escalators and the older stations are richly decorated with polished granite, marble of various colors, stainless steel, bronze, aluminum, synthetic materials, glass, various mosaics, bas-reliefs and sculptures. The new stations are mostly simple and modern in design, but not less impressive. Each station has its own unique design. The St. Petersburg Metro is also the deepest subway in the world with some stations located more than 100 meters underground. Following a thirty minute metro ride, a short transfer will bring you the main street of St Petersburg and certainly one of the most well-known streets in Russia - Nevsky Prospect. Since the 18th century it has been the very center of this bustling, rapidly growing city. The street is lined with some of St. Petersburg's most impressive buildings, including beautiful palaces, theaters and churches, but no doubt Nevsky prospect is known as the main shopping area for the citizens and guests of St. Petersburg. Approximately three hours of free time will be provided for you to experience the unique opportunity of absorbing the local atmosphere of this street. Upon arrival to Nevsky prospect you will have an orientation briefing with your guide who will advise of the meeting time and place for rejoining your tour group, then you are free to shop, take pictures or simply browse. Perhaps explore the famous Gostiny Dvor - the city's biggest department store. The two-storied yellow-and-white building of Gostiny Dvor is familiar to all the locals due to its prime downtown location, along with having the reputation of being one of the world's first shopping malls occupying a whole city block.14 You also won't want to miss this chance to visit the Passage, an elite department store which opened its doors to customers for the first time at the end of the 19th century and was one of the first of its kind in Russia. The name Passage came from a vast gallery between Nevsky Avenue and Italienskaya Street which provided the main passage through the mall. Passage today is not only a part of St.Petersburg's historical heritage, but also a prosperous contemporary business enterprise. More than 10,000 customers visit it daily. Currently, it is the largest center of boutique trade with an established professional team, traditions and outstanding reputation. Nearby is the newer Grand Palace with rows of Italian and French couture boutiques and an expensive chocolate shop. Another must-stop on a stroll along Nevsky Prospect is Eliseevsky Grocery Store, once an impressive showcase for an ambitious family business. The stunning interior of the store had seen some rough times but fortunately, has been recently restored to its full art-deco magnificence. The store itself offers a huge variety of delicatessen items to suite many tastes. There is a charming coffee-shop located right in the middle of the Store where you can comfortably relax and enjoy actual American-style cupcakes. Other sites to visit or view include Dom Knigy (The House of Books), numerous jewelry stores, fur stores, street art vendors, and a large variety of cafes & restaurants. Your day will surely become an unforgettable experience for you. Please note: Walking on this tour is mainly at the guests' discretion during free time. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Photography and video are prohibited in the metro stations and on the metro itself. Your free time on Nevsky Prospect is non-guided and expenses incurred during free time are at guests' discretion. Guests should be aware that the areas visited on this tour are very crowded.



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St. Petersburg is situated on the banks of the Neva River and the numerous islands of its delta. The rich architecture and history of St. Petersburg comes alive as your coach travels along the bustling avenues and embankments of the city. The St. Isaac Square in the very center of the city is dominated by the magnificent St. Isaac Cathedral (1818 – 1858) designed by French architect August Montferant. The Cathedral is named after St. Isaac of Dalmatia whose Saint's Day (May 30) coincides with Peter the Great's birthday. The vast and opulent interior covers 4 000 sq m (43 000 sq ft). Inside the church is filled with hundreds of impressive 19th century works of art. The iconostasis is of white marble with gilding and mosaic icons. Three rows of icons surround the Royal Gate flanked by two lapis columns and ten columns of malachite. The central iconostasis door is open revealing a stain glass window. Above the doors is Klodt's gilded sculpture, Christ in Glory. The icons in the church are 19th century design, executed in a virtuoso mosaic technique, with stones of thousands of tints laid out in such a smooth manner that only from a short distance the mosaic appears to be paintings. The interior of the dome, painted by famous Russian master Carl Brullov, depicts the "Virgin surrounded by Saints". The silver dove, hanging in the cupola, is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Some 100 kg of pure gold went into gilding the huge dome. The décor of the church was most expensive. The architect used Russian rose marble, gray marble from Finland, green from Genoa, yellow from Sienna; the floors are finished in Russian, Italian and French marble. 14 colored marbles and 43 other types of semiprecious stones and minerals were used for the decoration of the Cathedral. On the St. Isaac Square you will also see a monument to Nicholas the First, the St. Petersburg Legislative Assembly and famous Hotel Astoria. We continue into the Kazan Cathedral located on the main street Nevsky Prospect, which attracts the attention of every visitor by its stately view, and elegant proportions of the dome and colonnades. The building of the Kazan Cathedral on Nevsky Prospect immediately attracts your attention. It encircles a small square with a double row of beautiful columns forming an impressive colonnade. Constructed by Russian architect Andrei Voronikhin in 1801-1811, the Kazan Cathedral is an outstanding example of the early 19th-century Russian architecture. During the tour of the Cathedral you will learn the details of the construction, as, for example, that gigantic Corinthian columns of the colonnade are not monolithic, being composed from stone blocks, brought from special stone-pits near Gatchina; see wonderful low reliefs at the end of the colonnade and learn interesting facts about these sculptural works accomplished to the Biblical subjects by sculptors Martos and Prokofiev. In the niches of the Northern portico you will also see unique bronze sculptures, among them – statues of Alexander Nevsky and prince Vladimir who adopted Christianity for Russia. Bronze doors of the northern portico bearing ten multi-figure compositions are of special interest; these doors are exact copies of the Florence Baptistery doors, accomplished in the 15th century by Lorenzo Ghiberti and highly appreciated by Michelangelo, who compared them to the Heavens' doors. Inside the cathedral your attention will be drawn by 56 red granite monolithic columns and multicolored Karelian marble mosaic floor. Famous Russian artists, Kiprensky and Borovikovsky, participated in the cathedral's interior decoration. You will learn that after the victory over Napoleon in 1812 this cathedral became the pantheon of Russian glory, here war trophies and keys of the cities taken by the Russian troops are still kept. Field-marshal Mikhail Kutuzov, whose statue may be seen in front of the cathedral, is buried here. Statue of Barclay de Tolly, Kutuzov's predecessor on the post of the commander-in-chief, also adorns the yard in front of the cathedral; both statues were accomplished by sculptor Orlovsky. The cathedral was named after a "miracle-making" icon of Our Lady of Kazan, which the church housed till the early 1930s. The Bolsheviks closed the cathedral for services in 1929, and from 1932 it housed the Museum of History of Religion and Atheism, which displayed numerous pieces of religious art and served anti-clerical propaganda purposes. After the dissolution of the Soviet Union regular services were resumed in the cathedral. And since 2004 the famous icon of Our Lady of Kazan is back in the Cathedral attracting thousands of believers who wish to worship it. Today it is one of the most famous and important St. Petersburg temples, where the highest rank orthodox liturgies take place. The coach approaches one of the main landmarks of St. Petersburg – the Church of Resurrection on Spilled Blood. The Church on the Spilled Blood is probably the only building in the city that stands out so much in its architectural and spatial environment with its silhouette, composition, and rich decor. This marvelous Russian-style multicolored, onion-domed church was built on the spot where Emperor Alexander II was assassinated on March 1, 1881. After assuming power in 1855 in the wake of the disastrous defeat of Russia in the Crimean war against Britain, France and Turkey, Alexander II initiated a number of reforms. In 1861 he freed the Russian serfs (peasants, who were almost slaves). Within the first half of his reign military, judicial and urban reforms were undertaken and Russia became truly a capitalist country. However, in the second half of his reign Alexander II was no longer keen on continuing reforms. After a series of attempts on his life, including an explosion in the Winter Palace and the derailment of a train, Alexander II was assassinated by revolutionaries, who threw a bomb at his royal carriage. Emperor Alexander III decided to build a church at the spot where his father was mortally wounded. Constructed in 1883-1907, the church is designed in the spirit of sixteenth- and seventeenth century Russian architecture, inspired particularly by St. Basil Cathedral on the Red Square in Moscow. The construction of the church was almost entirely funded by the Imperial family and thousands of private donators. The church stands out for its complicated and picturesque outline, as well as rich and multicolored decoration. Both the interior and exterior of the church is decorated with incredibly detailed mind-boggling 7000 square meters of mosaics, designed and created in Frolovs' workshop to the originals by the most prominent Russian artists of the day: Vasnetsov, Nesterov, Riabushkin and Vrubel. These mosaics are far from being ordinary; their surface was left unpolished, so that they reflect sunlight, which impresses visitors to present day. Inside the cathedral the very spot of the assassination is marked with a marble Shatrovy Cen, a monument to Alexander. The facades are faced with glazed shaped brick and ceramic tiles as well as decorated with mosaic panels. In the decor of interiors Italian marbles and Russian semiprecious stones are used. Five cupolas of the church, some 1000 square meters in area are covered with jewelry enamel. The belfry is decorated with mosaic coats-of-arms of cities and regions of the Russian empire. The church is interesting as a kind of an architectural accent in classical surroundings. After the October Revolution of 1917 the church met the sad fate of most churches in the country: it was closed for services in the late 1920s, then briefly used for an exhibition of revolutionary propoganda and soon started to fall into decay, being deprived of adequate maintenance. Several times it was suggested that the church be torn down, for it stood as an "inappropriate" symbol of Christianity amidst the largely atheistic country. It is by a true miracle that the church was saved. In 1970 a long careful restoration began, which has lasted for over 25 years. Since August 1997 guests of the city can once again see this jewel in the crown of St. Petersburg in its stunning beauty.

Order of sites visited may vary. The tour is not recommended for those with walking or mobility difficulties.



LED-003 CANAL CRUISE AND SHOPPING

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$195.00

Date: August 23, 2022 02:00 PM

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St. Petersburg is built around a network of canals and rivers, with a total length of about 186 miles. They contribute to the unique atmosphere creating a glittering mirror in which the golden domes and fairytale palaces of the city are reflected. A cruise along the Moika and the Fontanka Rivers is another chance to appreciate history and splendid architecture of this beautiful city. In the beginning the city's bridges were usually known by their color: Red, Blue, Green. The Blue Bridge at 328 ft. wide is the widest. The area around the Moika River boasted a number of riverside mansions and was one of the city's most fashionable addresses. One such mansion on the Moika is the Yusupov Palace that belonged to one of the wealthiest families in Russia. It is famous for being the murder scene of Rasputin, the Siberian peasant who exerted his malign influence over the Russian court. Your cruise along the Moika has you passing such notable landmarks as St. Isaac Cathedral, a famous gambling club that Pushkin, the eminent Russian poet, described the club in his novel "The Queen of Spades". Also seen is a group of yellow buildings that form the Teachers' Training University. At the time of Catherine the Great it used to house the orphanage instituted by the empress. Before leaving the Moika, you'll pass by the Stroganov Palace, a baroque masterpiece of Rastrelli. Count Stroganov who owned the palace in the late 18th century was the president of the Academy of Arts and a noted collector. The Stroganovs amassed their huge fortune through the monopoly they held on salt, which came from mines in their vast territories in the north. Your boat cruises under the Choir Bridge, which takes its name from the Choir Hall located nearby and then turns onto the Fontanka or Fountain River. Its name goes back to the early 18th century when the water of the river used to feed the fountains of the Summer Gardens. On the right bank of the Fontanka stands the Summer Palace of Peter the Great. Peter had his rooms on the ground floor and his wife's rooms on the first floor. The Summer Gardens and the Summer Palace used to be the center of the city's social life. On the left bank you'll see the former Law School which counts Peter Tchaikovsky as one of its first graduates. Continuing on, you'll pass the "Salt Town" - a former warehouse for storing salt which dates back to the 18th century. The present day building was erected in 1870 for an All-Russia industrial exhibition. Further along, St. Panteleimon's Bridge across the Fontanka is Russia's first chain bridge. It is decorated with double-headed eagles perched on laurel wreaths. At this point, your boat turns back onto the Moika River where you will see the Engineers' Castle built for Paul I. The castle originally had drawbridges and moats since Paul was afraid of assassination. Unfortunately, soon after moving in he was killed by a group of his courtiers. On the right is the Swan Canal leading into the Neva. It is named after swans that were once drawn to its peaceful waters. Next is the Field of Mars square. It used to be a military parade ground for Russian troops. One of the last landmarks you will see is considered one of the most beautiful churches in St. Petersburg - the Church of the Spilled Blood. This marvelous Old Russian-style church was built on the spot where Emperor Alexander II was assassinated on March 1, 1881. Built in 1883-1907, the church is designed in the spirit of the sixteenth and seventeenth century Russian architecture, inspired particularly by St. Basil Cathedral in Moscow's Red Square. The best Russian painters, masters of stone carving, ceramic and enamel took part in the decoration of the Church and it is truly magnificent. Following your canal ride, there will be an opportunity for shopping at some local souvenir stores and a break to enjoy a complimentary cup of tea or coffee before transferring back to the pier. Please Note: This tour is not wheelchair accessible. There can be from 5 to 10 steps to negotiate at the boat pier. Canal boats are NOT wheelchair accessible. Depending on tidal rise and fall there are times when guests may have to walk across dockboards to embark the boat. Boat ride route may vary due to technical reasons, e.g. high water level, bridge repairs etc. Canal routing may vary; routing can be changed to the Neva River if tidal conditions do not permit entry to the canals. Due to the security reasons it is necessary to be seated on the upper deck of the boat when passing under the bridges.

LED-028 MUSICAL EVENING AT MENSHIKOV PALACE

Duration: 3.25 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$169.00

Retail Price: CA\$365.00

Date: August 23, 2022 06:15 PM

Tour a lavish early 18th-century palace that is part of the Hermitage Museum and then enjoy an exclusive 17-18th century classical concert. After departing from the pier, you will enjoy a brief but enlightening drive to Menshikov Palace, the magnificent former residence of Governor General Alexander Menshikov. Constructed on the Neva River in the early 18th century, it was the first stone building in St. Petersburg and so luxurious that the palace was used to host official functions. Now part of the Hermitage Museum, the palace is decorated with original furnishings and many of Menshikov's personal items. While touring the palace with the museum curator, you will learn about Menshikov's role as an influential advisor to Tsar Peter the Great and how Menshikov fell from grace and was eventually exiled to Siberia, where he died in 1729. You can expect to view lavish rooms almost entirely covered with exquisite Dutch delft tiles, rare murals and artwork, and Menshikov's walnut office featuring a fresco of Peter the Great as a victorious warrior. The Walnut study is especially remarkable. The interiors of the palace are adorned with gold, silver, marble, precious kinds of wood, paintings, moldings, antique Italian sculptures, large Venetian mirrors, crystal chandeliers; walls are upholstered with Chinese silk and tapestries. After the guided tour, you will enjoy a lovely champagne reception with canapes in one of the palace halls facing the Neva River and continue with an exclusive 17-18th century classical concert performed by one of St. Petersburg Early Music orchestras. Please note: This tour includes approximately 1.5 hours of walking and/or standing there is also considerable amount of steps to negotiate; therefore, it is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested



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LED-008 GRAND IMPERIAL EVENING OF THE TSARS

Duration: 5.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$261.00 Retail Price: CA\$457.00



Date: August 23, 2022 06:30 PM

Relive the luxury of the 18th-century Imperial Russian court on an evening visit to one of the most amazing Royal Palaces. Following a 17-mile journey south, you will be greeted by Royal Guards in front of the lavish Catherine Palace. The palace's stunning aqua blue and white facade that stretches 984 ft. in length, is adorned with a profusion of atlantes, columns, pilasters and ornamental window framings. This summer residence is renowned for its splendid interior with the finest of furnishings and china. Once inside the palace you will view an exhibition of the Romanovs' portraits and private rooms before entering the Golden Suite of Rooms where the world famous Amber Room is located. The Amber Room of the palace was once considered to be the "Eighth Wonder of the World". The amber wall panels were presented to Peter the Great in 1717 by King Friedrich Wilhelm. The original panels were too short for the high ceilings in the Catherine Palace but Rastrelli found a simple solution. He set 24 narrow pilasters faced with mirrors between the panels and installed a canvas frieze above them painted to match the amber. The panels were made of small pieces of amber, decorated with moldings in amber and weighed 800 kg. The panels were too heavy to dismantle and evacuate to safety when the Second World War broke out and they were looted by the Nazi army, dispatched to Germany and never seen again. Preserved photographs and archives from the time helped Russian art experts to fashion thin amber pieces so that they exactly match the original in shape and color, thus recreating the legendary work of art. Once again, the eye is mesmerized and blinded by the wealth and warmth of the amber tones, from lemony yellow to a deep red. You will then proceed to the Grand Hall where you will be served a glass of Russian sparkling wine to the sounds of classical music. The arrangement of large windows and mirrors in the spaces of wall between them, as well as the multiple reflections in the mirrors, gilded carvings and the vast ceiling painting - all combine to create the illusion of infinite space. As in days gone by, Catherine II will mix with her honored guests while the orchestra provides musical accompaniment. Following the reception you will descend the Main staircase with your fellow guests to the courtyard where the pageantry continues. The Imperial Guards will parade to the music and a carriage will arrive with a courtly couple that will dance one last time before departing. Next, a short transfer by coach will take you to the Imperial Carriage Museum. Here, enjoy a guided inspection of the 23 coaches by well-known Russian and Western European masters of the 18th and 19th centuries, that once carried Russia's highest nobility. Afterwards, you will proceed to a local restaurant, where you will be treated to traditional Russian cuisine and a performance by a Russia folkloric group. When your exciting and magical evening comes to a close, you will return to the pier where your ship awaits. Please note: The dinner is a set meal dependent upon the restaurant venue used. Vegetarian meal requests should be made with the Destination Services Desk. The tour is not wheelchair accessible.

LED-007 AN EVENING OF RUSSIAN BALLET

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$208.00 Retail Price: CA\$404.00

Date: August 23, 2022 06:45 PM

St. Petersburg is very famous for its rich theatrical life. Like the city itself, the art of Russian classical ballet having absorbed foreign traditions, created its own prominent world-renowned style. Russian rulers and aristocracy took a deep interest in ballet, encouraging and supporting construction of theaters in St. Petersburg. In old times, the nobility often used to have their own private theaters in their estates. Today, this northern capital has a large number of exquisite 19th century theatrical buildings. There are more than 100 theaters in the city, and every day dozens of them give performances. Ballet is an integral part of Russian cultural tradition. Few cities in the world can boast such an incredible cultural heritage, and this tour affords you the opportunity to experience it. Arriving at one of St. Petersburg's historical theaters, you will be provided with a ballet program and escorted to your seats. Soon the curtain will go up and you will enjoy one of the greatest romantic ballets of all times such as Swan Lake, performed by a professional ballet company and accompanied by a live orchestra. During the performance, you will no doubt be deeply moved by a timeless love story told in the mysterious language of classical dance. Russian sparkling wine and mineral water will be served during the intermission. Following the performance, you will be transferred directly back to the ship. Please note: While every attempt is made to secure lower level, center seats or seats together with your traveling companion(s), seating location is not guaranteed. Theaters used are: Alexandrinsky, Mikhailovsky and Hermitage. Ballet performance: Swan Lake by the Tchaikovsky Ballet Company of St. Petersburg. The exact theater and performance can vary on each date and cannot be confirmed until approximately 30 days prior to the performance. Taking pictures is prohibited during the ballet performance. Smart casual clothing is recommended. The tour is not suitable those with walking or mobility concerns as theaters have stairs with as many as 60 steps to negotiate. Alexandrinsky and Mikhailovsky theaters are equipped with an elevator, however, guests must have a collapsible wheelchair and be able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or if assistance is required, they should travel with a companion who can provide this. Other theaters are NOT equipped with an elevator and are NOT wheelchair accessible.

LED-012 EVENING OF RUSSIAN SONG & DANCE

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$169.00

Date: August 23, 2022 07:00 PM

Russia is an immense and vast land which stretches from Asia all the way to Europe. Russian folkloric dance, just like folkloric dance forms from many other countries, is a mixture of traditional music and dances done in villages and cities, on the streets and in ceremonial situations, in parties and celebrations, combined with classical movement forms such as ballet, modern dance, and sometimes gymnastics or acrobatics. By mixing these genres, dances are created which use the stories, music, and costumes of different regions of Russia, yet which have integrated aesthetic styles which are popular on the international stage with varied audiences. Arriving at the theater, a large troupe of talented singers, dancers, and musicians will enthrall you with their performance. By means of music, dance and songs you will become acquainted with the treasure of Russian folk art and its cultural traditions. Accompanied by the orchestra of Russian folk instruments, you will hear world-famous songs and dancers will present their mastery in the kaleidoscope of folk bright costumes. Enjoy a glass of Russian sparkling wine and mineral water during the intermission. Following the evening's performance, you will be transferred directly back to the pier and your awaiting ship. Please note: Photo and video fees are not included in the tour price. Photo is Euro 3.00 pp (approx \$4.00) and video is Euro 10.00 (approx \$13.00 pp). Smart casual clothing is recommended. The performance is not exclusive to Regent guests.



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LED-015 HERMITAGE AND GOLD ROOM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$274.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$457.00

Date: August 24, 2022 08:30 AM

No visit to St. Petersburg would be complete without a tour of the world-famous Hermitage Museum – the “Crown Jewel” on the museum list in St. Petersburg. Founded in 1764 as a private museum of Catherine the Great to which only she and her closest courtiers had access, today it is Russia’s largest art museum that houses an astounding collection of art. The collection occupies four buildings: the Winter Palace, former official residence of the imperial family, the Small Hermitage, the only custom-built museum which served as Catherine’s retreat from the bustle of the court, the Old Hermitage and the New Hermitage opened to public in 1852. The Jordan staircase is the grand entrance to the Winter Palace. It will strike you with its splendor, the glimmer of the golden stuccowork and the dazzling whiteness of the marble statues. Reaching the upper landing, you’ll walk through the Winter Palace superb staterooms: the Field-marshal’s Hall, the Small Throne Room meant to commemorate Peter the Great and his deeds, the Emblem Hall with its vast gilded columns, the Gallery of 1812 displaying portraits of Russian military heroes of the Napoleonic war, and the Hall of St. George fitted in Cararra marble and gilt bronze. The floor parquet made up of 16 varieties of wood is a reflection of the ceiling motif. Next, you will proceed to the Small Hermitage and find yourself in the Pavilion Hall with its slender marble columns supporting an elegant gallery and twenty-eight scintillating cut-glass chandeliers. A real gem in the Hermitage collection is the famous Peacock Clock in a glass cage made by a celebrated English clockmaker in the middle 18th century and presented to Catherine II by her favorite, prince Potyomkin. The “clock” represents a peacock on a gilded tree branch (completed with gilded leaves), an owl in a cage, and a rooster. Continuing on, your tour moves from one building into another via covered galleries. Thus, you enter the Old Hermitage which is devoted to the 13th – 18th century Italian art collection. Here on display are two paintings by Leonardo Da Vinci: the Madonna with a Flower and the Litta Madonna, an early work by Rafael – the Connestabile Madonna and a later work by him the Holy Family. The Crouching Boy is the only work by Michelangelo in Russia. The Venetian school of art dominates with Judith by Giordione and an array of works by Titian: Repentant Mary Magdalene, Danae and St. Sebastian. Walking through the ensemble of buildings, you will marvel at the seemingly endless exhibitions. While it is not possible to view all of the art work and exhibits during your visit, dependent upon the volume of visitors this day and time permitting, you might see Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Little Madonna,” “Abraham’s Sacrifice” by Rembrandt, and a Scythian gold stag from the 2nd century B.C. The grand culmination of your tour is a visit to the restored Gold Room. It contains an amazing collection of archeological finds, including Scythian and Greek gold, numerous royal gifts, and a fabulous collection of Western European jewelry made by the most prominent jewelers of the time. Please note: This tour includes approximately 2.5-hours of moderate walking/standing plus numerous stairs to negotiate (approximately 120 steps. Although the Hermitage has two elevators, they are not near the tour route, plus there are several steps at the entrance and to access the gold room with no lift; therefore, this tour is not available for wheel chair guests and not recommended for those with walking or mobility concerns. Some halls of the Hermitage Museum may be closed due to restoration works or exhibitions; therefore, some of the collections may not be available to visitors. The local operator arranges an early opening one-hour before the museum opens to the general public, but cannot be guaranteed for all visits. Large bags, umbrellas, water bottles, high heels and heavy jackets are not allowed. New security regulations require that all visitors to the Hermitage Museum go through metal detectors before entering. Tour participants who have implants that cannot go through metal detectors, must carry a medical ID card or other medical documentation; otherwise, access to the museum will be denied.

LED-GL2 MATRYOSHKA PAINTING MASTER CLASS

Duration: 4.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$0.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$261.00  **GL**

Date: August 24, 2022 09:00 AM

Learn to paint your own version of Matryoshka nesting dolls in a hands-on class and then enjoy a traditional Russian tea party with ice cream at a downtown café. The wooden dolls have been wildly popular since 1900, when they won the bronze medal in the World Exposition in Paris. A set of these iconic Russian souvenirs typically contains seven dolls of decreasing size, each one identically painted and nesting inside another. Each folk-art doll depicts a young peasant woman bundled up, her head covered with a babushka. Matryoshka means “little matron,” and the dolls are said to represent motherhood and family. An art expert will offer guidance as you paint your own set of dolls in the hands-on class. Feel free to paint your dolls to look traditional or take a more creative approach. When finished painting your Matryoshka nesting dolls, the set will be your souvenir to take home.

- Paint a set of Matryoshka nesting dolls however you see fit and take them home.
- Discover how these iconic Russian dolls first became popular and what they represent.
- Toast your creativity by indulging in a traditional tea party with ice cream.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the vehicle and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. This tour has a limited capacity; therefore, it is recommended that guests pre-book as early as possible.

LED-013 JEWISH HERITAGE OF ST. PETERSBURG

Duration: 3.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$0.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$169.00

Date: August 24, 2022 02:00 PM

What better way to delve into St. Petersburg’s rich Jewish heritage than in the synagogues? This intriguing tour visits two of the most outstanding, starting with the more than 100-year-old, Moorish-designed Big Choral Synagogue, one of the largest in Europe. Today, the Synagogue is a center of Jewish culture and education in St. Petersburg. As a special treat, you will have a unique opportunity to hear a concert performed by the Synagogue cantor and other Jewish musicians during your visit. Your tour also includes a stop at the nearby Small Synagogue, which is used for everyday services. Continuing on, you will next make your way to Theater Square, which is closely associated with Anton Rubinshtein, the esteemed Jewish composer and pianist who established The Conservatoire, the oldest Russian school of music. Many outstanding figures of the musical world were educated within its walls, including violinist David Oistrakh and master cellist Mstislav Rostropovich. Drive by the Peter and Paul Fortress, the city’s very first structure, which was soon converted from a fortress into the main political prison of the Russian Empire. Peter the Great’s son, Prince Alexis; writers Fyodor Dostoevsky and Maxim Gorky, and Leon Trotsky were all prisoners here. Crossing the Palace Bridge, you will pass the St. Petersburg State University and the Academy of Fine Arts, a famous educational establishment where well-known Russian-Jewish painters such as Isaac Levitan and Marc Chagall were educated. Please note: Men are required to wear kippas (yamas) when entering the Synagogues. If you do not have one, they are available at the entrance. The order of the sites viewed or visited may vary.



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❖ HELSINKI, FINLAND

HEL-001SG HIGHLIGHTS OF HELSINKI - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 3.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$65.00** **Retail Price: CA\$234.00**

Date: August 25, 2022 08:10 AM

Enhance your shoreside experience with a Regent Choice small group tour. Hosting no more than 16 guests, these tours provide a more intimate experience and allow for more personal engagement with your knowledgeable guide. Settle back for the definitive overview of Finland's marvelous capital city on this panoramic drive. The carefully chosen route winds from the harbor past Embassy Park, Senate Square, the chic Esplanadi park district and landmark-lined Mannerheim Street, among other top Helsinki locales – with stops made for you to get closer to some of the most intriguing and photogenic sights. Among the highlights seen are the gleaming white Lutheran Cathedral made famous in the movies, the stadium where the 1952 Olympics happened, a concert hall designed by celebrated Finnish architect Alvar Aalto, and one of the city's quirkiest signature buildings: the underground Rock Church. Excavated out of solid granite, its ribbed glass and copper dome roof looks rather like a UFO that took a wrong turn. At Sibelius Park, you'll stop to ponder another modernist must-see – a shimmering stainless steel monument made of hollow tubes, erected in 1967 to honor Finland's most famous composer by making music of their own as the breezes flow by. At the conclusion of your guided survey, you can choose to return to the ship or continuing exploring this never-dull city on your own.

- Take in Helsinki's most prominent sights in panoramic comfort on a guided coach drive around the city.
- See the domed cathedral and its famous steps in Senate Square, the historic Olympic Stadium and the modern new Opera House on Töölönlahti Bay.
- Visit the Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.
- At Sibelius Park, decide if you love or loathe the controversial steel-pipe monument built to honor Finland's most famous composer.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour is mostly panoramic with optional walking at the stops. There is a 10-minute walk in each direction required to reach the Rock Church; guests may arrange with the guide to opt out of this portion of the tour if desired. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.

HEL-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF HELSINKI

Duration: 3.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$0.00** **Retail Price: CA\$169.00**

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HEL-002 ART AND ARCHITECTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Duration: 4.50 Hrs **Tour Price: CA\$0.00** **Retail Price: CA\$169.00**

Date: August 25, 2022 08:30 AM

Pay your respects to the works of some of Finland's most respected architects on this driving tour that visits both rural and urban landmarks. Helsinki is long-renowned for its groundbreaking architecture, wide boulevards and graceful squares. But this expedition's focus lies further out of town in a charming rural landscape of deep forests, majestic rocks and crystal water. You'll be visiting Hvitträsk, once the shared studio residence of three of Finland's most preeminent architects – and the boyhood home of international architect Eero Saarinen, revered for mid-century works like the St. Louis Arch, the TWA terminal at JFK Airport and Washington's Dulles Airport. Built in 1902 of natural stone and logs on a lakeside hill, Hvitträsk remains a defining example of Finnish National Romantic style. Your tour here includes free time for wandering the residence's grounds, an oasis of peace and tranquility. Back in Helsinki proper, you'll enjoy a rolling survey of its most significant in-town architecture, including Finlandia Hall and Parliament House, Senate Square and the Lutheran Cathedral, the University, Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral and the Presidential Palace. And no Helsinki pilgrimage is complete without a visit to the marvelously unique Tempelaauro Rock Church blasted into solid granite.

- Travel by coach into a rural Finnish landscape to Hvitträsk, the residence and studio once shared by the country's top architects.
- Take a guided tour of this 1902 landmark structure, now a museum and exhibition center for Finnish art and handicrafts, and wander its peaceful surrounding gardens.
- Learn about the boyhood life of superstar architect Eero Saarinen who grew up here, son of one of the three original builders.
- Enjoy a rolling survey of Helsinki's most prominent buildings, some designed by these same architects.
- Stay on downtown to explore the city further at tour's end or ride the coach back to the pier.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour involves a good amount of walking over flat, steep and cobbled surfaces; it is not recommended for wheelchair guests or those with limited mobility. Should you decide to remain in the city after afterwards, you will be responsible for your own return to the cruise pier.



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HEL-011 BEAUTIFUL HAIKKO MANOR, NORDIC WALK & SAUNA

Duration: 5.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$156.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$352.00

Date: August 25, 2022 08:30 AM

Head out from Helsinki to beautiful Haikko Manor and Sauna for a uniquely exhilarating Finnish experience. Like much of Europe, this manor home – now a hotel– has a long history laced with both religious and royal overtones. Back in the 1300s it was a Dominican monastery, but during the era of Russian rule at the turn of the 20th century, the Imperial family came to Haikko for summer getaways. You'll be enjoying a getaway of your own here as the venue's spa equips you for a Nordic walk, arguably Finland's national sport. Sporting your set of ski poles and accompanied by an instructor, you'll head out on a bracing walk in the park-like Haikko environs. Choose the gentle route or go for the more strenuous hill walk. Afterwards, relax in the traditional cottage sauna by the sea or stroll the grounds further. Once back in Helsinki, you'll visit one of the city's quirkiest signature buildings: the underground Rock Church. Excavated out of solid granite, its ribbed glass and copper dome roof looks like a UFO that took a wrong turn. After a photo stop at Senate Square, you can opt to stay in town longer or return to the ship.

- Travel about half an hour outside Helsinki by coach to Haikko Manor, on beautiful seaside parkland.
- Make like a Finn, grab your ski poles and head out on an invigorating instructor-guided Nordic walk.
- Reward yourself afterwards with a visit to the spa's soothing sauna.
- Back in Helsinki, walk to the famous Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.
- Sightsee around convivial Senate Square and consider staying on to explore downtown further.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

The Nordic walking portion of the tour covers approximately 1 mile, while the Nordic hill climb is approximately 500 feet. Guests who wish to make use of the sauna should bring along a swimsuit. A 10-minute walk in each direction is required to reach the Rock Church. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.

HEL-GL1 HELSINKI THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL

Duration: 4.50 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$104.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$300.00 **GL**


Date: August 25, 2022 08:30 AM

Experience local life by exploring food markets and a shopping mall, sampling Finnish cuisine and then strolling a serene waterfront park. As you meander about the historical market Vanha Kaupahalli, you will gain an understanding of daily life in Helsinki. Similarly, after a short tram ride to the Kamppi Shopping Centre, you will get a feel for other types of merchandise available to the residents, mainly fashions and jewelry. You will then ride the metro to Hakaniemi Market, a shopping area that specializes in gourmet foods and delicacies. To see if the local cuisine suits your palate, you will sample traditional snacks such as cold smoked reindeer with marinated red onion, Finnish archipelago bread with lemon crème fraiche and salmon, and non-alcoholic rhubarb soda. To become further immersed in local life, you will stroll through waterfront Kaivopuisto Park, which is on the southernmost tip of Helsinki and surrounded by embassies and extravagant homes.

- Observe local life while browsing the merchandise at several popular shopping areas.
 - Recognize the vast range of stores available in urban Helsinki.
 - Sample traditional Norwegian snacks and stroll a waterfront park.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

This tour includes about 3½ hours of walking and standing with some cobblestone surfaces and inclines. It is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns who should evaluate their stamina and ability before joining the tour.

HEL-013SG WALKING TOUR OF HELSINKI - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 4.00 Hrs **Tour Price:** CA\$65.00 **Retail Price:** CA\$234.00 

Date: August 25, 2022 08:40 AM

Enhance your shoreside experience with a Regent Choice small group tour. Hosting no more than 16 guests, these tours provide a more intimate experience and allow for more personal engagement with your knowledgeable guide. Get up-close to Helsinki's famous array of medieval and modern landmarks on a leisurely guided walk through the city center. You'll get to see far more detail than you would traveling the streets by vehicle. Like in Senate Square where you'll gaze up at the dazzling white Lutheran Cathedral, and at the Railway Station, another icon of Finnish National Romantic architecture opened in 1919. You'll amble along Mannerheim Street, Helsinki's main thoroughfare lined with museums, a new Music Hall and the dignified Parliament building. Re-energized thanks to a coffee and pastry from a downtown café, you'll walk on and pay a visit to one of the city's quirkiest signature buildings: the underground Rock Church. Blasted out of solid granite, its giant ribbed glass and copper dome roof looks very much like a UFO that took a wrong turn. Walking through Sibelius Park, you'll ponder another modernist must-see – the shimmering stainless steel monument made of some 600 hollow tubes, designed to honor Finland's most famous composer by making music of their own as the breezes flow by. No question, this city moves to the beat of its own unique soundtrack.

- Tour Helsinki on foot and enjoy closeup encounters with its most prominent sights.
- Stop to photograph and learn about key landmarks like the Lutheran Cathedral, Railway Station, the National Museum and House of Parliament.
- Visit the Rock Church, blasted out of the bedrock and capped with an extraterrestrial-style saucer roof.
- Stop and enjoy a freshly-brewed cup of joe and a pastry served in a downtown coffee venue.
- At Sibelius Park, decide if you love or loathe the controversial steel-pipe monument built to honor Finland's most famous composer.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour includes approximately 2-miles (3-hours) of moderate walking over mostly cobblestone and uneven surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns, and operates during all weather conditions so participants should be prepared for the chance of rain. Due to religious services and new regulations, inside visit of the Rock Church cannot be guaranteed.



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HEL-013 WALKING TOUR OF HELSINKI

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$130.00

Date: August 25, 2022 08:50 AM

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HEL-009 PICTURESQUE PORVOO

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$169.00

Date: August 25, 2022 09:00 AM

Surrender to the wooden charms of Finland's second-oldest town, and enjoy a panoramic spin through the country's landmark-filled capital city. Your excursion to Porvoo begins with a drive through the heart of Helsinki, past its bustling open-air marketplace and architectural must-see's like the Uspenski Orthodox Cathedral, Presidential Palace and expansive Senate Square. You'll make a brief stop to admire the dazzling white Lutheran Cathedral; capped with green domes and set atop a dramatic stairway it dwarfs nearly everything else on the surrounding skyline. Some of the other marquee attractions you'll spot include the Opera House, Finlandia Hall, the National Museum, Parliament building and the Contemporary Art Museum. Arriving in Porvoo, the look and feel of everything shifts backwards in time as you begin a leisurely walking tour of this city that receiving its charter all the way back in 1346. Stroll along cobblestone streets lined with brightly painted buildings crafted with hammer and nail. Stop to admire stellar views of the historic center from the Old Bridge of Porvoo, which spans the town river. After your orientation walk, take some time on your own to explore further; colorful gardens and browse-worthy handicraft and antique shops abound.

- Settle back for a drive through central Helsinki via panoramic coach, taking in its many landmarks, ancient and modern.
- Stop for a closer view of the city's signature, green-domed Lutheran Cathedral at Senate Square.
- Take the scenic route to medieval Porvoo, where time has not moved nearly as fast as elsewhere.
- Enjoy an illuminating guided walk through Old Town, then spend a while exploring Porvoo's charms – and its shops – at your leisure.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat or umbrella.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

This tour is mostly panoramic, with a short introductory walk in Porvoo over hilly and cobbled terrain. Amount of walking and level of exertion during free time is at guests' discretion. This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns.

HEL-010 SUOMENLINNA FORTRESS

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$130.00



Date: August 25, 2022 09:00 AM

Travel by public ferry to tour Finland's signature 18th-century sea fortress, straddling several small islands in Helsinki harbor. Suomenlinna is both a major military monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site, built to safeguard against the threat of Russian invasion back in the days when Sweden ruled Finland. Its military shipyard was one of the world's largest dry-docks and Suomenlinna was considered on par with the great maritime fortifications at Gibraltar. Today, 250 years on, the citadel remains carefully preserved and makes a fascinating place to explore and learn about. During your walking tour around the Suomenlinna grounds, you'll soon realize that this place is more than a fortress: the complex is really a city within the city of Helsinki, boasting its own library, health center, fire brigade and school. There's even a WWII-vintage submarine parked along the coastline, a restored vestige of Finland's flareup-prone territorial tug-of-war with Russia. After your formal Suomenlinna tour, the ferry crossing back to the Market square, where you will have some short free time to explore on your own, before going back to the ship

- Head into the waters of Helsinki harbor by ferry to visit a fascinating UNESCO-listed landmark.
- Tour Suomenlinna, the iconic 18th-century sea fortress built at the peak of Sweden's rule of this region.
- Learn about Suomenlinna's long maritime and military history, and about the island's full suite of civilian attributes – including its own library and fire brigade.
- Enjoy some free-range time to explore the Market square at your leisure
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a water/windproof jacket.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour involves a moderate amount of walking on Suomenlinna island, and over uneven gravel surfaces at the fortress. The tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or who use a wheelchair.



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HEL-004 HELSINKI BY SEA AND FORTRESS ISLAND

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$143.00 Retail Price: CA\$339.00 

Date: August 25, 2022 10:45 AM

Experience Helsinki's scenic archipelago from the sea during this waterborne tour through the maze of islands that surround the Finnish capital. Driven to harborside Market Square, you'll take to the water for a guided cruise that brings you by waterfront suburban neighborhoods where locals live, romantic old villas and giant icebreakers, among many other unique sights. Even the city zoo is on one of Helsinki's generous share of the 180,000 isles to be found in Finland. But one island in particular stands out from the rest, and you're headed there for a guided walk. Suomenlinna is both a major military monument and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Built during the days when Sweden ruled Finland, this remarkable citadel straddles several small islands and once reigned as the Baltic's most powerful sea fortress. Its military shipyard was one of the world's largest dry-docks and Suomenlinna was considered on par with the great maritime fortifications at Gibraltar. Today, 250 years on, it remains carefully preserved and makes a fascinating place to explore and learn about. After the guided fortress walk, you'll have some time to free-range on this picturesque island and discover it further.

- Take to the waters of Helsinki harbor for a refreshing and enlightening exploratory cruise.
- Sail past islets and landmarks of every stripe that make up this city's unique urban archipelago.
- Tour the medieval, island-hopping fortress at Suomenlinna and learn about Helsinki's centuries-old maritime history.
- Return to land at an open-air market where fresh local produce and artisanal foodstuffs are sold.
- If you wish, stay on to graze and explore the city further, or catch the coach ride back to the pier.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a water/windproof jacket.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.

This tour involves a moderate amount of walking on Suomenlinna island, and over uneven gravel surfaces at the fortress. Entering and exiting the tour boat requires negotiating 3-5 narrow steps. The tour is not recommended for guests with limited mobility or who use a wheelchair.

HEL-008 SCENIC HELSINKI HARBOR CRUISE

Duration: 2.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$195.00

Date: August 25, 2022 10:45 AM

Admire the ins and outs of Helsinki harbor's delightful maze of islands as you cruise waters dotted with historical sites. This one-of-a-kind urban archipelago boasts waterfront saunas, old villas, the city zoo, and a giant icebreaker or two. Your guide will provide ample color on the region's vibrant backstory and its deep relationship to the sea. One of the most impressive of the landmarks you'll encounter during your sail is Suomenlinna, an 18th-century fortress so significant it's been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. Built during the days when Sweden ruled Finland, this remarkable turf-covered citadel straddles several small islands and once reigned as the Baltic's most powerful sea fortress. Your waterborne harbor survey ends at an open-air market, where you'll have time to wander and graze – perhaps sampling delicious fresh berries or other locally grown produce until it's time to rejoin your coach for the trip back to the pier.

- Take to the waters of Helsinki harbor for a refreshing and enlightening exploratory cruise.
- Sail past islets and landmarks of every stripe that make up this city's unique urban archipelago.
- See Helsinki's signature island-hopping citadel, Suomenlinna, and learn about Helsinki's age-old relationship with the sea.
- Drop in at an open-air market where fresh local produce and artisan foodstuffs are ripe for the grazing.
- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a water/windproof jacket.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.

This tour is mostly panoramic with limited optional walking during free time at the market. Entering and exiting the tour boat does require negotiating 3-5 narrow steps. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating.



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General Information

What is Included?

Transportation:

Licensed and insured late model, coaches, vehicles, watercraft, and other modes of transportation are utilized.

Meals and Refreshments:

Included when indicated in the tour description.

Guides:

Licensed, English-speaking, local guides accompany all tours, where available.

Entrance Fees:

Tours include all required admission fees, where applicable.

What Should I Wear?

When taking a shore excursion, comfortable walking shoes, sunglasses, a hat and sunscreen are suggested. You may consider bringing an umbrella, raincoat, sweater, or jacket. And don't forget your camera!

Cancellations and refunds

- In order to ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance. Therefore no refunds will be given within 36 hours of the tour.
- Tours operate rain or shine.
- Tours require minimum participation levels to operate so please sign up as early as possible. Tours may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met.

Prices, Itineraries and General Information

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