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KOTKA, FINLAND

KOK-004 RELAXING RIVER KUMIJOKI

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

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Cruise down the free-flowing Kymijoki River in an open raft for an outdoor experience that will be spectacularly scenic and immensely pleasurable. The longest river in Finland, the Kymi as it is known more familiarly flows through the beautiful, forested countryside before emptying into the gulf near Kotka. Finland was part of Sweden from the 12th century to 1809, and the river formed the border between Sweden and Russia during that time period. Today, the Kymi attracts outdoor enthusiasts who love to canoe, kayak and fish. Chances are you will see anglers trying to catch salmon and sea trout as you raft down the calm waters. After an idyllic hour or so on the river, you will disembark for a lunch of flambéed salmon and traditional Finnish coffee, both prepared over a campfire. Finns drink more coffee per capita than anyone in the world. The drink is typically roasted lightly and somewhat acidic.

- Enjoy a rafting adventure down the calm waters of the Kymijoki River.
- ·Admire some of the most beautiful and pristine scenery in Finland.
- Dine on flambéed salmon cooked over a campfire along the riverbank.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

KOK-005 EXTREME RAFTING ON THE RIVER KYMI

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

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Race down the rapids of the wild Kymijoki River for an exhilarating, adrenaline-pumping adventure like no other. The guide will brief you on what to expect before you start rafting on the Kymi, as it is known locally. Being the longest river in Finland, it runs through all sorts of terrain, the majority of it heavily forested and undeveloped. You will begin rafting in an area where the waters are calm, so you can get a feel for how to best steer the raft and keep it balanced. In time, as the river narrows and the tranquil waters pick up speed, the real fun will begin. The guide will help maneuver the raft and offer paddling advice as you shoot the rapids. In the calmer water between the rapids, the guide will elaborate on the history of the Kymijoki River and the wildlife that you may spot along the riverbanks.

Enjoy a rafting adventure down the free-flowing waters of the wild Kymijoki River.

Admire some of the most beautiful and pristine scenery in Finland.

·Learn about the river's history and look for wildlife along the riverbanks.

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KOK-001 CITY OF KOTKA & MARITIME CENTRE VELLAMO

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

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Get an authentic glimpse of life in Kotka by browsing attractions that highlight the influence of the sea. The city is surrounded by water as it covers two islands in the Gulf of Finland at the mouth of the Kymijoki River. While strolling through Sappoka Water Garden, you will soon realize the calming effect of its central waterfall and many ponds and brooks. Kotka's most iconic building is the Maritime Centre Vellama, a complex of museums within a modern façade that resembles a massive wave that reflects the colors of the sea. Its Museum of Kymenlaakso focuses on cultural aspects and presents a history of the Coast Guard. The complex's Maritime Museum of Finland is even more comprehensive, as it holds everything from nautical charts to underwater archaeological artifacts to full-size ships. You will gain a different historical perspective at the 19th-century Kotka Church, which is known for its rose windows and for having the largest baroque organ in Finland.

Recognize how the sea has shaped Kotka while enjoying a panoramic drive around town.

- ·Stroll through serene Sappoka Water Garden, the city's most popular park.
- Browse two marine-oriented museums within the Maritime Centre Vellama complex.
- Behold the largest baroque organ in Finland at the Kotka Church.
- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

KOK-002 KOTKA & HAMINA HIGHLIGHTS

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

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Take in the natural and architectural beauty of Kotka before delving into Finland's military history in Hamina, the country's oldest garrison town. A leisurely walk through Sappoka Water Garden will offer a delightful respite from the urban atmosphere, as the popular park is extraordinarily serene. In contrast, the 19th-century Kotka Church enchants through its neo-gothic architecture, which features extraordinary stained glass, rose windows and ornate pillars. Another highlight is its baroque organ, the largest in Finland. The fortress town of Hamina will reveal much about the area's military past, as it was fortified in the early 1700s after being destroyed in the Great Northern War. It was rebuilt following a rare circular town plan with a star-shaped fortress at its center. As you meander about, the guide will describe Hamina's turbulent history, including the 18th-century wars with nearby Russia and the aerial bombing that destroyed much of the town during World War II.

Stroll through serene Sappoka Water Garden, the most popular park in Kotka.

Behold the largest baroque organ in Finland at Kotka Church, an architectural treasure.

Explore the fortified town of Hamina, which was founded in 1653.

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Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

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Visit the imperial fishing lodge that Tsar Alexander III built on the outskirts of Kotka and then explore Hamina, a fortified town founded in 1653. After falling in love with the natural beauty of the Kymijoki delta toward the end of the 19th century, the tsar ordered the construction of a lodge befitting Russia's imperial family on the river at Langinkoski. Beautifully restored with many of the original furnishings and personal effects, the wooden lodge perches above a series of rapids and you can almost picture the tsar fishing there without a care in the world. Life wasn't quite so calm in Hamina, the oldest garrison town in Finland. Although the original town was leveled in the Great Northern War, it was rebuilt in the 1720s with defense in mind. During free time there, be sure to notice Hamina's unusual circular town plan that features a star-shaped fortress at its center. There are also numerous historical wooden houses well worth a look.

•Visit the spectacular fishing lodge that Tsar Alexander III built for his imperial family. •Explore Hamina, a town founded in 1653 but destroyed in the 1720s.

Notice how Hamina was rebuilt in a circular pattern with a fort at its center.

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

KOK-007 TREKKING IN VALKMUSA NATIONAL PARK

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Date: June 15, 2022 03:05 PM

Hike through beautiful Valkmusa National Park, following a circular trail through a natural bog that is teeming with wildlife. The Western Oasis trail loops around what is known as an ombrotrophic bog, a type of bog that contains few nutrients, making it difficult for most plants to grow. As a result, many of the plants found there are carnivorous and feed on insects that they trap. The sundews and pitcher plants are particularly interesting. The guide will elaborate on the bog's unique biodiversity of the flora and fauna as you walk the raised duckboard path. Keep an eye out for birds such as ospreys, cranes and whimbrels. Typically seen in huge flocks, whimbrels are supposedly named for the sound of their call. It is likely that you will also spot butterflies and moths. The yellowish-purple ldaea muricata moth was chosen as Valkmusa's symbol because it is only found in coastal areas in southern Finland.

Follow a raised duckboard path through a bog in beautiful Valkmusa National Park.

·See carnivorous plants that devour insects for food as bog soil is lacking in nutrients.

·Look for birds of prey, wading birds, butterflies and rare moths.

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

KOK-006 EXHILARATING RIB ARCHIPELAGO ADVENTURE

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$104.00

Date: June 15, 2022 04:00 PM

Zip through the Gulf of Finland in a Rigid Inflatable Boat and then relax on a beach-blessed island. The vessel, better known as a RIB, is fast but stable so it can tear through the water at speeds up to 40 knots yet still offer a remarkably smooth ride. From this unique perspective, you will enjoy sweeping views of Kotka and the coastline, as you race toward an island that Russia owns. Finland was a Russian grand duchy until declaring independence in 1917, and the proximity of the countries has left a lasting influence. Following a photo stop at the Russian island, during which you might ask the guide about its history, you will head for the recreational island of Kaunissaari on the other side of Kotka. Kaunissaari means "beautiful" in Finnish, and as you will discover it is an accurate description. Feel free to wander about the island, but leave time to enjoy a salmon sandwich and local beer for lunch.

•Tear through the seas in a Rigid Inflatable Boat designed to be speedy yet stable. •Pause for photos of an island that Russia owns and discover a bit about its history.

•Explore the Finnish island of Kaunissaari and enjoy a salmon sandwich and beer for lunch.

• Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.









ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

LED-011 CATHERINE'S PALACE IN PUSHKIN

Duration: 4.25 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$208.00

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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

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LED-002 CLASSICAL ST. PETERSBURG

Duration: 8.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$208.00



Date: June 16, 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 umbrel Palace is 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

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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

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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: June 16, 2022 09:00 AM

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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

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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 fabled 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 Vasilievsky 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, 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 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.

Retail Price: CA\$182.00

Retail Price: CA\$221.00

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

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LED-004 HERMITAGE, A WEALTH OF ART & HISTORY

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$195.00



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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.



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

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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. 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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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 Faberge 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 Faberge 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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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 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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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 Italianskaya 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 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 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 transfering 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-013 JEWISH HERITAGE OF ST. PETERSBURG

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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 Rastropovich. 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 kipas (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.



LED-028 MUSICAL EVENING AT MENSHIKOV PALACE

Duration: 3.25 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$169.00 Retail Price: CA\$365.00

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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

LED-008 GRAND IMPERIAL EVENING OF THE TSARS

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

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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 agua 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 freize 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 quests 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

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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

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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.



LED-015 HERMITAGE AND GOLD ROOM

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

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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. 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



Date: June 17, 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.

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Retail Price: CA\$261.00

Paint a set of Matryoshka nesting dolls however your 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-006 ST. PETERSBURG CATHEDRALS

Duration: 3.25 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$169.00



Date: June 17, 2022 01:30 PM

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 Montferrant. 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 decor of the church was most expensive. The architect used Russian rose marble, gray marble from Finland, green from Genoa, vellow 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 collonade 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 Guiberti 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 Tolli, 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 propaganda 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.

TALLINN, ESTONIA

TLL-001 TALLINN WALKING TOUR AND CONCERT



Date: June 18, 2022 09:15 AM, 09:45 AM, 10:15 AM



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 Dominician Monastery to enjoy a short concert of ancient music. After the concert, take a stroll through Catherine's Passage to Müürivahe 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.

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

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

Date: June 18, 2022 09:15 AM, 09:45 AM, 10:15 AM

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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: June 18, 2022 09:15 AM, 10:15 AM

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 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.

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TLL-006 ESTONIA'S SOVIET PAST

Duration: 4.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$169.00

Retail Price: CA\$365.00

Date: June 18, 2022 09:15 AM



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-007 COUNTRYSIDE FISHING AND LUNCH

Duration: 6.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$169.00



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-002 UPPER TOWN AND ROCCA AL MARE WITH FOLK SHOW



Date: June 18, 2022 09:30 AM

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.





TLL-003 BIKING IN RURAL ESTONIA AND OLD TOWN

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

Date: June 18, 2022 09:45 AM



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: June 18, 2022 09:45 AM

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TLL-009 PANORAMIC TALLINN

Duration: 3.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$169.00

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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: June 18, 2022 10:15 AM

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 guite 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.



KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA

KLA-002SG KLAIPEDA CHARM & PALANGA AMBER - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$78.00 Retail Price: CA\$274.00

Date: June 19, 2022 12:30 PM, 01:30 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. Sightsee in historic Klaipeda Old Town, tour a 19th-century mansion filled with amber, and walk a lively seafront promenade that juts out 1500 feet into the Baltic. A memorable stop will be made at Klaipeda's Theatre Square, where you'll be introduced to its most famous resident, the sculpture of "Annie of Tharau." On a walk through narrow streets, you'll admire the fine old half-timbered fachwerk architecture Klaipeda is known for. A drive north to Palanga brings you to a botanical park where you'll have awhile to stroll forested gardens where swans and other birds float in tranquil ponds. You'll also marvel at another kind of beauty here, inside the splendid neoclassical mansion that once housed a Count and now houses the Amber Museum. Within these walls, thousands of pieces of "Baltic Gold" are on display, including one that weighs in at nearly eight pounds and has been stolen on more than one occasion. Your Palanga tour continues with a stroll along pedestrianized Basanavicius street, both its sides brimming with cafes and bars – leading to a wooden sea pier that extends far out over the Baltic.

Enjoy a sightseeing drive and walk in Old Klaipeda, including Theatre Square and its famous statue.

Stroll the Palanga Botanical Garden, designed by a top turn-of-the-century French landscape architect.

•Tour the palatial Amber Museum within the park and marvel at the Baltic Gold displayed within.

Gain insights on how amber is formed, where it is found and how it is worked into fine jewelry.

Experience the scene along Palanga's Basanavicius street, lined with cafes and leading to a Baltic pier.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

·Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour involves over 2-hours of walking/standing on mostly flat surfaces, some hard gravel lanes and cobblestones. There are 8 steps to enter the museum and a flight of stairs to reach the 2nd floor, but there is an elevator. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns. Some of the public restroom facilities in town require local currency. Weather appropriate clothing, adequate sun protection and flat comfortable walking shoes are recommended. This tour has a limited capacity; therefore, it is recommended that guests pre-book this tour as early as possible.

KLA-001 LEGENDS OF THE WITCHES HILL

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$130.00

Date: June 19, 2022 12:40 PM, 01:40 PM

Experience Klaipeda's world of fairy tales and legends on a tour of the Black Shore, with a stop at Witches Hill. This highly scenic coach journey, punctuated by a 10-minute ferry crossing to reach the famed Curonian Spit, brings you to the town of Juodkranté. The name means "Black Shore" in Lithuanian, and this once-hopping period resort exudes Old World charm and plenty of quirky superstitious character. You'll see Amber Bay, where tons of precious prehistoric amber were mined in the 19th-century, and visit a gallery displaying the whimsically colorful "Curonian pennant" weather vanes that became the artistic symbols of the Spit. But the highlight of any Juodkranté visit is Witches Hill, a site of pagan celebration since ancient times. Along a path through the forest, you'll encounter some 80 strange and grotesque carved oak sculptures tied to Lithuanian folk tales and legends – including the she-giant Neringa and Egle, queen of the grass-snakes. Your guide will share their long-told stories and several others. On the drive back, stop at the long honey colored shores which have been awarded the Blue Flag and are considered one of the best beaches of the Baltic Sea.

- ·Travel by coach through Klaipeda and out into the shifting-sand dune terrain of the Curonian Spit.
- ·Tour the old fishing village and resort town of Juodkranté, which means the Black Shore.
- Take a walk up Witches Hill, where Lithuania's pagan heritage is alive and well and carved into wood.
- Visit a gallery of iconic Curonian pennant weather vanes, pass by historic Amber Bay, and see Evangelical Lutheran church.
- ·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

Flat athletic or hiking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended.

Bring a hat, insect repellant, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

Bring along a bottle of water from the ship.

This tour involves nearly 2 hours of moderate to strenuous walking; the Hill of Witches requires navigating an uphill dirt path through a dense forest. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Guests should be in good physical condition. Once back in Klaipeda Old Town, you may step off to explore further on your own or stay aboard the coach for a direct transfer back to the pier.



KLA-002 KLAIPEDA CHARM & PALANGA AMBER

Duration: 4.75 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$117.00

Date: June 19, 2022 12:45 PM, 01:45 PM

Sightsee in historic Klaipeda Old Town, tour a 19th-century mansion filled with amber, and walk a lively seafront promenade that juts out 1500 feet into the Baltic. A memorable stop will be made at Klaipeda's Theatre Square, where you'll be introduced to its most famous resident, the sculpture of "Annie of Tharau." On a walk through narrow streets, you'll admire the fine old half-timbered fachwerk architecture Klaipeda is known for. A drive north to Palanga brings you to a botanical park where you'll have awhile to stroll forested gardens where swans and other birds float in tranquil ponds. You'll also marvel at another kind of beauty here, inside the splendid neoclassical mansion that once housed a Count and now houses the Amber Museum. Within these walls, thousands of pieces of "Baltic Gold" are on display, including one that weighs in at nearly eight pounds and has been stolen on more than one occasion. Your Palanga tour continues with a stroll along pedestrianized Basanavicius street, both its sides brimming with cafes and bars – leading to a wooden sea pier that extends far out over the Baltic.

Enjoy a sightseeing drive and walk in Old Klaipeda, including Theatre Square and its famous statue.

Stroll the Palanga Botanical Garden, designed by a top turn-of-the-century French landscape architect.

Tour the palatial Amber Museum within the park and marvel at the Baltic Gold displayed within.

Gain insights on how amber is formed, where it is found and how it is worked into fine jewelry.

Experience the scene along Palanga's Basanavicius street, lined with cafes and leading to a Baltic pier.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour involves over 2 hours of moderate walking/standing, at times over uneven surfaces, and may not be suitable for guests with mobility difficulties. There are 8 steps to enter the museum and a flight of stairs to reach the 2nd floor, but there is an elevator. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns. Some of the public restroom facilities in town require local currency. Once back in Klaipeda Old Town, you may step off to explore further on your own or stay aboard the coach for a direct transfer back to the pier.

KLA-001SG LEGENDS OF THE WITCHES HILL - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$78.00 Retail Price: CA\$274.00

Date: June 19, 2022 01:00 PM, 02:40 PM

Experience Klaipeda's world of fairy tales and legends on a tour of the Black Shore, with a stop at Witches Hill. This highly scenic coach journey, punctuated by a 10-minute ferry crossing to reach the famed Curonian Spit, brings you to the town of Juodkranté. The name means "Black Shore" in Lithuanian, and this once-hopping period resort exudes Old World charm and plenty of quirky superstitious character. You'll see Amber Bay, where tons of precious prehistoric amber were mined in the 19th-century, and visit a gallery displaying the whimsically colorful "Curonian pennant" weather vanes that became the artistic symbols of the Spit. But the highlight of any Juodkranté visit is Witches Hill, a site of pagan celebration since ancient times. Along a path through the forest, you'll encounter some 80 strange and grotesque carved oak sculptures tied to Lithuanian folk tales and legends – including the she-giant Neringa and Egle, queen of the grass-snakes. Your guide will share their long-told stories and several others. On the drive back, stop at the long honey colored shores which have been awarded the Blue Flag and are considered one of the best beaches of the Baltic Sea.

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Visit a gallery of iconic Curonian pennant weather vanes, pass by historic Amber Bay, and see Evangelical Lutheran church.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat athletic or hiking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended.

·Bring a hat, insect repellant, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

Bring along a bottle of water from the ship.

This tour involves nearly 2-hours of moderate to strenuous walking/standing. Reaching the Hill of Witches requires navigating an uphill hard gravel forest path with some protruding roots. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Guests should be in good physical condition. At the conclusion of your guided tour, you may opt to rejoin your coach and proceed directly back to the pier and ship, or remain a bit longer in the Old Town of Klaipeda, and find your own way back to the ship. Small Group excursions follow the same itinerary and description as our regular group excursions whilst providing an increased intimate experience with your guide. Excursions which include transport via boats and/or meals will not be exclusive to the small groups and may be shared with other guests on excursions.

KLA-003 SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPON SITE

Duration: 6.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00





Date: June 19, 2022 01:00 PM, 02:00 PM

Delve into Lithuania's rugged natural beauty and discover a former nuclear missile bunker that once threatened all of Europe. From the pier, you'll drive to Zemaitija National Park, deep within sparsely populated Plokstine Forest. Passing magnificent vistas and a crystalline lake, you'll soon see that this green and remote place was also once home to a lethal secret. Plokstine Missile Base is a stark reminder of the Cold War, its four silos excavated by hand in an-around-the clock effort by thousands of soldiers, conducted across 3 years in total secrecy. Becoming operational in 1963, the R12 Dvina nuclear missiles here were targeted at Europe's largest cities, including Berlin, London, Madrid and Paris. In 1962, similar missiles deployed from here to Havana precipitated the Cuban Missile Crisis. Luckily, none were ever fired and Plokstine's were all removed when the site closed in 1979. Abandoned after the Soviet Union's collapse, the silos and central control complex were reopened as a Cold War Museum in 2012. During your guided tour of the corridors, mineshaft and deep underground tunnels of this once-hot launch site you'll even have a chance to climb through a narrow hatch to check out one of the silos.

Travel by panoramic coach through beautiful, unspoiled terrain to Zemaitija National Park.

Visit what was once a top-secret and sinister facility hidden deep within the Plokstine Forest.

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Tour what's left of Plokstine Missile Base, from which the Soviets targeted all of Europe with nuclear warheads.

Explore 88-foot-deep corridors and underground tunnels, even peer into one of the empty launch silos.

Enjoy some typical Lithuanian dishes and beverages at a lunchtime café stop.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 1 mile of walking and 1 hour of standing. There are many thresholds and steps to negotiate at the tunnels. The Soviet Nuclear Weapon Site has not been reconstructed, and there are some uncomfortable areas in the underground tunnels. If you are claustrophobic, do not enter the tunnels. Lunch includes a choice of two beverages: local beer, soda or water.

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KLA-004 MANSION, CHURCH & MONASTERY

Retail Price: CA\$117.00

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Date: June 19, 2022 01:00 PM, 03:00 PM

Explore Lithuania's turbulent past and reinvigorated present as you tour Kretinga's Church of the Annunciation and the historic mansion of Count Tiskevicius. Kretinga is one of Lithuania's oldest cities – one that suffered immensely during 20th-century occupations by both Soviets and Nazis. You'll visit the 17th-century Church of the Annunciation and its cellars. Monks from the adjoining Franciscan monastery did much to advance education in early Lithuania, but they were expelled by the Tsarist government and again in Soviet times. After Lithuania's 1990 declaration of independence, the Franciscans once more returned – and today care for the church. One of the brothers will lead your tour if not at prayer. Another must-see in Kretinga is Count Tiskevicius' 19th-century estate, which now houses a museum devoted to spiritual and cultural treasures. Here you'll see a collection of Lithuanian wooden art and countless pieces of equipment used in authentic Lithuanian living and gain insight into what life was like in Kretinga over a century ago. You'll also learn more about the tragic times when thousands of people, including the Franciscans, were deported to Siberia by the Soviets. Adding a more uplifting note, enjoy light refreshments in the museum's beautiful winter garden, surrounded by exotic plants.

·Travel by panoramic coach to Kretinga, a small and city with ancient roots and turbulent history.

Tour a medieval red-brick church and adjacent monastery run by Franciscans who have promoted education in Lithuania for centuries.

·Learn of the purges that happened here repeatedly in the last century but should never happen again.

Visit the Museum of Kretinga, its cultural collection housed in a 19th-century water mill building, which is part of Counts Mansion estate.

·Enjoy refreshments served in an elegant café nestled amidst tropical plants, next to a waterfall.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

·Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour involves approximately 2 hours of walking, at times over uneven surfaces, and may not be suitable for guests with mobility difficulties. The cellars of the church will not be accessible during religious functions.

KLA-006 PANORAMIC KLAIPEDA AND AMBER

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$130.00

Date: June 19, 2022 01:15 PM, 03:15 PM

This enlightening tour reveals Klaipeda's history and life under Soviet rule and explores how amber has shaped the city's fortunes. From the pier, you'll travel past top Klaipeda landmarks like the Clock and Watch Museum, the Gothic Revival post office and a former barracks that now houses Klaipeda University. Lithuania remained under Soviet rule from the end of World War II until it regained independence in 1991. You'll stop for photos at one of Klaipeda's last remaining Soviet memorials and drive through several Soviet-built residential areas. The scenery and your guide's commentary will provide great insight into this long chapter in Lithuania's history. But as influential as that era was, the production of items made from amber has had an even longer – and certainly more positive – impact on Klaipeda. Since ancient times, this fossilized resin from prehistoric pine trees has been used in medicines, perfume and jewelry. It's even found in colors other than amber – including yellow and sometimes red or blue. You'll watch amber artisans creating one-of-a-kind jewelry, see amber antiques, and sip a cup of amber tea while hearing tales of the ancient amber trade route that passed near Old Town.

·Enjoy a panoramic overview drive through Klaipeda Old Town, past top historic landmarks.

Pose for photos at one of the last Soviet memorials in town and see Soviet-era suburbs.

Learn about amber's long history in Klaipeda and watch artisans crafting it into jewelry.

Admire amber antiques and even sip tea made from this organic and much-prized substance.

·Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

·Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking and standing. It is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The amber artisans' workshop is a fully-functioning factory and for safety of our guests group size is limited. Guests can remain in Old Town after the tour's end; maps will be provided. Walking distance from there to the ship is approximately 800 yards.

KLA-007 KAYAKING ON THE MINIJA RIVER

Duration: 3.50 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$156.00

Date: June 19, 2022 01:15 PM, 02:15 PM

Paddle a kayak down the serene Minija, admiring gorgeous scenery and discovering what village life is like on a rural Lithuanian river. A leisurely drive through lush countryside begins the adventure, as your guide describes points of interest and provides historical background on Lithuania and how it regained independence from the Soviets in 1991. Your destination is Minija river, which stretches of 202 kilometres and is well know for fishing and kayaking. After a brief orientation session at the launch point, you'll ease into your kayak and out into the river's typically calm waters – free to paddle along at your preferred pace as you take in the Minija scenery and the serenity it offers. Along the way, you might encounter other kayakers or anglers casting for freshwater catch, but the river is usually as uncrowded as it is unspoiled. After experiencing the countryside from this intimate perspective, you'll appreciate the Lithuanian cake and fresh juice served at turn-in all the more.

·Enjoy a drive inland across rural Lithuania to a reach a remote village where they rarely drive at all.

Get oriented and equipped at the launch point, then set out with your guide to paddle down the Minija.

Take in this tranquil river at your own pace, pausing to listen to the stillness or appreciate the scenery.

When done, enjoy your Lithuanian cake and fresh juice refreshment with an intimate new appreciation for this lovely country.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing; keep in mind it could get wet.

·Flat, non-slip footwear is recommended.

Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of strenuous activity and is recommended only for the physically fit. It is not recommended for guests who utilize a wheelchair and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests can remain in Old Town after the tour's end; maps will be provided. Walking distance from there to the ship is approximately 800 yards.





KLA-008 CYCLING TO THE END OF DUNES

Retail Price: CA\$130.00



Grab your cycle, ferry across the lagoon that separates Klaipeda from the Curonian Spit, then pedal along its famous sand dunes and discover a rare ecosystem. Departing the pier on your comfortable bike, you'll soon be on a 5-minute ferry crossing to the Spit, a long and skinny peninsula of ever-shifting sand dunes. There's much more to it than sand, though - it's a UNESCO World Heritage-listed site because its lagoon settlements have learned so well how to evolve with and protect this fragile environment over the centuries. Your group leader will provide background on all this as you head for Hagen's Dunes, where a stone obelisk commemorates the 19th-century Prussian physicist credited with first planting native flora to help stabilize the dunes' erosion. Following the winding bicycle trail, you'll encounter forest - some planted by Hagen himself, panoramic views of Klaipeda just across the lagoon, and a beautiful beach. You'll also cycle past Nerija Fort - a six-sided, 19th-century brick bastion that now defends a maritime museum and aquarium. On reaching the long breakwater jetty, you'll retrace your route and head back into Klaipeda Old Town for some freewheeling time around historic Theatre Square.

Meet your guide at the pier, be fitted for your bike and safety gear, and head for the hills - of sand.

Cross to the UNESCO-listed Curonian Spit by ferry then follow a trail through forest, dune, and beach.

Learn about how this precious ecosystem, Europe's largest assemblage of drifting dunes, is protected.

Stop at points all along the way to take in outstanding panoramic views and landmarks.

Back in Old Town, spend some free time admiring Klaipeda's famous central square and half-timbered fachwerk architecture.

·Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat, comfortable, non-slip walking shoes are suggested.

Helmets, bags for personal belongings and maps of the route will be provided.

This tour includes approximately 3 hours (10.5 miles) of strenuous activity and is recommended only for the physically fit and adventurous traveler. It is not recommended for wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns. Guests should be comfortable on a bike and used to hand brakes. An adult must accompany children under the age of 16. Bring a bottle of water. Tour timing is dependent on the ferry schedule.

GDANSK (GDYNIA), POLAND

GDN-006 SHUTTHOFF CAMP MUSEUM

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$195.00



Visit to the Stutthof Concentration Camp, then be soothed by an orientation tour of the city. Stutthof was chosen in 1939 as the locale for the first Nazi concentration camp built outside Germany, and it was one of the last to be liberated in 1945. Between those years, tens of thousands of Poles and Jews were transported and ultimately exterminated here. Be prepared to be impacted deeply by the harsh reality of what you'll see during your guided walk through the Stutthof site today.

·Tour the haunting museum at Stutthof camp, where thousands of Poles and Jews were exterminated

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

·Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour involves 2.5 hours of moderate walking over a distance of about 1.5 miles. There will be some steps to negotiate. Due to the graphic nature and disturbing images at Stutthof, this excursion is not recommended for the faint of heart. 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; it is not suitable for those with walking difficulties. No meals are included.

GDN-006SG SHUTTHOFF CAMP - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 5.00 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$91.00 Retail Price: CA\$287.00

Date: June 20, 2022 07:45 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. Visit to the Stutthof Concentration Camp, then be soothed by an orientation tour of the city. Stutthof was chosen in 1939 as the locale for the first Nazi concentration camp built outside Germany, and it was one of the last to be liberated in 1945. Between those years, tens of thousands of Poles and Jews were transported and ultimately exterminated here. Be prepared to be impacted deeply by the harsh reality of what you'll see during your guided walk through the Stutthof site today.

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GDN-002 HISTORIC GDANSK & OLIWA

Duration: 5.25 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$169.00

Date: June 20, 2022 08:00 AM

Walk the fascinating Old Town of Gdansk, visit landmark sites like St. Mary's Church and travel to renowned Oliwa Cathedral for a rousing musical performance. After transferring from Gdynia pier to the historic center of Gdansk, you'll leave the coach behind and make your way into the city's cobbled heart just as they did in medieval times: on foot. Entering via the grand ornamental arch known as the Golden Gate, you'll encounter a series of famous landmarks including a Town Hall miraculously restored after WWII's ravages and beautiful Artus Court, a 15th-century Dutch-Mannerist merchants' palace. You'll also visit very generously proportioned St. Mary's Church. An unmissable Gdansk icon for centuries, this world's-largest brick basilica accommodates 25,000 worshippers, holds over 300 tombstones and 30 lavish chapels, and took more than 150 years to build. After some free time to amble Old Town further on your own, you'll rejoin the coach and head for another celebrated house of worship: Oliwa Cathedral. The huge attraction here is inside, where three impressive organs together comprise some 7,876 tin and wood pipes and can imitate several different musical instruments plus natural voices. You'll hear its resounding tones during a brief recital.

·Experience the historic Old Town of Gdansk via the classic medieval transportation: on foot.

See iconic city landmarks like Town Hall, Long Market and Artus Court merchants' palace.

Visit St Mary's Church, an abiding symbol of Gdansk, large enough to dwarf all around it and in it.

·Enjoy an interval of time for free-range sightseeing or shopping.

Travel by coach to Oliwa Cathedral to hear heavenly sounds from its famous 7,800-pipe organ.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.

Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes about 2.5 hours of easy-to-moderate walking plus any additional done at guests' discretion during free time. 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. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.







GDN-001 HIGHLIGHTS OF GDANSK

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00

Retail Price: CA\$156.00



Date: June 20, 2022 08:15 AM

Discover the iconic landmarks of Gdansk on a comprehensive guided walk that concludes with some free time for wandering independently. You'll transfer from the Gdynia pier to the historic heart of Gdansk by coach, then set out on foot and pass through the Golden Gate, a grand ornamental arch within the city's medieval defensive walls. Long Street is all stunningly decorated building facades with ornate gables, and features the convivial square at Long Market, a grand Town Hall miraculously restored after WWII's ravages, and beautiful Artus Court, a 15th-century Dutch-Mannerist merchants' palace. Neptune's Fountain celebrates Gdansk's Hanseatic seafaring roots while lively, cobbled St. Mary's Street evokes its medieval personality. But the absolute pride of Gdansk is captured at St. Mary's - the world's largest brick church - in the epicenter of Old Town. Accommodating some 25,000 worshippers, it took over 150 years to build and sports a bright, spacious interior with over 30 lavish chapels. Other highlights include a fine painted altarpiece, ancient floor tombstones and an early astronomical clock that tracks the zodiac and a calendar of the saints. With your time at leisure, explore further or do some shopping independently before the coach transfer back to the ship.

- Experience the multifaceted maritime city of Gdansk in the most intimate way on foot.
- Walk the legendary stretch known as Long Street, lined with period buildings and bustling with life.

See iconic city landmarks like Town Hall, Artus Court merchants' palace, and the Neptune Fountain.

- Visit St Mary's Church, an abiding symbol of Gdansk, large enough to dwarf all around it and in it.
- Enjoy some free-range time for shopping or further sightseeing after the guided tour.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes about 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. 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. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

GDN-001SG HIGHLIGHTS OF GDANSK - SMALL GROUP

Duration: 3.75 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$65.00 Retail Price: CA\$248.00

Date: June 20, 2022 08:30 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. Discover the iconic landmarks of Gdansk on a comprehensive guided walk that concludes with some free time for wandering independently. You'll transfer from the Gdynia pier to the historic heart of Gdansk by coach, then set out on foot and pass through the Golden Gate, a grand ornamental arch within the city's medieval defensive walls. Long Street is all stunningly decorated building facades with ornate gables, and features the convivial square at Long Market, a grand Town Hall miraculously restored after WWII's ravages, and beautiful Artus Court, a 15th-century Dutch-Mannerist merchants' palace. Neptune's Fountain celebrates Gdansk's Hanseatic seafaring roots while lively, cobbled St. Mary's Street evokes its medieval personality. But the absolute pride of Gdansk is captured at St. Mary's - the world's largest brick church - in the epicenter of Old Town. Accommodating some 25,000 worshippers, it took over 150 years to build and sports a bright, spacious interior with over 30 lavish chapels. Other highlights include a fine painted altarpiece, ancient floor tombstones and an early astronomical clock that tracks the zodiac and a calendar of the saints. With your time at leisure, explore further or do some shopping independently before the coach transfer back to the ship.

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Visit St Mary's Church, an abiding symbol of Gdansk, large enough to dwarf all around it and in it.

Enjoy some free-range time for shopping or further sightseeing after the guided tour.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing and bring a bottle of water from the ship.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

·Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour includes about 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking plus any done at guests' discretion during free time. 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. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

GDN-003 PANORAMIC GDANSK

Duration: 4.25 Hrs Tour Price: CA\$0.00 Retail Price: CA\$156.00



Date: June 20, 2022 08:45 AM

Settle back for a scenic drive that includes photo stops at some of the most notable landmarks in Gdansk. Oliwa Cathedral, dates back to the 13th century but has been destroyed and rebuilt on several occasions since. The current building is a mix of Romanesque, Gothic and Rococo architectural styles, and inside reverberates one of the world's oldest and largest pipe organs. In Gdansk proper, the Green Gate beckons the group to set off briefly on foot, walking to convivial Long Market square with some free time to shop a bit or admire landmark sights like Town Hall or the 15th-century merchants' palace at Artus Court. A drive to Solidarity Square brings you face to face with the monument honoring the shipyard workers gunned down in 1970 by the Communist regime. Nearby, the 90-foot Nowy Port lighthouse is one of the most handsome in Northern Europe. Standing proudly at the entrance to Gdansk harbor, it serves as a coastal light, a harbor pilot's tower and a time ball station similar to the one in Greenwich, England. This archaic device is the ultimate in analog technology but conjures the lost romance of seafaring ship captains and their chronometers perfectly.

Survey the key sights of Gdansk in relaxed comfort via comfortable coach, with stops for photos.

·See iconic city landmarks like Oliwa Cathedral, Solidarity Square, and Nowy Port Lighthouse.

Enjoy a brief Old Town walk from the Green Gate to the Long Market, with free time to visit the shops or take in a few must-sees like Town Hall and Artus Court.

·Wear weather-appropriate clothing.

·Flat, comfortable walking shoes which can be easily removed are recommended.

Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

This tour is primarily panoramic in nature. The walk through the Green Gate to the Long Market takes approximately 30 minutes. 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. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The tour sequence may vary.

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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

- Shore excursions prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations.
- The information contained in this document was current at the time of printing, however changes may occur before your scheduled departure. Please consult the Destination Services Desk onboard for information and current pricing.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some tours have limited availability. Please sign up early to avoid disappointment.
- Regent Seven Seas Cruises reserves the right to require Guests to complete a liability waiver for select shore excursions. For more information, please visit the Destination Service.

Please Note

While the greatest care has been taken to offer the finest services available, Regent Seven Seas Cruises will not be held responsible for any act, event or omission during the time that passengers are not onboard the ship or its tenders. All arrangements for certain optional off-board activities, including air transportation, hotel accommodation, ground transfers and shore excursions are made by Regent Seven Seas Cruises for the convenience of our Guests with the suppliers of the services. Each Guest agrees not to hold Regent Seven Seas Cruises, its owners, employees, agents or representatives liable, the absence of its own negligence, for any loss, injury, expense, or damage which result directly or indirectly from any act or omission, whether negligent or otherwise, of any person or firm which provides any goods or services in connection with any optional travel component other than water transportation or any other option that is available for purchase.

Arrangements with independent contractors include, but are not limited, to services, products, and transportation provided elsewhere that onboard Regent Seven Seas Cruises vessels in connection with tours whether arrange or organized by tour operators, travel agents, or Regent Seven Seas Cruises. Tours including hotel accommodations and transportation by vessel(s) not owned or operated by Regent Seven Seas Cruises or by air, rail, or land are not under the supervision and control of Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Not withstanding that Regent Seven Seas Cruises, at the Guest's option, arranges air transportation, hotel accommodations, groups transfers, shore excursions and other services with independent suppliers of the services, it should be understood that Regent Seven Seas Cruises, being a "for profit entity", earns a fee on the sale of the optional services.

Tour departure times are subject to change so please reference your actual tour ticket for the correct departure time.

NOTICE:

All Regent Seven Seas Cruises shore excursions are per person, are subject to change and availability. Some tours are capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice. While Regent Seven Seas Cruises makes every effort to adhere to the specifics mentioned in each shore excursion description, circumstances may require otherwise. All shore excursion information contained in this shore excursion book is subject to change without notice at Regent Seven Seas Cruises' discretion. All shore excursion descriptions and fares listed are subject to change without notice. Regent Seven Seas Cruises is not responsible or liable for typographical errors, omissions or misprints.