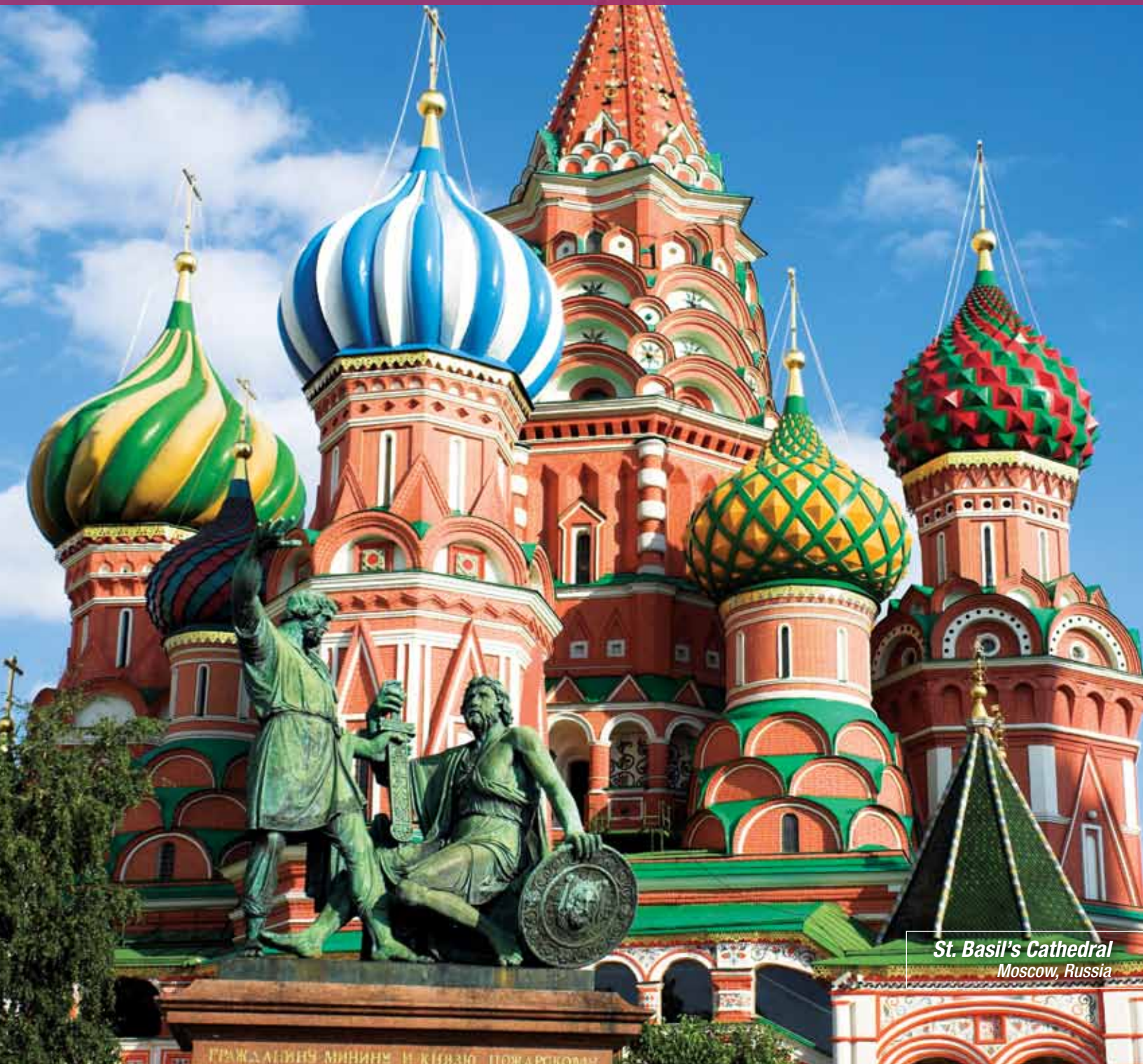




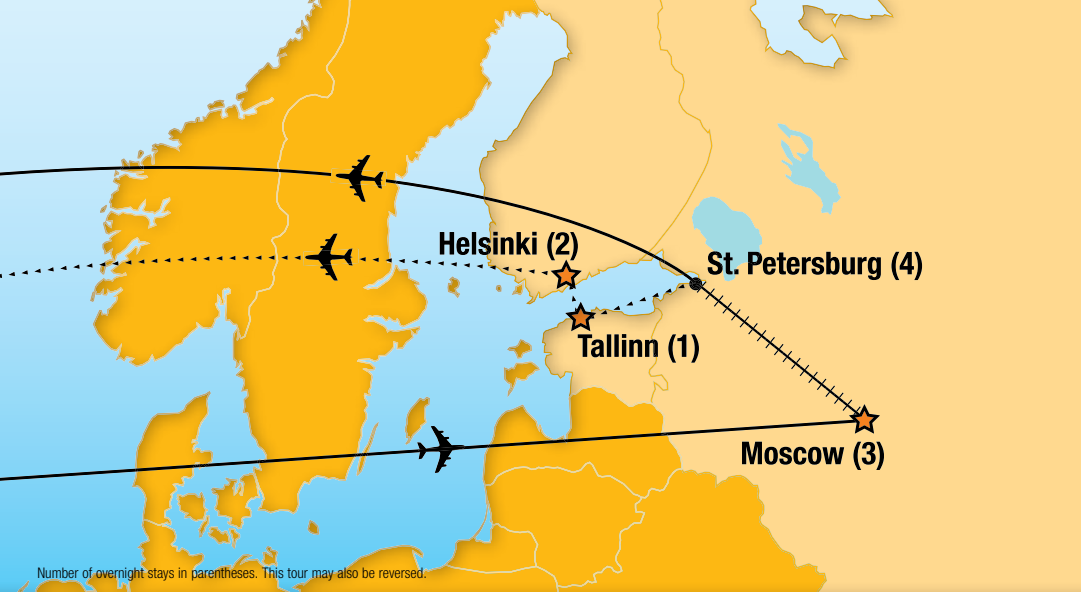
**Educational
Tours**

Russian Rhapsody

9 or 12 Days



St. Basil's Cathedral
Moscow, Russia



Top things to see on tour:



Winter Palace



Armory Palace Museum



Circus performance



St. Basil's Cathedral



Peter and Paul Fortress

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Comfortable motorcoach; High-speed Sapsan train; *Ferry with extension*
- 7 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms (9 *with extension*)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- 2 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides (4 *with extension*)
- 1 walking tour (2 *with extension*)
- Entrance to: Kremlin; Armory Palace Museum; Circus or folklore performance; Winter Palace; Peter and Paul Fortress; St. Petersburg History Museum (*With extension: Tempelaukio Church*)

Optional:

- Sergiyev Posad
- Peterhof

DAY 1: Fly overnight to Russia

DAY 2: Moscow

Arrive in Moscow

DAY 3: Moscow

Take a guided tour of Moscow:

- Kremlin
- Square of Cathedrals
- Red Square
- St. Basil's Cathedral

Visit the Armory Palace Museum

Attend a circus or folklore performance

DAY 4: Moscow

Enjoy a free day in Moscow

Optional: Sergiyev Posad

DAY 5: Moscow • St. Petersburg

Travel by Sapsan train to St. Petersburg

DAY 6: St. Petersburg

Take a guided tour of St. Petersburg

Visit the Winter Palace

Visit the Peter and Paul Fortress

Take a walking tour of St. Petersburg:

- Nevsky Prospekt
- Alexander Pushkin Monument

Visit St. Petersburg History Museum

DAY 8: St. Petersburg

Enjoy a free day in St. Petersburg

Optional: Peterhof

DAY 9: Depart for home

DAY 7: St. Petersburg

3-DAY TOUR EXTENSION

DAY 9: St. Petersburg • Tallinn

Travel from St. Petersburg to Tallinn

Take a guided tour of Tallinn

DAYS 10-11: Helsinki

Travel to Helsinki via ferry

Take a walking tour of Helsinki:

- Government House
- Helsinki University
- Uspenski Cathedral

Take a guided tour of Helsinki:

- Parliament
- Olympic Stadium

Visit Tempelaukio Church

DAY 12: Depart for home

Moscow

Begin your visit to Moscow in iconic Red Square, large enough to accommodate more than two million people. Marvel at the colorful cupolas of St. Basil's Cathedral. According to legend, Ivan the Terrible took drastic measures to ensure that the architect would never build anything more beautiful. Visit the Kremlin, which once contained all of Moscow inside its 15th-century walls. Walk across the czarist Square of Cathedrals. Each cathedral had a particular purpose: one for marrying, one for burying and a third for coronations. End your tour at the Armory Palace, the oldest and most richly furnished museum of the Kremlin. Exhibits include gold and silver jewelry from the past millennium, Russian armor and the breathtakingly ornate Fabergé eggs.



St. Basil's Cathedral
Moscow, Russia



Hermitage Museum

By order of the Tsar, visitors to the magnificent Hermitage Museum were required to dress in evening attire, no matter the time of day. Recall that age of grandeur with your first glimpse of the museum. The Hermitage, founded on the extensive art collection of Catherine the Great and opened in 1852, now boasts more than three million works of art, including the world's largest collection of paintings. As part of your museum tour, you'll visit the Winter Palace, originally the royal residence. This block-long structure, with its imposing Baroque exterior, was designed to symbolize the power of Imperial Russia. Ironically, the monarchy was overthrown here in 1917.

Hermitage Museum
St. Petersburg, Russia

St. Petersburg

Welcome to St. Petersburg, once the capital of the Russian empire. Visit the Winter Palace, once the residence of Catherine the Great and site of the overthrow of the Russian monarchy in 1917. The Winter Palace now is part of the vast Hermitage Museum, where you can see the czars' spectacular art collection. You'll also visit the Peter and Paul Fortress—Trotsky, Gorky and Dostoyevsky were all imprisoned here. Finally, discover Russia's cultural heritage at the St. Petersburg Museum of History. A focus of the museum is the time Russians refer to as the Blockade, the 900 days of bombing and starvation between September 1941 and January 1944 when German forces surrounded Leningrad.



The Peter and Paul Fortress
St. Petersburg, Russia

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