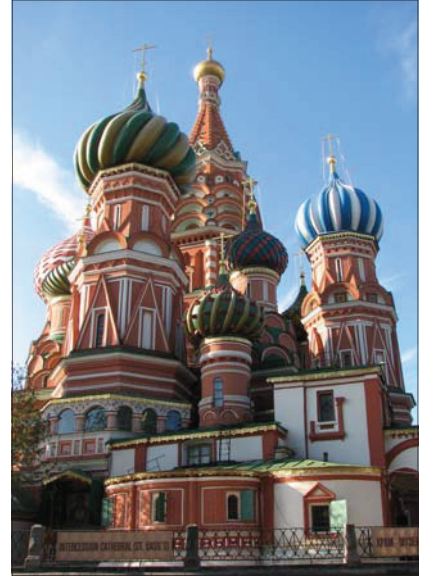


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**Sat 01: Australia/Singapore** - we depart Australia today on our flight to Singapore. After spending a couple of hours at Singapore Airport we board a connecting flight through to Moscow.

**Sun 02: Singapore/Moscow** - on arrival we are met by an English-speaking representative and transferred to our hotel. Holiday Inn Lesnaya (3 nights)

**Mon 03: Moscow City Tour (B)** - during our city tour we view ancient churches, cathedrals, beautiful theatres, palaces, modern business complexes and buildings. We visit the historic centre of the city, which includes the Red Square, Sofiiskaya Embankment, St Sophia Cathedral and panorama of the Kremlin walls.

**Tue 04: Moscow Kremlin and Armoury (B)** - during our tour we walk through the Kremlin grounds and visit the Armoury Chamber with its famous collection of Faberge eggs, jewels and royal thrones.

**Wed 05: Moscow to St Petersburg (B)** - in the morning we transfer to Moscow Railway Station and board the Sapsan train for St. Petersburg. On arrival we transfer to our centrally located hotel. Hotel Dostoevsky (3 nights).

**Thu 06: St Petersburg City Tour (B)** - we start our day with a guided city tour visiting Palace Square, Alexander's Column, the Senate Square, Bronze Horseman and buildings of Senate and Synod. In the afternoon we enjoy a private tour of the Hermitage where the largest museum collection in the world is spread across four buildings.

**Fri 07: Pushkin and Palace of Catherine the Great (B)** - today we tour one of the most magnificent and richest residences in Europe. The palace contains exquisite decorative objects, furniture, Russian and West-European paintings, unique collections of porcelain, amber, arms, decorative bronze and sculptures.



*Grand Palace in St Petersburg*

**Sat 08: St Petersburg to Helsinki (B)** - we have the morning at leisure before transferring to St. Petersburg Railway station for the train journey to Helsinki. Sokos Vakuuna Hotel (3 nights)

**Sun 09: Helsinki (B)** - our city tour covers areas of Helsinki such as the historical centre, the Presidential Palace, City Hall, the Parliament building, Finlandia Hall and the Opera House.

**Mon 10: Helsinki - Tallinn sightseeing tour (B)** - we are transferred by private coach to the ferry terminal for the crossing to Tallinn. The first leg of our bus tour in Tallinn covers the most interesting parts of the city. An experienced tour guide will provide commentary about Estonian history and contemporary life. We then enjoy a walking tour of the winding, cobble stoned streets of the Old Town.

**Tue 11: Helsinki to Rovaniemi (B)** - this morning we depart Helsinki by train for the journey to Rovaniemi the capital of Lapland. On arrival at Rovaniemi Railway Station, we are transferred by private coach to our hotel. Santa's Hotel Santa Claus (2 nights)

**Wed 12: Rovaniemi (B)** - in the morning we take a short guided tour of the Arktikum a one-of-a-kind venue for experiencing the way of life, culture and history of the North. The Arktikum is a science centre and museum focusing on Arctic regions and presenting the life, natural habitats, history, customs and cultures of the people living north of the Arctic Circle.

**Thu 13: Rovaniemi to Inari (B)** - we leave Rovaniemi behind and travel by private coach northbound to Inari through typical Finnish Lapland scenery. Hotel Korpikartano (2 nights)

**Fri 14: Inari (B)** - today we enjoy a guided tour of the Sámi Museum and Northern Lapland Nature Centre. The museum is listed amongst the 3 best ethnic museums in the world.

**Sat 15: Inari to Norwegian Coastal Voyage** - we transfer by coach to Kirkenes and board the MS Nordnorge for the start of our journey down the coast of Norway. Outside Cabin (5 nights).

**Sun 16 to Wed 19: Norwegian Coastal Voyage (B, L, D)** - for more than a hundred years, the Hurtigruten ships have been a vital link for Norway's coastal communities. During the course of our journey we dock at a variety of towns and fishing villages including: Tromsø, Harstad, Trondheim and Molde. The ship spends between two and six hours at each port, thereby providing an opportunity to briefly explore the town before re-boarding..

**Thu 20: Bergen (B)** - on arrival in Bergen we are taken on a guided tour of the city. We visit Fantoft Stave Church, originally built in 1150 and then reconstructed after a fire in 1992. Afterwards we continue to the home of Norway's most famous composer Edvard Grieg. We also stop at one of Bergen's best panoramic viewpoints. Thon Hotel Rosenkrantz (2 nights)

**Fri 21: Norway in Nutshell Tour (B)** - today we enjoy a unique tour using public transport through some of Norway's most beautiful scenery. We travel by rail on the famous Bergen and Flåm railways, by fjord steamer along the arms of the Sognefjord and by bus through the dramatic Stalheim Gorge.

**Sat 22: Bergen to Oslo (B)** - in the morning we transfer to the station for our scenic rail journey to Oslo. We cross the windswept mountain plateau, then descend through valleys, lakes, waterfalls and forests before arriving into the capital city of Norway. Thon Hotel Opera (2 nights)

**Sun 23: Oslo (B):** today we take a guided tour of the city including Vigeland Sculpture Park, Kon-Tiki Museum, Holmenkollen Ski Arena, Viking Ship Museum, Amundsen and Nansen's Polarship Fram Museum.

**Mon 24: Oslo to Stockholm (B)** - today we travel by train from Oslo to Stockholm the capital of Sweden. Scandic Park Hotel (3 nights).

**Tue 25: Stockholm (B)** - our day starts with a two hour 'Under the Bridges of Stockholm' tour. We cruise on the city's waterways and sail under 15 bridges, through two locks and around idyllic islands.

**Wed 26: Stockholm** - day at leisure

**Thu 27: Stockholm to Copenhagen (B)** - we travel by train from Stockholm to Copenhagen. Clarion Collection Hotel Twenty Seven (2 nights).

**Fri 28: Copenhagen (B)** - we start the day with a guided tour of Copenhagen's major attractions including: the Tivoli Gardens, Little Mermaid, canal district and the colourful harbour. We also visit Amalienborg Palace the Winter residence of the Royal Family where there may be an opportunity to see the changing of the Guard.

**Sat 29: Copenhagen/In Flight (B)** - in the morning we transfer to the airport for our flight back to Australia.

**Sun 30: Singapore/Australia** - on arrival into Singapore we change planes for our flights back into Australia.

#### Inclusions

- Accommodation in superior 3 star hotels
- Meals as indicated
- Norwegian Coastal Voyage including all meals in outside cabins.
- 2nd class reserved seats on Scandinavian trains.
- Economy class seats on Moscow/St Petersburg Sapsan train
- Admission fees, taxes on included services
- Sightseeing tours as detailed in the itinerary

#### \$A Prices per person

Land arrangements (twin share basis)	\$ 9,600
Singapore Airlines economy class airfares	\$ 2,000
Estimated airlines taxes	\$ 500
Russian visa including courier fees	<u>\$ 150</u>
	\$12,250

#### **Deposit:**

#### Important Notes

1. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended.
2. Your passport must have 6 months validity at the date of arrival into each country.



*Narrow alley in Bergen*

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**Flight arrangements**

Singapore Airlines group airfares

Own airfares


**Passport Details**

Could you please send photocopy (black & white is fine) of the inside front cover of your passports to Spectrum Holidays along with completed booking form If you need to obtain a passport or your passport needs to be re-newed, please send photocopy as soon as this is available.

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