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### **MDS0826 ed.3. Moscow – Karelia – St.Petersburg**

**Type:** Adventure

**Duration:** 21 days

**Season:** July - August

**Group Size:** 12-16 PAX (10-12 students 14-16 y.o. + 2-4 adults)

**Transportation:** train, rented bus, catamaran

#### **Itinerary:**

**Day 1.** Arrival in Moscow (10:45; DME; UA-964 from Washington). Transfer to hotel Tourist 3\*. Accommodation. (D)

**Day 2 (not THU).** Explore Moscow by metro and on foot. Visiting Red Square, Kremlin, Lenin Mausoleum (if open) and other interesting places of downtown. Tour of the most impressive metro stations. Overnight in hotel. (BLD)

**Day 3.** City tour by bus. Excursion to Tretyakov Gallery - the newer building where paintings of Russian artists of the 20th century are represented (including Russian vanguard, socialistic realism, underground etc). Excursion to the Confrontation expositional complex - a memorial of the Cold War, located in one of the most secret former military facilities of the USSR – the Secured Command Post «Tagansky», 65 m underground. Overnight in hotel. (BLD)

**Day 4 (not SAT, SUN).** Full day bus excursion to Zvezdny Gorodok (The Star Town) including the Cosmonauts Training Center, the Museum of Cosmonautics and the Planetarium. Departure from Moscow (20:45, train #382 for Murmansk, Leningradsky train station). Overnight in train. (BLD)

**Day 5.** On train. Arrival at Segezha (18:03) in Karelia. Transfer to Great Adventure Youth Camp. Accommodation in tents. (BLD)

**Day 6-8.** Stay in the camp. Training in special field skills (making a fire, cooking meals, putting a tent, providing first medical aid, driving a catamaran etc). Preparations to the expedition. Overnights in tents. (BLD)

**Day 9-14.** Expedition by catamarans together with Russian teenagers along lakes and rivers of Karelia. Overnights in tents. (BLD)

**Day 15.** Reserve day. Review the expedition. Farewell dinner. Overnight in tents. (BLD)

**Day 16.** Relaxation in the Camp. Transfer to Ledmozero. Departure from Ledmozero (21:27, train #680 for Petrozavodsk). Overnight in train. (BLD)

**Day 17.** Arrival in Petrozavodsk (08:30). Excursion (11:00 – 16:30) by hydrofoil to the world famous Kizhi Island on Onego Lake to see Museum of Wooden Architecture, included into the UNESCO Heritage List. Walking city tour of Petrozavodsk. Departure from Petrozavodsk (23:00, train #657 for St.Petersburg). Overnight in train. (BLD)

**Day 18.** Arrival in St.Petersburg (07:07). Transfer to hotel Sputnik 3\*. Accommodation. City tour of St.Petersburg by bus with visiting Nevsky Prospect, Admiralty, Palace Square, Decembrists's Square, the Cruiser Aurora. View of St Isaac's Cathedral (outside), the

Church on the Spilled Blood, the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Smolny Cathedral, the Kazan Cathedral. Overnight in hotel. (BLD)

**Day 19 (not MON).** Explore St.Petersburg by public transport and on foot. Excursions to Winter Palace – winter residence of Russian tsars, to Hermitage and to Yusupov Palace with Rasputin's room. Overnight in hotel. (BLD)

**Day 20 (not MON).** Full day excursion to Peterhoff – the summer residence of Peter the Great with visiting Grand Palace and Lower Park with fountains. Transfer to train station. Departure from St.Petersburg (22:30, train #027, Moskovsky train station). (BLD)

**Day 21.** Arrival in Moscow (05:56, Leningradsky train station). Transfer to airport. Departure from Moscow (12:35, DME, UA-965 for Washington).

Legend: B – breakfast, L – lunch, D - dinner

### **Cost – 2009:**

**1979 EUR** per person to join in a group 12-16 PAX

Note: the cost is valid if the cross-rate, fixed by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, is not less than 1 EUR=40 RUR (Russian rouble). Some surcharge may be applied in case of stronger RUR at the time of payment.

### **Included:**

- TWN accommodation in hotels
- TWN or TRP accommodation in tents
- meals according to itinerary
- excursions per program with entrance fees
- all transfers per program
- local English speaking guides/interpreters
- subsidiary crew when needed
- special equipment (tents, catamarans, safety vests, helmets etc)
- train tickets (2<sup>nd</sup> class, QDR compartments)
- tour leader from Astravel

### **Not included:**

- air tickets
- visa
- insurance

### **Bookings and payments:**

- Inquiries are accepted till mid-April, 2009
- In case of enough inquiries (12 or more) Astravel issues invoices till mid-April, 2009
- 15% deposit should be paid till April 01, 2009; the rest of the sum – till 60 days before the departure. The deposit is not refundable in case of cancellation by the guest. Deposit is to be refunded in case of cancellation by Astravel
- Astravel issues a travel voucher just after receiving a full payment from the guest.
- Bank transfer fees are responsibility of the sender and are not included into invoices.
- Late inquiries are accepted in case of available spaces.