

RCTC bicycle tour Moscow to Saint-Petersburg

Three capitals of Russia

Day 1:

Arrival in Moscow (no cycling). You will be met at the airport by a driver and taken to the hotel Izmailovo. Hotel is located in the east part of Moscow next to the biggest Moscow park and 5 minutes walk from an underground station. It takes 15 minutes by metro to get to the Red Square. After short briefing and buffet dinner we will go for a walk in the center of Moscow.



Day 2:

Early bus transfer to Bortenevo (200 km from Moscow). Here is the place of historic battle with Mongols in 1317 (700 years anniversary). You will cycle from there to Staritsa – about 40 km by a quiet country road. After a short tour of the town with local guide we will stay overnight in the friendly guest house in the center of Staritsa. You may try Russian steam bath house (banya).



Day 3

Today another quiet road (little bit beaten) leads as to a charming resort hotel– one of the best in this area. Today is easy day - around 50 km. A swimming pool and beautiful Volga are waiting for us in the evening.



Day 4

We continue our way to Torzhok – around 75 km. Road almost does not have cars and twists through nice forest. On our way we will stop near house-museum of famous Russian opera singer Sergey Lemeshev. Torzhok – an old Russian town, famous for its unique architecture and folk craft of gold work embroidery. Chicken cutlets (called Pozharskie) were invented here. Great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin used to eat them here. Hope we will have them for dinner. The hotel we stay has excellent spa facilities.



Day 5

Morning transfer to Seliger lake. After visiting Saint Nil monastery we will cycle 60 km to another nice country hotel. Overnight in the hotel faced to lake Seliger. Russian steam bath is available.



Day 6:

Early bus transfer to Visuchy Bor. From here you cycle to Staraya Russa– around 75 km (at least half of it is a perfect recently made road with very few cars). Staraya Russa is old provincial town famous for a balneological (spa) resort and Fedor Dostoevsky museum. (Fyodor Dostoevsky used to live in Staraya Russa from 1872 till his death in 1881. He wrote here his novels The Brothers Karamazov and The Possessed.) We stay in the hotel which is a part of old spa resort.



Day 7

After visiting Dostoevsky museum there is short bus transfer to Borki from where we cycle scenic road along lake Ilmen to Veliky Novgorod (35 km). Veliky Novgorod is one of the oldest Russian cities supposed to be the most influential in that time which gives us grounds to call it the first capital of Russia. The center of the city including outstanding Kremlin is World Heritage Site. City-tour in Novgorod with local a guide.



Day 8

You start in Novgorod and cycle to Selistche around 60km along Volkhov river by quiet road. At the end we transfer you to St. Petersburg. Here you will have a Farewell dinner .



Day 9

City tour with a local guide in St. Petersburg including Metro, Nevsky prospect, downtown. Then it is time to say goodbye, hopefully we'll see you back soon on our future trips. We wish you a good flight back home or a pleasant stay in St Petersburg.

