

RCTC bicycle tour Moscow to Saint-Petersburg

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Day to day program

Day 1: Bicycle tour of Velo-1, Tver 56 km.

We start with a bicycle tour of Velo-1 along canal to Dubna. After that we will take a bus to Tver, old city on the Volga, a capital of the region. After settling down at the hotel in the center of the city we go to a guided walking tour of Tver including a dinner cooked by old local recipes.



Day 2: Torzhok, 64 km.

A short transfer to Mednoe memorial (30 km). After visiting the Memorial of mass repressions we ride to Torzhok by a quiet road through a 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. We have a guided tour of the town. Chicken cutlets (called [Pozharskie](#)) were invented here. Great Russian poet Alexander Pushkin used to eat them here. We have a master class of cooking them. We stay in the hotel in an old historic building in the center of the town.



Day 3: Staraya Russa, 50 km.

Transfer in the morning (300 km). After that we cycle to Staraya Russa— around 50 km by a good quiet road. Staraya Russa is an 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*. After settling in the hotel we walk in the spa resort with mineral water tasting. We visit a tourist center where we taste products produced at local companies. Dinner at the best city restaurant.



Day 4: Veliky Novgorod, 35 km.

After visiting Dostoevsky museum there is a short bus transfer to Borki (75 km) from where we cycle a scenic road along lake Ilmen to Veliky Novgorod (35 km). On our way we stop in Ur'evo to see the oldest Russian monastery and the open-air museum of wooden architecture "Vitoslavitsy". 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. We stay in a hotel opposite to the Kremlin. City-tour in Novgorod with a local guide.



Day 5: St. Petersburg 58 km.

You start in Novgorod and cycle to Selistchi along Volkhov river by quiet road. We finish near ruins of [Arakcheev barracks](#). From there we will take a bus to St. Petersburg (150 km). Farewell dinner. Night bridges opening watching (optional).

