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2020 STUDY TOUR

16th September – 28th September

4 nights **Moscow** – “Behind the Iron Curtain”

4 nights **St Petersburg** – “The Tsars Imperial Russia”

4 nights **Tromsø, Norway** – “In search of the Northern Lights
above the Arctic Circle”

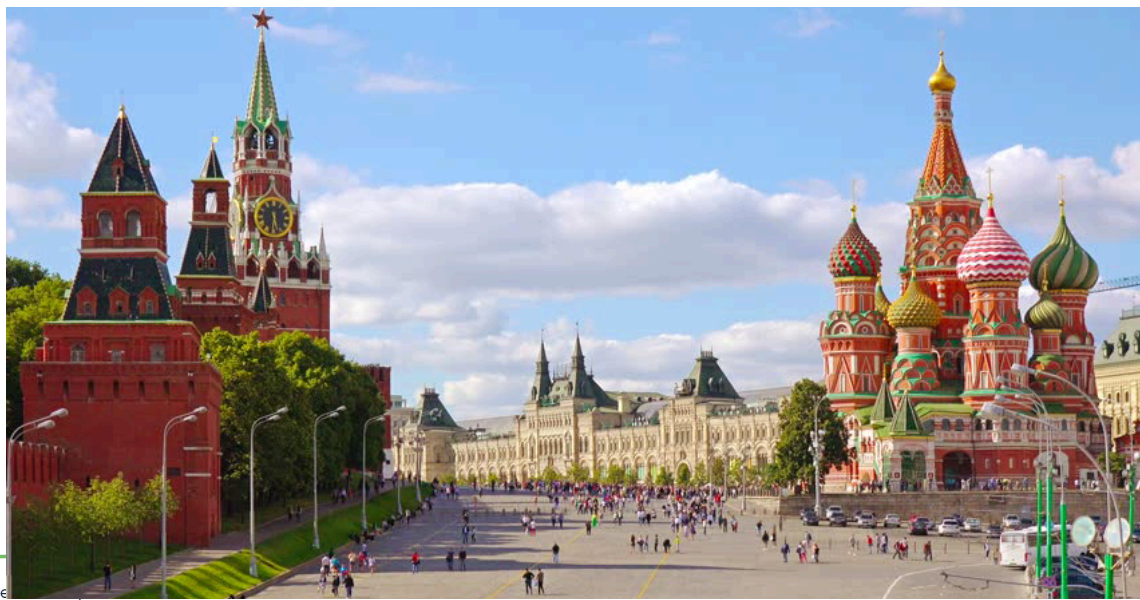
Itinerary Summary - Russia

Days 1- 5 "BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN IN MOSCOW"

- ◆ Venture behind the iron curtain in Moscow as we explore the essence of cold war Russia
- ◆ Go underground to learn the workings of the once infamous KGB organisation
- ◆ Spend a day in training with the Russian Army. You could be shooting AK47s, throwing hand grenades or riding a Russian tank- some will even get to be in the drivers seat of the tank!!
- ◆ Experience the life of a Russian Cosmonaut during a visit to a (once top secret) space training centre- even try the space food!
- ◆ Delve deeper past Moscow's modern façade with guided tours of Red Square, St Basils and the Kremlin which is now the residence of Vladimir Putin as well as a museum housing a unique display of Faberge's famous jewelled eggs
- ◆ *OPTIONS – enjoy free time to indulge your own interests. You may wish to visit magnificent Cathedrals, Art Galleries and Museums, do a backstage tour of the Bolshoi theatre or even take in a show, rent a bike in Gorky Park or visit the late night entertainment districts (once the domain of the underground mafia)

Days 5 - 9 "THE TSARS IMPERIAL RUSSIA IN ST PETERSBURG"

- ◆ Nicknamed the "Venice of the North" for its extensive network of canals, in St Petersburg you will discover a city rich in culture and revolutionary spirit...Russias imperial capital never ceases to amaze
- ◆ Enjoy a guided canal boat tour exploring everyday city life while seeing the curiosities and magnificent architecture of the city
- ◆ Visit Catherine Palace, one of Russias grandest Royal Estates with its main attraction -the extraordinary "Amber Room"
- ◆ Tour the site of the Mad Monk Rasputin's Death and learn of the last days of the Russian Royal family at the Yusopov Palace Gala Dinner
- ◆ Explore the Peter and Paul Fortress as we learn about the heroes of the Russian revolution
- ◆ *OPTIONS – use your free time to shop on Nevsky Provence, visit the faberge museum, explore the bar and nightlife scene, enjoy the opera at Marinsky Theatre, participate in a culinary cooking class of Russian classics or take the hydrofoil to view the gardens of Peterhof palace –known as the Russian Versailles



Itinerary Summary – Norway

Days 9 - 13 “IN SEARCH OF THE NORTHERN LIGHTS ABOVE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE”

- ◆ Tromsø’s location 400km North of the arctic circle places us in one of Norway’s famed spots for viewing the northern Lights but Tromsø is also a notoriously lively city with an international vibe. With more pubs per capita than anywhere else in Norway you can be guaranteed a good night out!
- ◆ Go Aurora hunting to unique safari bonfire sites and if clear skies prevail and mother nature is kind we may see a northern lights show.
- ◆ Ride the cable car high above Tromsø during a city orientation tour
- ◆ Visit Bivrost Distillery –the most northern in the world -to taste the locally made spirits while hearing of Nordic/viking mythology
- ◆ Meet with the local Sami people, indigenous to the Arctic Lapland region and are dependant on their huskies and reindeer to exist in the harsh arctic climate
- ◆ Enjoy free time in the natural environs around Tromsø to go hiking or kayaking, take fjord wildlife tours, ride an ATV buggy or visit nearby islands via rib boat, taste the local seafood at the markets or even go arctic fishing to catch your own.

Industry Content

- ◆ AHA(NSW) Business Sessions and Industry Update
- ◆ Visit the Vodka Museum in St Petersburg
- ◆ Caviar tasting experience
- ◆ Interact with AHA(NSW) Suppliers during scheduled group events
- ◆ Visit the most northern spirits distillery in the world
- ◆ Participate in a craft beer brewery tour through the pubs of Tromsø
- ◆ Explore the late night economy with hospitality venue inspections in each city
- ◆ Find inspiration through a variety of culinary experiences, ranging from traditional regional fare and paddock to plate concepts through to exclusive tasting opportunities and Michelin quality gourmet dining
- ◆ Understand the emphasis on sustainable style cooking methods using fresh arctic ingredients while interacting with the local Sami population.
- ◆ Attend Q & A sessions with AHA(NSW) Executive Members
- ◆ Tour back of house in 5* Hotels focusing on staff training, customer service and security measures
- ◆ Meet venue owners and chefs to gain insight into the difficulties of operating a hospitality business as Russia transitions from a cold war environment to a more welcoming tourist economy.
- ◆ It’s a frightening reality – learn how slot machines were outlawed in Norway and the growth of online gambling that has resulted.

Inclusions

- ◆ Group transfers and baggage handling
- ◆ 12 nights accommodation with daily buffet breakfast
- ◆ Minimum 9 group lunches or dinners with alcoholic beverages included
- ◆ Welcome cocktail event in each location
- ◆ VIP entry to select venues and attractions
- ◆ City orientation tour in each location
- ◆ High speed train journey, Business Class, from Moscow to St Petersburg
- ◆ Economy flight transfer from St Petersburg to Tromso, Norway
- ◆ Industry experiences, business briefings, product tastings and venue inspections in each location

Exclusions

- ◆ Return International flights from Australia
- ◆ Transfer and private travel arrangements outside of AHA group events
- ◆ Optional tours
- ◆ Leisure time meals and beverages
- ◆ Travel insurance
- ◆ Russian Visa (Currently AU\$170)

Study Tour Cost

Land content and group transfers only.

Prices exclude International flights from Australia.

Price per person	Price per person
DBL/ TWIN Share	AU\$12,750
Single Supplement	AU\$2,250

Payment Schedule

- ◆ \$2,000 per person deposit upon confirmation of booking
- ◆ \$5,000 installment by 30 March, 2020
- ◆ Balance due 30 June, 2020

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