



**Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh**  
**To Russia with Love: Women's Mission to St. Petersburg and Riga**  
**Optional Extension to Moscow**  
**June 23-26, 2019**

**Day 1: Sunday, June 23– Introduction to Moscow**

- Breakfast at the Angleterre Hotel in St. Petersburg and check out.
- Transfer to the train station.
- Travel to Moscow by Sapsan high-speed train. (The train journey is approximately 4 hours. Boxed lunch will be provided for the train ride.)
- Arrive in Moscow and begin your tour of the city with a visit to the **Red Square**, the heart of the famous historical center of the city, including a visit to **St. Basil's Cathedral**.
- Visit the **Kremlin Territory**, the chief architectural ensemble of the city. The fortified complex in the heart of the city includes give palaces and four cathedrals and serves as the host of the President of the Russian Federation, Vladimir Putin. Take in this extraordinary development, including the **Kremlin Armory**, one of Moscow's oldest museums, established in 1808.
- Check into the hotel.
- **Dinner** with guests from the local Jewish community.

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**Day 2: Monday, June 24– Jewish Life in Moscow**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- Visit the **Moscow Choral Synagogue**, the main synagogue in Russia and the former Soviet Union. The synagogue opened in 1906. It operated throughout the Soviet period, although authorities had annexed some parts of the original building for secular purposes (in 1923 and 1960).
- Stop at **Vorobyovy Gori**- the highest point of Moscow offering a breathtaking view of the city and Moscow-River.
- Visit the **Marina Rosha Synagogue**, which was opened in 1925. This synagogue is also called "the Second Moscow Synagogue." The building was burned down in 1993. In 1996 a new synagogue was built in its place. Since 2000 it also houses a Chabad Lubavitch Community Center.
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Explore the **Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center**, the largest Jewish museum in the world. The museum is dedicated to the complex history of Russian Jewry and is thoroughly modern in approach, favoring personal testimony, archival video footage and interactive displays – all translated into Russian and English.
- **Possible site visit with JDC/JAFI** – details TBA.
- Return to hotel.
- Dinner on your own and evening at leisure.



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#### **Day 3: Tuesday, June 25 – Exploring Moscow**

- Breakfast at the hotel.
- **Site visit with JDC/JAFI** – details TBA.
- Explore **Old Arbat Street**, a unique pedestrian street in Moscow, between the Garden Ring and Boulevard Ring Roads. During the second half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century when most of the neighboring streets were becoming a fashionable aristocratic area, Arbat Street was the only local shopping center. Many of its shops have been preserved from those times. Many famous writers, poets, composers, artists, and painters (for example, Alexander Pushkin, Alexander Blok, Skryabin, etc.) lived on Arbat Street and, therefore, local houses have been very carefully preserved.
- Lunch on your own, en route.
- Enjoy a tour of the **Moscow Metro**, which is well-known all over the world as the most beautiful underground transit system. It is one of the main and significant memorials of the Soviet Union era. Many stations here will remind you of the halls of palaces, with beautiful sculptures and chandeliers, decorated in a style of communist's ages – huge statues of workers, farmers and soldiers.
- Visit the **State Tretyakov Gallery**, a treasure of Russian fine art and one of the greatest museums in the world. It is located in one of the oldest districts of Moscow – Zamoskvorechye. The Gallery was founded by the famous and wealthy merchant Pavel (Paul) Tretyakov in 1856. He devoted 40 years to establish the Russian National School of Painting. The Museum boasts an enormous collection of Russian artists' paintings, sculptures, drawings, etc. dating from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- Return to hotel
- **Farewell dinner** at a restaurant.

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#### **Day 4: Wednesday, June 26 – Return Home**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Check out of the hotel.
- Transfer to Moscow International Airport.
- Departure flight to the U.S.A., arriving the same day.