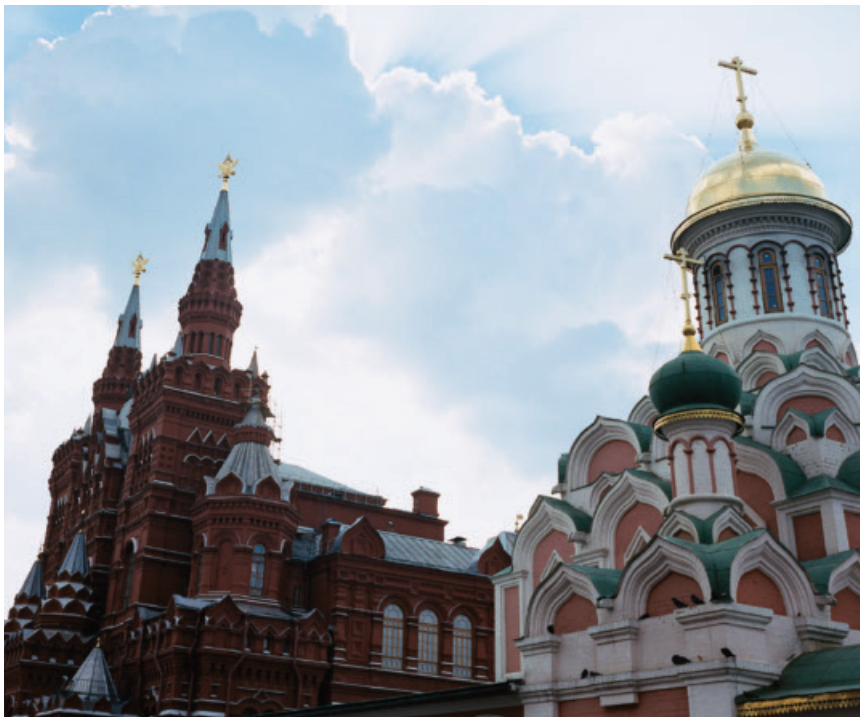


GRAND DUKES

We call this the Grand Dukes tour

because the members of the Russian Imperial Family before 1917 enjoyed the high life on a grand scale, and you can do the same in both Moscow and St Petersburg, 'the second capital.' That is why on the Grand Dukes tour there is an equal emphasis upon art galleries and museums as there is upon free time in which you can enjoy yourself as you wish.

You can spend a few hours in the Pushkin Museum, looking at the collection of paintings by Cezanne, Matisse and Picasso, bought by the millionaire merchants Shchukin and Morozov at the beginning of last century, and then go for lunch perhaps at one of the watering holes favoured by the Moscow elite. Tolstoy writes about the Russians' fondness for French champagne, and a hundred years later nothing has changed.



If you think that they know how to spend money in Moscow, that is nothing compared to the fabulous sums spent by the emperors, empresses and grand dukes in Imperial St Petersburg. After you have seen the Hermitage, the Yusupov Palace and St Isaac's Cathedral all in the centre of the city you will understand what we mean.

*They knew
how to live,
the Grand Dukes.*

HIGHLIGHTS:

Three nights Moscow, four nights St Petersburg. Private excursions to all major palaces, museums and churches. The **diamond vaults** of the Kremlin, tickets to opera or ballet.

An escorted tour on selected dates. May also be customised for independent travel.