



# St. Petersburg – Moscow – Prague

## EXCLUSIVELY FOR YIVO

JULY 24 – AUGUST 5, 2022

YIVO is proud to announce a study tour to St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Prague. Led by Professor Samuel Kassow, this tour will explore the history of Russian and Soviet Jewry, as well as visit some of the major attractions of these two Russian capitals: the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Hermitage Museum, the Kremlin – and many more. The tour will conclude in Prague, one of Europe's most beautiful cities and home to one of the oldest Jewish communities in Europe. Our visit to Prague will include a walking tour of the old Jewish quarter, a visit to the Old Town, and a day trip to the nearby Theresienstadt concentration camp.

*The tour will be chaired by Irene Pletka, vice-chair of the YIVO Board of Directors.*

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**\$7,810** per person, double occupancy\* | **\$1,690** single supplement

*\*see page 4 for details*

# ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

## DAY 1 / SUNDAY, JULY 24 / ARRIVAL ST. PETERSBURG

- Transfers to the hotel
- Check-in at hotel
- Dinner
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

## DAY 2 / MONDAY, JULY 25 / ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walk to the Church of the Spilled Blood
- Choral Synagogue
- Continue tour of St. Petersburg by private boat
- Lunch
- The Russian & the Ethnographic Museums
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

## DAY 3 / TUESDAY, JULY 26 / ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Peter and Paul Fortress
- YESOD Jewish Community Center
- Lunch
- Hermitage Museum
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

## DAY 4 / WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 / ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Yusupov Palace with Rasputin Exhibition
- Lunch
- Free time or join tour to Pushkin or Peterhof Palace
- Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

## DAY 5 / THURSDAY, JULY 28 / ST. PETERSBURG – MOSCOW

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to train station
- Business class train to Moscow (light lunch and portorage included)
- 1:00 PM Arrival in Moscow
- Introduction to Moscow (Choral Synagogue and backstage visit to the Bolshoi)
- Check-in at the hotel in the late afternoon
- National Hotel

## **DAY 6 / FRIDAY, JULY 29 / MOSCOW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Jewish Tolerance Center
- Lunch
- Pushkin Museum, Zaryadye Park and subway
- Return to the hotel in the afternoon
- Depart for Shabbat dinner
- Return to the hotel in the late evening
- National Hotel

## **DAY 7 / SATURDAY, JULY 30 / MOSCOW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Tour of Kremlin, Cathedrals and the Armory (with its Faberge collection)
- Lunch
- Afternoon visit to the Tretyakov Gallery
- National Hotel

## **DAY 8 / SUNDAY, JULY 31 / MOSCOW**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- World War II Museum
- Lunch
- Free afternoon, or join an excursion to Peredelkino Dachas area (Pasternak wrote Dr. Zhivago here, home to many writers including Babel)
- National Hotel

## **DAY 9 / MONDAY, AUGUST 1 / MOSCOW – PRAGUE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfer to the airport
- Flight to Prague
- 4:00 PM arrival in Prague
- Transfer to the hotel
- Check-in at the hotel
- Introduction to Charles Bridge
- Four Seasons Hotel

## **DAY 10 / TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 / PRAGUE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Walking tour of the Jewish Quarter
- Lunch
- Continue via coach to Jerusalem Synagogue, Kafka's grave and the Saints Cyril and Methodius Cathedral (where the heroes assassinating Reinhard Heydrich were in hiding)
- Return to the hotel in the late afternoon
- Four Seasons Hotel

## **DAY 11 / WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 / PRAGUE – TEREZIN – PRAGUE**

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Visit the Terezin camp (aka Theresienstadt)
- Lunch
- Return to Prague in the early afternoon
- Four Seasons Hotel

## DAY 12 / THURSDAY, AUGUST 4 / PRAGUE

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Morning tour of the Prague Castle Area
- Lunch
- Walking tour of Prague Old Town
- Farewell Dinner
- Four Seasons Hotel

## DAY 13 / FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 / PRAGUE – HOME FLIGHTS

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Transfers to the airport

*\* Itinerary is subject to change.*

*\* Dietary restrictions will be accommodated if possible.*

**\*\* Please see visa information on page 6.**



## RATES

**\$7,810** per person\*, double occupancy – includes a \$1,000 per person tax-deductible gift to YIVO<sup>†</sup>

**\$1,690** single supplement

*\* Based on a minimum of 15 participants. If more than fifteen people sign up, the cost per person will be reduced.*

*† Upon receipt of the final payment, YIVO will provide a letter indicating your tax-deductible contribution.*

### THE PRICE IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING INCLUDED SERVICES:

- All private services throughout the tour
- All transfers on arrival and departure day (July 24 and August 5)
- Full time Tour Director (Dariusz Kuzniar or Jan Olofsen)
- Business class train from St. Petersburg to Moscow including portorage and light lunch
- Flight from Moscow to Prague (rate is estimated and subject to change)
- Local guides (assistants) in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Prague
- Full breakfast buffet daily at the hotels
- 10 lunches (including light lunch onboard the train)
- 3 dinners (alcoholic beverages are not included)
- All entrance fees
- All taxes and fees
- Tips (except to drivers, guides and Tour Director)

### NOT INCLUDED SERVICES:

- Flights (other than Moscow to Prague)
- Transfers on other days than the announced arrival and departure dates

- Pre- or post-tour hotels or other arrangements
- Meals and services not mentioned
- Tips to Guides and Drivers
- Visa to Russia
- Travel insurance – mandatory
- Any personal expenses

**DEPOSIT:**

A \$1,000 deposit is due by February 15th.

**PAYMENT:**

To sign up for the tour, each traveler must complete a reservation form. Upon receipt of the reservation, YIVO will issue an invoice. The balance is payable in equal installments; the first installment (50%) is due no later than March 24th (120 days prior to the tour), and the second and final installment no later than May 24th (60 days prior to departure).

**CANCELLATION AND REFUND:**

For all cancellations, we will refund payment less the following cancellation fees:

<u>Prior to the departure</u>	<u>Cancellation fee</u>
120 to 91 days	\$500 per person
90 to 61 days	\$1000 per person
60 to 46 days	\$2000 per person
45 to 31 days	\$2500 per person
30 days or less	Full Payment

**CHANGES:**

Participants requiring individual travel arrangements in conjunction with this tour must inform the Tour Operator as early as possible. Individual arrangements can be made pre- or post-tour. For any change made 90 days or less prior to the tour, a service fee of \$100 per person will be charged. All expenses involved with individual travel arrangements will be the responsibility of the individual traveler.

**MEALS:**

Breakfasts are served buffet-style at the hotels. Other meals are served at restaurants or at the hotels and are based upon set menus reflecting local traditions. However, alternatives are provided for travelers requiring special meals such as a vegetarian or fish option. Lunches will vary. In Russia, lunch is the main meal and will consist of several courses. Alcoholic beverages are not included.



# TRAVEL

## **AIRPORT TRANSFERS:**

Momentum Tours & Travel offers complimentary transfers on the listed arrival and departure dates. These are July 24, 2022, and August 5, 2022. For pre-tour arrivals or post-tour departures, individual transfers, hotels, or other services can be arranged upon request and must be paid directly to Momentum Tours & Travel by the individual travelers.

## **TRAVEL PROTECTION PLAN:**

**Travel insurance is mandatory for this tour.** Momentum Tours & Travel sells travel insurance on behalf of TravelSafe.

TravelSafe offers the option to waive pre-existing conditions if the purchase of insurance is made at the time of initial payment (deposit or other payments). Purchase of insurance can be canceled free of cost within 21 days. TravelSafe also offers insurance with a “cancel for any reason” option. Questions about travel insurance must be made directly to Momentum Tours. Participants may purchase travel insurance from other providers. Please note that travel insurance providers have different rules regarding coverage and how pre-existing conditions can be waived. It is up to the individual traveler to obtain and review the rules for all policies.

## **PASSPORT AND VISA:**

A visa to Russia is required for US citizens. For travelers not carrying a USA passport, we recommend checking if a visa is required to travel to Russia and/or the Czech Republic. Each traveler must possess a valid passport. The passport must be valid for at least six months after the tour has been completed. Russian and Czech visa processing is now prepared online and is the responsibility of each traveler. If travelers would like assistance with the visa process, Momentum will connect them with our visa processing partner.

## **TRAVEL DURING COVID:**

The safety and security of our participants are of the utmost importance. Travel is currently open for residents from the United States. Our tour will be following rules and regulations set forth by local government officials. Trip participants will agree to abide by all COVID protocols set forth by both governing bodies, our tour operator, and by YIVO staff. Travel always assumes some risks, and participants are aware of the medical risks associated with travel. This trip is subject to COVID protocol updates, changes, and cancellation.

All participants must show proof of vaccination, including boosters as they become available. Entry to Russia and the Czech Republic currently requires a negative test result and is subject to change. Masks are mandatory in locations where social distancing is not possible. It is the responsibility of each traveler to bring their own masks and to wear them when requested. Momentum Tours and YIVO can under no circumstances be held responsible for any COVID-related outbreaks that affect your travels. We strongly recommend that each traveler purchase travel insurance. Prior to the flight back to the United States, a negative COVID test is required (subject to change).

## **DISCLAIMER:**

Momentum Tours & Travel, Inc. (hereinafter “Tour Operator”) and/or its representatives shall act only as independent contractors for various and independent suppliers of services in connection with its tours in making arrangements for accommodation, transport, meals, or any other service, and does not assume any liability whatsoever for any injury, inconvenience, expense, damage or loss of property, death, cancellation, change in itinerary, accident, irregularity or delay due to an act of negligence of, or default of, any hotel, carrier, motor coach company, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tour, or by an act of God. Further, the Tour Operator is not responsible for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other causes. No responsibility shall be incurred for any additional expense, omissions, delays, re-routing or other acts of any government or other authority. The airline, steamship and railroad companies concerned are not responsible for any act,

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