

## In the Footsteps of Russian Princes — Detailed description

Trip Length: 6 Group: 6-12 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

### Trip overview

You dream to visit Russia's cradle? you wish to listen to breathtaking stories about first Russian Princes? you would like to have an insight into Russian culture and traditions? you are interested in Russian orthodox Art?

An unforgettable adventure across the Golden Ring awaits you!

During those 6 days, you will discover some of the oldest russian cities which have been built between the 12th and the 14th centuries. Located north-east from Moscow, they are nowadays known as Golden Ring's cities. Their convenient location on a rich black soil along the Volga river and its tributaries made them the political, economical, cultural and religious centre of medieval Russia after Kiev desintegrated due to Mongol invasions.

The cities of the Golden Ring have been many times described as an open-air museum. Indeed, their magnificent historic buildings tell us better than any book the history of Russia and its first Princes.

In the early morning you will meet your guide at the hotel, heading to Sergiyev Possad to visit the spiritual centre of the Russian Orthodox Church: the Trinity Lavra of St Sergius. At the end of the visit, you will have the opportunity to put russian decorative arts into practice with the help of professional artists. In the afternoon, you will visit the Botik museum, claimed to be the birth place of Russian Navy, located on the picturesque shores of Lake Pleshcheyevo.

After a good night of sleep, you will visit Rostov Veliky and its charming Kremlin. Later on, you will discover the pretty town of Uglich, which is forever linked to the tragic history of Tsarevich Dmitry. Then a Russian vodka tasting will cheer you up!

The next day, you will head to Kostroma, visit the monastery St Ipaty and discover traditional architecture and peasant life as it was in the old times.

Our trip on the footsteps of Russian Princes goes on with the visit of the two Pearls of the Golden Ring: Suzdal and Vladimir, former capital of the medieval Russian State, after Kiev collapsed.

In Suzdal, you will visit magnificent middle-aged religious places and taste local honey wine (mead).

The next day, you will discover Vladimir, its famous Assumption Cathedrale, its Golden Gates and its crystal, lacquer miniatures & embroidery exhibition.

After your return to Moscow, you will visit the historic centre of nowadays Russian capital city.

### Highlights

- Visit of medieval Russian Princes' lands
- Visit of main spiritual landmarks of the Russian Orthodoxe Church
- Discovery of handwork traditions of the Golden Ring
- Discovery of culinary ans cultural russian traditions

### Tour type

NATURE


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## Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

## Comfort

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## Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Day 4 — -

Day 5 — -

Day 6 — -

## Departures

New departures available soon

## Note

Guaranteed departure: minimum 6 guests

## What's included

### Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Letter of invitation
- Breakfasts
- Dinners

### Price does not include

- Lunches
- Meals as per itinerary
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Optional activities
- Photo and video permit at visited places
- Beverages
- Airline tickets

## Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)  
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit  
sleeping bag  
thermal underwear  
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## Meals

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

## Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package.

For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

## Money

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

## Tipping

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity, and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

## Health

No compulsory vaccination.

## Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402.  
Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

## Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

## Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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