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Experience the grandeurs of Imperial Russia with Collette's latest tour

One of the most intriguing countries and cultures is now available to eager travellers with Collette's new 'Imperial Russia' tour. The new tour allows history and culture aficionados to experience everything Russia has to offer over eight days, in two of the world's most dynamic cities -Moscow and St Petersburg.

With three nights in one and four in the other, travellers will get to take their time and dive deep into the complex, rich history and culture of these exciting destinations.

Beginning at the beating heart of Moscow, the Kremlin and the Red Square (UNESCO world heritage sites), guests will indulge in Russia's traditional food and culture scene with a local guide. The journey then continues as travellers arrive in St Petersburg to experience what is known as the 'Venice of the North' and Russia's Imperial capital. Home to traditional Georgian cuisine, the famous St Isaac's Cathedral and Palace Square, St Petersburg is a city that exudes grandeur and majesty, and is one that's not to be missed.

Here travellers will also visit the iconic Winter Palace, the former home of the Russian tsars which provides a glimpse into the magnificence that was the aristocracy before its collapse in 1917.

"We are very excited to introduce this new Collette tour 'Imperial Russia', which is full of surprises," said James Hewlett, Head of Marketing, Collette Australia. "Anyone with a passion for vintage cars will be blown away by the chance to drive around in vintage Volgas, Nivas, Rivas and Ladas -in true Soviet-era style. This is the only way to see St Petersburg."

In addition to driving vintage cars, travellers will take the famous Russian metro to get to all the major sites. As one of the most efficient transit systems in the world, it offers pleasant surprises and stunning views of Russia's famous architecture that many travellers would otherwise miss out on.

Other highlights include a visit to the Armoury Museum, housing the priceless collection of Imperial crown jewels, weaponry and Faberge eggs; a tour of the magnificent Catherine Palace (known to be the tsars' summer residence) and a fascinating history lecture and Q&A with a local historian on the Cold War, which provides insight into what life was like then in the Soviet Union.

'Imperial Russia' starts from \$2,899* per person for eight days, includes 11 meals and centrally-located accommodation. This is a destination to be experienced with the assistance of a local guide whose insights and language skills make a real difference. For bookings or further information visit <https://www.gocollette.com/en-au/tours/europe/russia/imperial-russia#>

**Rate is per person, land only, double occupancy, tour inclusions and available options may vary based on departure date.*

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