



«Golden Ring of Russia (narrow)»

Vladimir – Bogolyubovo – Suzdal – Ivanovo – Kostroma – Yaroslavl - Rostov the Great –

Pereslavl-Zalessky – Sergiev Posad

4 days/ 3 nights

1st day 07:30 Meeting with group in Moscow at the customer's address.
08:00 Departure by bus with guide to Vladimir with city sightseeing.
13:00 Lunch in the city restaurant of Vladimir.
14:00 **Tour around town Vladimir - is the ancient capital of North - Eastern Russia.**
City sightseeing of 12th century:
Golden Gate (architecture) - the sign of majesty and power of Ancient Rus.
The museum "Crystal, lacquer miniature and fancywork" or the exposition "Old Vladimir" in the 4th-floor tower of 1912 (tells us about the city of the end of XIX century - early XX century).



Departure to the "Bogolyubovo" village.

There is only one social building of Ancient Rus survived to present day inside the "Andrei Bogolyubsky" castle. You will be able to get acquainted with that on a such tour. This is one of the oldest Russian abbey on "Vladimir" land - the "Bogolyubov" abbey : chambers of Prince "Andrew" and interior of "Rojdestva Bogoroditce" Cathedral as well.

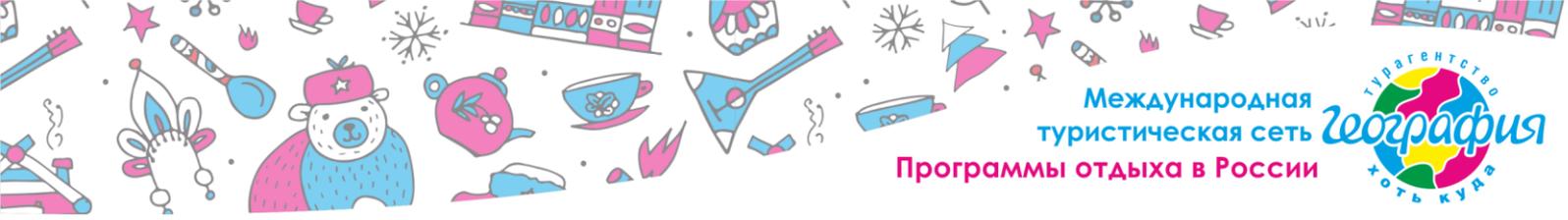


Exterior of the "Pokrov na Nerli" Church (by weather conditions). Such church was located on rivers fusion making the most important trade's waterways. That a miracle church survived from the 12th century - was called a "swan-temple".

Accommodation: "Turcenter 3*" – hotel in Suzdal or similar hotels: "Prince Vladimir 3*" - Vladimir, "Golden Ring 3*" - Vladimir, "Sokol 3*" - Suzdal.
Standard rooms.

20:00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant.





2nd day

08:00 Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant.

09:00 **Sightseeing tour of Suzdal – open air museum, about 200 historical monuments, many of them have status of UNESCO World Heritage.**

Acquaintance with the architectural ensemble of the Suzdal Kremlin, sightseeing of "Spaso-Efimiev" Abbey with a bell-ringing show. Visiting to "Spaso - Preobrajensky" Cathedral. Inside the abbey there is a tomb of famous Russian commander Prince Dmitry Mikhailovich Pozharsky.



Museum of Wooden Architecture with unique buildings of 17-19 centuries. The exposition was built like a village street with temples, houses, mills, granary and other buildings, transported from different places of Vladimirsky area.

"Pokrovsky" abbey (view point) is a women's monastery, which keeps a lot of secrets.



15:00 Lunch in the city restaurant. Departure to Kostroma.

Trip sightseeing tour around Ivanovo town.

Accommodation: "Azimut 3* " – hotel in Kostroma or similar "Lubim 3* " – Yaroslavl. Leisure time.

20:00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant.

3rd day

Breakfast (buffet) in the hotel's restaurant.

08:30 Departure to Yaroslavl.

10:00 **Excursion program around Yaroslavl with a visit of "Spaso-Preobrajensky" Abbey.** You will see the exterior of church "Ilya the Preacher"; also rivers fusion of "Volga" and "Kotorosli" ; the "Uspensky" Cathedral; walk along the embankment of "Volga" river reconstructed on millennium of the city; see the unique architectural ensemble of the Yaroslavl old town which included in the UNESCO World Heritage List.



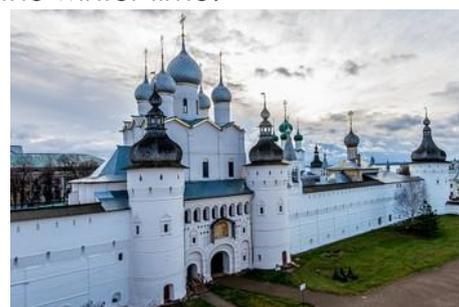


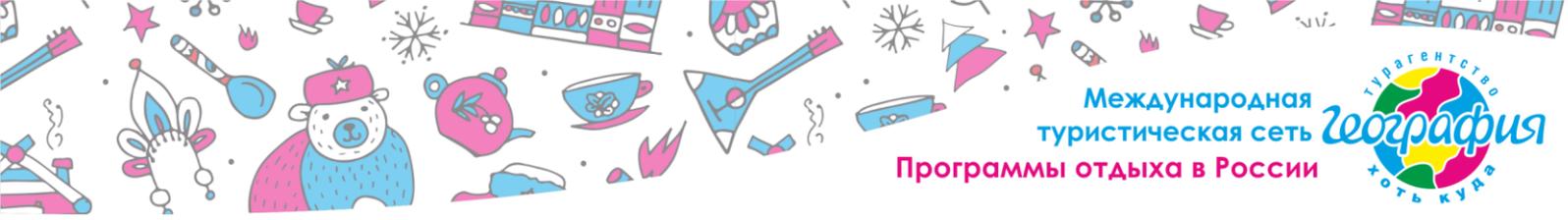
Coming back to Kostroma.
14:00 Lunch in the hotel's restaurant.
15:00 **Excursion around Kostroma.** Acquaintance with the merchant city, which has survived to present day the original appearance of the architectural ensemble 18th century.



Survey of central square (called "frying pan"), shopping arcades and belfry tower of 19th century.
"Ipatievsky" abbey ("Troitsky" cathedral, Boyars of the Romanov's dynasty burial tomb) is the main sight of Kostroma. There is a cradle of the Romanov dynasty.
Also will see "Epiphany-Anastasia" abbey, where was kept the miraculous icon of the "Fedorovskaya Mother of God" (13th century).
Return to the hotel.
20:00 Dinner in the hotel's restaurant

4 day 07:00 Breakfast in the hotel's restaurant. Departure with luggage.
10:00 **Excursion to the Rostov Kremlin - is the residence of Rostov bishops and metropolitans.** The architectural ensemble of Rostov Kremlin decorated with the "Uspensky" Cathedral (XVI century) with unique belfry tower, which completely survived with a set of 15 bells.
Expositions "Walls and Crossing of the Rostov Kremlin" (small crossing) - in the summer, "Museum of Rostov Enamel" - in the winter time.





Departure to "Pereslavl-Zalessky".

12:30 "Pereslavl-Zalessky" is the motherland of Alexander Nevsky and Russian flotilla's cradle.

City sightseeing around Pereslavl's Red Square.

13:00 Lunch in the city restaurant

14:00 Departure to Sergiev Posad.

Excursion to "Trinity-Sergius Lavra": architectures and interiors of "Uspensky" and "Troitsky" cathedrals.

Departure to Moscow.

21:00 Estimated time to arrival in Moscow at the customer's address.

