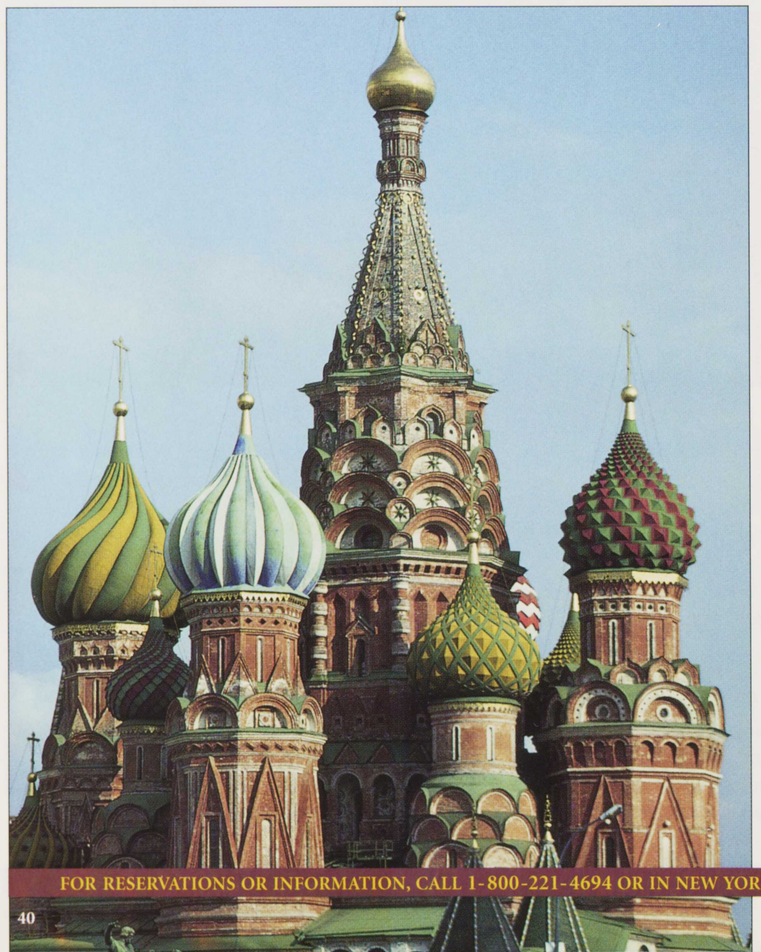
THE SPLENDORS OF RUSSIA

1 SUNDAY • EN ROUTE
Evening flight from New York for Finland.

2 MONDAY • HELSINKI
Morning arrival in **Helsinki,** Finland's sparkling capital. Meet your Tour Manager and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon to acclimate, relax or stroll Helsinki's pretty boulevards. Late afternoon **briefing** on the special program designed exclusively for your group, followed by **Welcome Get-Together.** LM

3 TUESDAY • HELSINKI
Morning tour of Helsinki includes fruit- and flower-filled **Market Square, Senate Square,** surrounded by lovely streets leading to **Aleksanterinkatu,** Helsinki's main shopping street, magnificent **Temppelianko Church** — carved from solid rock, Finland's **Parliament** and **Tapiola Garden City.** Visit **Helsinki Synagogue,** built in 1906, for a briefing on Finnish Jewry. **Dinner** together. B.D

4 WEDNESDAY • ST. PETERSBURG
Morning flight to **St. Petersburg,** known for 70 years of this century as Leningrad. This city, originally conceived and planned by Peter the Great as Russia's "Window on the West," is built on 101 islands connected by lacy, elegant bridges. Its many palaces, once homes of the nobility, have pastel-colored facades which add to the charm of this lovely city on the **Neva River.** Afternoon orientation drive is a prelude to your tour of the highlights of this exciting capital. Tonight, ***Welcome to St. Petersburg* dinner.** B.D



Moscow — St. Basil's Cathedral

AJCONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

- *19 Delicious Meals: American Buffet Breakfast daily* **B,** 1 *Lunch* **L,** *8 elegant Dinners with wine* **D,** *Welcome Get-Together* **LM** plus *unscheduled treats* and *inflight meals*
- *Experience the Midnight Sun, with long, long days, and short, short nights*
- Welcome to Helsinki *dinner*
- *See the highlights of Helsinki*
- *Discover the wonders of St. Petersburg*
- *See Russia's magnificent Pushkin and Pavlosk palaces*
- *Cultural performance in St. Petersburg*
- *University presentation on Russian Jewry*
- *Visit the Czars' Peterhof*
- *See varied aspects of Moscow's resurgent Jewish life, in theater, lectures, synagogue visits and meetings with Russian Jews*
- *Visit the Kremlin*
- *Time to discover Moscow on your own*
- *Tour Tretiakov Art Gallery's Jewish treasures*
- *Farewell Dinner in Moscow*
- *Plus much, much more…*

HOTELS

CITY	NIGHTS	HOTEL
HELSINKI	2	PRESIDENTII
ST. PETERSBURG	4	ASTORIA
MOSCOW	4	NATIONAL

5 THURSDAY • ST. PETERSBURG
Today's touring includes the **Great Choral Synagogue; St. Isaac's Cathedral,** with its magnificent gilded dome and imposing bronze doors; the **Peter and Paul Fortress,** once a prison for the revolutionaries, now the final resting place for some of the Romanov Csars; and **Palace Square** with its **Winter Palace,** housing the **Hermitage Museum's** three million exhibits. B.D

6 FRIDAY • ST. PETERSBURG
Today, visit St. Petersburg Jewish University for a fascinating presentation on *Jews in Post-Soviet Russia.* This afternoon visit **Peterhoff** — Peter the Great's **Summer Palace.** Return to St. Petersburg for **Shabbat dinner.** B.D

7 SATURDAY • ST. PETERSBURG
A blissfully free day to stroll, explore, enjoy. This afternoon you might want to join your Tour Manager for a stroll through the city's elegant streets, or visit the Royal Arts Collection, the Chamber of Oddities, founded by Peter the Great, or explore Nevsky Passage — the largest St. Petersburg department store…the choices are endless. Tonight, a **performance at the Royal Mariinsky Opera and Ballet Theatre.** B.D

8 SUNDAY • MOSCOW
Fly to **Moscow,** pervaded with the unique atmosphere of the old and the new, of ages-old solidity and recent uproar, of a deeply rooted cultural heritage facing the onslaught of the latest Western life styles. Transfer to your hotel in the center of Moscow. Afternoon orientation tour includes the **City Memorial Park** and its new **Synagogue,** funded by the Russian Jewish Congress; the synagogue sits atop Memorial Hill overlooking the Kremlin. Tonight, a performance at the Jewish Theatre, *Shalom,* followed by **dinner** with members of the theater company. B.D

9 MONDAY • MOSCOW
Tour the heart of Russia today: Moscow's 12th-century **Fortress of the Kremlin,** the equivalent of London's Buckingham Palace, Rome's Vatican and our own White House…combined. Splendid Kremlin landmarks include the **Kremlin Armory Museum,** with its unique exhibits of imperial treasures: the Romanoff crown jewels, garments of the nobility, medieval arms and armor, renaissance silver and porcelain masterpieces. Stroll **Red Square,** with its towering **St. Basil's Cathedral,** ominous **Lenin Mausoleum** and vast **GUM** store. Tonight, perhaps, take in Moscow's glamorous nightlife scene? B

Fabulous shopping on Helsinki's Aleksanterinkatu Street

10 TUESDAY • MOSCOW
Visit to the **Moscow Choral Synagogue** for a briefing on Russian Jewry and to hear the famous **Moscow Jewish Men's Choir.** Meet with **Russian Jewish Congress'** activists, followed by a visit to a Jewish School. After **lunch,** visit the world-famous **Tretiakov Art Gallery** for a private tour, themed "Jewish Artists in Russian Art History." Tonight, a delightful performance at the **Bolshoi Theatre** — a "must-see" in Russia. B.L

11 WEDNESDAY • MOSCOW
An entirely free day! Visit **Arbat Street** for the best, and best prices for, antiques, souvenirs, and Russian handicrafts. On pedestrians-only **Arbat,** have your portrait drawn by a street artist, watch jugglers entertain or listen to a jazz band. Or visit the magnificent **Pushkin Museum** or discover your own Moscow treasures! Tonight's **Farewell Dinner** caps an extraordinary visit. B.D

12 THURSDAY • EN ROUTE
Early afternoon flight to Helsinki and the U.S., arriving later the same day. B

TOTAL TOUR PRICE INCLUDING AIRFARE FROM NEW YORK ✈

DEPART	RETURN	PER PERSON
1998		
JUNE 7	JUNE 18	$4995
JULY 5	JULY 16	$4795
JULY 26	AUGUST 6	$4795
AUGUST 2	AUGUST 13	$4795
AUGUST 16	AUGUST 27	$4895
SEPTEMBER 6	SEPTEMBER 17	$4995
1999		
MAY 30	JUNE 10	4895E
JUNE 20	JULY 1	4995E
JULY 18	JULY 29	4895E
AUGUST 1	AUGUST 12	4895E
OCTOBER 3	OCTOBER 14	4995E

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