

Join our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Stephen Berk
and the Ayelet Tours Traveling University



RUSSIA

CA 2012 MISSION POST-TOUR July 5 - 12, 2012

THIS AMAZING TOUR INCLUDES:

4 nights at the Emerald Hotel in St. Petersburg, July 5 - 9, 2012

3 nights at the Lotte Hotel in Moscow, July 9 - 12, 2012

Professional Tour Escort throughout * Flight from St. Petersburg to Moscow

Breakfast Daily * Welcome dinner * Shabbat dinner * Farewell dinner

Guided touring in an air-conditioned motorcoach with an Expert English-speaking guide

Group transfers and airport assistance upon arrival and departure * Entrance fees * Portage

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

Lectures by Professor Stephen Berk

Jewish Heritage tour of St. Petersburg * Petrodvorets * Peter and Paul Fortress * Yusopov Palace

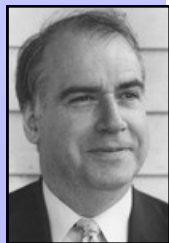
The Hermitage Museum * Choral Synagogue * Tsarskoye Selo and the "Formula of Sorrow"

Tour of Moscow including Red Square * The Kremlin and Lenin's Tomb

G.U.M. Department Store, * St. Basil's Cathedral * The Arbat Shopping District

Jewish Heritage tour to the Great Synagogue * Former Jewish State Theater * Choral Synagogue

SO MUCH MORE!



Dr. Stephen M. Berk is a Professor of History at Union College in Schenectady, New York. He has been named the Henry and Sally Schaeffer Chair of Holocaust and Jewish Studies at Union College. Dr. Berk is considered a superb lecturer and teacher. He is the author of *Year of Crisis, Year of Hope: Russian Jewry and the Pogroms of 1881-1882* and is presently writing a book entitled, *Our People Are Your People: American Jewry and the Struggle for Civil Rights 1854-1965*. Dr. Berk is also the author of many articles on Eastern Europe, Russian Jewish History, anti-Semitism and American policy in the Middle East. He has lectured in numerous cities for UJA and Israel Bonds as well as at many colleges and universities throughout the United States. Dr. Berk has led numerous trips to Russia, Spain, Europe, Israel and Eastern Europe. It is a privilege to have him with us!



Day 1, Thursday, July 5, 2012: Upon arrival in St. Petersburg, we are met and assisted at the airport and enjoy an orientation tour en route to our hotel. St. Petersburg is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The stately architecture of the city's buildings harmonizes with the precise layout of its streets and spacious squares, gardens, rivers and canals, beautiful embankments, bridges and monuments. We drive past the **Smolny Institute** and the famous **Bronze Horseman statue**, continue down the broad **Nevsky Prospect shopping street**, passing the Admiralty and historical sights. **Dinner** and welcome **lecture by Professor Stephen Berk**. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 2, Friday, July 6, 2012: Breakfast. Morning **lecture with Professor Berk**. This morning we visit **Petrodvorets**, the former summer residence of the Tsars, which was built by Peter the Great as the Russian answer to Versailles. A system of multiple fountains and waterfalls with an abundance of gold sculptures below the Grand Palace is still being restored following the destruction of World War II, a remarkable testimony to the skill of the restorers. From the terrace we view the cascade of the 129 fountains. This afternoon we have a guided tour of the **Peter and Paul Fortress** with the tombs of Peter the Great and the Romanov Dynasty. Next we got to the **Yusopov Palace** and **Church of Spilled Blood**. Tonight we enjoy **Shabbat dinner** together. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 3, Saturday, July 7, 2012: Breakfast. Those who wish are able to attend **Shabbat services**. This afternoon we tour the **Hermitage Museum** with its incomparable collections of art treasures. Catherine the Great was the first ruler to collect art on a large scale and the museum contains many objects of Russian culture and Oriental art in addition to its huge collection of Western masters. The Hermitage possesses one of the world's richest collections of impressionist paintings, thanks largely to the private collections of Stroganov and Yusupov families and others who commissioned such artists as Bonnet, Cezanne, Picasso and Matisse. (option for early admission to the Hermitage Museum). Optional: Tonight we enjoy a **boat ride** on the canals of St. Petersburg. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 4, Sunday, July 8, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. We visit the **Choral Synagogue**. Next is an excursion to the town of **Tsarskoye Selo**, the home of the Imperial family from the days of Peter the Great up to the time of the last Tsar. We visit the 18th century **palace of Catherine the Great**, a baroque masterpiece with a facade almost 304 meters long. On the way back to St. Petersburg we stop at the "**Formula of Sorrow**", a memorial to the victims of the holocaust. Return to St. Petersburg. The last stop is the magnificent **St. Isaac's Cathedral**. This architectural monument of has an abundance of sculptured decorations. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 5, Monday, July 9, 2012: Breakfast. Early morning transfer to **Moscow**. Upon arrival in Moscow we transfer to our hotel. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. We enjoy a guided tour of Moscow, including **Red Square**, the **Kremlin**, **Lenin's Tomb**, **G.U.M. Department Store**, **St. Basil's Cathedral**, and the **Arbat shopping district**. Optional evening cultural activity. Overnight Moscow.

Day 6, Tuesday, July 10, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. Begin our tour of **Jewish Moscow**, featuring the **Great Synagogue**, the former **Jewish State Theater** building, the apartment building where the artist Mark Chagall worked, the wooden **Marina Roschcha Synagogue**, the **Choral Synagogue**, and **Nikolskaya Street**. Overnight Moscow.

Day 7, Wednesday, July 11, 2012: Breakfast. Day at leisure with optional visits to the **Tretiakov Museum** and or the **Pushkin Museum** or shopping... Tonight we enjoy a **farewell dinner** together... Overnight Moscow.

Day 8, Thursday, July 12, 2012: Following breakfast we transfer to the airport for our flight back to the United States.

The Memories Last Forever!

*itinerary subject to change

POST-TOUR COST: \$2,919.00 based on double occupancy Single supplement cost: \$854.00

Post-tour includes:

- Lectures by Professor Stephen Berk
- Flight from St. Petersburg to Moscow
- Breakfast daily
- Welcome dinner
- Shabbat dinner
- Farewell dinner
- Transfers and airport assistance upon arrival and departure
- All touring and sightseeing per an agreed upon itinerary in an air-conditioned motor vehicle with an English speaking guide
- Entrance fees per itinerary

- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person

Post-tour does NOT include:

- Airfare
- Tips to guides, driver and dining room waiters (\$120.00 per person; pre-collected)
- Any items of a personal nature
- Any border taxes or visas
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

Please note: This price reflects a cash discount and is only for payment by cash or check. If you wish to pay by credit card, the price of the pre-tour is \$2,999.00 and \$879.00 for the single supplement.

To register, please use the CA 2012 Registration Form.

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