

Join our Scholar-in-Residence, Professor Stephen Berk

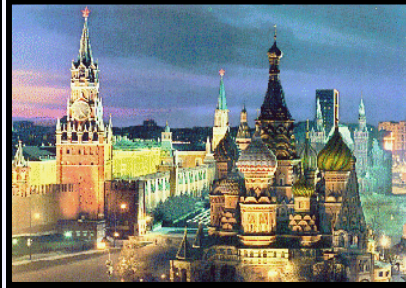
on a Jewish Heritage Tour to

RUSSIA

July 4 - 12, 2012

\$2,999.00 LAND ONLY per person

Based on double occupancy



TOUR INCLUDES:

Flight from St. Petersburg to Moscow
4 nights at the Emerald Hotel in St. Petersburg
3 nights at the Lotte Hotel in Moscow
Breakfast Daily * Welcome Dinner in St. Petersburg
Shabbat dinner in St. Petersburg * Farewell dinner in Moscow
Airport transfers upon arrival and departure
All touring with a local licensed English-speaking guide in an air-conditioned motorcoach
Group transfers and airport assistance upon arrival and departure
Entrance fees per itinerary * Porterage
Group airfare available

RUSSIA HIGHLIGHTS:

LECTURES BY PROF. BERK

Jewish Heritage tour of St. Petersburg
Visit to Petrodvorets; the Peter and Paul Fortress and the Yusupov Palace
The Hermitage Museum and 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 and the Arbat Shopping District
Jewish Heritage tour to the Great Synagogue, former Jewish State Theater and 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!

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Day 1, Wednesday, July 4, 2012: Depart the United States on our overnight flight to St. Petersburg.

Day 2, 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. A relatively "new" city, it was founded in 1708 by Peter the Great, who engaged the finest scholars, architects and sculptors in constructing this pre-revolutionary home of the Tsars. We drive past the Smolny Institute and the famous Bronze Horseman statue, continue down the broad Nevsky Prospect shopping street, passing the Admiralty and many important historical sights. Dinner and welcome lecture by Professor Stephen Berk. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 3, 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. . Tonight enjoy **Shabbat dinner** together. Overnight in St. Petersburg. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 4, Saturday, July 7, 2012: Breakfast. Those who wish attend Shabbat services. This afternoon we tour the **Hermitage Museum** with its incomparable collections of art treasures. Originally the Winter Palace of the Tsars, the Hermitage was not opened to the public until 1852. 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 5, 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. The building is still being restored after extensive damages from World War II. Next to the parks and palaces stands the town itself, developed mainly in the 19th century as a summer resort for the aristocracy and well-to-do of St. Petersburg. The town was the home of the great poet Alexander Pushkin, whose statue was used for target practice by German soldiers during World War II. On the way back to St. Petersburg we stop at the "Formula of Sorrow", a **memorial to the victims of the holocaust**. We return to St. Petersburg. The last stop today is the magnificent **St. Isaac's Cathedral**. This architectural monument has an abundance of sculptured decorations of great beauty, relief's, gilt work and marble. Overnight St. Petersburg.

Day 6, Monday, July 9, 2012: Breakfast. Early morning flight and transfer to Moscow. 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 7, Tuesday, July 10, 2012: Breakfast. Morning lecture with Professor Berk. We embark upon a tour of Jewish Moscow, featuring the **Great Synagogue**, the former **Jewish State Theater building**, the wooden **Marina Roschcha Synagogue**, the **Choral Synagogue**, and **Nikolskaya Street**. Overnight Moscow.

Day 8, 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 9, 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

Tour does not include: Roundtrip airfare from NYC - \$1,120.95 per ticket, including estimated taxed and fuel surcharges of \$595.95—subject to change until ticketed. Any border taxes or visas, tips (\$15.00 per person, per day collected in advance), \$15.00 shipping/handling charge per household, travel insurance (highly recommended) or any items of a personal nature. The single supplement is \$879.00 per person. **CANCELLATION PENALTIES:** \$100 per person charged if cancelled more than 60 days before departure. \$250 per person charged if cancelled 60-31 days before departure. 100% penalty will apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure.

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Yes! I want to join Professor Berk & the Traveling University on this tour to Russia in July 2012!

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