

Tour Dates: 10th - 20th August 2016

From: USD 699 p/p\*

Days: 10 Nights / 11 Days

\* tax not included

Do you want to experience authentic Russian culture? Suzdal is one of the best-preserved and prettiest towns in Russia and the most celebrated medieval city on Russia's Golden Ring.



International Quilt Festival in Suzdal 12-20 August 2016

# Tour Highlights

Opening night Russian Quilt Picnic
The City day Quilt Carnival in Suzdal
Russian Vareniki cooking class
Quilt Wedding show
The Savior of the Apple Feast Day show
Quilted Field Art Project

# Welcome to the Suzdal International Quilt Festival!



With our fully escorted Russian Quilt Festival Tour, you will be surrounded by impressive collections of quilts, patchworks, workshops, quilt shows, exhibitions and fellow quilters. Our Russian Quilt Tour travels from Moscow through Vladimir to Suzdal. To fully experience your trip to Russia, we have included major sightseeing sights such as the Red Squire and the Kremlin in Moscow, Suzdal's amazing sights such as monasteries, churches, cathedrals, and the Kremlin listed by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre as the masterworks of architectural genius, white-stone Suzdal's area, unique *experience* of nature and *traditional* Russian *village life, farms visits with* a variety of Russian *traditional* meals and farm products tasting. This Russian Quilt Tour package is the ideal tour for quilt lovers to attend the International Quilt Festival in Suzdal and visit great landmarks of Russia. You can also extend your vacation before / after the tour in Moscow or in Suzdal.

## THE TOUR INCLUDES

- A tour manager throughout the tour
- 2 nights BED & BREAKFAST accommodation at the Hotel Pushkin 4\* ,Moscow city center (or similar), based on sharing a TWIN ROOM
- 8 nights BED & BREAKFAST accommodation at the Hotel Sokol 4\*, Suzdal city center (or similar), based on sharing a TWIN ROOM
- Moscow Airport, Moscow Railway station and Vladimir Railway station transfers and excursion transportation
- International Quilt Festival in Suzdal Full Show Pass, covering entrance for 7 days
- Opening Night Quilt Festival picnic
- Half day City tour of Moscow with English-speaking guide
- Half day City tour of Suzdal with English-speaking guide
- 1 three-course dinner and half-day experience at the farm in Suzdal area
- Return railway tickets from Moscow to Vladimir

## **EXTRAS** (optional)

- International return flights
- Travel insurance
- Any workshops/lectures booked at the International Quilt Festival in Suzdal
- Single room supplement (from \$37 per night)
- Gratuities for your tour guide, coach driver, local guides and coach driver
- The Bolshoi theater tickets (from \$82 p/p)
- Full day city tour of Vladimir & the Church of the Intercession of the Holy Virgin on the Nerl River with a lunch at the Russian traditional cuisine restaurant in Bogo'lubovo village (from \$33 p/p)
- 2-hour horse carriage ride escorted tour of Suzdal with local English-speaking guide (from  $$54\,p/p$)$
- HALF BOARD supplement (from \$10 p/p)

## Customise your tour

To tailor the tour to your needs, or for any further information email us.

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Book your tour online: <a href="http://quiltshow.ru">http://quiltshow.ru</a> or send your booking request to <a href="mailto:natalia\_s@geo-club.ru">natalia\_s@geo-club.ru</a>



### Wednesday, 10th August

Arrival at Moscow airport. Our driver will take you to your hotel. Time at leisure to explore the art galleries, antique and souvenirs stores.

### Thursday, 11th August

Half-day city tour of Moscow. You will have a tour around the most beautiful sights in Moscow and you take a glimpse of its culture and history. Moscow Kremlin, Red Square, St Basil's Cathedral (outside), GUM Shopping Center & legendary GUM ice-cream break. Alexander's Gardens, Bolshoi Theatre & Theater Square, the Arbat street, Tverskaya Street Moscow metro, Victory Park, Christ the Saviour Cathedral, Novodevichy convent (outside). The rest of the day at leisure. In the evening you can attend Bolshoi Theater (optional).

#### Monday, 15th August

Full day at the International Quilt Festival Russian Vareniki cooking class and Quilt Location: Museum of Wooden Architecture

## Thursday, 18th August

Sunday, 14th August

Quilted Field Art Project gathers quilts from

Wedding show

around the world.

Full day at the International Quilt Festival in Suzdal.

## Friday, 19th August

The Savior of the Apple Feast Day show. Location: the Saviour Monastery of St. Euthymius. Closing Ceremony of the International Quilt Festival in Suzdal.

### Friday, 12th August

Transfer to the Kurskiy railway station. Departure @ 09:30 am (local time) by highspeed train Lastochka to Vladimir. Arrival @11:19 in Vladimir. Escorted transfer from Vladimir to Suzdal Hotel. Opening Night Quilt Festival Picnic

## Saturday, 13th August

The City day in Suzdal. Location: the Trade Sauire.

Quilt Fair. Quilt Festival Carnival on the main walking promenade of Suzdal Quilted Clothing and Accessories Défilés.

The Final of the Large fabric dolls contest

## Tuesday, 16th August

Half day City tour of Suzdal with local guide. Suzdal Kremlin with a world of architectural treasures, from the 13th-century Nativity of the Virgin Cathedral to the late 18th-century wooden St. Nicholas Church, the Trade Square where the early 19th-century trading arcade is surrounded by a cluster of churches, the Monastery of the Deposition (13th century), the Saviour Monastery of St. Euthymius, the largest monastery in Suzdal and Kideksha ancient village.

#### Saturday, 20th August

Check out of the Hotel in Suzdal. Transfer to the Vladimir railway station. Departure for Moscow @11:59. Arrival in Moscow @13:45. Our driver will meet you at the Kurskiy railway station in Moscow and take you to the airport.

## Wednesday, 17th August

Explore a unique experience of nature and traditional Russian village life. A half day tour to the farm with a variety of Russian traditional meals and farm products tasting.

 $\star\star$ Organizers retain the *right to change* and amend any details of the Festival program.

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