RUSSIA of the TSARS 2016

May 13–20, 2016 (May 13-23 with Stockholm Extension)

“One of the best times in the year to visit Russia”, Lonely Planet

Welcome to Russia, the Prosper Ventures “Way”!
**DAY 1 – MAY 13:**

**ARRIVAL TO MOSCOW**

- **Arrival pick up from airport and transfers** to our Hotel in Moscow *in the afternoon/evening* (or the day before – we will get group rates for extra night). We will pick-up, transfer and welcome and register “The Seekers Plats” as they arrive. The transfers times will be communicated in due time. Those not willing to wait for their transfer please take a taxi on your own and let us know.

- **Moscow:** During any season, any hour of day, Moscow thrills visitors with its artistry, history and majesty. The remains of the Soviet state are scattered all around the city. Monuments remember fallen heroes and victorious battles, while museums attempt to analyze and synthesize the past. People like to talk about ‘the city that never sleeps,’ but they should talk about Moscow. Moscow has a club or a cafe for everyone, from nostalgia-rich retro to rocked-out indie, from contemporary-cool art cafes to let-loose dance clubs. And no matter where you spend the evening, all are invited to gather in the wee hours to watch the sunrise over Moscow’s golden domes and silver skyscrapers. **Tverskaya Street** is also one of the busiest shopping streets in Moscow. The adjoining **Tretyakovsky Proyezd**, also south of Tverskaya Street, in Kitai-gorod, is host to up market boutique stores such as Bulgari, Tiffany & Co., Armani, Prada and Bentley. Nightlife in Moscow has moved on since Soviet times and today the city has many of the world’s largest nightclubs. Clubs, bars, creative spaces and restaurants-turned-into-dance-floors are flooding Moscow streets with new openings every year. The hottest area is located around the old chocolate factory, where bars, night
clubs, galleries, cafes and restaurants are placed. Walk through history, discovering the city’s medieval foundations and modern flare and everything in between. The Russian capital’s founding site – the majestic Kremlin and the ceremonial Red Square – is still the geographic and spiritual heart of Moscow, making it the ideal place to start your visit. Further on, witness the grandiosity of imperial Russia at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour and contemplate the remains of Soviet Russia at the Art Muzeon sculpture garden.

Your day culminates with a chance to experience the energy and artistry of the here and now. This is the Moscow where urban hipsters ride bikes along the Moscow River and dance tango in Gorky Park; where artists and designers are creating contemporary culture out of industrial blight at the former Red October chocolate factory; and where the city is transforming into a dynamic, cosmopolitan capital of the 21st century.

- **Reception and welcome**: during the afternoon-evening we will make a presentation of the trip and conferences program. We will have a free dinner this day. In our Welcome reception we will review the program for the week: activities, trip theme, mastermind, transformational NSA sessions, etc.
- **Hotel in Moscow: 5 Star (TBA)**: rest for an early start on “The Seekers Plats” 2nd day in Russia of the Tsars!

**TRIP THEME**: the theme on this trip will be … **Energy & Spirituality!**
Before breakfast we will have a healthy and uplifting Yoga & Meditation session, and then:

**City Tour and visit to Christ the Saviour:** You will be able to stroll past the gargantuan Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, which dominates the skyline southwest of the Kremlin. Stalin destroyed the original 19th-century church that was built here to commemorate the victory over Napoleon. From the cathedral, we will visit the Izmaylovky Market: This sprawling area is packed with art, handmade crafts, antiques, and Soviet paraphernalia and just about anything you might want for a souvenir. You’ll find Moscow’s biggest original range of matryoshki, palekh and khokhloma ware. Feel free to negotiate, but don’t expect vendors to come down more than 10%. This famous flea market is only part of a big theme park that includes shops, restaurants, museums and monuments, all contained within a mock ‘kremlin’ (complete with walls and towers that make a great photo op). Within the kremlin walls, the place re-creates the workshops and trade rows of an old settlement. Across the street, Gorky Park is Moscow hipster central, where you can while away the rest of the day; your main challenge will be deciding which options for ‘culture and leisure’ to pursue. There is a 16km riverside path that’s ideal for cycling or inline skating (both bikes and skates are available for rental). There are also dance lessons available.
Red square

- **Lunch and visit “Red Square” and St. Basil’s:** We will visit the Red Square to beat the crowds, and prepare to be awestruck. The vast cobblestone plaza is surrounded by historical monuments and architectural marvels. We will take a tour around the square, paying our respects at Lenin’s Mausoleum, window-shopping at the State Department Store GUM, and ogling the iconic St Basil’s Cathedral. Wander through the blooms of Alexander Garden and catch the ceremonial changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

St. Basil’s Cathedral and Spasskaya Tower

- After lunch and the visit to St. Basil’s there will be some free time in the evening to spend at your leisure, before going from our hotel in Moscow to the world famous:
Bolshoi Theatre show: If we can get tickets we will be attending a classical ballet show at probably the most luxurious and famous theatre in the world. After the show you can make your way to Gipsy, an eclectic, ironic venue for sipping cocktails and observing the locals. You can spend the evening hopping from one rooftop bar to another, taking in the marvelous city views and the electric atmosphere of modern Moscow.

- Return to our hotel.
- Hotel in Moscow: 5 Star (TBA)
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- **Visit to the Kremlin**: We will devote most of morning to explore the Kremlin, the ultimate symbol of the Russian state. Surprisingly, the noteworthy buildings inside the fortified complex are churches; most of them built by Ivan the Great in the 15th century. Study the colorful murals in the Assumption Cathedral; search for the tomb of Ivan the Terrible in the Archangel Cathedral; and admire the amazing iconostasis in the Annunciation Cathedral. In the Kremlin we will visit the most impressive **Armoury Chamber**, with its rich collection of the Tsars crowns, scepters, treasures and carriages.
• After lunch we will take a ride through some of the magnificent stations of Moscow’s Metro, probably the most luxurious and impressive in the whole world, and stroll through the cosmopolitan and beautiful Arbat Street, full of painters, artists and a lively atmosphere.

• We will have some free time in the evening for strolling and shopping.
• We will have an optional visit to the famous Faberge Eggs and Jewels Museum, before taking a bus from our hotel for a Farewell to Moscow Russian Dinner.

• Hotel in Moscow: 5 Star (TBA)
After an early breakfast, we will go to Moscow’s train station to get on the modern SAPSAN High Speed Train to reach St Petersburg in less than 4 hours (715 Km. = 445 Miles). We will get lunch service on the train, while watching the vast and beautiful scenery of the Russian steppe, and arriving to St. Petersburg early in the afternoon.
St. Petersburg – City of the Tsars: Once a desolate swamp, Russia’s imperial capital is today a dazzling metropolis whose sheer grandeur never fails to amaze. Built from nothing by westward-looking Tsar Peter the Great, St Petersburg was from its inception to be a display of imperial Russia’s growing status in the world. Fine-tuned by Peter’s successors, who employed a host of European architects to add fabulous palaces and cathedrals to the city’s layout, St Petersburg grew to be the Romanovs’ showcase capital and Russia’s first great, modern city, a status it has retained despite the capital moving back to Moscow following the revolution. Despite all that history has thrown at it, St Petersburg still feels every bit the imperial capital, a city largely frozen in time. St Petersburg is an almost unrivalled treasure trove of art and culture. You can spend days in the Hermitage, seeing everything from Egyptian mummies to Picasso’s. Add to this world-class ballet and opera at the Mariinsky Theatre. You’re never far from water in St Petersburg, crossed by hundreds of beautiful canals and bridges of the River Neva, which has earned the city unsurprising comparisons to Venice, and which well merit a river cruise. For me St Petersburg is one of the most beautiful and most impressive cities of the many I have visited in the whole world. A city you will never forget!

St Petersburg River Cruise

Upon our arrival to St Petersburg we will take an unforgettable River Cruise through its many canals to get a first thorough idea of the beauty and riches of this historical imperial city. During the cruise we will enjoy a Vodka and Caviar tasting onboard. Transfer to our hotel.

Hotel in St Petersburg: 5 star (TBA).
Before breakfast we will have a healthy and uplifting Yoga & Meditation session.

After breakfast we will take a City Tour of St Petersburg including a visit to Peter and Paul Fortress: housing a cathedral where the Romanov Tsars and family are buried, a former prison and exhibitions, this large defensive fortress on Zayachy Island is the kernel from which St Petersburg grew into the city it is today. History buffs will love it and everyone will swoon at the panoramic views from atop the fortress walls, at the foot of which lies a sandy riverside beach, a prime spot for sunbathing.
After lunch we will visit The Hermitage Museum and Winter Palace: Mainly set in the magnificent Winter Palace and adjoining buildings, the Hermitage fully lives up to its sterling reputation. You can be absorbed by its treasures for days and still come out wanting more. The enormous collection (over three million items, only a fraction of which are on display in around 360 rooms) almost amounts to a comprehensive history of Western European art. Catherine the Great, one of the greatest art collectors of all time, began the collection. Nicholas I also greatly enriched it and opened the galleries to the public for the first time in 1852. It was the post-revolutionary period that saw the collection increase threefold, as many valuable private collections were seized by the communist state, including those of the Stroganovs, Sheremetyevs, Yusupovs, Sergei Shchukin and Ivan Morozov. The State Hermitage consists of five linked buildings, of which the main ones are: The Winter Palace with its stunning mint-green, white and gold profusion of columns, windows and recesses, with its roof topped by rows of classical statues, was commissioned from Bartolomeo Rastrelli in 1754 by Empress Elizabeth. It remained the winter imperial home until 1917, though the last two tsars spent more time in other palaces. The Small Hermitage: was built for Catherine the Great as a retreat that would also house the art collection started by Peter the Great, which she significantly expanded. The New Hermitage: was built for Nicholas II, to hold the still-growing art collection. The State Hermitage Theatre: Built in the 1780s by the classicist Giacomo Quarenghi, who thought it one of his finest works. Concerts and ballets are still performed here. In the same building but accessed from the Neva Embankment are the remains of the Winter Palace of Peter I.
After the unforgettable visit to the Hermitage Palace we will have a free evening and dinner for strolling around and shopping.

Hotel in St. Petersburg: 5 star (TBA).
After breakfast we will get our transfer to Ekaterina Palace in Pushkin. **Catherine’s the Great Palace**: The centerpiece of Tsarskoe Selo, created under Empresses Elizabeth and Catherine the Great between 1744 and 1796, is the vast baroque Catherine Palace, designed by Rastrelli and named after Peter the Great’s second wife. The palace can only be visited by pre-booked tour groups; such is its rightful popularity. The interiors are superb, with highlights including the Great Hall, the Arabesque Hall, the baroque Cavalier’s Dining Room, the White State Dining Room, the Crimson and Green Plaster Rooms, the Portrait Hall and of course the world-famous **Amber Room**. The huge amber panels used in the latter were a gift given to Peter the Great, but not put to any use until 1743 when Elizabeth decided to use them decoratively, after which they were ingeniously incorporated into the walls here. After the visit we will be transferred back to St Petersburg center to have lunch and continue our visit of the imperial city.
• **St Isaac’s Cathedral:** The golden dome of St Isaac’s Cathedral dominates the St Petersburg skyline. Its obscenely lavish interior is open as a museum. Most people bypass the museum to climb the 262 steps to the kolonnada (colonnade) around the drum of the dome, providing superb city views. French designer Auguste Montferrand began designing the cathedral in 1818, despite the fact that he was no architect. The cathedral took so long to build (until 1858) that Nicholas I was able to insist on an even more grandiose structure than Montferrand had originally planned. More than 100kg of gold leaf was used to cover the 21.8m-high dome alone.

• We will have some free time in the evening for shopping, strolling around this wonderful city of St Petersburg or relaxing at our hotel. Free Dinner.

• **Hotel in St Petersburg:** 5 star (TBA).
After breakfast we will get a transfer to Peterhof Palace and Gardens: The Grand Palace is an imposing building, although with just 30-something rooms, it is not nearly as large as the typical tsarist palace. Most guided tours being only in Russian at other times. The gilded fountains and gardens of Peterhof are worth the visit. Hugging the Gulf of Finland, 29 km west of St Petersburg, this ‘Russian Versailles’ is a far cry from the original cabin Peter the Great had built here to oversee construction of the Kronshtadt naval base. He liked the place so much he built a villa, Monplaisir, and then a whole series of palaces across an estate originally called Peterhof (pronounced Petergof), which has been called Petrodvorets (Peter’s Palace) since 1944. All are surrounded by leafy gardens and a spectacular ensemble of gravity-powered fountains. Peterhof’s masterpiece is the Grand Cascade, a symphony of more than 140 fountains and canals engineered partly by Peter himself. The gilded ensemble looks marvelous when the fountains are working only from May to early October. The central statue of Samson tearing open a lion’s jaws celebrates – as do so many things in St Petersburg – Peter’s victory over the Swedes. If you’re interested in knowing how the fountains work, pay a visit to the Grotto beneath the Grand Cascade, where you can also see some trick fountains. Peter’s original villa, Monplaisir, has bright and airy galleries facing the sea – it’s easy to see why it was his favorite place to doss. The gardens are dotted with the ubiquitous fountains, charming pavilions, and summer houses.
After our visit to Peterhof we will be transferred back to St Petersburg to have lunch. We will have the afternoon free to prepare for our grand finale of Russia of the Tsars 2016.

Next Prosper Venture Announcement, Global Partners Presentation and wrap-up of our partner’s sessions!

Farewell Russian Dinner & Party: during which we will experience a unique traditional Russian night.

Hotel in St Petersburg: 5 star (TBA).
After breakfast we will have some time free to relax in our hotel, take a last stroll through this incomparable city or make some last minute shopping before getting our Transfers to the St Petersburg Airport for our flights back home. End of another “The Seekers Plats” unforgettable journey!

Unless you are taking the:

**OPTIONAL:  3 DAYS STOCKHOLM EXTENSION: MAY 20 - 23**

Stockholm Extension

May 20-23, 2016

Stockholm, Sweden
• Including 3 nights in Stockholm 5 Star hotel (TBA), lunches, transportation and visits.

- Stockholm Royal Palace

- On the first day we will get a **Stockholm City Tour**: Stockholm’s good looks and fashion sense could almost be intimidating. But this city is an accessible beauty, as easy to explore as it is to love. Known as the Venice of the North and spread across 14 islands, connected by 57 bridges and surrounded by pristine forests and a vast archipelago, it is still compact and walkable. Each neighborhood has a distinct character, yet they’re so close together you can easily spend time in several areas. **The Old Town, Gamla Stan**, is one of Europe’s most arresting historic hubs, all storybook buildings, imposing palaces and razor-thin cobblestone streets. We will be able to see the **Royal Palace**, the Protestant Cathedral and the Old Stock Exchange, next to the Main Square of **Stortorget**, Stockholm’s oldest square. Admire the outside of the **Nobel Museum** and rows of 17th- and 18th-century townhouses lining the square, and learn how it was once the scene of one the darkest episodes in Sweden’s history. It was here, in what’s known as the Bloodbath of 1520, that 82 Swedish dignitaries were beheaded on the orders of the Danish king Kristian II. During the tour we will walk through several different islands as Södermalm, or South Island, home of Millennium, Stig Larsson’s trilogy, or Nobility Island where the oldest building in the city is located, originally a Franciscan Church from the XIII Century, and Parliament Island, opposite to the Opera.
On our second day in Stockholm we will make a morning tour to the Vasa Museum: the custom-built home of the massive warship Vasa. The ship, a whopping 70 meters long and 50 meters tall, was the pride of the Swedish crown when it set off on its maiden voyage on 10 August 1628. Within 20 minutes of leaving the port, the top-heavy vessel tipped and sank to the bottom of Saltsjön, along with many of the people on board. It was found, rescued and restored 333 years later. We will see not only the original ship but many objects found inside it.
• On our third day after breakfast we will take the Shuttle buses to the Stockholm airport for our flights back home.

• Stockholm Hotel, Sweden: 5 Stars (TBA).
Flight St Petersburg to Stockholm on May 20 in the morning is not included in the price. It is cheaper if you book it directly when purchasing your complete flight in and out of Russia. You need to book your flight back home from Stockholm airport on May 23.

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- All meals, except 3 night dinners on free time.
- All visits and activities. Visits and activities might change due to time availability.
- All high speed train and land transportation within Russia, except getting in and out at the end of the trip or any extension. Availability of the 2 transfers flights still to be confirmed.
- Company Travel insurance. It is highly recommended that participants have their own personal travel insurance coverage in addition to our agency’s.

- NOT INCLUDED: Private NSA sessions, flight tickets in and out of Russia, visa application costs, tips and personal expenses (laundry, meals, drinks, telephone, etc).

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- Russia of the Tsars – Children under 12: US $2,500 in Triple room
- Single Room Supplement: +US $995.00 additional charge applies.

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### RESERVATION “STOCKHOLM EXTENSION” - 3 Days

- **Stockholm Extension Reservation**: US $1,595 in Double Room
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**TRAVEL, GROW & PROSPER with PASSION!**
And please, come back! “The Seekers Plats” is now your Family! You belong with all of us!

**ITINERARY MAP**

- **Russia of the Tsars:** May 13 – 20, 2016: Moscow & St Petersburg
- **Stockholm Extension:** May 20 – 23: Stockholm, Sweden

(Flights not included)
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