“THE EASTERN FRONT”
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RUSSIAN WWII BATTLEFIELDS OF KURSK, MOSCOW & STALINGRAD
2 - 14 JULY 2014
ST. PETERSBURG POST-TOUR 14—18 JULY
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For many historians, the most brutal and titanic struggle of the Second World War was fought between the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany and their allies. From June, 1941 until the fall of Berlin in May, 1945, war was conducted on a grand scale, with the largest concentration of men and material being employed during the conflict. Casualties too, were on a grand scale, to include massive losses among Soviet Civilians, as well as their military units. During our tour you will have the opportunity to visit the four cities where the most important battles of the Great Patriotic War (WW II) took place and visit them as part of our 70th Anniversary of the Eastern Front Tours.

**MOSCOW** was to have a key role in this devastating war. The initial German plans concentrated on the destruction of the Red Army, and the offensive against Moscow. By the beginning of December some German Nazi formations were only about forty kilometers north west of the Kremlin.

**STALINGRAD** (now Volgograd) is the site of the fierce and decisive battle which is considered by Russians, and historians, as a turning point in the WWII. The city was totally destroyed in the battle.

**KURSK** located near the Prohorovka battlefield where the largest tank engagement of WWII was fought during Operation Citadel. This year the 70th Anniversary will be commemorated at Victory Monument Zvonitsa. A unique military reenactment will feature WWII period military vehicles with tanks, field artillery, armored personnel carriers, trucks, motorcycles and hundreds of re-enactors in authentic uniforms with re-enactors and owners from all over Europe, USA and CIS participating. Kubinka Museum will provide heavy military vehicles as well as private collectors and museums.

**LENINGRAD** (now St. Petersburg) is the site of the longest siege in the war. The siege left the city devastated and the population destroyed. Today the city, restored and rebuilt, is a jewel celebrating its vibrant history going back to Peter the Great.

**Military Historical Tours** is proud to offer another in our series of historic anniversary tours to the battlefields of the world. Our tour starts in Moscow and proceeds to Stalingrad, with a comprehensive “on the ground” exploration of the battlefields, continuing to Kursk for one of the largest WWII reenactments ever conducted featuring tanks and other heavy military vehicles. We conclude our historic pilgrimage with a optional trip to St. Petersburg, one of the world’s most beautiful cities.

Our tours include exclusive events, such as dinner lectures and speakers on subjects of historic interest; battlefield explorations and reenactments; exclusive access to museums; and much more. Information on the events that are offered on your particular expedition will be included in your registration information packet.

All of these things, along with the most experienced staff of Tour Leaders, Battlefield Guides and Historians will combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, relaxing, entertaining and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss your tour with one of our Battlefield Specialists.

**Tour Price:** $ 5,795*
Based on double Occupancy
**Single Supplement:** $ 1,255*
**Post-Tour Price:** $ 2,295*
Based on double Occupancy
**Single Supplement:** $ 525*

**Tour Price Includes:**
- All Russia rail and air transportation
- Russia Visa Service
- Transfer to Hotel upon arrival^
- Fully escorted by experienced MHT Tour Leader
- Fully escorted sightseeing program by professional drivers & tour guides
- Luxury motor coach throughout tour
- First class hotel accommodations
- Meals as indicated on itinerary
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* - Final price dependent on currency conversion rates
^ - Arrival Time Restraint
Daily Itinerary

2 July DAY ONE - DEPARTURE
Depart for flight to Moscow.

3 July DAY TWO - ARRIVAL
Upon Arrival in Moscow the following day, transfer to hotel to check into our hotel, with balance of day to rest and relax or begin sightseeing. Tonight we gather for a Welcome Dinner and briefing on our tour. Hotel: Cosmos Meals: D

4 July DAY THREE - MOSCOW
This morning we take a tour around central Moscow including the GUM department store, Lubyanka Square, Red Square and Lenin's tomb. After lunch, there will be some free time and individual touring or shopping. This evening we will raise a toast to the USA’s Day of Independence. Hotel: Cosmos Meals: B/L/D

5 July DAY FOUR - MOSCOW
Drive out to the massive tank Museum at Kubinka with its huge collection of WWII armored vehicles. After lunch we visit the Museum dedicated to the Defense of Moscow. Catch the late evening flight to Volgograd (Stalingrad) and check into our hotel for three nights. Hotel: Intourist Meals: B/L/Dinner in flight

6 July DAY FIVE - MOSCOW
There will be some free time before we visit the superb Museum of the Great Patriotic War on Poklonnaya Mountain and visit other sites of historic interest around the city. After lunch, we visit the Museum dedicated to the Defense of Moscow. Catch the late evening flight to Volgograd (Stalingrad) and check into our hotel for three nights. Hotel: Intourist Meals: B/L/Dinner in flight

7 July DAY SIX - STALINGRAD
Drive to the river Don. Visit Kalach and the 'meeting of the armies' memorial and the Don Bridge. The day will end with the visit of Stalingrad Panorama. Today’s touring will also include our participants areas of particular interest. Hotel: Intourist Meals: B/L/D

8 July DAY SEVEN - STALINGRAD
Full exploratory tour of the Stalingrad battlefield including Mamaev Hill, AOK 6 HQ, the Factory District, the Grain Elevator, the Volga River crossing, Lyudnikov's Island and the Tractor Factory. Hotel: Intourist Meals: B/L/D

9 July DAY EIGHT - STALINGRAD
We take a boat trip up the Volga past the giant Mother Russia Monument and up to the Factory District. There will be some free time before we visit the Soldiers Field, afterwards we catch our return flight to Moscow. Check into our Moscow hotel for a night. Hotel: Cosmos Meals: B/L/D

10 July DAY NINE - MOSCOW to KURSK
This morning we visit the Central Armed Forces Museum which traces the history of the Russian Army from its earliest days up to the present. In the afternoon we visit the Izmailovo Flea Market and Arbat Street, famous for Russian folk art and military collectibles, before we catch the overnight train to Kursk. Meals: B/L/D

11 July DAY TEN - KURSK
Following breakfast in our hotel, we visit the battle of Kursk Museum before driving to Ponyri Station to look at the events within the 'northern shoulder'. Check into our hotel in Svoboda. Hotel: Postoyaly Dvor Green Meals: B/L/D

12 July DAY ELEVEN - KURSK
We will be in Kursk for the Commemoration & Ceremonies of the battle that the Germans named Operation Citadel that commenced 5 July. Drive to Jakovievo and follow the 'death ride' of the Fourth Panzer Army. Explore the battlefield around Prokhorovka, the furthest extent of the German advance and the site of the massive tank battle between the Wehrmacht’s 4th Panzer and the Red Army’s 5th Guards Tank Armies. View the massive re-enactment with WWII re-enactors and vehicles from all over the world. Visit the museum and monument at Prokhorovka (including the preserved trenches and gun emplacements.) Return to Kursk and catch the overnight train to Moscow. Meals: B/L/D

13 July DAY TWELVE - TO MOSCOW
Arrive in Moscow. This morning we explore the Kremlin before meeting with veterans from the Great Patriotic War over lunch at the Central Headquarters of the Russian Army Veterans Association in Moscow. Check in to our Moscow hotel for one night. Hotel: Cosmos Meals: B/L/D

14 July DAY THIRTEEN - DEPARTURE
Depart early this morning for our return flight to the USA. We arrive back the same day. Meals: B/L (in flight)

Post-Tour to St. Petersburg

14 July - (DAY 13) ST. PETERSBURG
After breakfast, we head for the high-speed train to St. Petersburg. In the afternoon we have a brief city tour before checking into our hotel with the evening at leisure. Meals: B

15 July - (DAY 14) ST. PETERSBURG
This morning we depart early for the short journey following the Road to Victory,"arriving at Lake Ladoga. Tour the lakeside museum of the epic struggle of the siege of Leningrad. After lunch, tour the Neva Bridgehead battlefield and the museum. Return to the hotel, then again, for the Explorers', we will ride the subway to the city center and walk the famous Nevsky Street. Meals B/L

16 July - (DAY 15) ST. PETERSBURG
This morning we visit to the famous Hermitage Museum and its renowned display of Russian cultural history. We will have lunch at the museum as there is so many areas to explore. Tonight a night to enjoy the cities nightlife. Meals B/L

17 July - (DAY 16) ST. PETERSBURG
Travel outside the city to the world famous summer home of Peter the Great, located on the shores of the Baltic Sea. Enjoy both the interior and exterior of this famous palace. Return to St. Petersburg and then visit the battleship Aurora which fired the shot that began the Russian revolution. Meals B/L

18 July - (DAY 17) ST. PETERSBURG
Start the day with a tour of famous Nevsky Street. Afternoon we head for the airport for our flight to the USA. Meals: B/D (in flight)