

ITINERARY FOR MOSCOW & ST. PETERSBURG

Thursday, December 25

11:25: arrive on Delta flight # from JFK. Picked up by Alla (bearing a Roskies sign), the Project Judaica Coordinator, and Alexei, the driver.

1:30: after fighting heavy traffic, arrive at RGGU, where you are greeted by your husband.

2:00: a light kosher lunch

2:30 (optional): Metro ride to the Central Artists' House (opp. Gorky Park) to look at crafts exhibitions and sales for pre-Christmas shoppers.

Friday, December 26

9:30: picked up by Alexei and whisked off to Capital Tours at Gostiniy Dvor, where you begin the group tour. Pick up the plane tickets.

10:30-1:30: tour of the Kremlin and the Armory.

1:40: meet David at Capital Tours office and return home by Metro.

2:30: prepare for shabbes

4:00 light Hanukkah and shabbes candles

6:00 shabbes dinner w/Lev, Anya, Karina, and sundry children

Shabbes, December 27 (our wedding anniversary)

10:45-1:45 Bronnaya shul

2:00: shabbes lunch with David and Jenny Rozenson

5:00: havdalah and probably walk back to our dorm

11:00: picked up by Alexei

11:58 train for St Petersburg in private coupe

Sunday, December 28

7:58 (after a restful night): arrive in St. Petersburg, where we are met by Valery Dymshitz

Daytime activity: Hermitage & Pushkin House Museum

Evening activity: 3-hour Yiddish poetry seminar while Aryeh watches television or reads a book or plays with Valery's twins.

Monday, December 29

Sightseeing in St. Petersburg; in Raskolnikov's Footsteps

Tuesday, December 30

Sightseeing cont'd

4:55: Flight to Moscow

6:15: est. arrival time in Sheremetyevo 1, picked up by Alexei

Wednesday, December 31

10:00-2:00: sightseeing with Galina / Alexei assigned to drive us

11:00 pm: New Year's Eve Party w/Rozensons?

Thursday, January 1

10:00-2:00 Sightseeing w/Lena; visit Cathedral of Christ Our Savior

1:00: kosher lunch at Chabad Center?

Friday, January 2

10:00-2:00 Private tour w/Patriarchy Dom guide of Stalin's Moscow

with or without driver

No guests invited yet for Friday night

Shabbes, January 3

Either a laid-back shabbes with Rabbi Goldschmidt or a very intense one with Rabbi Lazar.

7:00: Farewell Party w/my students?

Sunday, January 4

1:25: Delta Flight # to JFK