

## History and Literature tour

On this tour you will see both the city's historic centre and Kolomna, a historic district of St Petersburg. Kolomna is a treasure trove for literature and history buffs.

Most of the architectural heritage dating back to the times of the Russian Empire is clustered in the city centre and Kolomna. While in the city centre we will ride across the grassy Field of Mars, contemplate the dark Neva river, and stop at major points of historical interest including the Mikhailovsky Castle, the Marble Palace, the Winter Palace, and the Nikolaevsky Palace. Once at Kolomna, we will cycle to the Bobrinsky Palace and the Alekseevsky Palace. In Kolomna we will look at the dwellings of characters from Dostoevsky's novels, such as Raskolnikov, and those of other writers like Vladimir Nabokov, Alexander Blok, Osip Mandelstam and Alexander Griboyedov. You will be able to visit the Nabokov museum and see murky back yards that are thought to symbolise St Petersburg; they are also strongly connected to the life of writer Joseph Brodsky. You may peek into the yard of the house where Brodsky's muse, Maria Basmanova, still lives.

This tour is good for experienced cyclists - though we take it at an easy pace, we cover a large area. If you choose this option you will be cycling

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Distance - 15km Minimum 1 maximum 4 people (if you are a group of more than 4 people please inform us one day in advance)

Bike model-Electra Guide-Ivan Languages-English and Russian