

# Russia

**Dates:** June 23 – July 31, 2008

**Cost:** \$3985\*

**Summary:** The Barrett Honors College offers a unique five-week study abroad program to Russia focusing on the historical development of the region from the Middle Ages to the present. Participants will have the opportunity to explore the ways in which major socio-political trends in Russia have influenced art, literature, science, and business. As an academically rigorous program, participants will be expected to write two papers and create one journal to document all they have experienced.

## Additional Information

### **Itinerary:** †

#### **Moscow** (June 24 – July 2, July 30 - 31)

Our tour begins with a spectacular view of Moscow from the tower of Moscow State University, ultimately orienting our sense of the city. Touring Red Square and the Kremlin and hiking to Peredelkino (home of Pasternak) are just two of the exciting adventures awaiting the group. Seeing Andrei Rublev's "Trinity," Ilya Repin's "Ivan the Terrible and His Son," and Mikhail Vrubel's "Demon Seated" at the Tretyakov Gallery is a transforming experience.

#### **St. Petersburg** (July 3 – July 13)

Peter the Great's window to the West, St. Petersburg is home to some of the most stunning palaces (Petrodvorets, Tsarskoe Selo) in Europe. In addition to visiting these wonders of opulence, the group will explore the impact of the assassinations of Alexander II and Nicholas II and the blockade of Leningrad during World War II. The Dostoevsky walking tour, in which we follow the feverish footsteps of Raskolnikov from *Crime and Punishment*, is a cultural highlight of the tour.

#### **Samara** (July 15 – July 29)

Once termed Russian Chicago, this merchant town turned closed city during the Soviet period is often overlooked by tourist. Participants will explore the natural beauty of this region by boating on the Volga and hiking in the ancient Zhiguli mountains. A tour of the old city will also be offered, in which we will discuss the rapid pace of development in Russia. Participation in the excavation of a Late Bronze Age (1500 BC) settlement in the steppe will be the highlight of this portion of the trip. ‡

**Eligibility:** The program is open to students enrolled in Barrett Honors College who have a GPA of 3.25 or higher.

**Enrollment:** Online registration and \$400 deposit (\$50 refundable) are due by February 4, 2008. However, enrollment is limited (there are only 25 spots) and students are encouraged to register early. **Registration starts on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!** If the program is filled before your registration is processed, your account will not be charged until or unless you accept a position in the program.

**Academic Program:**

Participating students will receive seven ASU credits. All students must enroll in the three honors courses:

HON 394: Russia in Context – Society, Art, and Politics through Time (3)  
HON 494: Historical, Political, and Social Dimensions of Russian Science (3)  
HON 497: Language, Culture, and Business in Russia (1)

**Living Accommodations:**

In each city we will be staying in the dormitories of major universities. Students will be camping in tents (provided by the project) at the excavation. These accommodations not only keep the cost of the program down, but also make it possible for participants to have closer interaction with Russian students their age.

**Cost:**

The cost of \$3985 includes round-trip international airfare (Los Angeles - Moscow); bus transfers from the airport to the dorms in Moscow; bus transportation to and from the excavation; visa and registration; 4 special groups meals; all meals at the excavation; 3 domestic train trips; a boat trip in Samara; housing; course-sponsored field trips, ISIC card, and IJET fee; 24/7 access to the program director, support faculty, and a Russian speaking TA.

Not included: Tuition; transportation to and from Los Angeles; public transportation within cities (which is quite inexpensive); additional food; passports; incidentals; books; and other materials for the courses.

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\* Depending on the course of the dollar, the cost for this program could change.

† Since this is the first year the program is offered, the itinerary could change.

‡ Participation in an archaeological excavation is dependant on whether or not the director receives an external grant to cover the significant costs of that portion of the trip.