

Bethany Christian Services Ministry Observation Trip to Russia Summer 2009

June 26 & 27 Departure/Arrival

We leave USA for Moscow. After checking into the hotel and getting settled we will meet for dinner and relaxation. For those who still have energy, a walk around downtown and some sightseeing could be organized.

June 28 Church/Tours

We will attend church service this morning. After lunch we will tour the Kremlin, visit the Armory Museum and tour other churches within the Kremlin. Dinner will be followed by a night tour of the city.

June 29 St. Petersburg

Today we leave for St. Petersburg. After we check into our hotel and get settled, we will have lunch followed by a tour of the Peterhoff Castle. After dinner we will participate in a River Trip of St. Petersburg.

June 30 Gatchina/St. Petersburg/Folk Show

Today we visit Gatchina (Gatchina Internat, Bethany presentation, meet the life skills training program staff (the children will most likely be out for the summer), as well as visit a few Bethany foster families). We will return to St. Petersburg where we will visit the Family Center in the Krasnogvardeysky District (Bethany is implementing a project for families affected by HIV). This evening we will attend a Folk Show.

July 1 Tosno/Russian Camp

A trip to Tosno today where we will visit foster families and a Russian farm. If time allows and it is possible, we will also visit a Russian camp (where children from orphanages spend their summers).

July 2 St. Petersburg Tours/R&R

Today we will tour the St. Petersburg City with stops at the Hermitage Museum and St. Isaac Cathedral. After lunch the afternoon is yours for shopping. We will meet together again for dinner and prepare for our return home tomorrow.

July 3 Departure

Return home.

