



## Battlefields of Southern Russia

**Продолжительность:** 7 дней

**Место начала / Завершения тура:** Rostov-on-Don / Rostov-on-Don

**Места показа:** Russia, Volgograd Oblast, Rostov Oblast, Rostov-on-Don, Новочеркасск, Taganrog City District

**Допустимый возраст:** 0+

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### Описание тура

This tour is a discover of tragic pages of Russian history – the period of World War II in Southern Russia. It includes Rostov-on-Don (the city nicknamed “the Gateway to the Caucasus” by the Minister of Propaganda of Nazis Germany Goebbels); the Cossack capitals of Starocherkassk and Novocherkassk; the battlefields of Mius-front near Taganrog; and at last, the legend of World War II Stalingrad, now the large industrial city of Volgograd on the river Volga.

### Программа тура

#### **День 1. Rostov-on-Don**

Arrival to the airport . Transfer to the hotel

#### **День 2. Rostov-on-Don**

City tour in Rostov-on-Don. Embankment, main street Bolshaya Sadovaya, Theatre Square, the Cathedral, the center of former Armenian town (now the part of the center of Rostov).

The excursions to Military museum of Southern Region. (it works not every day the date of visit should be discussed early).

Then travel to Memorial “Zmeevskaya balka” on the outskirts of Rostov-on-Don, the common grave of victims of the second occupation of Rostov, where 30000 killed people (mainly Jewry) are buried.

Optional meeting with historian (or archaeologist) – specialist of the period of WWII.

#### **День 3. Stanitsa Starocherkasskaya, Novocherkassk**

After breakfast start of an excursion to the stanitsa Starocherkasskaya, an old typical Cossack village, once called “the Venice of the Don,” built on an island in the Don River, is the place of the old Don Cossack Host (army) and served as

the center of the Don Cossack homeland from the late 16th century into the very early 19th century.

After lunch excursion to Novocherkassk, the modern capital of Cossack people. From 1805 to present, this has become a significant cultural center for the entire region of Rostov.

Return to Rostov in the evening.

#### **День 4. Taganrog and Mius-Front.**

Excursion to Taganrog (67 km away from Rostov) with stops on the former battlefields, where the monuments to the soldiers, liberators of the Region are standing.

Short city-tour in Taganrog

Optional visiting the museums of Taganrog: The Historical Museum, The museum "Tchekhov House" etc.

Return to Rostov to the night train to Volgograd at 9.53 p.m.

#### **День 5. Volgograd**

Arrival to Volgograd at 11.00 a.m.

Transfer to the hotel , accommodation, free time.

After lunch city-tour in Volgograd.

Volgograd, known as Stalingrad during the Soviet period, was completely destroyed during heavy fighting from August 1942 to February 1943. It became the turning point for victory in Europe and defeat for Nazi and Fascist forces.

The memories are now preserved in the many monuments devoted to those who lived, died and survived this fierce battle. Among them are the Avenue of Heroes, the Area of the Dead Fighters, the Central Quay-the docks, the Pavlov house as a Bastion of Soldier's Glory, and the Panorama Museum-«Stalingradsky Battle».

As a highlight of the visit we will ascend this memorial height to Russian Glory — Mamayev Kurgan, where the majestic statue, «The Motherland applies to us» now stands.

#### **День 6. Museum**

Excursion to the museum "Memory" - the former Headquarters of Field Marshal Paulus, where he was captured.

The excursion to Rassoshka village, where two military cemeteries are: German and Russian.

#### **День 7. Volgograd**

Transfer to the airport and departure.

### **Места сбора группы**

#### **Rostov-on-Don**

City center