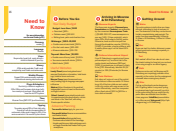


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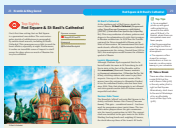


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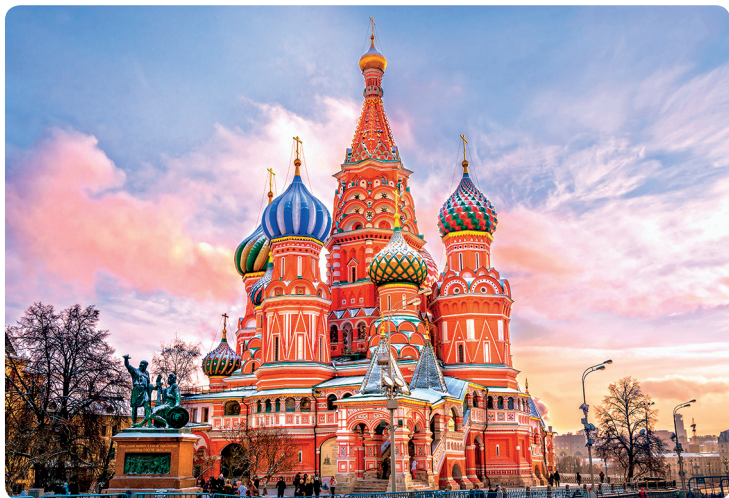
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Moscow & St Petersburg Top Sights



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(Moscow; p28)

Majestic centrepiece of
Moscow.

State Hermitage Museum

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Dazzling imperial art
collection and interiors.



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