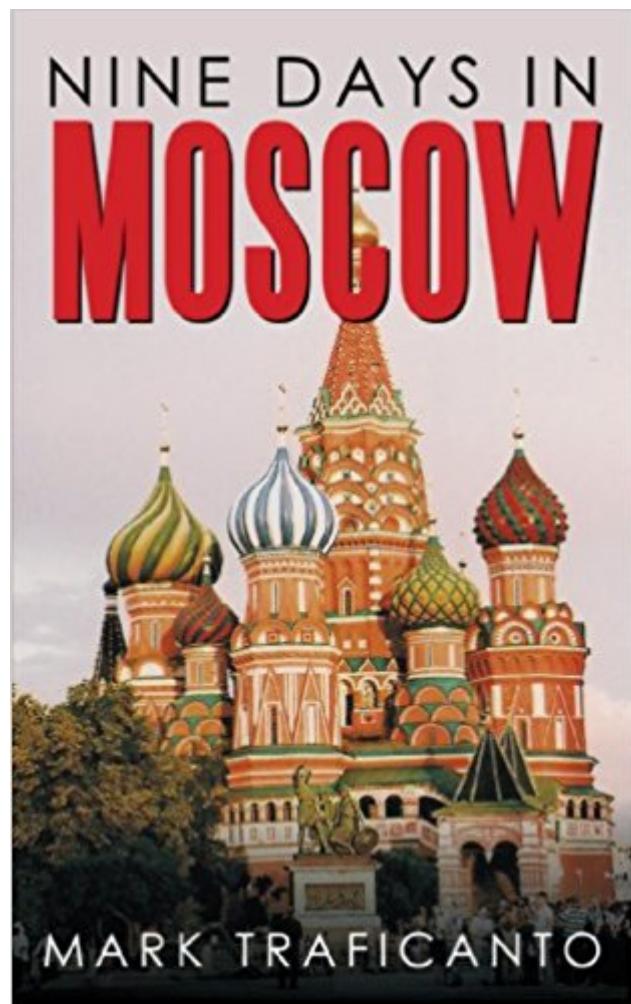


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# Nine Days In Moscow



## **Synopsis**

Nine Days in Moscow is a true story of a middle age man who travels to Russia to visit a friend. He wanted to see in person what he viewed in the history books as a child, and to enjoy the nightlife in Moscow that he had heard was very enjoyable. What he encountered was much more than history and a few Russian women. It was the most significant emotional event of his life. The people he met, the things he learned regarding the Russian culture, and the way that he was accepted, dramatically and permanently changed who he was as a person. As he deals with the hates and prejudices of his past, the people of Moscow lead him down a path of self-realization. He has flashbacks to the sixties and seventies, and as he faces his feelings one certain young lady Svetlana, will make an impact on him that he thought was never possible. God working through her will open his eyes to a people and culture that he never thought he would embrace. His experience will erase the one last hatred that he will let go. This is a journey from prejudice to understanding. It is a story of ignorance to discovery. It is a book about cultural differences and finding that common ground. It is a path of hate to one of love. But more than anything it is about change. It is about change of mindset, change of heart, change in your relationship with people and with God. It is that significant emotional event that rocks your soul and takes you to a place you have never been before. Nine Days In Moscow will tug on every emotion that you have.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Mark Traficanto was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois where he attended the University of Illinois

Chicago, majoring in kinesiology and history. Mark taught for the Chicago Board of Education before entering into the retail management field where he has worked for over thirty years. During that time Mark studied in the MBA program at Florida Atlantic University where he was recruited by H.E. Butt Grocery Company in Texas. He has worked for H.E.B. for twenty four years in different capacities including Regional Sales Director for Grocery, Store Operations, and is a charter member of the distinguished H.E.B. Hall of Fame. Mark and his wife Lana reside in Austin, Texas and have three children, Courtney, Brittany, and Alyona. They also have a residence in Archangelsk, Russia where they spend much of their time. Mark has successfully studied four semesters of Russian language and culture at the college level. He has observed and analyzed firsthand the economic and cultural transformations of Russia over the last decade and the opportunities those transformations offer. Mark has experienced life in Russia in big cities such as Moscow and Saint Petersburg, the medium sized cities of Kostroma, Archangelsk, and Yaroslav, the smaller cities such as Novodvinsk, and lived in the small villages with no running water, dirt roads and a primitive lifestyle. He has immersed himself into the Russian culture for the last ten years traveling throughout the country by plane, train, bus, taxi, and hitch hiking! Mark and Lana have started a business at [www.escortstorussia.com](http://www.escortstorussia.com) where they help build relationships between American men and Russian speaking women. They also provide guides to Russia and Ukraine for both the relationship seekers as well as adoptive parents. It is their hope to bring international couples and children together.

Is this guy a pimp soliciting Russian Women?? Is this an egotistical journey through the author's wild Russian Fantasies? Is he dealing in improted russian Women? unless you want to know the answers to these questions, AVOID at all costs.

Knowing Mark for 20 years, I have always admired him as a leader. But, I was truly amazed at the transformation of the man from his "Nine Days in Moscow". Mark exposes the "American propaganda" that had prejudiced his early views, as the case with most Americans. Mark unashamedly, displays his hardened emotions as well as a hardened lifestyle, all of which came crumbling down with a new outlook on life and love, all within 4 days, meeting the real folks of Russia and while trying to communicate with an almost uncommunicable Russian country girl. Ten years later, it is hard to believe how those "Nine Days in Moscow" has transformed the man with a new outlook on life and lives that warrants a self-examination for us all. How Lana touched Mark's life, touched my own as well. A must-read!

This book is filled with great thoughts on perceptions, and life changing experiences. I was taken by the authors honesty as he really put himself out there for a lot of critcism but to his credit he took a very deep prespective of his life and how he viewed others. The last few chapters were tear jerkers for me and his emotional roller coaster has you wishing for more. This was a quick read and a very enjoyable one. I laughed, cried and even got mad a few times. It made me want to go to Russia! I wanted to know what happened to the people he had encountered. I had to smile at the very last page. I wonder how many readers missed that? It took me from heart broken to eleated in minutes! If you are a romantic, or just want to view a unique perspective of cultural differences, this book has it all....Bravo!

THIS BOOK IS EXACTLY WHAT THE BACK COVER SAYS. IT MADE ME LAUGH AND CRY. IT IS DEFINITELY A LOVE STORY. IT TALKS OF HATE, LOVE, FAITH AND CHANGE. EVEN THOUGH IT'S CALLED 9 DAYS IN MOSCOW, IT COVERS MANY YEARS OF THE AUTHORS LIFE. BY THE TIME YOU ARE DONE WITH IT YOU WILL BELIEVE THAT TRUE LOVE STILL EXISTS. IT'S THE TYPE OF LOVE WE ALL SEEK FOR AND SELDOM FIND. A GREAT LOVE STORY.

This is not a travel book. It isn't a novel. I can understand why the author wrote it, but there's very little in it that is helpful to anyone traveling to Russia, interested in Russia, or anything else about Russia except, perhaps, people interested in dating Russian women -- and even then, it's not terribly typical.I was given this by a friend, so thank heaven saved my money. Save yours, too.

This book well I really don't know what to say about this book. I was given this book as a gift. I am glad I did not waste my money on it. It just seems like it is about a middle aged man looking for a good time in Russia. He probably cannot get the caliber of women here in the states so, why not go to Russia and "buy" a girl or two. Did you know that the legal age for sex in Russia/Ukraine is 16 YA,I said 16.So,alot of men go just to have sex with younger GIRLS as women here in USA probably would not have anyhting to do with them. The girls are so desperate there that all they can say is dah, dah, while some nasty old pervert crawls on top of them. If you are a man into underaged girls illegal here in the states Russia and the Ukraine is the place to be!! Sad but true!!

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