

COME AND JOIN
OUR RIVER CRUISE ON THE WATER WAYS OF
RUSSIA
FROM ST. PETERSBURG TO
MOSCOW



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 (Spiritual Chaplain)

August 3 - 14, 2020

\$ 3,399 from JFK

INCLUDED

- Round-trip airfare to Russia
- Accommodations in outside cabins, double occupancy
- Porter for 1 luggage to and from ship (excluding airports)
- All meals on board the cruise ship (excluding drinks)
- Captain's Welcome & Farewell cocktail and dinner
- Entertainment and activities on board
- Lectures on Russian history, language, and songs
- Concerts including one folklore music concert
- *Guided shore excursion in every port per the itinerary
- Guided City Tour in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- Entrance to the Kremlin and Hermitage Museum

NOT INCLUDED

- Visa/Processing (optional) \$250
- Passport must be valid 6 months and with two blank pages
- Tips to guide, driver, and cruise personnel (approx \$130)
- Travel insurance with trip cancellation/delay (\$316 for \$4,000)
- Personal purchases and personal services
- *Optional tours, ballet and shows not included in the itinerary
- Single Supplement: TBA

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NOTE: Itineraries may change based on local conditions to maximize visits to the sites. Minimum 25 pax required

ITINERARY

Day 1: Transatlantic Flight

We will be departing from US Airport for an overnight flight to St. Petersburg.



Day2: St. Petersburg

Arrival and transfer from Airport to the Ship.

Day3: St. Petersburg

Welcome to St. Petersburg, formerly known as Leningrad. This city, built on 101 islands and interconnected by 300 bridges, has been the old capital of Russia and home to some of its mighty Czars. After breakfast we will have a sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg. In the afternoon, we will drive along the Nevsky Prospect with its finest shops, cafes and museums. We will see the Kazan Cathedral with a view down Kanal Griboedovea to the church of our Savior on the Spilled Blood. Pass the Gostiny Dvor (the city's largest department store), the National Library and the monument to Catherine the Great. We will pass by the Peter and Paul Fortress, the final resting place of the Romanov Czars before returning to your cruiseship.

Day 4: St. Petersburg (Hermitage Museum)

After breakfast we will visit the Palace Square with its Winter Palace now housing the Hermitage Museum, which contains three million exhibits and early collections dating back to Catherine II. One of the famous collections is Rembrandt's The Return of the Prodigal Son. You will find the rooms containing Russian and Oriental arts. The cruise departs in the evening with a ship's Captain welcome cocktail.



Day 5: Arrival in Mandrogi

This area is located in the middle of the final locks leading to St. Petersburg, following the 139-mile long Svir River. It is sprinkled with dachas (country cottages). Here, you'll discover the intricacies of rural Russian life. Weather permitting, we will have a "green party", near the pier with picnic lunch (barbecue, wine) instead of lunch onboard to the accompaniment of folklore music.

Day 6: Kizhi Island

The state architectural, historical and ethnographical museum of the Kizhi Island is a unique collection of Russian wooden architecture. It is said that the 22 domes of the Preobrazenskaya Tsercov (Church of the Transfiguration, built in 1714, are made entirely out of wood and without the use of nails. The "Kizhi" museum also includes several chapels located at the mainland and nearby islands. It is, perhaps, the most exquisite example of northern Russian wooden church architecture. This open-air museum of wooden architecture is very close to the pier, within walking distance, so the tourists walk on foot to see the sights.



Day 7: Goritsy/ Kirilo-Belozersky Monastery

After passing White Lake you will enter the Volga-Baltic Canal and Goritsy, a village known for the Kirilo-Belozersky Monastery founded in

1397. It is surrounded by fortress walls, crowned with magnificent towers, and decorated with brick patterns. It also has one of the best collections of Russian Icons in the World. The group is taken to the site by bus.



Day 8: Yaroslavl

Founded in 1010 by Grand Prince Yaroslav the Wise, the city stretches for miles along the confluence of Volga and Kotorosl rivers. Developed in the 16th and 17th centuries, as the Volga's first commercial port, Yaroslavl was also the center of an independent principality. City's merchants, prosperous from the Middle East and European trade, competed to build churches bigger than Moscow's. Their legacy- majestic 17th century cathedrals, unique merchant churches, remnants of an ancient trading center, and Yaroslavl's spectacular historic and architectural sights will transform your visit into remarkable experience. We will tour the city by bus tour the ground of Transfiguration monastery and visit to the church of Elijah the Prophet.

Day 9: Uglich

We will sail via the Moscow Channel to Uglich, a beautiful little town on the shores of the Volga River. It is known for the impressive Cathedral of the Resurrection and St. John's Church. It is also noted for the Church of St. Dimitri-of-the-Blood, erected where Tsarevitch Dimitri, was murdered in 1591.

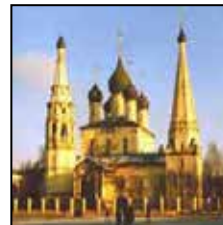


Day 10: Moscow

Welcome to Moscow, the Capital of Russia and the crossroads of its people. It abounds in modern boulevards and parks, but is also home of over 800 monuments of Russian history and world culture. Upon arrival the group will be met by our escort and transferred, by private motor coach, to our ship, your floating hotel anchored in the historic Volga River. Time permitting, we will have a short orientation tour of the city before our embarkation and welcome dinner at the boat.

Day 11: Moscow

After breakfast we will have a sightseeing tour of Moscow, which will include the Red Square with St. Basil's Cathedral, the Lenin Mausoleum, Bolshoi Theater; the Olympic Stadium and many other points of interest. While in Moscow, you may visit (optional tour) Pushkin Fine Arts Museum or the Tretyakov Art Gallery, reopened after several years of remodeling project, or attend theater or world famous Moscow Circus. We will continue with our sightseeing tour, which will include the Cathedrals Square, the sites of the coronation of the Czars, and Palaces of the Kremlin, the political seat of Russia.



Day 13: Moscow/ USA

After breakfast you'll be transferred to the airport for your flight to USA.

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