TRAVELS 2016

WATERWAYS OF THE TSARS
MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG ABOARD VOLGA DREAM

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June 15–25, 2016
EXPERIENCE RUSSIA'S TWO GREAT CULTURAL CAPITALS—THE FABLED CITY OF MOSCOW, POLITICAL AND COMMERCIAL CAPITAL OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST COUNTRY, AND ST. PETERSBURG, PETER THE GREAT'S "window on the West." During four days in Moscow see its iconic sights and enjoy exclusive visits, including a backstage discussion with a dancer at the recently restored Bolshoi Theatre. Visit the newly opened Garage Museum of Contemporary Art, and tour the stations of the Moscow Metro, known as “the people’s palaces.” Then embark the elegant Volga Dream to discover Uglich, with its five-domed Church of the Transfiguration, and Yaroslavl, the oldest city on the Volga. In Goritsy, tour the Kirillov Belozersky Monastery, with its 13th-century Cathedral of the Assumption, and continue to the Ferapontov Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site with magnificent frescoes. Cross Lake Beloye, once known as the “tsar’s fishing grounds;” explore the magical architecture of Kizhy Island; and stop at the village of Mandrogi before disembarking in St. Petersburg. An optional postlude in St. Petersburg includes a visit to Catherine Palace, a White Nights Festival concert or performance at the Mariinsky Theatre, and a tour of the Hermitage.
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Visits to Moscow’s landmarks, including the historic Bolshoi Theatre and the Kremlin, and to the newly opened Garage Museum of Contemporary Art
- Scenic six-night cruise of Russia’s waterways aboard Volga Dream, a luxurious vessel well known for excellent service and delicious cuisine
- The Golden Ring cities including Ugлич and Yaroslavl, the oldest city on the Volga
- UNESCO World Heritage sites including Ferapontov Monastery, with magnificent frescoes by one of Russia’s most renowned icon painters, and tiny Kizhy Island, with its fairy tale architecture
- Educational program with Metropolitan Museum of Art curator Maryan Ainsworth and other lecturers

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Sunday, June 19
MOSCOW / VOLGA DREAM
Enter the Kremlin before public hours for a visit to the Armory Museum, with its collection of tsarist thrones, ceremonial crowns, coaches, and gifts of state. Continue to the beautifully frescoed 15th-century Assumption and Annunciation Cathedrals. Lunch is at the colorful Artist Gallery, a restaurant in the Tsereteli Art Gallery. Travel north of the city to the river port and board Volga Dream. Gather for the captain’s welcome reception and dinner as you begin your cruise on this midsummer night.

Monday, June 20
UGLICH
Attend an onboard lecture during a leisurely morning of cruising. Arrive this afternoon in Uglich, dating from the 10th

Wednesday, June 15
Depart U.S.
Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Moscow.

Thursday, June 16
MOSCOW
Arrive in Moscow and transfer to the deluxe Four Seasons in the historic city center. After lunch at leisure, enjoy a walking tour of Red Square with its landmark St. Basil’s Cathedral, Lenin’s Tomb, and GUM department store facing the red brick towers and golden cupolas of the Kremlin. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

Friday, June 17
MOSCOW
Following a morning lecture, tour the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, housing a remarkable collection of French Impressionist and Old Master paintings as well as the famous Schliemann gold from Troy. Following lunch at the celebrated Café Pushkin on Tverskaya Street, discover the newly restored Bolshoi Theatre during a backstage tour and meet with a dancer from the prestigious company. This evening return to the historic Bolshoi for a performance. Dinner is at leisure.

Saturday, June 18
MOSCOW
Begin the day at the Old Tretyakov Gallery to view its extraordinary collection of Russian art, ranging from 12th-century icons to 21st-century paintings. After lunch continue to the New Tretyakov Picture Gallery, with works by artists including Malevich, Kandinsky, and Chagall. Then visit the newly opened Garage Museum of Contemporary Art in Gorky Park, designed by Rem Koolhaas. Alternatively, travel to the East District of the capital to see Kuskovo, one of the first great summer country estates of the Russian nobility, or tour the beautiful stations of the vast Moscow Metro, known as “the people’s palaces.” The balance of the day is at leisure.

Church of Elijah the Prophet, Yaroslavl

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Tuesday, June 21
YAROSLAVL
The oldest city on the Volga River, Yaroslavl was unharmed during World War II, and many religious buildings dating from the 13th to 17th centuries remain intact. In the Spassky Monastery, see the Transfiguration Cathedral, adorned with murals depicting the apocalyptic visions of St. John; then view the richly frescoed Church of Elijah the Prophet. Enjoy a stroll in the lively market before lunch aboard Volga Dream. As you cruise this afternoon, a Russian language class will be offered.

Wednesday, June 22
GORITSY
This morning arrive in the peaceful village of Goritsy to tour the Kirilov Belozersky Monastery, with its frescoed 13th-century Cathedral of the Assumption. Continue to the Ferapontov Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage site with magnificent frescoes painted in the 15th century by one of Russia’s most renowned icon painters, Dionisy. Return to the ship for lunch. In the afternoon Volga Dream crosses Lake Beloye, or the White Lake, formerly known as the “tsar’s fishing grounds,” and continues toward Lake Onega.

Thursday, June 23
KIZHY
This morning attend lectures and learn to prepare blinis and pelmenis during a Russian cooking class. In the afternoon explore the tiny, picturesque island of Kizhy, a UNESCO World Heritage site on Lake Onega. The open-air Museum of Architecture includes the Church of the Transfiguration, an onion-domed masterpiece built without a single metal nail and resembling something out of a Russian fairy tale.

Friday, June 24
SVIR RIVER CRUISE
Be on deck as Volga Dream navigates the Svir River toward Lake Ladoga, Europe’s largest freshwater lake, past a shoreline dotted with graceful willows, alder trees, and pines. Step ashore for a brief visit to the vacation village of Mandrogi and enjoy an informal talk by your lecturer. This evening, the captain hosts a caviar and blinis reception before a farewell dinner.

Saturday, June 25
ST. PETERSBURG / U.S.
Disembark this morning in St. Petersburg and transfer to the airport for the afternoon flight home.
TOUR COST INCLUSIONS  Three nights hotel accommodations at the Four Seasons, Moscow; six nights cabin accommodations aboard Volga Dream, including all port charges; buffet breakfast daily, three lunches, and one dinner in Moscow; all meals during the cruise; wine with welcome dinner on land and with all dinners on board; escorted sightseeing by motorcoach; entrance fees for visits; performance at the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow; airport / hotel / pier group transfers and portage; customary shipboard gratuities; taxes; service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers; $200,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance.

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS  International airfare; passport and visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than wine at lunches and dinners on board and at welcome dinner in Moscow; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on group flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; optional postlude in St. Petersburg; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

OPTIONAL POSTLUDE ST. PETERSBURG $2,695 per person. Single supplement $545. Includes three nights at the Grand Hotel Europe; three lunches and one dinner; sightseeing as noted.

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MOSCOW – VOLGA – Volga – Baltic

A Scenic Six-Night Cruise aboard the Volga Dream

The Golden Ring

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