WATERWAYS OF THE TSARS
Moscow to St. Petersburg Aboard Volga Dream
With Harvard Study Leader James E. Salzman
June 5–15, 2019
Sail from Moscow into the heartland of Russia aboard the elegant Volga Dream. Stay at the Four Seasons for three nights in Moscow, where you will enter the Kremlin before public hours, go backstage at the Bolshoi, and discover the masterpieces in the Pushkin Museum and Tretyakov Galleries. Visit an open session of the Duma, or Russian Parliament (pending confirmation), and enjoy a cocktail at Spaso House, the home of the U.S. Ambassador. Then embark on a six-night voyage aboard Volga Dream to step ashore in Golden Ring towns few Americans have ever visited. Call at Uglich, founded a thousand years ago, to hear an a cappella choir inside a 15th-century church. Visit two medieval monasteries in Goritsy and explore the magical island of Kizhi. Enjoy stunning scenery as you cross Europe’s largest freshwater lake to call at the village of Svirstroy and visit a resident’s home before disembarking at St. Petersburg. Onboard classes in Russian language and cuisine will add to the pleasures of this voyage. An optional postlude is offered in St. Petersburg.

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**WHAT TO EXPECT**

This leisurely cruise is appropriate for travelers who are in good health and physically active. Often touring requires standing for extended periods of time as well as a moderate amount of walking, sometimes along uneven cobblestone streets, inclines, and up and down stairs. Comfortable walking shoes are essential! The temperatures during your stay in Moscow and St. Petersburg should range from the mid-50s to low 70s °F. As the mornings and evenings tend to be slightly chilly, we suggest that you bring along a warm sweater and jacket. Light rain showers are not uncommon, so a lined raincoat and folding umbrella are suggested, though the ship will have umbrellas to loan as well.

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Schedule by Day

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5**

**Departure**
Depart on an overnight flight to Moscow.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 6**

**Moscow, Russia**
Arrive in Moscow and transfer to the Four Seasons Moscow for check-in. Enjoy an afternoon walking tour of Red Square, home to Saint Basil’s Cathedral, Lenin’s Tomb, and the famous GUM department store. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. R,D

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7**

**Moscow**
Following a morning lecture, visit the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, housing a remarkable collection of French Impressionist and Old Master paintings. Alternatively visit an open session of the Duma, or Russian Parliament (pending confirmation). Discover the newly restored Bolshoi Theatre during a guided tour and meet with a dancer from this prestigious company, or drive to Spaso House, the home of the United States Ambassador, for a special visit and cocktail (pending confirmation). The balance of the day is at leisure. B,L,D

**SATURDAY, JUNE 8**

**Moscow**
Begin the day at the New Tretyakov Picture Gallery, with works by artists including Malevich, Kandinsky, and Chagall. Following lunch visit the Old Tretyakov Gallery to view its extraordinary collection of Russian art, ranging from 12th-century icons to 20th-century paintings. This evening return to the historic Bolshoi for a performance (pending schedule). B,L

**SUNDAY, JUNE 9**

**Moscow / Embark Volga Dream**
Enter the Kremlin before public hours for a private 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. Following lunch, tour the ornate stations of the Moscow Metro, “the People’s Palaces.” Travel north of the city to the river port, to board Volga Dream. B,L,D

**MONDAY, JUNE 10**

**Uglich**
Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise to Uglich, whose medieval buildings loom above a sharp bend in the river. At the five-domed Church of the Transfiguration, an a cappella concert creates a starkly beautiful contrast with the glittering iconostasis surrounding the singers. Learn about the important role Uglich played in the rise of the Romanov Dynasty at the Chapel of Dimitry, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible’s youngest son met his death. Tonight, join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

**TUESDAY, JUNE 11**

**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. Stroll in the lively market before joining the Volga Dream for lunch. As you cruise this afternoon, a Russian language class will be offered. B,L,D

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12**

**Goritsy**
Visit the UNESCO-listed Ferapontov Monastery, whose frescoes are considered among the finest examples of medieval Russian art. Enjoy free time in this peaceful village, or tour the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery (“the Monastery of St. Cyril on the White Lake”), once one of the most important in Russia. Cross Lake Beloye—formerly known as “the tsar’s fishing grounds”—en route to Lake Onega, the second-largest lake in Europe. B,L,D

For detailed itineraries, visit alumni.harvard.edu/travel
THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Kizhy

This morning learn to make traditional crêpes and dumplings (blini and pelmeni) at an onboard cooking class. In the afternoon, step ashore on the tiny island of Kizhy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Lake Onega. See the open-air Museum of Architecture, including its fairy-tale Church of the Transfiguration.        B,L,D

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Svir River Cruise / Svirstroy

Be on deck as Volga Dream cruises the Svir River toward Lake Ladoga, Europe’s largest freshwater lake, passing graceful willow, alder, and pine trees along the shore. Call at the village of Svirstroy, where we will be welcomed into a local resident’s home for tea with jam and pirozhki (local pies). Learn about Russian tradition and village lifestyle from your hosts before visiting the nearby town.      B,L,D

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

St. Petersburg / Return

Disembark in St. Petersburg this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home.          B

Optional Postlude
St. Petersburg

JUNE 15–18, 2019

At the peak of the White Nights season of the midnight sun, experience vibrant St. Petersburg, founded by Peter the Great in 1703. Travel to Peterhof, “the Versailles of Russia.” This magnificent complex of palaces and gardens has been renovated to its former Baroque splendor after near-destruction during World War II. Tour the Hermitage Museum on a day when it is closed to the public. On a visit to Catherine Palace, view the exquisitely restored Amber Room and stroll in the formal gardens. Other highlights include a White Nights Festival performance or concert at the famed Mariinsky Theater. Accommodations are at the elegant Rocco Forte Hotel Astoria.

Postlude rate per person:
$2,999 double occupancy.
$3,699 single rate.

Rate includes: three nights accommodations at the Rocco Forte Hotel Astoria; breakfast daily, two lunches, and one dinner; sightseeing as noted; performance at Mariinsky Theater.

Winter Palace, St. Petersburg (top); Uglich, photo by Larry Koester (center); The Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg, photo by Anton Sokolov (above)
Ship Details
The finest riverboat in Russia, M.S. Volga Dream is ideally suited to explore the scenic lakes and waterways between Moscow and St. Petersburg. All 56 staterooms have river views, marble-accented bathrooms, air conditioning, telephones, flat-screen satellite TVs, and a safe. Meals feature Continental cuisine alongside Russian specialties. The lounge, showcasing paintings by contemporary Russian artists, offers panoramic views and live music. The full-length sun deck is a lovely setting for al fresco dining. Other amenities include a fitness room, massage room, and sauna. A physician accompanies each cruise.

Rates Per Person

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Terms & Conditions

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS
Three nights hotel accommodations at the Four Seasons in Moscow and six nights cabin accommodations aboard Volga Dream; meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals; house wine/beer, and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard Volga Dream; vodka tasting during the Russian dinner; four-hour coffee station; open bar during cruise*; bottled water in cabins and for each shore excursion; welcome Russian vodka, bread, and salt ceremony; fruit basket in cabin; Captain’s welcome cocktail reception; enrichment program of lectures and talks; all onboard entertainment, including live piano performances in the evenings; escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits; first aid aboard Volga Dream; airport/pier/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities; port charges; taxes, service, and portage charges; pre-departure materials; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance (to nearest hospital). *Open bar aboard Volga Dream includes tea, coffee americano, water, and soft drinks; red and white house wines; standard Russian vodka; standard Russian champagne; standard gin and tonic; standard Russian whiskey Johnny Walker Red Label class; premium gin and tonic; standard Russian beer. (Open bar does NOT include: super premium alcohol brands as well as specialty coffees.)

NOT INCLUDED IN COST
International airfare; passport/visa fees; hotel room not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, internet, etc.; travel insurance; optional St. Petersburg postlude; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT
To reserve your space on this program, including suggested flights or individual requests for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your welcome packet.

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To register, please fill out this form and return it to Harvard Alumni Travels with your deposit of $1,000 per person (of which $500 is non-refundable).

Please return this form by mail to:
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124 Mount Auburn Street, 6th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02138
Or by FAX: 617-496-4011

Please call with any questions:
800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806

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Program Name: ____________________________ Start Date: __________

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☐ Check (please enclose check) ☐ Debit Card
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Volga Dream Cabin Preference

☐ One Bed ☐ Single Room ☐ Share a Room With: __________________________

Name as it appears on Card: __________________________

☐ I/we confirm that I/we have read and accept the general information for this tour, including refunds and cancellations and the responsibility clause at alumni.harvard.edu/travel.

Signature: __________________________

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Optional Postlude

☐ I/We wish to join the optional postlude in St. Petersburg

Hotel Room Preference: __________________________

☐ One Bed ☐ Two Beds ☐ Single
Trip Sampling

**LAND & RAIL**

Amsterdam: From Golden Age Canals to Dutch Masterpieces
MAR 29–APR 3, 2019
Sara Schechner

Private Homes & Gardens of Bermuda
APR 1–5, 2019
Michael Weishan

The History & Culture of Poland: With an Emphasis on Jewish Heritage
MAY 11–21, 2019
Jay Harris

Gateway to Authentic Ireland
JUN 7–17, 2019
Catherine McKenna

England’s Suffolk Coast & Aldeburgh Music Festival
JUN 12–18, 2019
John Stewart

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OCT 12–20, 2019
Tom Conley

Cultural Legacy of Pittsburgh, America’s Steel Town
OCT 24–28, 2019
Alice DeLana

Budapest & Central Europe on Golden Eagle Danube Express (with New Year’s in Vienna)
DEC 28, 2019–JAN 5, 2020
Jeffry Frieden

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A Cruise of the Panama Canal & Costa Rica on Le Champlain
FEB 2–10, 2019
Don Pfister

Crossroads of Cultures: Canary Islands, Morocco & Iberia on Sea Spirit
APR 5–18, 2019
Michael McElroy

Arctic Expedition: Spitsbergen & Svalbard on L’Austral
JUN 14–24, 2019
Lisa Randall

Adriatic Odyssey: Dubrovnik to Venice on Sea Cloud
JUN 30–JUL 8, 2019
Robert Darnton

**RIVERS & LAKES**

Dutch Waterways on Amadeus Silver II
APR 25–MAY 3, 2019
Peter Bol

Normandy to Paris: Commemorating the 75th Anniversary of D-Day
JUN 4–13, 2019
Charles S. Maier

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DEC 26, 2019–JAN 6, 2020

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Jonathan Walton

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JUN 21–JUL 3, 2019
R. Nicholas Burns

HMSC Galápagos Family Adventure on La Pinta
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Brian Farrell

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