HARVARD ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
2013 WORLDWIDE TRAVEL PROGRAM

THE RISE & FALL OF
THE ROMANOV DYNASTY
Moscow, Yekaterinburg, St. Petersburg & the Golden Eagle
May 2 to 14, 2013
THE GLAMOROUS AND ILL-FATED ROMANOV DYNASTY IS THE FOCUS OF THIS EXCEPTIONAL RUSSIAN JOURNEY. BEGIN IN MOSCOW AND SEE THE ICONIC SIGHTS OF RED SQUARE ON A WALKING TOUR. BEFORE PUBLIC HOURS AT THE KREMLIN, VISIT THE ARMORY MUSEUM WITH ITS TSARIST TREASURES and Romanov jewels; then view the frescoed interiors of the cathedrals. By special arrangement, enter the Grand Kremlin Palace. Board the luxurious Golden Eagle train and awaken in Russia’s “Third Capital,” Kazan, where you will see its eclectic kremlin. Continue on your rail journey to Yekaterinburg, where the tragic end to the Romanov family will be illuminated. Fly to St. Petersburg for four nights in this beautiful city of canals. View the astounding art at the Hermitage after hours. In Tsar’s Village, enter Alexander Palace, the last home of Nicholas II, and Catherine Palace, with its Amber Room. See the fountains of Peterhof, the Russian Versailles, and enjoy a farewell dinner at Stroganoff Palace. Evening performances at the fabled Bolshoi and Mariinsky Theaters add to the pleasures of this program.
HARVARD STUDY LEADER
As this brochure goes to print, we have not yet confirmed the faculty study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by a Harvard lecturer who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers but also friendly traveling companions, eager to share their insights through conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.

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Frescoes at the Cathedral of the Assumption, the Kremlin, Moscow (above) and the Hermitage, St. Petersburg (below).

HIGHLIGHTS
• Educational program featuring a Harvard study leader
• The treasures of the Kremlin in Moscow
• Places significant in the history of the Romanov Dynasty
• Two-night train journey aboard the Golden Eagle Trans-Siberian Express
• Architectural tour of Kazan, Russia’s “Third Capital”
• Two days in Yekaterinburg where the last Romanovs met their tragic end
• The Hermitage after hours. Visits to Alexander Palace and Catherine Palace in Tsar’s Village
• Evening performances at the legendary Bolshoi and Mariinsky Theaters
• A farewell dinner at one of St. Petersburg’s finest restaurants in the former palace of Count Stroganoff

FOR DETAILED ITINERARIES, VISIT ALUMNI.HARVARD.EDU/HAA/TRAVEL
THURSDAY, MAY 2
U.S.A.
Depart on an overnight flight to Moscow.

FRIDAY, MAY 3
MOSCOW
Upon arrival in Moscow, transfer to the deluxe Ritz-Carlton in the historic center and overlooking the golden cupolas and red-brick towers of the Kremlin. A late afternoon walking tour of nearby Red Square will introduce you to St. Basil’s Cathedral, Lenin’s Tomb, and the GUM department store. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

MOSCOW
Today is devoted to the Kremlin. Begin with a before-hours tour of the Armory Museum, displaying tsarist thrones and coaches. At the Diamond Fund, see the most spectacular of the Romanov jewels. After a traditional lunch, view the frescoes at the 15th-century Assumption and Annunciation Cathedrals. By special arrangement, enter the Grand Kremlin Palace, with its magnificent reception halls of St. George, St. Vladimir, and St. Andrew (pending the Kremlin’s schedule of events). Continue to Terem Palace to see the living quarters of Ivan the Terrible. This evening, attend a ballet or opera at the Bolshoi Theater, newly restored. Dinner is at leisure.

SUNDAY, MAY 5
MOSCOW
Following a morning lecture, visit the Romanov Chambers located in the historic district of Zaryadye. One of Moscow’s first museums, the palace illustrates the domestic life of the Romanov nobles and is the birthplace of Mikhail, the first Romanov tsar. After lunch, continue to the Old Tretyakov Gallery, which displays an extraordinary collection of Russian art, ranging from 12th-century icons to 20th-century paintings. Step into the adjacent St. Nicholas Church to view its famed “Lady of Vladimir” icon, and enjoy a private performance of choral music. Return to the hotel in the late afternoon. The evening is at leisure.

MONDAY, MAY 6

MOSCOW / GOLDEN EAGLE
This morning is unscheduled. You may wish to enjoy the amenities of the hotel or return to Red Square to see Lenin’s Tomb or stroll through GUM. After checking out of the hotel, explore the famous Metro on a guided tour, with stops at some of the most celebrated stations. Continue to the Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery, the resting place of many of Russia’s most famous artists, writers, and politicians. Then board the luxurious Golden Eagle train for a two-night journey. Dinner is served in the beautifully appointed restaurant car.

TUESDAY, MAY 7
KAZAN
Awake in Kazan, Russia’s “Third Capital.” Founded in the 11th century, it is one of Russia’s oldest centers of culture, science, and trade. An architectural tour introduces you to Kazan’s enormous and eclectic kremlin, including the Kul-Sharif Mosque, one of the largest in Europe, and the 16th-century Annunciation Cathedral. Enjoy tea with faculty and students of Kazan University, followed by a concert of Tatar folk music. Rejoin Golden Eagle in time for a late lunch. As the train travels east to Yekaterinburg, relax in the lounge and watch the passing scenery. Dine with fellow travelers tonight in the elegant restaurant car.

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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8**  
**YEKATERINBURG**

Arrive in Yekaterinburg this morning and disembark **Golden Eagle**. An orientation tour of this city, which borders Europe and Asia, begins at the historic square and continues to the vibrant theater district. Yekaterinburg is the birthplace of Boris Yeltsin, the first Russian President, and you will also see sights connected with him. Check in to the Hyatt Regency, your home for the next two nights. Following lunch, visit the city’s borderline, decorated with semi-precious stones from the Ural mountains. Dinner features regional Ural cuisine.

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**THURSDAY, MAY 9**  
**YEKATERINBURG**

The morning is dedicated to the final days of Nicholas, Alexandra, and their children. Begin at the Russian Orthodox Church on the Spilled Blood in Honor of All Saints, recently built and dedicated to the last tsar’s family. Below the main sanctuary is a memorial museum, whose cellar is the site of their execution in 1918. Drive to the outskirts of the city to visit Ganina Yama, where the remains of the royal family were discovered in 1991. At lunch, meet an anthropologist who participated in excavation and recovery work here. Visit Yekaterinburg’s art museum to see Kasli moulding (cast-iron sculpture) and the history museum to view the Shigir Idol, the oldest known wooden sculpture in the world. Dinner is at leisure.

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**FRIDAY, MAY 10**  
**YEKATERINBURG / ST. PETERSBURG**

Fly to St. Petersburg this morning. Upon arrival, transfer to the Grand Hotel Europe in the city center. In the late afternoon, enjoy a canal cruise past magnificent palaces and under historic bridges. Dinner is at the hotel.

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**SATURDAY, MAY 11**  
**ST. PETERSBURG**

At breakfast, historian Dr. Zoya Belyakova presents a lecture on the Romanov Dynasty. Travel to an island in the Neva River to see the Peter and Paul fortress and cathedral. Topped by an angel cupola, the cathedral is the resting place of Peter the Great and subsequent tsars. The remains of Nicholas II and his family were placed here on the 80th anniversary of their deaths. Continue to the gold-domed St. Isaac’s Cathedral to view its elaborate interior, decorated with intricate mosaic icons. After lunch, the afternoon is at leisure. This evening, you are invited for an after-hours visit to the Hermitage with its astounding collections. A highlight is the French Impressionist works. Dine together at an elegant restaurant.

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**SUNDAY, MAY 12**  
**ST. PETERSBURG**

Drive to Peterhof, built by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. See the Grand Palace and admire the Grand Cascade, a series of bronze sculptures and fountains. Then visit the Cottage Palace, a favorite residence of Nicholas I. Continue to Mon Plaisir Palace or try to outsmart the trick fountains of the lower gardens. Return to St. Petersburg by hydrofoil. Following lunch, the balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Attend a performance this evening at the world-renowned Mariinsky Theater.

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**MONDAY, MAY 13**  
**ST. PETERSBURG**

Travel to “Tsar’s Village” for a morning visit to Alexander Palace, famous for being the last home of Tsar Nicholas II. At the Baroque Catherine Palace, see the exquisite Amber Room; the original treasure was lost in World War II and it has been painstakingly reconstructed based on black-and-white photos. Then stroll in the formal gardens. Lunch with entertainment is at lively Podvorye in a log house. Upon returning to St. Petersburg, the remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled. Celebrate this memorable trip with a festive farewell dinner at Russian Empire, one of the city’s finest restaurants and located in the former palace of Count Stroganoff.

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**TUESDAY, MAY 14**  
**ST. PETERSBURG / U.S.A.**

Transfer to the airport this morning for the flights home.
PROGRAM RATE $13,995 per person, double occupancy; single supplement $4,995.

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS Three nights at the Ritz-Carlton, Moscow; two nights cabin accommodations aboard Golden Eagle; two nights at the Hyatt Regency, Yekaterinburg; flight from Yekaterinburg to St. Petersburg; breakfast daily, eight lunches, and seven dinners; wine with lunches and dinners; alcoholic beverages at welcome and farewell reception; evening performance at the Bolshoi Theater, Moscow; evening performance at the Mariinsky Theater, St. Petersburg; enrichment program of lectures and special events; escorted sightseeing by motorcoach; entrance fees for visits; airport / hotel / train group transfers and porterage; customary train gratuities; taxes; service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers; $50,000 emergency medical assistance and evacuation insurance.

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