

**moscow - st. petersburg**

**Day 1**

**Moscow**

Arrival to Moscow. Transfer airport ship. A driver will be waiting for you holding a sign with your name on it. He will take you straight to your ship. Accommodation on board. Dinner on board. After dinner you will have an information briefing and rest in the ship bar with piano music or in your cabin. Overnight on board.

**Day 2**

**Moscow**

After breakfast on board the bus city tour will start. You will explore the largest city of Russia, its capital, with long modern avenues and streets, amazing squares and picturesque quiet lanes with many ancient churches, relic market places and houses. The excursion starts in the port and goes along Leningradsky highway, then Tverskaya street with restaurants and shops, including trading center "Eliseevsky", Theatres square (Bolshoi and Mali theatres), the building of KGB.

The first stop is on the Red Square with St. Basil's Cathedral and Lenin's Tomb (walking tour), then the bus goes to Novodevichy, founded in 1524 and served as an important link in the defensive structure of Moscow monasteries-guards.

You will see GUM and Cathedral of Christ the Savior. You will have a lunch in one of the Moscow restaurants. Then you can return on board or take part in one of the optional excursions: Tretyakov Gallery or Novodevichy convent (interior visit), National folk show "Kostroma" or Circus. After dinner on board you can see Moscow by night and its famous metro (optional excursion) or rest in the ship bar with dancing music. Overnight on board.



### Day 3

### Moscow

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. In the morning you will be proposed to make a tour of the Kremlin, a living museum of Russia's history, its grounds with its Cathedrals, Tzar bell, Tzar cannon, palaces and government buildings. The program includes a visit to one of the Cathedrals. You can also take part in optional excursion: transfer to the city center where you will have free time. Starting the navigation. Presentation of the crew and of the staff. Activities on board. Overnight on board.

### Day 4

### Uglich

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. In the morning you will participate in activities on board (Russian language lesson, Russian songs lessons, presentation of Russian national crafts). After lunch the ship will arrive to Uglich, one of the most ancient towns of Russia, founded in the 10th century and located on the Volga River, where you will have a walking city tour visiting the territory of Kremlin, Transfiguration Cathedral and the Church of St. Dmitry on the blood built to commemorate Tsarevich Dimitry, the son of Ivan the Terrible, according to the legend killed in 1591 in Uglich. After dinner you can participate in activities on board (folk concert, dancing music). Overnight on board.



### Day 5

### Yaroslavl

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. In the morning arrival to Yaroslavl, one of Russia's oldest and best-known provincial cities located along the "Golden Ring." The city was founded in the 11th century by Yaroslav the Wise. During the coach and walking tour you will explore Yaroslavl's ancient history through its architecture including the Church of St Elijah the Prophet with its completely intact icons and frescoes from the 17th century. Also you will have an interactive tour to former Governor's House (Art Gallery) where you will make the acquaintance with an atmosphere of the XIX century. Then you will have free time at the local market. After lunch you will participate in activities on board (classical concert, Russian Tea party, Russian language lesson, Russian songs lesson, film, dancing music). Overnight on board.

### Day 6

### Goritsky



Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. In the morning you can participate in activities on board (Matreshka painting lesson). After lunch arrival to Goritsy and visit of the Monastery of St. Cyril on the White Lake, which counts six centuries of glorious history having been founded in 1437, and the Museum of Icons with the most exquisite icon collection in the world, included more than 200 icons starting from XVI century. You can take part in activities on board (Russian songs, folk concert, film, dancing music). Overnight on board.

### Day 7

### Kizhi

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. In the morning you can take part in activities on board (Russian language lesson, Demonstration of Russian costumes and classical concert). After cruising the Lake Onega, Europe's second largest lake, you will arrive in Kizhi. A UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Lake Onega, this island is a pearl of architecture in Kareliya with its outdoor museum of wooden architecture with the churches of Transfiguration and Intercession built without a single nail. A "must see" of any travel to Russia. You can take part in activities on board (Concert romances, dancing music). Overnight on board.

### Day 8

### Mandrogui

Breakfast and dinner on board. Green stop in Mandrogui, a recreated Russian village, built to relive the traditions and crafts of Russia by gone age. You can enjoy here the fanciful wood-carving, visit a museum of samovars, buy some souvenirs made by local craftsmen and have a good meal with Russian vodka or tea. You will have barbecue on shore as lunch. After lunch you can participate in activities on board (Russian language lesson, rehearsal for the talent show, film about the cruise). Farewell dinner. Talent show. Dancing music. Overnight on board.



### Day 9

### St. Petersburg

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. In the morning arrival to St. Petersburg, the second largest city in Russia which is located on the Finnish Bay of the Baltic Sea. The North Palmira, Russian Venice – that's how St. Petersburg is called (in 1924-1991 years – Leningrad), it is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Freely built by Peter I on marsh, new capital became a window into Europe for reformed Russia. Since that the history of the city is inseparably linked with the history of the country. Sightseeing bus tour of the city includes Vassilievsky (St. Basil's) Island, St. Isaak's Square and Decembrists' Square with the famous statue of Peter the Great (Bronze horseman), Cruiser "Aurora", Palace Square with Winter Palace and Hermitage Museum. Visit of the Peter and Paul fortress, where a shrine to the Romanov dynasty in the Peter and Paul Cathedral stands nearby the bastions which were a prison for their opponents. After lunch you can take part in the optional excursions: Rivers and canals, Ballet or folk show. Dancing music on board. Overnight on board.

### Day 10

### St. Petersburg

Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board. Visit of Hermitage, one of the world's largest museums which incorporate 5 buildings including Winter Palace with its state rooms, art collections - paintings by Rembrandt, Leonardo da Vinci, Rafael, other greatest masters.

Outstanding collection of French impressionists. Optional excursions: Pushkin (Park and Catherine palace, flamboyant Rococo summer residence of the Russian tsars, built by Rastrelli in XVIII century, with its famous Amber room), "St.Petersburg by night" that permits you to feel the romanticism of White Nights with their opening bridges and music bands all over the city. Overnight on board.

### Day 11

### St. Petersburg



Breakfast, lunch and dinner on board.

In the morning you will visit the Lower Park of Peterhoff, with gilded statues and animated fountains. A series of palaces and gardens, laid out on the orders of Peter the Great, and sometimes called the "Russian Versailles", is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Time at leisure or optional excursion: transfer to the city center and free time there. Overnight on board.

### Day 12

### St. Petersburg

Breakfast on board. Disembark and transfer to the airport.

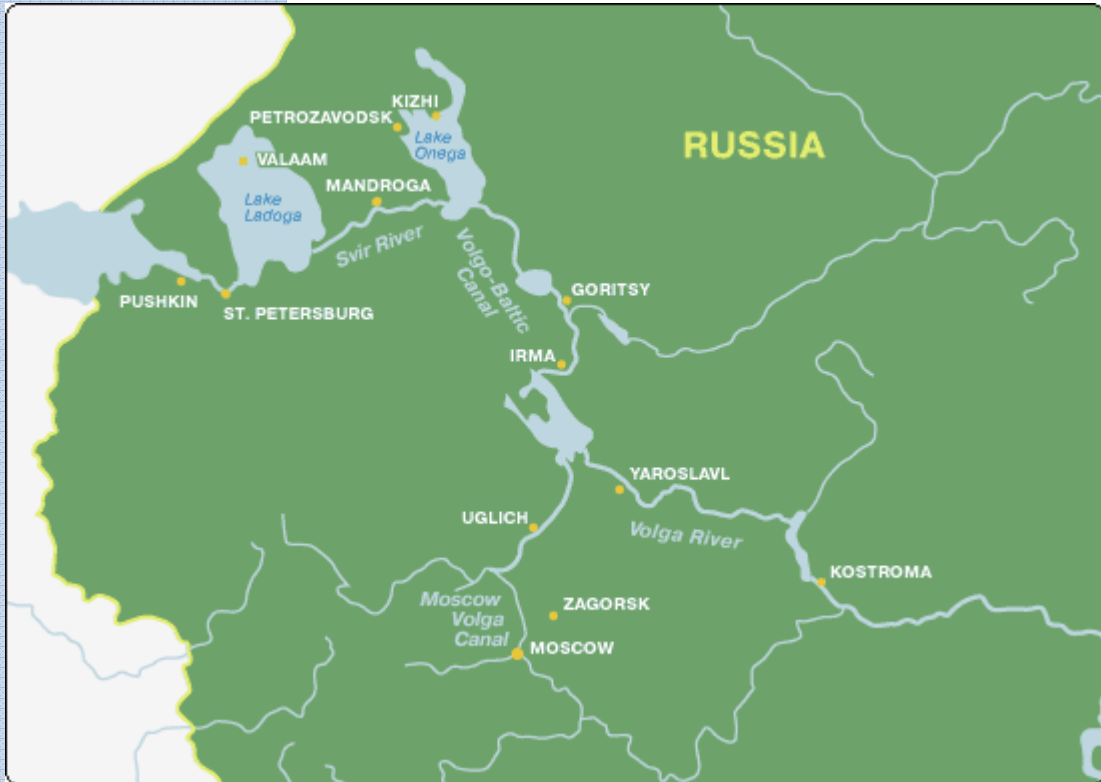
#### Tour includes:

- ◇ Double accommodation in the cabin of your choice
- ◇ Full Board
- ◇ Full touring in each port of call
- ◇ Welcome cocktail, champagne and caviar tasting, Gala-concert
- ◇ Live entertainment nightly on board
- ◇ Lectures on history and Russian language
- ◇ All transfers, entrance fees, taxes, service and port charges

**Not Included in Tour:** Russian visa fees, tips, cancellation and/or medical and travel insurance.

*Please note: All private travel is customized based on your specific interests. We invite you to tell us about your specific interests and "likes and dislikes" so we can further customize your trip to your exact needs.*

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