




**Waterways of the Czars Cruise
St. Petersburg to Moscow
Viking Pakhomov River Cruise Ship**

September 3rd – September 16th, 2010



YOUR TOUR INCLUDES:

Roundtrip Air from New York
Roundtrip Transfers Airport/Pier
13 Day/12 Night cruise aboard the **Viking Sky** in river view staterooms
12 Breakfast, 11 Lunches and 12 Dinners, featuring regional specialties and including Welcome Cocktail Reception & Dinner and Captain's Farewell Dinner
11 Included Guided Tours
Old World Highlights: Traditional Russian Tea, Russian Cuisine Workshop, Russian Ballet or Opera, Russian Folkloric Performance
Culture Curriculum: Russian Language Lesson, The Romanov Czars, The Fall of Communism, Russia's Great Waterways, Putin & Democracy

Visit  Unesco World Heritage Sites
Port & Air Port Taxes

Cruise Tour Price: \$ 5,200.00 Double Per Person in a Category E
Price if you Pay in full by 12/18/09 \$ 3,950.00 Double Per Person in a Category E
Cruise Tour Price: \$ 5,850.00 Double Per Person in a Category D
Price if you Pay in full by 12/18/09 \$ 4,330.00 Double Per Person in a Category D
Cruise Tour Price: \$ 6,050.00 Double Per Person in a Category C
Price if you Pay in full by 12/18/09 \$ 4,450.00 Double Per Person in a Category C
Please Call for Single Rates. No Triples Available

Thinking of Russia, two great cities immediately come to mind: Moscow and St. Petersburg. This monumental 13-day itinerary includes multiple days in both cities, touring such landmarks as Moscow's Kremlin and Red Square as well as Catherine's Palace in Pushkin and the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. But, there is another side of Russia—quaint riverside towns like Yaroslavl, Uglich and Goritzky that only a river cruise can provide. See opulent palaces, discover fortified monasteries and visit beautiful cathedrals. It is an unforgettable way to experience the history and culture of this unique and mysterious country.

Note: River Cruises do not have a Priest onboard except where noted

ITINERARY:

Thu, Sept 3rd: New York/St. Petersburg

Depart on your overnight flight to St. Petersburg. Dinner served in flight.

Fri, Sept 4th: St. Petersburg

Upon arrival in St. Petersburg, “The City of 300 Bridges,” you are met by your Viking River Cruise Representative and transferred to your ship the *Viking Pakhomov*. After boarding, you have free time to relax before dinner—or join our “welcome walk” to stretch your legs and start getting oriented.

Sat, Sept 5th: St. Petersburg 

Today’s excursion goes to Pushkin. Visit Catherine’s Palace, the elegant rococo 18th century summer residence of the Russian Czars named for Catherine I (widow of Peter the Great). Tour its various halls, including the famous Amber and Agate Rooms, and see the ornate décor throughout. Return aboard for lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure to further explore of St. Petersburg. Enjoy an evening performance of traditional Russian ballet or opera followed by a late dinner aboard.

Sun, Sept 6th: St. Petersburg

This morning proceed to the Winter Palace to visit the legendary Hermitage Museum where you marvel at the vast collection of art, antiquities, jewelry and sculptures. After a picnic lunch, see some of St. Petersburg’s other landmarks, including St. Isaac’s Cathedral, Peter & Paul Fortress and Nevsky Prospekt. Dine aboard and enjoy an optional Russian folkloric performance this evening.

Mon, Sept 7th: St. Petersburg

Most of the day is free to see the sights that interest you. Visit one of the many palaces, churches or museums, or take an optional morning tour to Peterhof Palace, with its landscaped gardens, beautiful fountains and French Gothic interiors. In the afternoon, explore more of the city or take an optional tour including Yusupov Palace (where Grigori Rasputin met his dramatic end) and a relaxing canal cruise. Lunch and dinner served aboard; ship departs early evening.

Tue, Sept 8th: Scenic Waterways & Mandrogy

Spend a relaxing day cruising along Russia’s intricate waterways. Sail on the Neva River, then cross Lake Ladoga, Europe’s largest lake. Cruise the Svir River to Mandrogy where you have some time to explore this model Russian community. Visit the vodka museum or shop for handmade Russian craft items. Continue along the Svir’s 139-mile “Blue Route” toward Lake Onega.

Wed, Sept 9th: Kizhi 

Cruise through the early morning, admiring the tranquil waters of Lake Onega, Europe’s second largest lake. Arrive during breakfast at the island village of Kizhi. Set out on a walking tour through the Open Air Museum of Architecture, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, see a collection of ancient Russian wooden houses, windmills and churches, highlighted by the famous three-tiered *Preobrazhenskaya* (Transfiguration) Church—a fairy-tale structure built in 1714 without a single nail. Depart late morning and cruise through the night.

Thu, Sept 10th: Volga-Baltic Waterway & Goritzky

Continue cruising along the Volga-Baltic Waterway. This system of rivers and canals, spanning 229 miles and seven locks, links the Volga River with the Baltic Sea. Arrive at lunchtime in Goritzky, a typical Russian village. Here, visit the renowned Kirillov-Belozersky Monastery, founded by Saint Cyril in 1397; a guided walk takes you through the historic grounds, seeing many small wooden chapels, the Assumption Cathedral and a museum. Return aboard for an afternoon departure.

Fri, Sept 11th: Yaroslavl 

Arrive mid-afternoon in Yaroslavl, one of the Golden Ring cities—ancient towns that preserve the memory of Russia’s historical events. Ride along the river banks where you see the Church of the Epiphany. Then, visit the Church of St. Elijah the Prophet, featuring detailed frescoes and icons. Here, you are treated to a traditional choir performance. Take free time to shop for handcrafted souvenirs before returning aboard for dinner and evening departure.

Sat, Sept 12th: Uglich

After breakfast, disembark for a walking tour through the provincial village of Uglich, another Golden Ring city. See the former Kremlin of Uglich and visit the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible’s son Dmitry was mysteriously killed. Lunch served aboard; cruise through the night.

Sun, Sept 13th: Moscow Canal & Moscow



This morning, cruise along the Moscow Canal, approaching Moscow during lunch. Disembark for a half-day city tour. See the famed Bolshoi Theater and stop at Red Square for a view of the colorful onion domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral. You will also get the chance to explore the famous GUM Department Store and experience the city’s Metro. Enjoy an evening performance of traditional Russian folkloric music followed by a late dinner on board.

Mon, Sept 14th: Moscow



Today you have a full day to further explore Moscow’s many buildings, parks and monuments. Or you may choose from several optional experiences—a full-day excursion to Sergiev Posad, a Golden Ring city named for the greatly venerated St. Sergius of Radonezh, to see one of the four most important Russian Orthodox monasteries in Russia; a half-day morning tour to Tretyakov Gallery, the world’s foremost museum of Russian fine art; an afternoon tour of the Military Museum; or an afternoon tour of Novodevichy Convent, Moscow’s best-known cloister and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Lunch is served aboard, or included in your full-day excursion. Dine aboard, then relax—or take an optional Moscow by Night tour.

Tue, Sept 15th: Moscow

The morning is free to relax and explore—you may wish to make your way to Red Square and people-watch or visit Lenin’s Tomb. This afternoon, you tour the world-famous Kremlin. See its many tall towers and elegant palaces, and tour inside one of the brightly colored cathedrals. Return aboard for a farewell dinner.

Wed, Sept 16th: Moscow

After breakfast, disembarkation and transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA.

Reservation Form “Everyone must fill out this form”

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