



 VOLGA DREAM

RUSSIA

LUXURY RIVER CRUISE & TOUR

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Kazan
Volgograd

WELCOME TO RUSSIA



FROM
VOLGA DREAM



Dear Guest,

We are proud to present our latest brochure, which reflects 10 years of hard work to create and perfect your trip of a lifetime in Russia. In June 2007, the Volga Dream set sail on her maiden cruise through Russia's waterways with a handful of international travel agents and critics aboard. Few believed that the highest European cruising standards were possible in Russia. We proved they are and even enhanced the experience with traditional Russian hospitality

and care. Limited passenger numbers, gourmet food and impeccable service combined with Russia's stunning countryside and fascinating cultural history: that's our recipe for making the Volga Dream an 'unmissable' Russian experience.

Founded by Vladimir Esakov, the Volga Dream Company and vessel is now owned and operated by the Esakov family. Completely redesigned and refitted over two long years in dry dock, our charming ship is kept scrupulously clean by a thoroughly professional crew for whom safety is always a priority. All service staff speak English and are personally handpicked by the owners. With just about 100 passengers aboard and a crew of 60, the Volga Dream boasts the highest crew-to-passenger ratio on the river.

We offer two glorious routes, the classic Moscow–St. Petersburg cruise and the exotic Grand Volga journey. In Moscow and St. Petersburg guests stay in one of the finest hotels each city has to offer, near the greatest sights and within easy reach of world-class restaurants and theaters. Fittingly, the Volga tour ends (or begins) in Volgograd, where guests spend an extra night aboard ship. We pride ourselves on small-group tours led by the very best guides who are carefully selected. We also offer uniquely insightful travel experiences such as a backstage visit to the Bolshoi Theater or visiting a private family home in St. Petersburg.

Russia has so much to offer and share, so immerse yourself in the country that we know and love; join us aboard the Volga Dream!

Yours faithfully,



Dmitry Esakov
Vice President
The Volga Dream

An Unforgettable Russian Experience

A Volga Dream program is unique, not just a cruise and so much more than a tour. It's a multifaceted introduction to the extremely diverse color and character of Russia. Our guests don't think of themselves as tourists but discerning travelers, they like to discover the real nature of a destination and Russia never fails to pleasantly surprise.

HISTORY

Russia has played a major role in the world for centuries. First in trade with the Vikings and Greeks, then replacing the mighty Byzantine Empire when Constantinople's control was broken and Russia emerged as a unified state.

That nation became an Empire under the famous 'Greats', Peter and Catherine, and later following Napoleon's defeat in the 19th century, the 'Gendarme of Europe'. In the 20th century it was the world's second superpower. Rivers and canals have always played a vital role in Russia's expansion, travel, trade and leisure.



GEOGRAPHY

Russia is the world's biggest nation, bordering Poland and Norway in the west and China to the east. The country is permeated by waterways, including Europe's longest river, the Volga, whose far-reaching network offers an ideal way to see the beauty of Russia.

From St. Petersburg, the Venice-of-the-north, through Europe's largest lakes nestled in serene forests and on to the southern desert heat, the Volga follows an enchanting route all the way to the Caspian and Black Seas.



HOSPITALITY

Often seen as rather dour, Russians are in fact surprisingly warm and convivial, especially to foreigners. An invitation to a home is an invitation into the family and Russians love nothing more than good conversation while entertaining guests. Guests are always treated to a variety of tasty delights and fresh tea, or maybe something stronger!

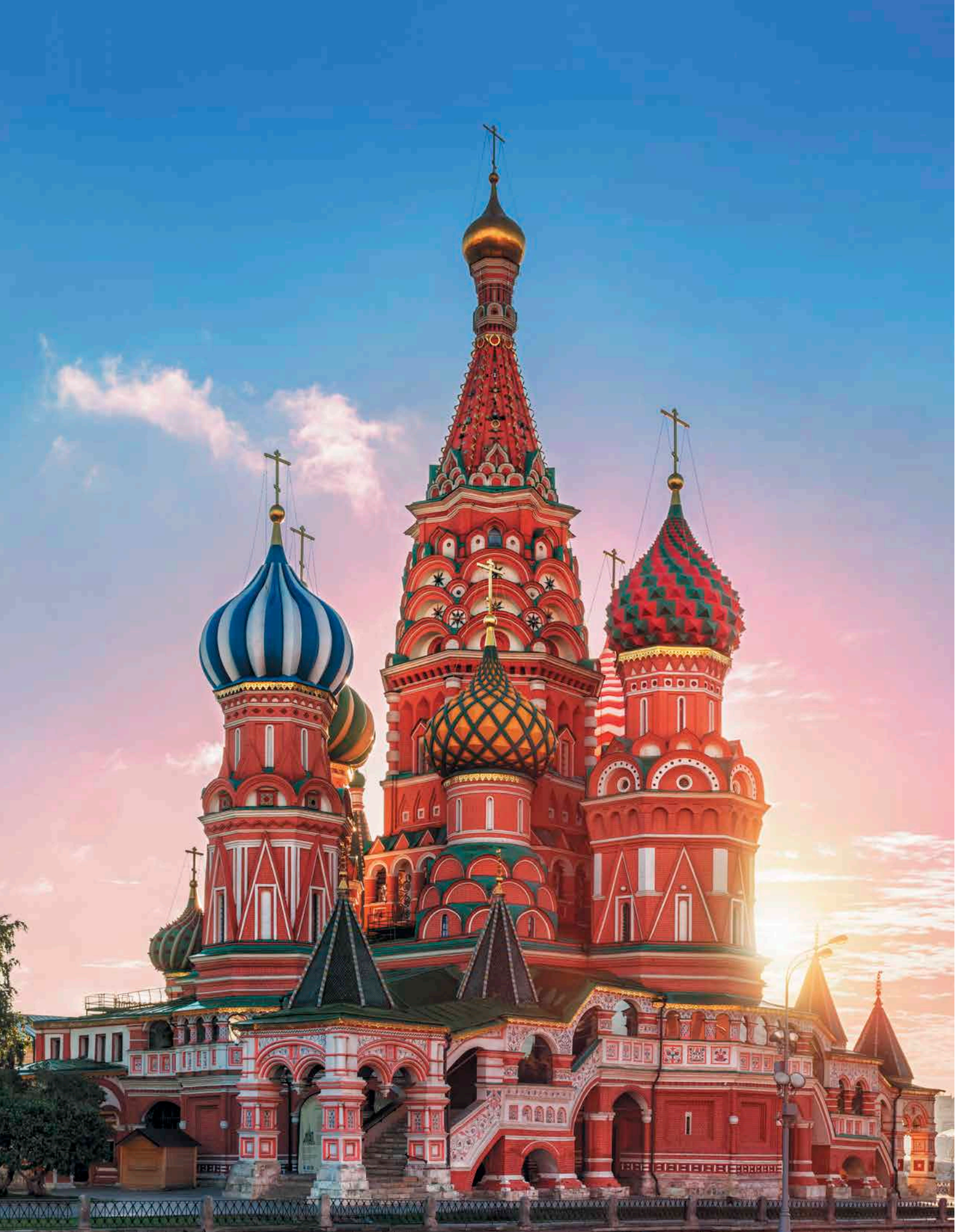
However, a Russian family's gift is not the food and drink but their time. They don't just want to share their lives with you, they have a genuine interest in yours.

CULTURE

Russia's story stretches back more than a thousand years, further back in history its lands were bitterly contested by the Russian princes and the Mongol and Byzantine empires before they were united as one country. The Rurik, Romanov and Soviet eras have all left their marks on modern Russia.

As well as Peter and Catherine, Russia has given the world many other 'greats': beautiful churches, ancient icons, avant-garde and constructivism, world-class ballet as well as classical art, music and literature. Some of the greatest creators have been Russian: Tolstoy, Tchaikovsky, Dostoevsky, Pushkin and many other artists were all inspired by the country through which the Volga Dream gently plies her way surrounded by glorious countryside.





Moscow



Glorious Moscow is one of the great world cities that really must be seen. It is home to wide, clean boulevards and streets, spectacular municipal parks and boasts an enviable offering of world-class concerts, theater and entertainment. Moscow is a city of contrasts, history and modernity, tradition and technology, classic and contemporary, all qualities that are readily apparent from the shortest of strolls through the center. A vibrant, creative, yet historic, modern city, Moscow has always been an artistic, political and economic powerhouse.



‘In Moscow, you can sit in a huge restaurant, where you don’t know anyone and no one knows you and you still don’t feel like a stranger’.

Anton Chekov

‘Moscow was, as some said, the most beautiful mistress a man could ever want’.

Marjorie Liu

Moscow Highlights

Russia's capital has so much to offer, from fine dining to world-class entertainment. The Volga Dream Experience includes one of Moscow's most luxurious 5-star hotels. Centrally placed, it is the perfect base from which to explore all of the city's grandeur and culture.



CITY CENTER

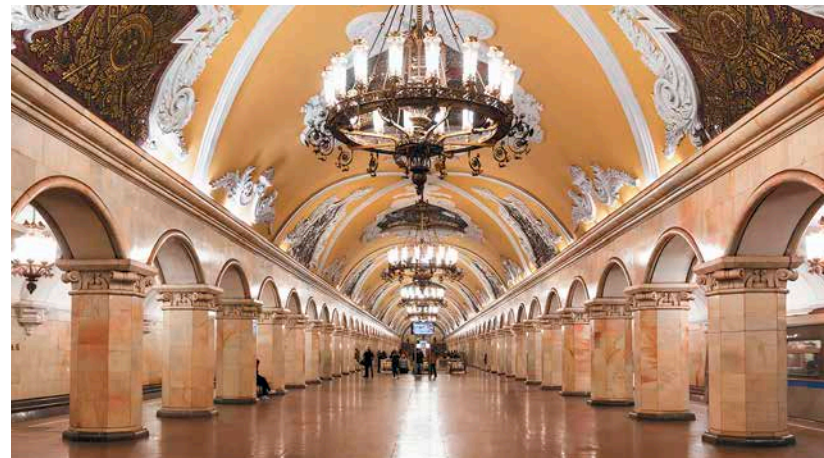
The Volga Dream Moscow Experience begins with the opportunity to join a guided walk around the central highlights. Perhaps the most famous landmark of all is the Kremlin, with its beautiful cathedrals and the unique Armory Museum, which boasts an impressive and opulent collection of royal finery, ancient weapons and regal carriages. Red Square, the heart of Moscow, is never a dull place to walk. Lenin's mausoleum sits across from the GUM Store, Moscow's most lavish shopping arcade, and St Basil's Basilica sits between them, near the river.

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MOSCOW METRO TOUR

Russia's new revolutionary leaders wanted to give everyone a taste of the tsars' opulent lifestyle. This was the ideology that inspired the Moscow Metro's famed architectural splendor. A well-informed guide introduces guests to the noteworthy features in some of the most beautiful metro stations.

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THE TRETYAKOV GALLERY

Exclusively dedicated to the very best of Russian artists, this famous institution boasts one of the world's finest collections of classical art including a selection of Rublev's 12th century icons as well as masterpieces in landscape and portraiture from the 19th century.

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THE PUSHKIN MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

As the city's largest gallery dedicated to European art, this is truly one of Moscow's most treasured cultural gems. The Pushkin's impressive collection houses more than 700,000 pieces including many original impressionist works by some of the world's best-known and most influential artists such as Corot, Goya, and Delacroix, as well as van Gogh, Gauguin, Cézanne, Matisse, and Chagall.

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THE NEW TRETYAKOV GALLERY

This famous institution houses a spectacular series of early 20th century Russian masterpieces from the avant-garde and social realism movements. The gallery's curator takes Volga Dream guests on a well-informed stroll through the highlights of the collection.

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BOLSHOI THEATER OR SOVIET HISTORY MUSEUM*

A rare treat indeed for Moscow visitors, guests are given a backstage tour of the historic and recently restored Bolshoi Theater and the chance to meet one of the resident dancers.

Equally loved and hated, the Soviet Union was a major force in the world for most of the 20th century. The Soviet Museum offers fascinating insight into how the USSR actually worked and what it was like to live in.

* Please check sailing dates

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St. Petersburg



On the shores of the Baltic Sea, Peter the Great founded the city to serve as a western seaport. Soon thereafter, St. Petersburg became the country's capital and remained so until 1918. Determined to showcase a new, cultured and refined Russia, Peter called the new metropolis 'The Venice of the North'. Even today, with a reputation as one of the world's most beautiful cities, residents still consider their home to be Russia's cultural capital. With its breathtaking variety of classical architecture, intricate network of canals and stunning churches, this amazing city never fails to make a lasting impression.

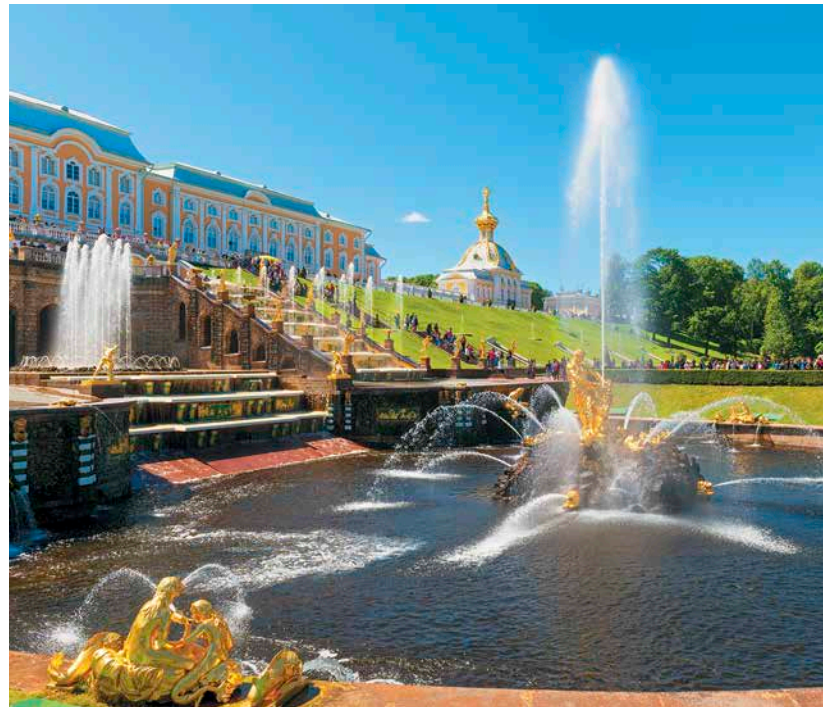


'Moscow is the heart, St. Petersburg is the head'
Old Russian Saying

'St. Petersburg is a wonderful city.
You have wonderful parks, birds singing in the trees,
manatees in the water, pelicans. So it's like this
little paradise on Earth'.
Bjarke Ingels

St. Petersburg Highlights

This is a unique city on almost every level, historically, culturally and architecturally. Classically colonnaded buildings line wide, clean streets that are packed to the brim with the finest art, entertainment, theater and fine dining. The country's second city is a delight in the summer months as the famous 'White Nights' provide a perfect backdrop to an evening stroll.



CATHERINE'S PALACE & PETERHOF

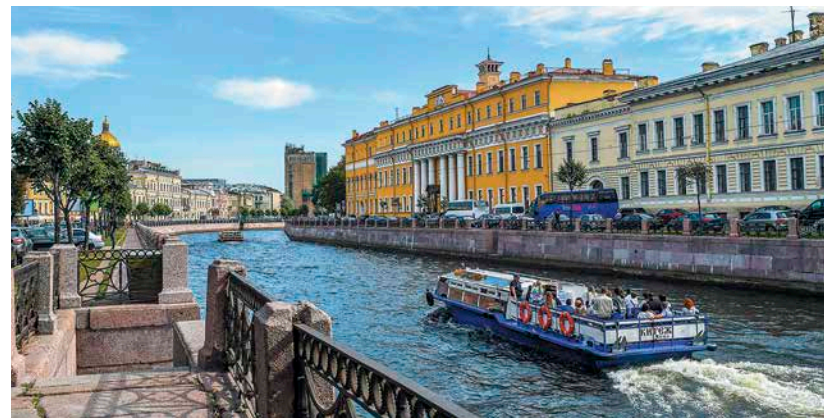
Two royal residences built to show Russian grandeur. Peter the Great wanted a home to rival Versailles and bring a hint of European magnificence to his medieval aristocracy. Both palaces are true wonders; the lavish Amber Room was stolen by the Nazis but has been exquisitely recreated. Ornate royal living quarters and the sheer indulgent splendor of fountains, gardens and fine statues leave visitors with memories they'll always cherish.

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CANAL BOAT RIDE

The 'northern Venice' boasts a 300-km network of waterways that extends throughout the city. Gently drifting past historic landmarks, beneath up to 800 bridges and along an impressive granite embankment, a boat ride offers spectacular views of some of the city's grandest sights.

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STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM

Catherine the Great's royal residence is now home to one of the world's greatest art collections. Six stunning buildings hold more than two million art treasures ranging from Stone Age to Da Vinci, Rafael, Titian and more.

The impressive Peacock Clock*, a beautifully decorated and preserved 8th century automaton, is a real highlight.

* Platinum only

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FABERGÉ MUSEUM

Peter Carl Fabergé gained worldwide fame with his glittering creations, often made for royalty. Visitors to this new and very popular attraction enjoy a dazzling collection of his trademark eggs, jewelry and objets d'art.

Founded by Viktor Vekselberg, the museum's collection is said to be one of the most precious in the world and includes items bought from the Forbes family for a cool \$100 million.

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YUSUPOV PALACE

Entering is like walking into the most decadent past imaginable, a glimpse of how the wealthiest aristocracy once lived. Throughout the tour, guests are serenaded by a series of musical performances that add to the bygone atmosphere.

The basement contains an exhibition dedicated to Grigory Rasputin's grisly murder by Prince Felix Yusupov.

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RUSSIAN FAMILY VISIT

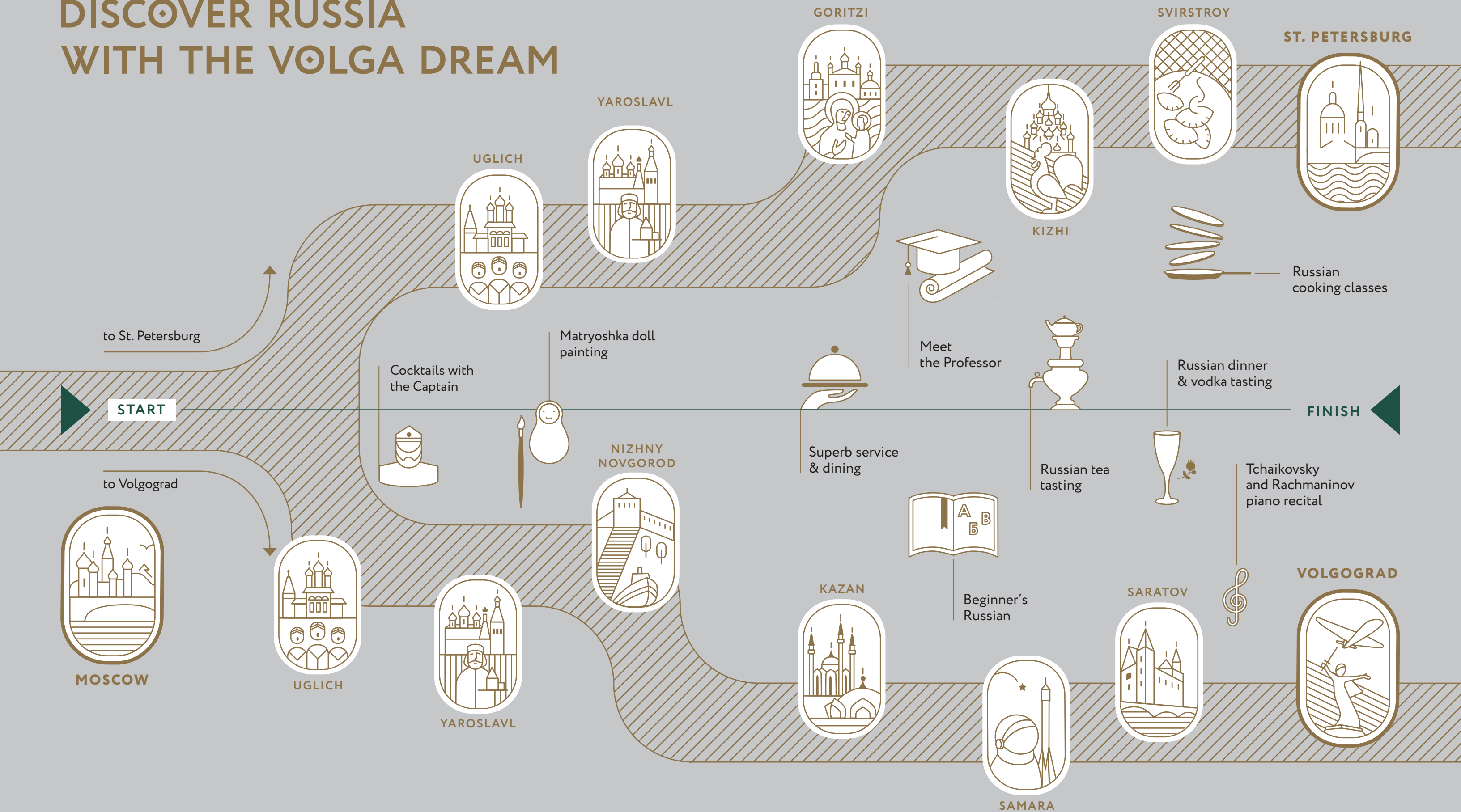
An 'unmissable' chance to glimpse real Russian life and sample traditional, homemade treats.

Above all, it's a first-hand opportunity to discover Russia through informal and informed conversation. Arrangements vary throughout the year; visits may be to a typical country dacha or a 'Stalin' style apartment in the city.

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DISCOVER RUSSIA WITH THE VOLGA DREAM

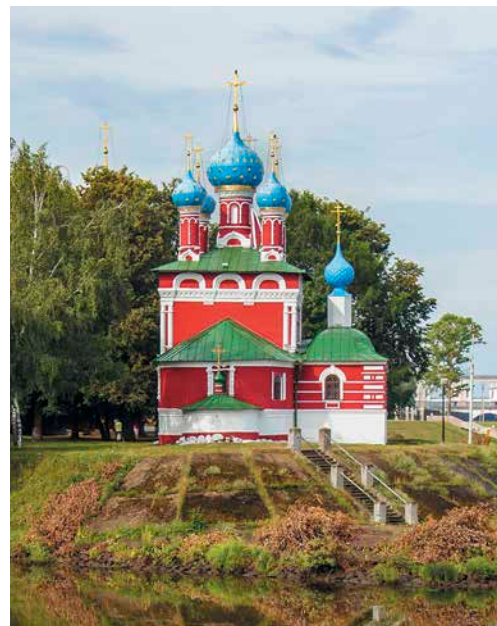


Ports of Call

The Volga Dream gives you a choice of two glorious cruise routes through the season. Each offers unparalleled views of Russia and visits some of the country's most iconic landmarks.

Simply choose the route with the stops you would most like to see.

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UGLICH

The famous 'Golden Ring' is an archipelago of important and historic towns surrounding Moscow. Among them is one of the country's oldest, which was founded under Igor, the last Varangian prince. Uglich once resisted the Mongol invasion and its ancient walls saw the grisly murder of young Dmitri, son of Ivan the Terrible.

The impressive Church of St. Dmitri on the Blood, which now stands where he died with its classic onion domes and blood red walls, is a fine example of classic Russian architecture. The Uglich tour ends with an enchanting choral concert in St. John's Church.

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YAROSLAVL

This, the oldest city on the Volga River, and now a UNESCO World Heritage site, boasts a wealth of ancient orthodox treasures. The impressive Transfiguration of the Savior, adorned with murals depicting St. John's apocalyptic visions can be seen in the Spassky Monastery. The Church of St. Elijah the Prophet is decorated with an awe-inspiring selection of rich frescoes. For a real taste of pre-revolutionary Russia, visitors are entertained by a costumed reception at the Governor's House.

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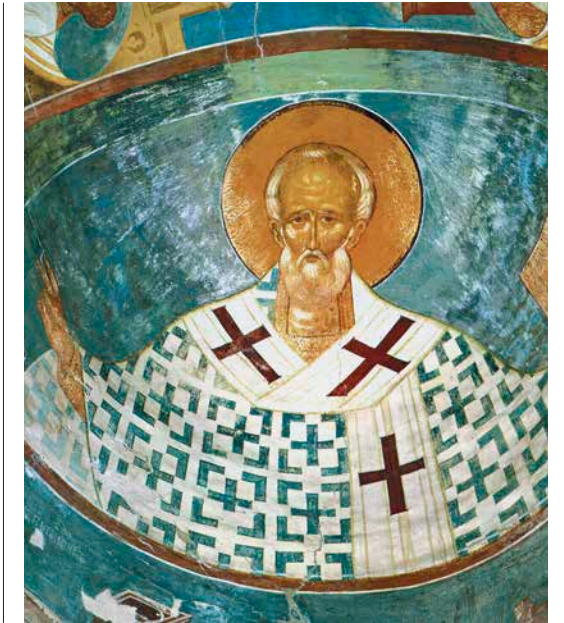


GORITSY

Close to the shores of Beloye Ozero, or White Lake, once the 'tsar's fishing grounds'. It lies in a place so serene that ancient monks chose to build no fewer than three holy sites here, including the Ferapontov Monastery. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, its chapels boast magnificent frescoes by Dionysius, one of Russia's most renowned icon painters.

The Kirillo-Belozersky was founded in 1397 to bring devotees 'closer to God'. During tumultuous times, it was a refuge for many nobles and later a fortress that successfully repelled invading armies. In modern times though, Goritsy is much more welcoming!

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KIZHI

The enormous Karelia region is a vast and naturally beautiful wilderness that spreads all the way from St. Petersburg to the Arctic Circle. The glorious island village of Kizhi consists almost entirely of the traditionally styled wooden buildings of 'Old Russia'. Among them is the famous Transfiguration Church, a relatively new addition built in 1714. Remarkably, and in testament to the craftsmen of the time, not a single nail was used in its construction!

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SVIRSTROY

A typical rural hamlet brought to life by warm and welcoming villagers. Guests are invited into local homes to enjoy classic Russian fare, tea with jam and 'pirozhki' (pies). Enthusiastic hosts share Russian traditions and the appeal of village life while proudly showing off their scrupulously kept homes and kitchen gardens.

The tour continues with a brief bus ride to see a unique World War II memorial and then, for a real glimpse of Russian life, a visit to a local primary school.

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NIZHNY NOVGOROD

This was once a wealthy city thanks to its proximity to rich eastern trading routes. During the Soviet era, when it was known as Gorky, the city was closed to outsiders because of its military importance. It's also where many political prisoners were sent to live out their days in exile. The 16th-century Kremlin ramparts offer spectacular views and the city is known for its elaborately decorated churches. For Volga Dream guests, the highlight of the day is an evening folk concert performed by local children.

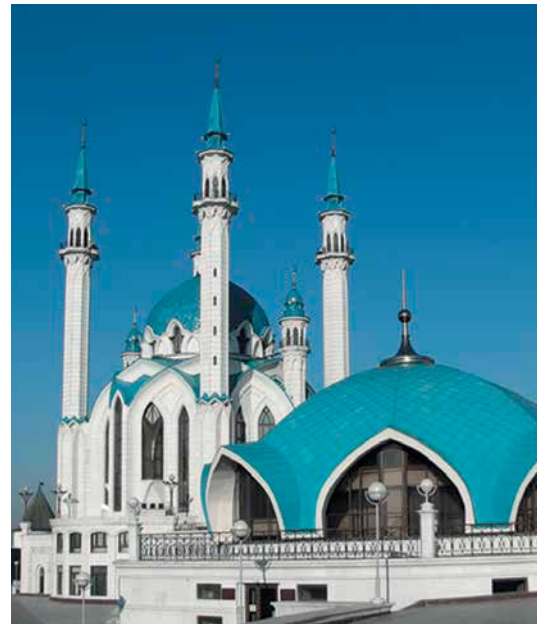
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KAZAN

Sailing along the Volga, it soon becomes clear that the riverbank gradually ceases to be dominated by Orthodox churches. Instead, beautiful mosques appear as the river crosses into Tatarstan where the first stop is scenic Kazan, the region's capital.

Inside the white walls of the citadel, the famous Kul Sharif mosque and the old Cathedral of Peter and Paul stand side-by-side symbolizing the two faiths' long and peaceful coexistence in the region. A concert of traditional Tatar music ends the Volga Dream's day in Kazan.

Grand Volga



SAMARA

Passing the Zhigulevskie Mountains offers wonderful views from the sundeck before touring this beautiful city. One of the key attractions is the fascinating Space Museum, which offers a revealing glimpse of how the Soviet Union pursued its ambitious journey to the cosmos.

The town is also noted for its beautiful esplanade, perfect for a relaxed stroll beside the Volga. This in turn leads to the Samara State Art Museum. Founded in 1897, it is home to a collection of more than 16,000 works of art.

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SARATOV

This city is best known for its close associations with cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin. The Russian hero who achieved worldwide fame as the first man in space lived and studied here.

Saratov used to be home to a large German community, a heritage that can still be seen in the local architecture. The Volga Dream tour visits the Radishchev State Art Museum, the first picture gallery in Russia outside Moscow and St. Petersburg.

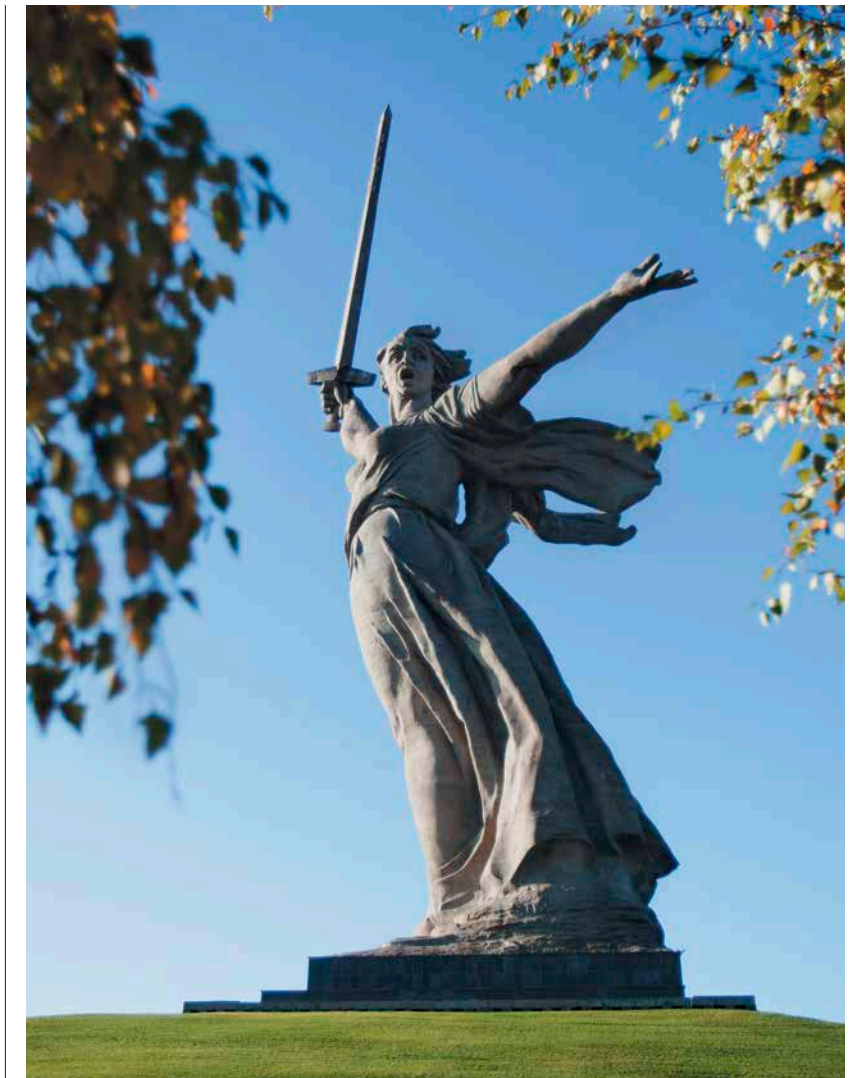
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VOLGOGRAD

Originally called Tsaritsyn, this remarkable city has been known by three different names over the course of its tumultuous and eventful history. Epic battles were fought here during Russia's revolutionary period and it was renamed Stalingrad from 1925 to 1961 in honor of the USSR's notorious leader.

During World War II, the city's residents put up a heroic defense, repelling an advancing Nazi invasion. The battle for Stalingrad has gone down in history as a pivotal moment in the bloody conflict on the eastern front. The most ferocious and deadly fighting took place on Mamayev Hill, where an imposing memorial now stands close to the excellent Battle of Stalingrad Panorama Museum.

Grand Volga





M.S. Volga Dream



We couldn't be more proud of our stunning ship. She's been refitted, redesigned and rebuilt from top to bottom to the very highest standards of quality, comfort and of course, safety. That is only our opinion but we think the fact that many groups and passengers keep coming back to share the voyage with us tends to confirm it. The Volga Dream is the perfect base from which to explore and enjoy the beauty of the country we know and love. Rivers and canals have long played an important part in Russia's history and development and now, thanks to the Volga Dream, those same majestic waterways are sure to play just as important a role in our passengers' happy memories.



Creature Comforts

The Volga Dream may have had a long and illustrious career sailing Russia's rivers, lakes and canals but thanks to a total rebuild, she is now a thoroughly modern and well-equipped vessel boasting the latest in passenger comfort and maritime safety.

BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS

Because ours is the only family owned ship on the Volga, she's one of the most unique. As a family, we look after her in ways that big corporations just can't or won't. We can take pride in welcoming guests aboard and love to see their reaction to the new surroundings. In 10 years of providing excellent service, cleanliness is a recurring theme in positive feedback from our passengers.



FINE DINING

We understand the importance of eating well while traveling. Our restaurant serves the highest standard of international cuisine, freshly made by our Cordon Bleu Chef. Choose either a sumptuous buffet or set menu for lunch while dinner is always four or five courses with full service. Praise for the exquisite quality of meals is yet another regular feature in feedback from past guests.

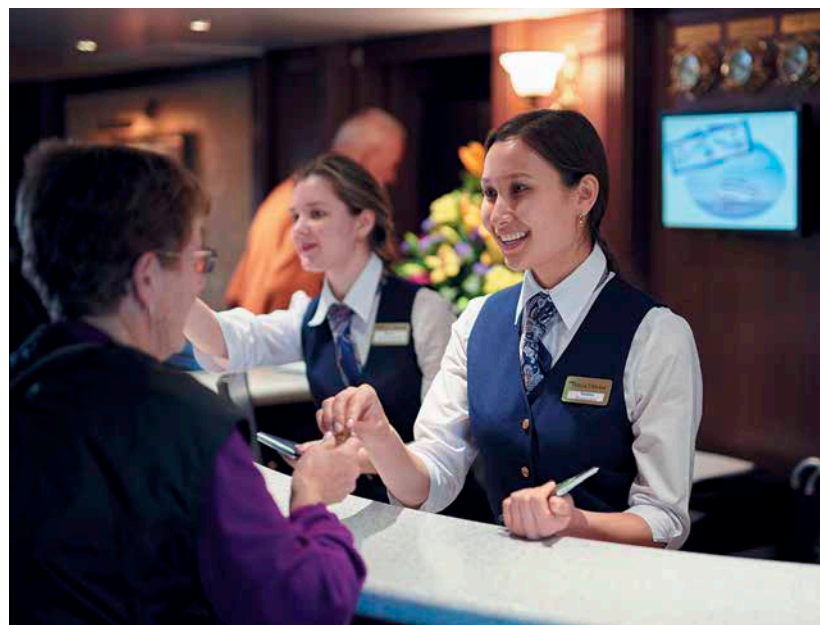
TIME AND SPACE

Our ship is designed with comfort in mind and, with only 100 guests, it's never hard to find a quiet spot to just sit back and relax. The large, spacious Sun and Promenade Decks offer plenty of solid teak seating and all-round views of the glorious and ever-changing scenery. The library has a good selection of books and board games and there's a lounge, open-air bar, fitness center and sauna.



TAILORED SERVICE

We are not only proud of our ship, we take pride in our exceptional service too. Volga Dream managers and staff go out of their way to help with special requirements or needs. We encourage guests to tell us in advance of any particular requests to address specific issues such as allergies, dietary or mobility needs. We always try our best to make any accommodation that will make a guest's stay more comfortable.



WELL-BEING

We've tried to think of everything to ensure guests are always comfortable and above all safe. That starts with communication and every member of the service staff speaks English, which is the official language on board. We're also ready for the unexpected: for our guests' peace of mind, there's always a doctor aboard the Volga Dream, the only crewmember that we hope never has anything to do!



Never a Dull Moment

Volga Dream guests don't just take a geographical voyage through Russia's glorious countryside and history, there's also plenty of 'hands on' discovery of the country's rich culture. We want to introduce travelers to our great traditions. Some are enlightening, some moving, others are just fun!



MEET THE PROFESSOR

From the Mongol hordes to Soviet times, Russia's history is, like all of Europe's, a complex web of political intrigue, war and peace, trade and treaties, as well as heroes and villains. Academics devote whole lifetimes to studying Russia's long past and one of them presents a series of lectures shedding light on everything from Gorbachev to Chekhov, Khrushchev to Ivan the Terrible and of course, contemporary Russia. Best of all, our Professor is on board throughout the cruise for informal conversation.

BEGINNER'S RUSSIAN

The Russian language can be rather beautiful and poetic and we know that many seasoned travelers enjoy trying their hand at different languages. Our teachers provide an introduction to the riches of Russian, so guests can try out a few useful words and phrases on real Russians!



VODKA TASTING

Few people ever realize that vodka can be as diverse and delicate as, for example, fine whiskey. There are many regional variations and a glorious assortment of flavors and preparations. Our expert leads guests through a variety of different vodkas. An event guaranteed to raise spirits!

RUSSIAN DINING EXPERIENCE

All our dining is international but for Russian Dining night, the Chef includes a selection of traditional Russian dishes: Chicken Kiev, Kulebyaka and no Russian table is complete without Borsch. To add to the 'Taste of Russia' optional Russian dress, or at least a touch of Russian style, is provided along with enthusiastic help from our staff!



CLASSICAL PIANO

Some of the greatest classical music ever written comes from Russia. It's hard to imagine a more fitting stage for a virtuoso solo recital by our resident concert pianist than the mighty Volga or a better backdrop than the heart of Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov's own serene homeland.

MATRYOSHKA PAINTING

There is nothing more typically Russian than a Matryoshka. It embodies the fact that there's always something deeper to be found in every aspect of Russian life. Learning the traditional designs and techniques used to decorate these iconic dolls offers a pleasant diversion and some cathartic creativity!



Accommodation

Where modern amenities meet unashamedly old-fashioned service and style. As we gently sail Russia's majestic Volga, we know how important it is for guests to sleep well and in comfort during their travels.

THE VOLGA DREAM

We aim to recreate the classic First Class standards of bygone days. This is reflected in everything from the ship's plush carpeting to fine bed linen. Guests are made to feel at home amid beautifully appointed interiors throughout the vessel and of course the staterooms are no exception.

The Volga Dream boasts a choice of staterooms, each beautifully decorated and offering the comfort expected of a fine hotel room. Unlike many other cruise vessels, there are no inside cabins

aboard the Volga Dream. All our staterooms enjoy an outside view.

Delightfully comfortable beds are prepared using the finest bed linen with a daily turndown service.

All staterooms have en-suite bathrooms with shower, a spacious closet, air conditioning, direct dial telephone, flat-screen satellite TV, electronic safe, minibar, radio, hair dryer, bathrobes and slippers, 220v outlets, and of course, a fruit basket waiting to welcome guests aboard.



Owner's Suite, Double, 260 sq ft, Panoramic, Full Length Picture Windows, 2 Armchairs, Sofa, Desk

Deluxe Junior Suite, Double, 170 sq ft, Large Picture Windows, Sofa, Chair, Desk

Junior Suite, Double, 158 sq ft, Large Picture Windows, Desk, Chair

Deluxe Stateroom, Double, 122 sq ft, Large Picture Windows

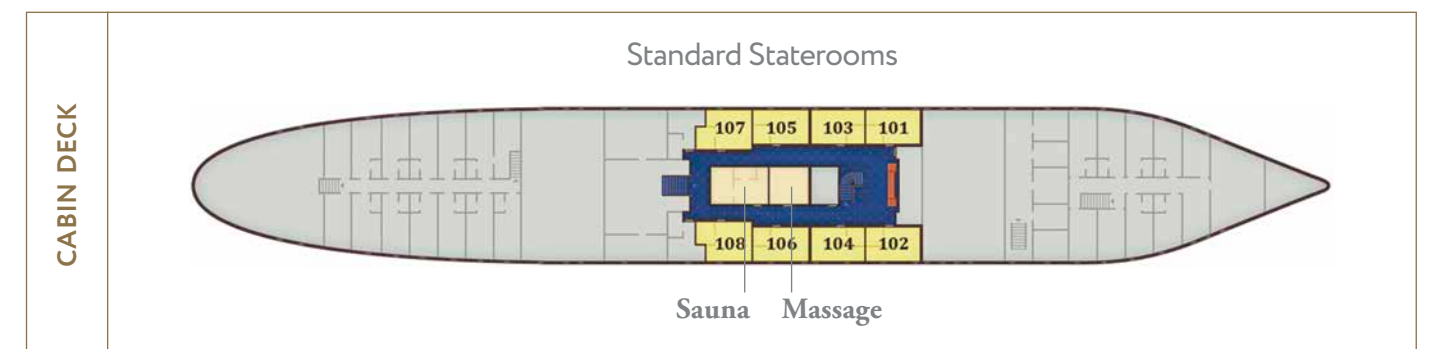
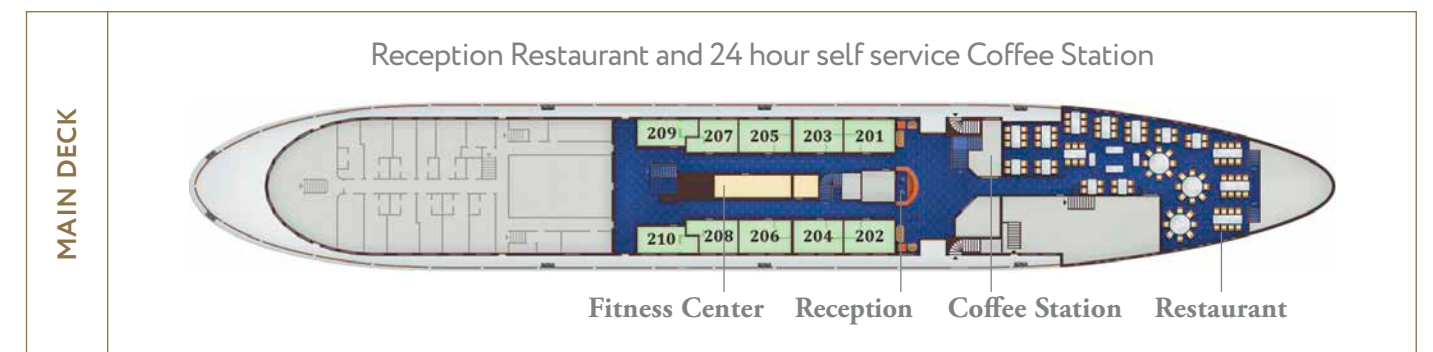
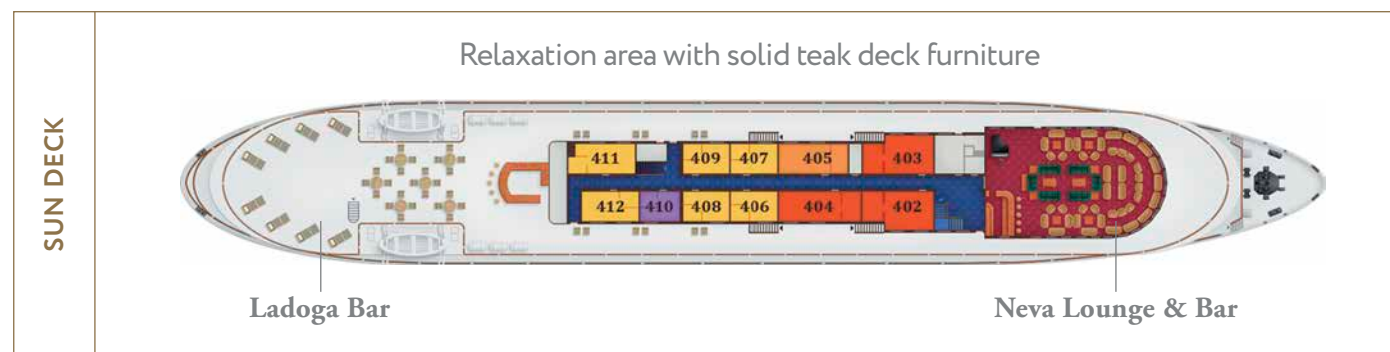
Deluxe Stateroom, Twin, 126 sq ft, Large Picture Windows

Superior Stateroom, Twin, 114 sq ft, Large Picture Windows

Standard Stateroom, Twin, 101 sq ft, Porthole Windows

Standard Single, 69 sq ft

Deluxe Single, 81 sq ft, Desk, Chair





Your Hotels

Whether you choose to start or end your Russian Experience in Moscow or St. Petersburg, you can be sure of the high standards you expect of an international hotel. We work only with the best hotels each city has to offer, conveniently located to allow guests to make the very most of their time.

MOSCOW

THE MARRIOTT AURORA ROYAL is one of the capital's newest and most luxurious hotels. Red Square, the Kremlin and the famous Bolshoi Theater are all within comfortable walking distance.

It's no exaggeration to say that at this hotel, which gloriously blends tradition with modern convenience, the capital's commercial, political and cultural heart is quite literally on your doorstep.

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THE ARARAT PARK HYATT is conveniently located in the very heart of Moscow and close to the Kremlin and Red Square. Its 'Quantum' wellness center provides the latest fitness equipment and a spa. The Ararat Park prides itself on the highest levels of quality and personalized service.

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ST. PETERSBURG

THE KEMPINSKI MOIKA 22 benefits from being in a charming and historical area right in the center of St. Petersburg. It sits beside the Moika River offering views of the Hermitage Museum and Palace Square across the water. Just a two-minute walk from Nevsky Prospekt, the hotel is close to all of the city's major cultural attractions and fine shopping centers.

Volga Dream Gold

THE BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE, with its ties to the legendary Orient-Express, is a cultural and culinary landmark that has been a part of the city's life for well over 100 years. Standing on Nevsky Prospekt surrounded by some of the city's greatest architecture, the building is renowned for its impressive façade and decorative interiors.

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SUMMARY OF PROGRAMS

(✓) Included, (-) Not included

	Platinum	Gold	Grand Volga
General			
Direction of Travel	MOW - STP	MOW - STP	MOW - V-GRD
Program Duration, includes:	12 nights	12 nights	10 nights
Moscow + Cruise + St. Petersburg	3+6+3	3+6+3	2+8+0
Approximate group size	15-18	20-25	20-25
Airport transfer on arrival	private	group transfer	group transfer
Private English speaking assistant on arrival	✓	-	-
Warm-up meeting with guide	-	✓	✓
Departure airport transfer	✓	✓	✓
Daily supply of bottled water	✓	✓	✓
Guide headphones for the entire trip	✓	✓	✓
Moscow Hotel			
Park Hyatt or St. Regis, 5+ star	✓	-	-
Marriott Aurora, 5 star	-	✓	✓
Moscow Program			
	3 days	3 days	2 days
City Tour	✓	✓	✓
Red Square Walk	✓	✓	✓
GUM Department Store	✓	✓	✓
Kremlin and Armory Chamber	✓	✓	✓
State Tretyakov Gallery	✓	✓	✓
Novodevichy Monastery	photo stop	cemetery visit	✓
Metro Introduction Tour	✓	✓	✓
Moscow Architecture Tour	✓	-	-
Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts	✓	-	-
Russian Avant-garde Art Tour (curator)	✓	-	-
Bolshoi Theater Tour*	selected dates	-	-
Museum of Contemporary History*	selected dates	-	-
Local Restaurant Meals	3 meals	-	2 meals
Free Time to Explore	average	very good	average
St. Petersburg Hotel			
Grand Hotel Europe, 5+ star	✓	-	-
Kempinski Moika 22, 5 star	-	✓	-
St. Petersburg Program			
	3 days	3 days	-
City Tour	✓	✓	-
Peter & Paul Fortress	entrance	entrance	-
St. Isaac's Cathedral	photo stop	photo stop	-
Catherine's Palace	early entrance	✓	-

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St. Petersburg (continued)			
State Hermitage Museum	early entrance	✓	-
Peacock Clock (Hermitage)	✓	-	-
Peterhof: Lower Park & Fountains	✓	✓	-
Return from Peterhof by hydrofoil	✓	✓	-
Fabergé Museum	✓	✓	-
Canal Boat Ride	✓	-	-
St. Petersburg Family Visit	✓	-	-
Yusupov Palace / Rasputin room	✓	-	-
Russian Army Choir Performance	✓	-	-
Local Restaurant Meals	3 meals	2 meals	-
Free Time to Explore	good	very good	-
Cruise Part			
	6 nights	6 nights	8 nights
Uglich - City Tour, Ch. St. Dmitry on the Blood	✓	✓	✓
Yaroslavl - City Tour, Ch. St. Elijah the Prophet	✓	✓	✓
Goritsy - Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery	-	✓	-
Goritsy - Ferapontov Monastery	✓	-	-
Kizhi - Open-air Museum of Architecture	✓	✓	-
Svirstroy - Home and Primary School Visit	✓	✓	-
Nizhny Novgorod - City Tour, Children's Concert	-	-	✓
Kazan - City Tour, Folk Concert	-	-	✓
Samara - City Tour, Space Museum	-	-	✓
Saratov - City Tour, Radishchev Art Museum	-	-	✓
Volgograd - Mamayev Mound, Panorama Museum	-	-	✓
All Meals (B-L-D)	✓	✓	✓
House Wine with Lunch and Dinner	✓	✓	✓
Onboard Entertainment Program	✓	✓	✓
Various Guest Speakers	4 Talks	4 Talks	6 Talks
Port Charges & Local Taxes included	✓	✓	✓

* Inclusions may change. Please request detailed program for each departure

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please read all information carefully, as payment of your deposit will constitute agreement with all terms and conditions set out below. Terms and conditions may be subject to change at any time, so it is imperative that you check current Volga Dream requirements relating to your reservation at the time of booking.

DATES & RATES

Please check the Volga Dream web site www.volgadream.com for the latest rates and departure dates and further information regarding inclusions and exclusions on particular sailing dates.

DEPOSITS

To secure your booking, a non-refundable payment of 20% of the trip cost is due within 7 days of receipt of the confirmation invoice.

BALANCE OF PAYMENT

Full payment is due no less than 90 days prior to commencement of the tour.

CANCELLATION

Passengers wishing to cancel a booking must do so in writing. The following charges will apply to bookings canceled prior to commencement date:

91 days or more - 20% of trip fare per person

90 to 31 days - 50% of trip fare per person

31 to 0 days - 100% of trip fare per person

DOCUMENTATION

Tour documents are generally issued approximately 4 weeks prior to departure. If you intend to be traveling prior to that, please notify us and we will endeavor to provide the documentation earlier.

This may, in some cases, result in an additional cost.

PASSPORTS & VISAS

It is the responsibility of all passengers to ensure they have a passport that will remain valid for at least 6 months after the planned date of leaving Russia.

Passport holders from most countries do require a visa to enter Russia.

Please ask your travel consultant for up-to-date information. Visa costs are not included in the cruise price. To avoid delays in your Russian visa being granted, passport details should be provided when booking in order that appropriate supporting documents may be issued and sent to you in good time.

INSURANCE

It is strongly recommended that appropriate travel insurance is purchased at the time of booking to ensure adequate coverage in the event of an unavoidable cancellation.

ITINERARY / SIGHTSEEING CHANGES

The itineraries and destinations mentioned are not under Volga Dream control; consequently any arrangements may be subject to change, adjustment or cancellation as a result of water levels, severe weather conditions and other circumstances beyond the company's control.

All cruise companies reserve the right to change, alter or amend itineraries when deemed necessary for safety, security or other reasons.

FORCE MAJEURE

In the event of circumstances beyond the company's control, neither Volga Dream, nor its managers or agents will be liable for delay or disruption to the programs described in this brochure when caused by labor action or shortages, explosion, fire, collision, breakdown or damage to the vessel, civil disturbance, riot, insurrection, war, government restraint, requisition of the vessel, political disturbance, terrorism, Acts of God, or any other events of occurrences beyond their control.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Although we do our best to accommodate individual needs, for safety reasons we cannot always guarantee to make all special provisions that may be required by passengers with certain disabilities. Accommodation and sightseeing destinations may involve walking, climbing stairs or uneven terrain. Special requests, such as wheelchairs, adapted accommodation and touring facilities, ground floor rooms and cabins or limited step access must be made writing no later than 90 days prior the trip or, if later, at time of booking.

