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Russian River Cruise - Moscow to St Petersburg

See the beautiful Russian landscape unfold before you as you cruise the waterways of Northern Russia from Moscow to St Petersburg on this spectacular holiday.

Included in the price:

- Return flights to Russia
- 12 nights accommodation
- Meals as stated in itinerary
- Porterage at hotel and on cruise (1 suitcase per person)
- Services of English speaking staff
- Transfers
- All local and airport taxes, port taxes/service charges

Cruise Highlights include:

- **Moscow and Kremlin:** City Sightseeing
- **Uglich:** Visit Kremlin and the Transfiguration Cathedral
- **Yaroslavl:** City sightseeing and visit Spassky Monastery and Church of Elijah the Prophet
- **Goritsy:** Visit the Krill-Beloserek Monastery
- **Kizhi:** Sightseeing
- **St Petersburg:** City sightseeing, Peter and Paul Fortress and Hermitage

Departures: 19 May 2007, 9 June 2007, 30 June 2007, 21 July 2007, 11 August 2007, 1 Sep 2007.

Prices: From £1,265 per person

Reference: COS-MSP

Day 1 (Fri): UK - Moscow - Embarkation

Fly to Moscow where you will be met by your representative and transferred to your cruise ship for embarkation.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 (Sat): Moscow, including sightseeing

Russia's capital is one of the world's most impressive and interesting cities packed with fascinating sights. Our included sightseeing tour with a local guide will highlight the must see attractions including the legendary Red Square with St Basil's Cathedral, Theatre Square home to the world famous Bolshoi Opera and Ballet Theatre and the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 3 (Sun): Moscow - Sail for Uglich

Spend the morning in Moscow, visiting the Kremlin's interior. Walk past the enormous Czar Bell and Cannon, the Palace of Congress and Offices of State to arrive in historic Cathedral Square. Encircling the square are the Annunciation, Assumption and Archangel Michael cathedrals, three of the Kremlin's best known architectural treasures. In the afternoon, set sail for Uglich.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 4 (Mon): Uglich - Kremlin visit and sightseeing.

Approach the ancient town of Uglich on the banks of the Volga and watch out for the blue cupolas of the Cathedral of the Resurrection, dotted with golden stars. The included visit to the local Kremlin is more than worthwhile.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5 (Tue): Yaroslav, including sightseeing

Enjoy the city tour of 1,000 year old Yaroslav, one of the oldest "Golden Ring" towns, including a visit to the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Saviour and the magnificent Church of Elijah the Prophet.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 6 (Wed): Goritsy

Cross the impressive Rybinsk Reservoir on the way to Goritsy. Visit the beautiful Krill-Beloserk Monastery.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7 (Thu): Kizhi, including sightseeing

Your stop today is the tiny Kizhi island situated at the edge of Lake Onega. Your tour will include several examples of 19th century peasant architecture, the Transfiguration Church with its 22 cupolas, treasury of icons and its iconostasis and also the Museum of Wooden Art.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 8 (Fri): Mandrogui

Here you will enjoy free time in the village of Mandrogui with Russian style log houses and souvenir shops offering local crafts. Mandrogui is also famous for the museums of local Vodka production, where you can enjoy a few drinks and taste some of the local dishes

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 9 (Sat): St Petersburg, including sightseeing

Arrive this morning in St Petersburg well in time to get acquainted with this, perhaps Russia's most beautiful city. See many of the highlights on the city tour with local guide, including the Peter and Paul Fortress. Parks, monuments, squares, wide boulevards and 600 bridges bewilder visitors with the River Neva adding to its charm.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 10 (Sun): St Petersburg

Created in 1703 by Peter the Great, who made it the capital of All Russias. Today there is a visit to the world famous Hermitage, boasting one of the richest collections of art in Europe.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 11 (Mon): St Petersburg

A day at leisure in St Petersburg or join one of the optional excursions to its many nearby places of interest.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 12 (Tue): St Petersburg - Disembark

Today we disembark the ship and transfer to your hotel in St Petersburg for an overnight stay. The rest of the day is yours to spend at your leisure.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 13 (Wed): St Petersburg - UK

Time for some last minute shopping before the transfer to the airport for your flight to the UK.

Meals: Breakfast

Additional Costs

Russian single entry tourist visa: £75

Insurance: You must have travel insurance in order to obtain a Russian visa

Single Cabin: £340

Tipping: At your discretion. For guidance, we recommend £25-30 per passenger

Flight Information

Your standard flights are from London Heathrow via Frankfurt on Lufthansa. Direct flights from Heathrow and departures from Birmingham, Manchester and Edinburgh are also available at a supplement.

Your Cruise Ship

The Dr Zhivago was built in 1981 and has recently been renovated ensuring it is equipped to the highest possible standards and comfort. The ship can accommodate 256 passengers.

The facilities on board include a sun deck, 3 bars, 2 restaurants, concert hall, solarium, salon, boutique, evening entertainment programme including activities, live music and occasional concerts.

Your cruise is on a full board basis and includes a Captains cocktail party on arrival and a Captains farewell dinner. Vegetarian meals and special requests should be advised at the time of booking.

All cabins are fully air-conditioned with shower/wc, radio, safety deposit box. The price is based on a 2 bed bain on the main or upper deck.