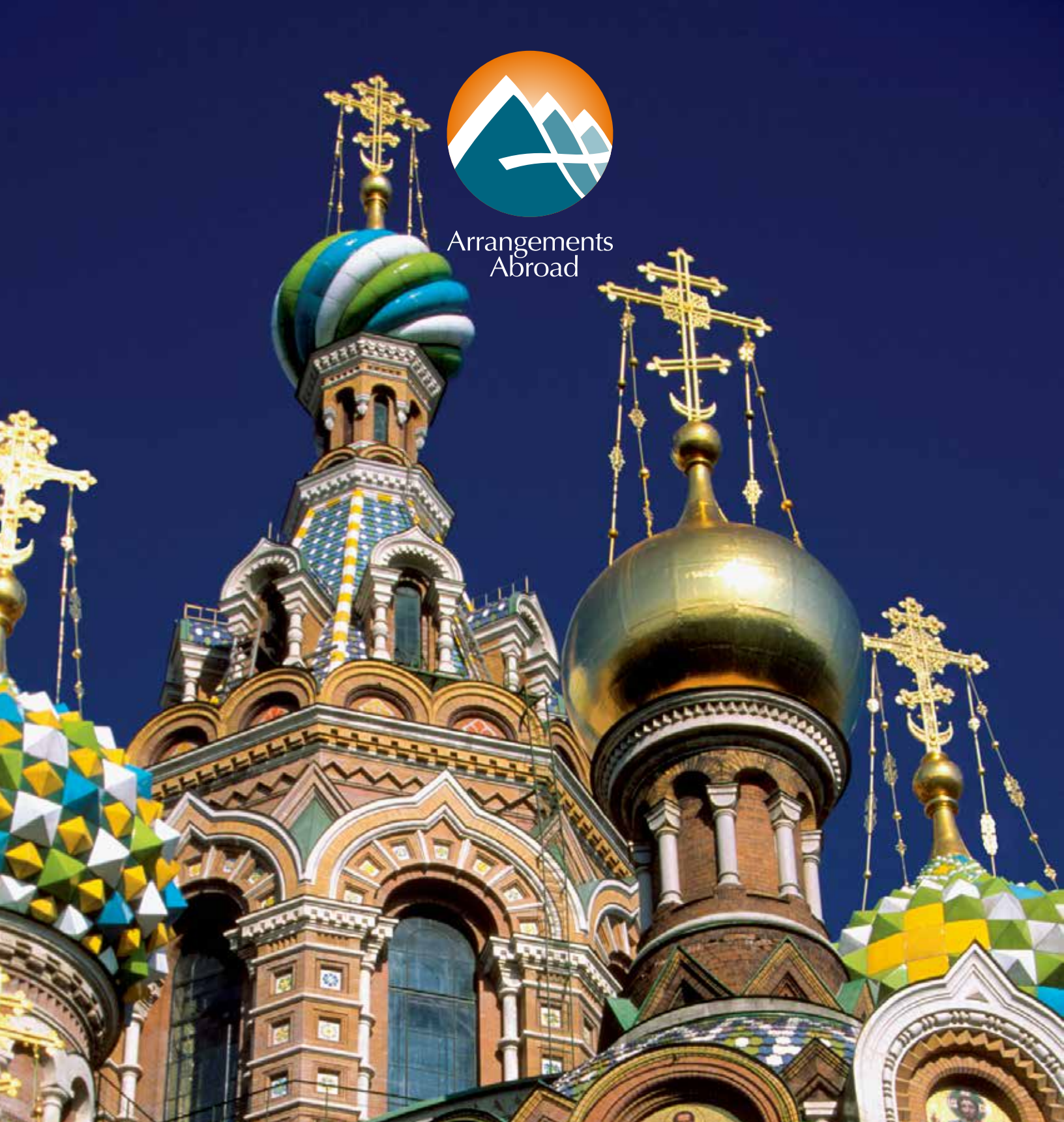




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Waterways of the Tsars

Moscow to St . Petersburg Aboard *Volga Dream*

June 2-12, 2018



Dear Travelers and Friends,

Russia, with its fascinating history, vibrant culture, and idyllic landscapes, has captivated travelers' imaginations for generations. This vast nation is also home to some of the world's greatest art and architecture, from Moscow's colorful onion domes to St. Petersburg's stunning palaces. Please join us next summer to explore these cosmopolitan cities and cruise into the heartland of Russia, stepping ashore to see Golden Ring towns few Americans have visited.

From the capital of Moscow, embark on a nine-night voyage aboard Volga Dream. Call at Uglich, founded a thousand years ago, to hear an a cappella choir inside a 15th-century church. In Goritsy, visit two medieval monasteries known for their beautiful frescoes. Explore the magical island of Kizhy, a remarkable open-air museum. Enjoy stunning scenery as we cross Europe's largest freshwater lake to arrive in St. Petersburg for a three-day finale during the White Nights, when the evening sky never darkens. Enter Catherine Palace, and see the exquisitely recreated Amber Room and tour the Hermitage Museum when it is closed to the public. Onboard classes in Russian language and cuisine will add to the pleasures of our voyage.

Joining this voyage will be Femke Speelberg, Associate Curator, Department of Drawings and Prints at The Metropolitan Museum of Art, as well as Elihu Rubin, an architectural historian, documentary filmmaker, and Associate Professor at Yale's School of Architecture.

An optional prelude in Moscow includes a visit to the Kremlin before public hours and a tour of the beautiful stations of the Moscow Metro, known as "the People's Palaces."

I hope you will join us for this extraordinary cruise.

Sincerely,

Jim Friedlander
President
Arrangements Abroad

CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

DELIGHT in the stirring voices of an intimate choral ensemble, enhanced by the flawless acoustics at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Uglich

EXPLORE less-visited UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Ferapontov Monastery and the fairy-tale island of Kizhy

SPEND an afternoon at Peterhof, known as "the Russian Versailles," during a three-night onboard stay in St. Petersburg

ENJOY an exclusive after-hours visit to the Hermitage with a champagne reception and live classical music by a chamber group



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Church of the Transfiguration, Uglich

An optional three-night prelude in Moscow is offered from May 30 to June 3.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2: U.S. DEPARTURE

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Moscow.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3: MOSCOW, RUSSIA

Arrive in Moscow and transfer to the river port north of the city to board the awaiting *Volga Dream*. **D**

MONDAY, JUNE 4: UGLICH

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise to Uglich, whose medieval buildings rise above a sharp bend in the river. At the five-domed Church of the Transfiguration, an a *cappella* concert creates a starkly beautiful contrast with the glittering iconostasis surrounding the singers. Learn about the important role Uglich played in the rise of the Romanov Dynasty at the Chapel of Dimitry, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible's youngest son met his death. Tonight, join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner. **B, L, R, D**

TUESDAY, JUNE 5: YAROSLAVL

The oldest city on the Volga, Yaroslavl was unharmed during World War II, and many religious buildings dating from the 13th to 17th centuries remain intact. In the Spassky Monastery, see the Transfiguration Cathedral, with murals depicting the apocalyptic visions of St. John; then view the richly frescoed Church of Elijah the Prophet. Stroll in the lively market before returning to *Volga Dream* for lunch. As we cruise this afternoon, a Russian language class will be offered. **B, L, D**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6: GORITSY

Visit the UNESCO-listed Ferapontov Monastery, graced with frescoes that are considered among the finest examples of medieval Russian art. Enjoy some free time in this peaceful village, or tour the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, once one of the most important in Russia. Cross Lake Belye—formerly known as “the tsar’s fishing grounds”—en route to Lake Onega, the second-largest lake in Europe. **B, L, D**

THURSDAY, JUNE 7: KIZHY

This morning learn to make traditional crepes and dumplings (*blini and pelmeni*) at an onboard cooking class. In the afternoon, step ashore on the tiny island of Kizhy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Lake Onega. See the open-air Museum of Architecture, including its fairy-tale Church of the Transfiguration. **B, L, D**

FRIDAY, JUNE 8: SVIR RIVER CRUISE/SVIRSTROY

Be on deck as *Volga Dream* cruises the Svir River toward Lake Ladoga, passing graceful willow, alder, and pine trees along the shore. Call at the village of Svirstroy where we will be welcomed at a local residents home for tea with jam and *pirozkhi* (local pies). Learn about Russian tradition and village lifestyle from our hosts before visiting the nearby town. **B, L, D**

SATURDAY, JUNE 9: ST. PETERSBURG

Stay three nights in this imperial capital, moored on the Neva River aboard *Volga Dream*. View the Hermitage’s unparalleled French Impressionist collection, then travel by hydrofoil to Peterhof. Peter the Great’s magnificent complex of palaces and gardens has been renovated to its former Baroque splendor after near-destruction during World War II. Try to outwit the “trick” fountains Peter installed in the lower gardens, and enter Monplaisir Palace to see where Catherine the Great took her baths. **B, L, D**



Fountains at Peterhof

SUNDAY, JUNE 10: ST. PETERSBURG

Travel to Tsarkoe Selo (the "tsar's village") to visit sumptuous Catherine Palace. See the Amber Room, exquisitely recreated after World War II, and stroll in the formal gardens. Enjoy lunch and a leisurely afternoon aboard *Volga Dream*. Return to the Hermitage this evening for an exclusive after-hours visit highlighted by a champagne reception and classical music performance. **B, L, R, D**

MONDAY, JUNE 11: ST. PETERSBURG

On a city tour, marvel at the dazzling Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, built on the site where Tsar Alexander II was fatally wounded in 1881. Admire the city's pastel palaces on a canal cruise and enjoy panoramic views from the Peter and Paul Fortress, final resting place of various Romanovs. Following lunch, you may choose a guided tour of St. Isaac's Cathedral or the Fabergé Museum. Celebrate our Russian voyage with a memorable farewell dinner on board. **B, L, D**

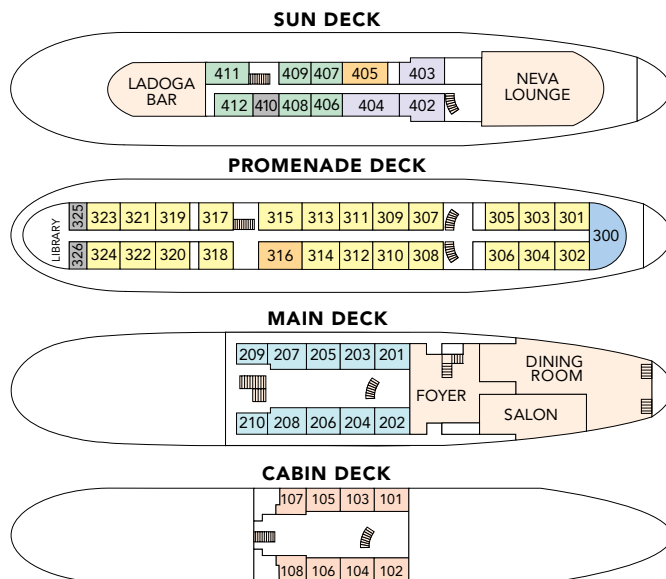
TUESDAY, JUNE 12: ST. PETERSBURG / U.S. RETURN

Disembark and transfer to the airport for the flights home. **B**

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VOLGA DREAM



Owner's Suite (left) and Sun Deck (right)

M.S. *Volga Dream* is known for her elegant appointments, meticulous design, and impeccable service. All 56 staterooms have river views, marble-accented bathrooms, air conditioning, telephones, flat-screen satellite TVs, and a safe. Meals showcase Continental cuisine alongside Russian specialties. The full-length sun deck is a lovely setting for *al fresco* dining. The lounge offers panoramic views and live music. Other amenities include a fitness room, massage room, and sauna. A physician accompanies each cruise.

CRUISE RATES

| Cabin | Decks | Double Rates | Single Rates |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Cabins 101 to 108 Standard Cabins, twin beds. | Cabin Deck | \$7,999 | \$11,999 |
| Cabins 201 to 210 Superior Cabins, twin beds. | Main Deck | \$8,999 | \$13,499 |
| Cabins 301 to 315 & 317 to 324 Deluxe Cabins, double beds. | Promenade Deck | \$9,499 | \$14,249 |
| Cabins 406 to 409, 411 & 412 Superior Staterooms, twin beds. | Sun Deck | \$9,999 | \$17,499 |
| Cabins 316 & 405 Junior Suites, double beds. | Promenade & Sun Decks | \$10,999 | \$19,249 |
| Cabins 402 to 404 Superior Junior Suites, double beds. | Sun Deck | \$11,999 | \$20,999 |
| Cabin 300 Owner's Suite, double bed. | Promenade Deck | \$12,999 | Inquire |
| Special offer for single travelers | | | |
| Cabins 325, 326 & 410 Standard Single | Promenade & Sun Decks | \$7,999 | |

RATES INCLUDE

- Nine nights cabin accommodations aboard *Volga Dream*
- All meals during the cruise (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Thoughtfully selected wines complement lunches and dinners. A complimentary open bar will be available throughout the cruise, in addition to soft drinks, water, and coffee/tea
- Airport/pier/airport group transfer for all participants on suggested flights
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Guided sightseeing by private motorcoach; entrance fees for all included visits
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities
- Taxes, service charges, and portorage

Not included in rates

International airfare; passport/visa fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; baggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; optional prelude in Moscow; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



The Hermitage

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RESERVATION FORM**

To reserve a place, please call Arrangements Abroad at phone: 212-514-8921 or 800-221-1944, fax: 212-344-7493; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print.

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone (home)

(business)

Fax

E-mail

ACCOMMODATIONS

Volga Dream cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

OPTIONAL PRELUDE IN MOSCOW

I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Moscow
Hotel room preference One bed Two beds Single

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to *Arrangements Abroad*) Debit card Credit card

Name on debit/credit card _____

Debit/credit card number _____

3- or 4-digit security code _____ Expiration date _____

I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the *Terms & Conditions* of this Program (see www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

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