

2012 RUSSIA: WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS

14 Nights / 17 Days • July 6 - 20, 2012 • Moscow to St. Petersburg
Viking Peterhof – Refurbished 2012 • Tour Manager: Dennis Kawahara

Your Escorted Waterways of the Czars River Cruise Includes:

Roundtrip Group Airfare from Honolulu • 11 Guided Tours
Deluxe Stateroom Accommodations (Category D)
All Meals – 12 Breakfasts, 11 Lunches, 12 Dinners
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Airport to Ship Transfers, Taxes & Fees

OLD WORLD HIGHLIGHTS: Traditional Russian Tea, Russian Cuisine Workshop, Russian Ballet or Opera, Russian Folkloric Performance

CULTURE CURRICULUM: Russian Language Lessons, The Romanov Czars, The Fall of Communism, Russia's Great Waterways, Putin & Democracy

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RUSSIA – TWO GREAT CITIES: MOSCOW AND ST. PETERSBURG

This monumental 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 Yaroslav 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.

***Fine Dining** – Viking's chefs create a variety of tasty offerings for you, with freshly prepared seasonal local vegetables, European specialties adapted for American tastes, and homemade soups prepared daily. For breakfast, choose from an excellent selection of pastries, cereals, breakfast meats, fresh fruit and selected cheeses. Or you may prefer a hot dish, such as an omelet prepared to order. At lunch, select from the soup and sandwich bar, or a choice of entrees and dessert. And for dinner, you are treated to a five-course gourmet menu with regional specialties. You can also select from our regional wines to perfectly complement your meal. And wherever you sail, you will find enhancements reflecting your itinerary—it is all part of experiencing the local culture.*



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* Fares are per person, USD based on double occupancy and include all taxes and fees. Cost of Russian Visa is not included. Visa application with detailed information will be sent to you 3 months prior to sailing date. After initial deposit, a \$75 per person NST Cancellation Fee will apply.

Group departure may be cancelled, if there are less than 20 tour members. NST does not guarantee that all tour members will fly together with your escort.

Tour escort assignments and "final" tour itinerary are subject to change.

** FREQUENT CRUISER REWARDS - A reward certificate equal to 3% of the value of your current cruise fare (excluding airfare, NCF, taxes, fuel surcharges and fees) will be automatically sent to you upon completion of your current trip. Certificate is redeemable towards the final payment balance of your next trip. Reservation and deposit for your next trip must be made within one year of the issuance of your Frequent Cruiser Rewards certificate.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: Fri, July 6 – Depart Honolulu, HI

DAY 2: Sat, July 7 – In-Transit

DAY 3: Sun, July 8 – Moscow, Russia: Welcome to Moscow. We will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your ship - Viking Peterhof. After boarding, you have free time to relax before dinner. (D)

DAY 4: Mon, July 9 – Moscow: Relax this morning and enjoy an early lunch before your half-day tour of Moscow. See the famed Bolshoi Theater and stop at Red Square for a view of the colorful onion domes of St. Basil's Cathedral and a visit to the famous GUM Department Store. You will also get the chance to experience the city's Metro. Stay in the city center for an evening performance of traditional Russian folkloric music. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: Tue, July 10 – 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 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: Wed, July 11 – Moscow & Moscow Canal: After breakfast, travel to the city's famous red brick enclosure known as the Kremlin. See its many tall towers and elegant palaces, and tour inside one of the brightly colored cathedrals. Enjoy a scenic cruise along the Moscow Canal after lunch as we depart the city. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Thur, July 12 – Uglich: Cruise through the morning and, after lunch, disembark for your walking tour through the provincial village of Uglich, one of the Golden Ring cities—ancient towns that preserve the memory of Russia's historical events. 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. Depart before dinner; cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: Fri, July 13 – Yaroslavl: Arrive this morning in Yaroslavl, another Golden Ring city. Ride along the river banks where you will see the Church of the Epiphany. Then, visit the Church of St. Elijah the Prophet, featuring wonderfully detailed frescoes and icons. Here, you are treated to a traditional choir performance. Take free time to shop for handcrafted souvenirs before returning to your ship for lunch and departure. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: Sat, July 14 – Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery: Dock this morning in Kuzino; from here, you visit the renowned Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded by Saint Cyril in 1397. Your guided walk takes you through the historic grounds, seeing many small wooden chapels, the Assumption Cathedral and a museum. Return to your ship for lunch and an afternoon departure. Spend the remainder of the day 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: Sun, July 15 – Kizhi: As you cruise through the morning, admire the tranquil waters of Lake Onega, Europe's second-largest lake. Arrive late afternoon 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, you see a collection of wooden houses, windmills and churches representing ancient Russian architecture, highlighted by the famous three-tiered Preobrazhenskaya (Transfiguration) Church. This fairy-tale structure was built in 1714 without a single nail. Depart in the evening and cruise through the night. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: Mon, July 16 – Scenic Waterways & Mandrogy: Spend a relaxing day cruising across Russia's intricate waterways. Sail along the scenic Svir River, sailing the 139-mile "Blue Route" as it takes you southwest from Lake Onega. Stop in Mandrogy and take time to explore this model Russian community. Visit the vodka museum or shop for handmade Russian craft items. Continue along the Svir, then cross Lake Ladoga, Europe's largest lake, on your way to the Neva River. All meals served aboard. (B, L, D)

DAY 12: Tue, July 17 – St. Petersburg: Sail on the Neva River into St. Petersburg early this morning and embark on a city tour after breakfast; see noted sights including St. Isaac's Cathedral, Peter & Paul Fortress and Nevsky Prospekt. After a picnic lunch, visit the Winter Palace to tour the world-famous Hermitage Museum. Marvel at the vast collection of art, antiquities, jewelry and sculptures. Dine aboard, then relax or attend an optional evening folkloric performance. (B, L, D)

DAY 13: Wed, July 18 – St. Petersburg: Today's tour goes to Pushkin. Visit Catherine's Palace, the elegant rococo summer residence of the Russian Czars, named for Catherine I (widow of Peter the Great). Tour its various halls, including the storied Amber and Agate Rooms, and see the ornate décor throughout. Return to your ship for lunch. The rest of the day is at leisure to further explore St. Petersburg, "The City of 300 Bridges." This evening, attend a ballet performance, followed by a late supper aboard. (B, L, D)

DAY 14: Thur, July 19 – St. Petersburg: You have the day free to see the sights that interest you. Visit one of the many palaces, churches or museums. Or, you can take an optional tour or two—a morning tour of Peterhof Palace, with its landscaped gardens, beautiful fountains and French Gothic interiors, and an afternoon tour of Yusupov Palace (where Grigori Rasputin met his dramatic end) and a relaxing canal cruise. Lunch and dinner are served aboard. (B, L, D)

DAY 15: Fri, July 20 – St. Petersburg: After breakfast, disembark and we will take you to the airport for your return flight...Aloha & Welcome Home!

CATEGORY	JULY 6 - 20, 2012
Category DX	\$5,913
Category CX	\$6,103
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