

2011 RUSSIA: WATERWAYS OF THE CZARS

12 Nights / 15 Days • St. Petersburg to Moscow
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June 22 - July 6, 2011 or September 26 - October 10, 2011

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CATEGORY B (161 sq. ft.)	\$6,071	\$5,371
CATEGORY A (161 sq. ft.)	\$6,401	\$5,701
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Final Payment to NST for "non-cruiseline" Air & Land package must be made by Money Order or Personal Check.

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DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1: Wed, June 22 • Mon, Sept 26 –
Depart Honolulu, HI

DAY 2: Thur, June 23 • Tue, Sept 27 – In Transit

DAY 3: Fri, June 24 • Wed, Sept 28 –
St. Petersburg, Russia. Arrive in St. Petersburg, "The City of 300 Bridges." Viking River Cruises representatives will meet you at the airport & transfer you to your ship. After boarding, you have free time to relax before dinner-or join our "welcome walk" to stretch your legs and start getting oriented. (D)

DAY 4: Sat, June 25 • Thur, Sept 29 –
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 storied 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 St. Petersburg. Enjoy an evening performance of traditional Russian ballet or opera followed by a late dinner aboard. (B, L, D)

DAY 5: Sun, June 26 • Fri, Sept 30 –
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. (B, L, D)

DAY 6: Mon, June 27 • Sat, Oct 01 –
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. (B, L, D)

DAY 7: Tue, June 28 • Sun, Oct 02 –
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. (B, L, D)

DAY 8: Wed, June 29 • Mon, Oct 03 – 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 9: Thur, June 30 • Tue, Oct 04 –
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. (B, L, D)

DAY 10: FRI, JULY 01 • WED, OCT 05 – Yaroslavl.
Arrive midafternoon 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 11: Sat, July 02 • Thur, Oct 06 – Uglich.
After breakfast, disembark for a walking tour through the 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 12: Sun, July 03 • Fri, Oct 07 –
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. 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 13: Mon, July 04 • Sat, Oct 08 – 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 14: Tue, July 05 • Sun, Oct 09 – Moscow.
The morning is free to relax and explore — 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. (B, L, D)

DAY 15: Wed, July 06 • Mon, Oct 10 – Moscow.
After breakfast, disembark and we take you to the airport for your return flight. We make our way to Honolulu, with memories to last a lifetime... Aloha and Welcome Home! (B)

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