



Volga Dream- Simply Volga

Moscow to St Petersburg

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The Volga River is the linchpin of a single water system linking Moscow and St Petersburg to five separate seas. For the traveller, the Volga is a key to grasping Russia's insistent mystery- a cruise on the river revealing the jewels and the scars of centuries past. In partially visible towns flooded by the Soviets, cathedrals rise from the water eerily intact. Medieval Orthodox monasteries are still in use on the riverbanks. Otters, herons, and bald eagle give life and motion to the passing scene. Revealing the "real Russia," a cruise down the Volga River, the country's lifeblood, offers a rare glimpse into Russia's colourful past and enterprising future.

Day 1

London-Moscow

Departure from London Heathrow terminal five at 08.55 on British Airways BA872
Arrival in Moscow at 15.55, (+3 hour BST) where you will be met by your private car and driver. Your driver will be waiting for you just outside of customs, after you pick up your luggage. Transfer to the Volga Dream. *Please note that transfers can take two hours subject to traffic.*

Tonight we depart by Volga Dream to begin our journey on the Russian waterways.

Airport Transfer

Hotel: Volga Dream

Meals Included: In-flight Meal, Dinner

Day 2

Uglich

Today, upon arrival in Uglich we will enjoy a walking tour of this charming town. Founded in 1148, Uglich is one of the most beloved towns in old Russia. As we approach the town by river, the view of the town is especially lovely with the Cathedral of the Resurrection and St. John's Church looming on the horizon. This delightful town retains much of its original charm in the form of historic wooden architecture and elegant cathedrals, including the famed Tsarevitch Church that was built in memory of Ivan the Terrible's son, who died mysteriously on this site.





Half Day of Touring

Hotel: The Volga Dream

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3

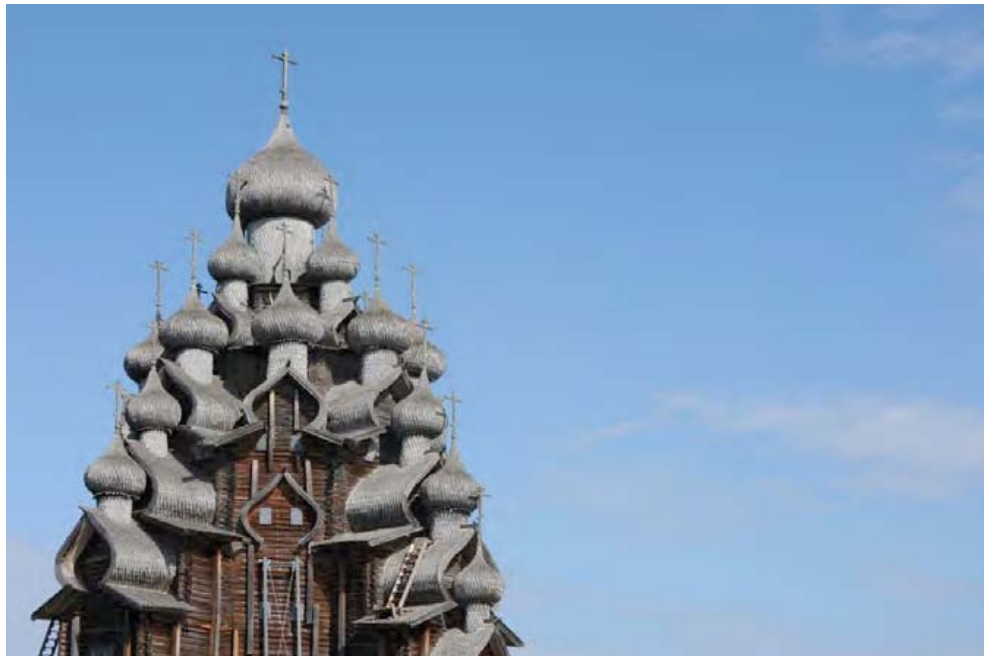
Yaroslavl

Yaroslavl is a large river port stretching along the banks of the Volga River. Yaroslav Mudry (the Wise) founded the city in 1010. It was a large centre of trade and crafts in the 17th century. It is famous all over Russia for its textiles in the old tradition.

Yaroslavl belongs to the "Golden Ring" cities of Russia and it's one of the largest centres of Russian architecture and arts of the 13th - 17th centuries. Today we will tour this city's historical and architectural monuments.



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Day 4

Goritzky

As we continue our journey, we will enjoy the breathtaking scenery as we sail through the White Lake and through the Volga-Baltic Canal. The canal was constructed by those who were political prisoners during the Stalin regime. When we arrive in Goritzky we will visit the historic Kiril-Beloserskiy Men's Monastery founded in 1397. Here we will discover its rich history and magnificent architecture.

Half Day of Touring

Hotel: The Volga Dream

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5

Kizhi Island

Our riverboat next takes us by the way of the Volga-Baltic Waterway to the tiny island of Kizhi, located at the northern end of Lake Onega. We will visit the Open-Air Museum with traditional culture of Russians in Zaonejje. Next we will have a walking tour visiting Architectural ensemble; House of Schepin and Elizarov; Chapel of Michael Archangel; Church of Lasar Resurrection and the Church of Pokrov.

Half Day of Touring

Hotel: The Volga Dream

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6

Mandroggi

Today after lunch, we will enjoy a tour through the quaint village of Mandroggi. The town is a recreation of a traditional Russian village complete with old wooden houses and villagers handcrafting matryoshka dolls, lace and ceramics.

Half Day of Touring

Hotel: The Volga Dream

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7

St Petersburg - Onwards

Morning at leisure. Transfer to the airport for departure on BA879 to London departing at 16:55, arriving at 17:25 local time.

Airport Transfer

Meals Included: Breakfast, In-flight Meal

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Cost Per Person: £1,445.00 sharing Cabin Deck Standard Twin Cabin, Single
Occupancy: £1,720.00

All meals on board are included; wine included with meals; water complimentary.

Cruise Upgrade Prices Per Person – Double Occupancy:

Main Deck

Standard Twin Cabin: £360.00

Promenade Deck

Deluxe Cabin: £730.00

Junior Suite: £1,400.00



Owner's Suite: £2,490.00

Sun Deck

Superior Twin Cabin: £790.00

Junior Suite: £1,400.00

Deluxe Junior Suite: £1,760.00

Cruise Upgrade Prices – Single Occupancy:

Main Deck

Standard Twin Cabin: £430.00

Promenade Deck

Deluxe Single Cabin £125.00

Deluxe Cabin: £895.00

Junior Suite: £2,360.00

Owner's Suite: £5,750.00

Sun Deck

Superior Single Cabin: £475.00

Superior Twin Cabin: £970.00

Junior Suite: 2,360.00

Superior Junior Suite: £2,895.00

Your Itinerary includes

Accommodation

The Waterways

Standard Cabin on Cabin Deck for seven (7) nights on the Volga Dream. Port taxes and all meals on ship (breakfast, lunch and dinner daily) included.

Airfare

Return flights with British Airways included in Economy.

Services

Vehicle, driver and English-speaking guide as described.



Transfers

All transfers to and from airports are included in the programme.

Guides

Hand chosen for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at your disposal at all times. Guides may assist you with restaurant reservations and purchasing of theatre tickets at your request.

Tickets

All museum and entrance tickets as described in the programme.

Not Included

Visas

A visa is required for entry into Russia. We can handle all aspects of obtaining your visa.

Currently the cost of visa is £75.85 and we charge £50.00 handling fee. All we will need is passports and a passport photograph. We will need your passports for up to 10 days. A next day service is available at a supplement.

Please note that your passport will have to be valid for a minimum of six months after the date of travel and you will need to have two blank pages available.

Insurance

Exeter International strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance to protect your investment.

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary. Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect the current volatile fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

