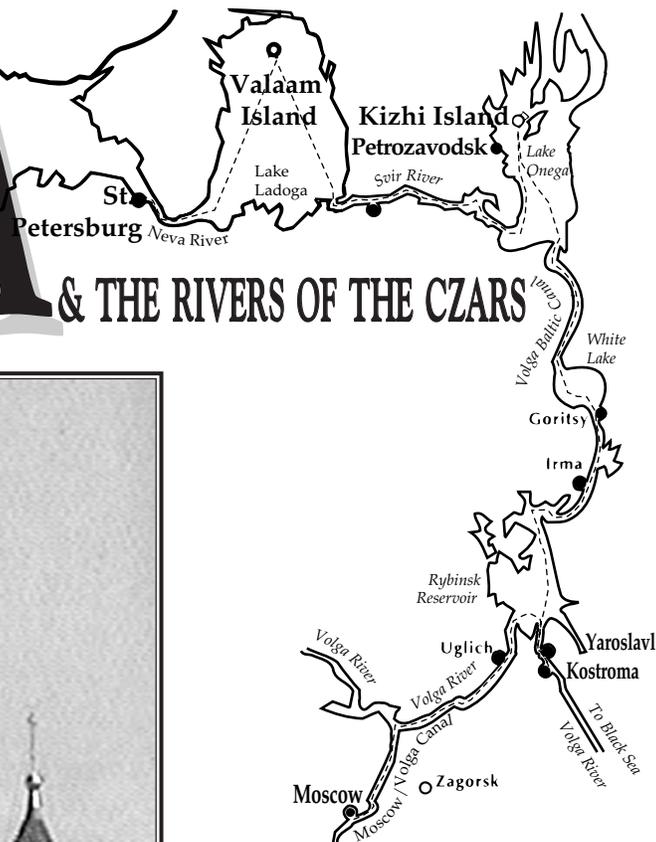


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- Round trip transfer between airport and ship
- Three meals daily while on board ship
- Shore excursions listed on the itinerary with all entrance fees, unless marked optional
- Entertainment and lectures on board
- Airline fuel surcharges of \$240.00 per person
- Port Taxes of \$120.00 per person

Not included: Russia Visa fee of \$180.00 per person, air taxes of \$135.00 per person (subject to change), tours listed as optional, beverages with lunches and dinners, tips to guides and cruise staff

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*** DAY BY DAY ITINERARY ***

June 29 – Peoria/Chicago en route

Depart Chicago this afternoon on your overnight flight to Europe.

June 30– St Petersburg

Upon your arrival in St Petersburg, you will be transferred to the port for embarkation. A welcome information meeting will precede your first dinner on board.

July 1 – St. Petersburg

St. Petersburg, one of the most beautiful cities in the world, is situated on the banks of the Gulf of Finland, in the delta of the river Neva. There are 65 rivers and canals flowing through St. Petersburg, as well as 42 islands. Peter the Great founded the city in 1703, and from 1712-1918 it was the capital of the Russian Empire. With its five million inhabitants, it is the second largest city in Russia. Because of its many canals and bridges and architectural beauty, St. Petersburg is often referred to as the "Venice of the North."

• **City sightseeing tour by coach:** Get to know this truly magnificent city during the morning tour which leads you past Nevsky Prospect, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Kazan's Assembly Church, the Admiralty Building, Palace Square with the residence of Russian Czars known as the "Winter Palace," the "Bronze Horseman" monument of Peter the Great built by Empress Katarina II, the cruiser Aurora, and the fascinating bridges on the river Neva which are raised every night in order to enable the passage of ships sailing to the Baltic.

• **Tour of the Hermitage:** The afternoon is reserved for a tour of the Hermitage, one of the greatest museums of the world! Located within the 1,000+ room Winter Palace, the Hermitage boasts more than 3 million artifacts spread throughout 365 rooms and features an amazing collection of art dating from the early Greek to modern times! Take note of original paintings by famous artists such as Da Vinci, Van Gogh, Gauguin and Monet.

• **Optional Evening Cultural Performance:** (Tickets to be purchased on board) When available, an optional cultural performance (ballet or folklore) will be offered.

July 2 – St. Petersburg

• **Enjoy an optional full day Palace Excursion:** The morning features an excursion to Pushkin, the former village of the Russian royalty. Here you will tour the impressive Catherine's Palace including the fabulous Amber Room – followed by a visit to Petrodvorets, the summer palace of Peter the Great, to tour its magnificent display of grand statues, splendid gardens and fountains powered only by the force of gravity. It was built to rival Versailles in France,

• **Optional Cossack Show:** If time permits, you can purchase a ticket to the exciting folklore show of the St. Petersburg Cossacks in the evening.

July 3 – Cruising Mandroga

After breakfast, the morning will be free to participate in on board activities and entertainment as you begin sailing.

• **Shashlik Barbecue:** Enjoy a unique picnic lunch in a village setting! Taste a Russian shashlik barbecue accompanied by red wine and entertainment by our on board musicians. Be sure to visit the Vodka Museum featuring over 2500 varieties of Russia's national drink! (In case of unforeseeable bad weather, the food and drink will be served on board).

July 4 – Cruising Kizhi Island

This fairy tale island is situated in the northern part of Lake Onega. Kizhi is unique as the site of an outdoor museum which represents the picturesque rural wooden architecture of the region. Its main attraction, the famous Church of the Transfiguration with its 22 cupolas is an outstanding masterpiece of wooden architecture. Not only is it constructed without a single nail or piece of iron, but the tools that were used during its construction were only chisels and axes. The legend says that Master Nester threw away his tools when the construction was finished, saying, "This church was built by Master Nester. There is no church like this in the world and there will never be one!"

- **Kizhi:** Enjoy a Walking Tour of the fascinating island museum
- **Folk Show:** A Folklore concert will be performed by the superb on board folklore troupe

July 5 – Cruising Goritza

A short stop at a typical small Russian village, one of the popular “green station stops.” Here you will explore an authentic Russian village and meet some locals who will invite you into their homes for a taste of homemade piroggs (pastry), tea and a chat!

- **Caviar & Champagne Tasting:** Sample Russian blini pancakes with champagne and caviar on board

July 6 - Cruising Yaroslavl

Founded by Yaroslav the Wise in the 11th century, the city is one of the oldest in Russia. Its primary attractions are in the area around the main square anchored by the Governor's Palace.

- **City tour:** Your tour of this ancient town includes a visit to the Transfiguration of the Savior Monastery dating from the 13th century and the Church of Elijah the Prophet, which houses the famous Yaroslav and Kostroma frescoes. The tour will end with an **optional** a capella concert performed by a 30 member choir!
- **Traditional Russian Dinner with entertainment:** The dinner features national specialties served by staff dressed in national costumes and is accompanied by lively folklore music.

July 7 - Cruising Uglich

• **Walking city tour:** Uglich is famous for the more troubled and violent side of Russian history. It was here that the Russian crown prince Dimitri was assassinated, which eventually led to Boris Godunov ascending the Russian throne. Here on the banks of the Volga, you can also find a rich collection of Russian Orthodox architecture which you will get to see as well as the Church of St. Demetrius of the Blood and the Palace of Tsarevich Dmitri.

- **Classical music concert:** In the afternoon enjoy a concert of classical music.
- **Captain's Farewell Dinner:** Time to dress up and enjoy the festivities as you continue sailing to your final destination: Moscow!

July 8 - Moscow

Moscow, the capital of Russia, is situated between the banks of the rivers Oka and Volga. A metropolis of 8 million people, Moscow today is not only the seat of the Russian government but also home to many world renowned attractions

- **City sightseeing by bus:** A genuine introduction to this exciting city is the guided sightseeing tour by bus, featuring Moscow's major sights such as the humongous Red Square, famous St. Basil's Cathedral and the impressive Kremlin. Your afternoon is free to explore some more on your own or to join one of the **optional** excursions offered by the cruise managers, such as an excursion to the Sergiev Posad Complex, the heart of the Russian Orthodox Church, or take a tour of the famous Moscow Metro and pedestrian Arbat Street.
- **Optional Circus performance:** (Tickets to be purchased on board.) The evening is reserved for a performance of the Moscow Circus, one of the greatest circus acts in the world. Be mesmerized, be entertained, laugh and enjoy!

July 9 – Moscow

Another exciting day lies ahead for you to immerse yourself into this bustling city.

- **Kremlin Tour:** The morning is reserved for an inside look at the Kremlin and its fascinating Cathedrals, giant Tzar Bells and Cannons. The afternoon is free to partake in the **optional tour of the Armory Museum**, the world renowned depository of Royal Russian riches including samples of weapons, carriages, thrones and the famous Faberge eggs.
- Tonight, discover a unique sight of the illuminated city by joining an **optional** Moscow by night tour.

July 10 – Moscow/Chicago

After breakfast on the ship, disembark and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Chicago. Arrive the same afternoon with wonderful memories of your “Russian Cruise”.

TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Deposit is due with reservations, final payment due 120 days before departure.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and air fares in effect 8/13/09. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency in air tariff, in hotel, or transportation rates, notification will be mailed to tour members in writing no later than 30 days prior to departure.

TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: You have the opportunity to purchase an insurance policy to cover you should you have to cancel for a medical reason. In the event you elect not to purchase the trip cancellation insurance, penalties will be implemented according to the terms below.

CANCELLATION: No penalty levied if written notification is received 120 days or more prior to departure date. Between 120-91 days prior to departure, \$600.00 per person penalty. Between 90-60 days prior to departure, 50% penalty, 59 days or later, 100% penalty.

AIRLINE MILEAGE PROGRAM: Eskin Tours' programs are based on negotiated group air fares with various airlines. Some of the airlines may not offer mileage credit when traveling on a group fare.

INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE TRAVEL: One piece of checked luggage is allowed on the tour. Its combined total measurement (length+width+height) cannot exceed 62 inches and 50 lbs. You are also allowed one carry-on per person which must be able to fit under the seat in front of you with a total measurement of 45 inches. All special requests that we receive for particular seating arrangement (must be noted on your reservation form as you sign up for the tour) are forwarded to the airline involved. However, we regret in this time of mass travel and computerized seating reservations; we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, there will be a service charge of \$100.00 per person, plus the additional cost of the change in air fare.

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