

VOLGA DREAM

Cruise Only

from Moscow to St. Petersburg



Day 1. MOSCOW

No transfers, no excursions are included this day.

In the evening embark luxurious *MS Volga Dream* and begin our voyage along Russia's glorious waterways. To get the cruise started in style, you are cordially invited to the Captain's welcome reception and dinner.

Day 2. UGLICH

After a full day of cruising through idyllic forested countryside, we tie up in the ancient trading town of

Uglich, a key point in of Russia's renowned Golden Ring. Explore the impressive Church of St. Dmitri-on-the-Blood, erected on the site where Dmitri, son of Ivan the Terrible, was murdered in 1591. Then an enchanting concert of choral music performed in St. John's Church.

Volga Dream Experience: Documentary Film "Construction of the Moscow Canal"

Meals: B, L, D



Day 3. YAROSLAVL

Founded in 1010, Yaroslavl is one of central Russia's oldest cities in and site of the Volga's first port. The Spassky Monastery houses the Transfiguration of the Savior then marvel at the impressive collection of the mosaics at the Church of Elijah the Prophet. Take part in a costumed reception at the governor's house, before re-boarding the *MS Volga Dream* in time for lunch.

Volga Dream Experience: Costumed Russian Tea Ceremony & Russian Cooking Class

Meals: B, L, D

Day 4. GORITSY

In the tiny settlement of Goritsy, we will visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded in 1397, now home to one of the world's finest collections of Russian icons. After a guided tour, we continue cruising toward the majestic Lake Onega.

Volga Dream Experience: Russian Dinner with Vodka Tasting

Meals: B, L, D



Day 5. KIZHI

Kareliya is the region, that must be seen to be believed, it spans all the way from St. Petersburg to the Arctic Circle, a vast wilderness of forest and water. Lake Onega, is fed by 58 rivers and home to 1,369 islands, including our stop Kizhi with its quant collection of ancient wooden houses and windmills, including the famous and remarkable Transfiguration church, built in 1714 without a single nail being used.

Volga Dream Experience: Piano Concert – pieces by Tchaikovsky and Rakhmaninov

Meals: B, L, D

Day 6. SVIR RIVER AND SVIRSTROY

The highlight of your day in Svirstroy is being invited into a local resident's home. Warm and welcoming Svirstroy villagers will offer tea with jam and "pirozhek" (local pies). They will enthusiastically tell you all about Russian tradition, lifestyle and the attractions of Svirstroy village while proudly showing off their homes and kitchen gardens. After tea hop on a bus for a tour of the nearby town to see the monument of the WWII and visit a local primary school.

Volga Dream Experience: Barbeque on the Open Deck

Meals: B, L, D



Day 7. ST. PETERSBURG



No excursions and transfers are included this day.

Sail through the man made Moscow canal and disembark this afternoon (12 noon) to explore the Russian capital on your own.

Meals: B

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary. Weather, heavy traffic and heavy crowds may affect the order of your sightseeing program.