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Russian River Cruise

11 nights St. Petersburg to Moscow cruise
from \$3699

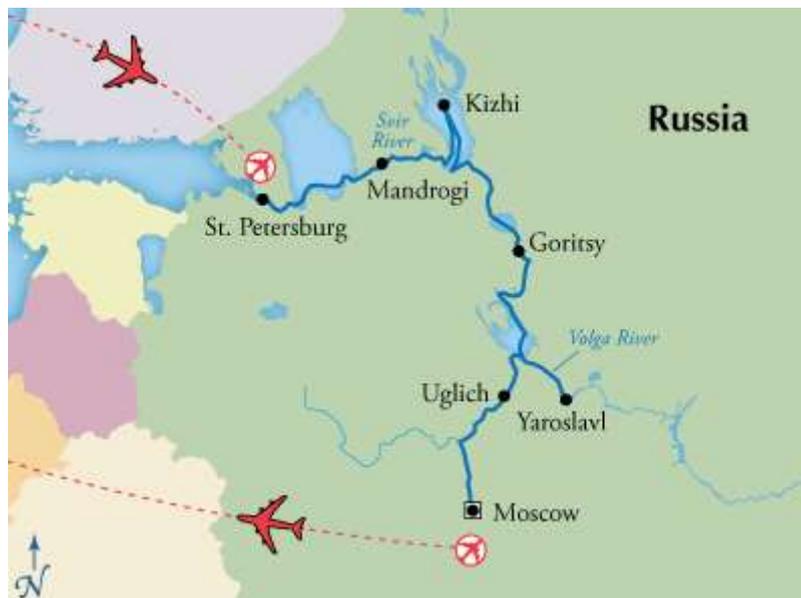
Per person twin share from Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Adelaide or Brisbane

Monthly dates May to Sept 2018

From \$3699 pp: 18 May, 08 Jun, 31 Aug, 21 Sep 2018

From \$3999 pp: 29 Jun, 20 Jul, 10 Aug 2018

Book and pay by deposit of \$1000 per person by 31 July 2017



**Phone Destination International on
1300 813391**

River Cruise Package Includes

- Return economy airfares from Australia-St. Petersburg, Moscow-Australia, flying with Emirates, Thai or Etihad Airways**subj to confirmation
- 10 nights Tourist Class river cruise on **MS Zosima Shashkov**
- 29 meals: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary

Special Features

- Tour of enchanting St. Petersburg with its beautiful Russian architecture
- Visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum
- Sail to Mandrogi, a reconstructed 18th century traditional Russian village
- Stand in awe at the fairy tale Church of Transfiguration in Kizhi, a World Heritage Site
- Walk the lanes of the quaint "Golden Ring" city of Yaroslavl, dating back to the Viking era
- Guided walking tour of the Kremlin grounds

DAY 1, Friday - Depart for Russia

Depart for St. Petersburg, Russia

DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in St. Petersburg

Arrive in astonishingly beautiful St. Petersburg, nestled on the Neva River; transfer (own expense) to the port to embark your cruise. After arrival formalities, time to rest, relax and enjoy your new surroundings. Tonight's dinner welcomes you to Russia and your cruise on the legendary Volga River

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Sunday - St. Petersburg City Tour & Hermitage Museum

Morning tour of enchanting St. Petersburg begins on the stunning Nevsky Prospekt, the main avenue of the city, planned by Peter the Great. Continue to the Palace Square, Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral with its huge golden dome and the magnificent Church of the Saviour on Spilled Blood, a superb example of Russian architecture. This afternoon visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum, housing the largest collection of priceless masterpieces by Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Picasso, Monet, Rembrandt and many others. Tonight, after dinner, attend an *optional* performance of a traditional Russian ballet or opt to take a scenic cruise along St. Petersburg's legendary canals

Optional: Ballet Performance*

Optional: Rivers & Canals of St. Petersburg*

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 4, Monday - Day at Leisure in St. Petersburg

Today is free to explore all of the delights of this magical city on your own. Or, join the *optional* excursion to Pushkin Palace and Peterhof Park. Travel to nearby Pushkin to visit the lavish 18th century Catherine's Palace, summer residence of the Russian Tsars, named for Catherine, widow of Peter the Great. Explore the luxurious palace, an architectural masterpiece, and the surrounding gardens. Visit the reconstructed Amber Room, with its walls covered with dazzling panels of amber, gold leaf and mirrors. Then, continue to Peterhof Palace with its gorgeous landscaped gardens and fountains overlooking the Gulf of Finland. This configuration of palaces and gardens was master-minded by Peter the Great, and is often called the "Russian Versailles." Return to the ship in the late afternoon and set sail from St. Petersburg. This evening, enjoy dinner on board and get to know your fellow travelling companions

Optional: Pushkin Palace & Peterhof Park*

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Tuesday - Village of Mandrogi

Sail to Mandrogi, part of the Valaam Archipelago, a reconstructed 18th century traditional Russian village set amongst a picturesque landscape. Walk through the town with its traditional Russian houses (izba) and browse the shops for handmade Russian crafts, paintings or traditional clothes. Stop at the popular Museum of Russian Vodka, with a collection of over 2500 varieties of vodka from across Russia. Explore the craft workshops where painting, wood carving, weaving lacework and pottery are demonstrated, and then cap off the afternoon with a traditional "shashlik" lunch, served in an open-air pavillion on the shore (weather permitting). In the late afternoon, sail for the island of Kizhi

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 6, Wednesday - Kizhi Church of Transfiguration

This morning arrive to the island of Kizhi. Here, you will stand in awe at the Church of Transfiguration, one of the most impressive wooden structures ever erected. This fairy tale architectural landmark is largely responsible for creating one of the most frequented tourist attractions in Russia. The church features 22 cupolas of striking intricacy, built without using a single nail. Wander through the open-air wooden Architecture Museum with its collection of wooden houses, windmills and churches representing ancient Russian architecture. This entire area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to the ship in time for lunch. This afternoon, attend a Russian tea ceremony on board, or a Russian song class as the ship sails towards Goritsy

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7, Thursday - Monastery of St. Cyril, Goritsy

Morning at leisure on board. Afternoon arrival in Goritsy, an old Russian town with a rich historical and cultural heritage. Stroll the grounds of the 14th century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, also known as the Monastery of St. Cyril of the White Lake, one of the largest and best preserved medieval Abbeys in Russia. The wooden churches and walls built at the original location were replaced over succeeding centuries by impressive stone and masonry structures. The monastery's fortifying walls, which measure 2400-feet-long and 22 feet thick, are truly a very impressive sight. In the late afternoon, reboard your ship and join a festive Russian vodka tasting while sailing for Yaroslavl

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 8, Friday - Yaroslavl City Tour

Arrive this afternoon in the quaint Golden Ring city of Yaroslavl. This beautiful city, one of Russia's oldest, traces its roots back to the days of the Vikings. Stop at the fortified Transfiguration of the Saviour Monastery and its Cathedral, the oldest building in Yaroslavl, dating back 800 years. Continue to the Yaroslavl Museum of Russian Art housed in the 18th century Governor's mansion, with its impressive collection of Russian paintings spread out across many palatial rooms. View the exquisite Church of Elijah the Prophet with its detailed frescoes and icons, a real masterpiece of ancient Russian art and the Church of St. Nicholas the Wonder-worker. Time to browse the local markets for handicrafts and treasures before returning to the ship for dinner

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9, Saturday - Walking Tour of Uglich

Arrive in historic Uglich on the banks of the Volga River. Uglich played an important role in Russian history when Prince Dmitry used it as a hiding place from the bloody reign of his father Ivan the Terrible. His death made the town famous and led to an increasingly turbulent period in Russia's history. This morning's walking tour will visit the Church of St. Dimitry-on-Blood built in honour of the Prince on the exact spot where he was killed by his father's forces, and the Transfiguration Cathedral marvellously decorated with painted icons and frescos. The ship will set sail for Moscow at noon. This evening join the Captain's dinner on board and a delightful show performed by the crew of the *MS Zosima Shashkov*

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 10, Sunday - Moscow City Tour

This morning relax on board as you prepare for an exciting afternoon in Moscow, the fabled capital of Russia. After lunch on board, begin your panoramic city tour at the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, St. Basil's Cathedral and the former headquarters of the KGB. Explore storied Red Square, and visit GUM, a large department store that could easily be confused with a palace. After dinner on board, perhaps opt to join the *optional* Moscow by Night tour that travels to lively Tverskaya Street, with its bustling shops, cafes and restaurants and to Victory Park and the observation platform at Sparrow Hills to see a panoramic view of the whole city. End the evening by travelling a few stops on the remarkable Moscow subway, with its lavishly decorated stations in marble, mosaics, chandeliers and statues

Optional: Moscow by Night*

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 11, Monday - Kremlin Grounds Tour

Visit the Kremlin, one of the best-known monuments in Russia - and in the world. The guided walking tour takes you inside the former residence of the Russian Czars. See the famous Czar Cannon, the 16th century Czar Bell, and Cathedral Square, home to three of Moscow's most elaborate cathedrals: the Cathedral of Assumption, the Cathedral of Annunciation, and the Cathedral of the Archangel. This afternoon return to the ship to rest, explore Moscow on your own or, take the *optional* afternoon tour to the 16th century Novodevichy Convent, proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a superb architectural monument that is one of Russia's best-known cloisters. Tonight, bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends on board

Optional: Kremlin Armoury Chamber*

Optional: Moscow Novodevichy Convent*

Overnight: River Cruise

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 12, Tuesday - Depart Russia

Morning disembarkation in Moscow. The airport is approximately a two hour drive from the port. Transfer (own expense) to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

MS Zosima Shashkov

The MS Zosima Shashkov provides comfortable accommodations for your next Russian river cruise. Cabins are small but include modern conveniences such as air-conditioning and private bath facilities. All cabins feature windows for enjoying the beautiful surroundings. While onboard, you'll have access to two bars, a conference hall, small souvenir shop and doctor's office. The ship's dining room serves a delicious array of Continental and Russian cuisine.



Detailed Information

Ship Statistics	
Year Built	1987
Registry	N/A
Length	423 feet
Beam	55 feet
Passenger Capacity	288
Crew Size	N/A
Total Inside Cabins	0
Total Outside Cabins	142
Cabins & Suites w/ verandas	0
Suites	2
Maximum Occupancy per room	2
Age Restrictions	One person must be 18 or older
Dinner Seatings	1
Seating Assignments	Open
Dining Hours	7PM
Dining Room Dress Code	
Tipping Recommended?	Yes
Tipping Guidelines	\$7 to \$10 per person/day
Onboard Currency	US Dollar

Services & Amenities	
Laundry/Dry Cleaning	No
Library	No
Movie Theatre	No
Outdoor Movie Screen	No
Onboard Weddings	No
Self Serve Laundromats	No
Shops	Yes
Showroom	No
Spa	No
Video Arcade	No
Bars/Lounges	2
Beauty Salon/Barber Shop	No
Chapel	No
Disco/Dancing	No
Elevators	No
Hot Tub	No
Cell Phone Service	No
Internet Access	No
Internet Centre	No
Wireless Internet Access	No
Casino	No
Fitness & Sports Facilities	
Basketball Court	No
Fitness Centre	No
Golf Driving Net	No
Golf Simulator	No
Ice Skating Rink	No
Jogging Track	No
Mini-Golf Course	No
Rock Climbing Wall	No
Swimming Pool	No
Tennis Court	No
Water Sports Platform	No

Cabin Features & Amenities	
24-Hour Room Service	No
Hair Dryer	No
Safe	No
Telephone	No
Television	No
Kids Facilities	
Babysitting	No
Children's Playroom	No
Kiddie Pool	No
Supervised Youth Program	No
Teen Centre	No
Special Needs & Requests	
Adjoining Cabins (private connecting doors)	No
Kosher Meals	No
Single Occupancy Cabins	No
Single Share Program	No
Wheelchair-Accessible Cabins	No

PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS:

- Russian visa
- Optional sightseeing tours
- Airport/cruise port transfers
- Gratuities/tips
- Travel insurance
- Chargeable airline seating
- Items of a personal nature
- Meals/drinks not mentioned in package
- Anything else not mentioned in package



DESTINATION INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS

Please read this information prior to making your reservation

BROCHURE VALIDITY

The information presented in our brochure is correct to the best of our knowledge, but is subject to change without notice. Changes can occur with respect to prices, itineraries, duration of holidays, service standards, tour content, airfares and schedules. This is out of our control. Please ensure you advise details of your requirements at the time of booking.

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX (GST)

The Australian GST does not apply to international travel. Any service fees, courier, cancellation and amendment fees are subject to GST. You will be charged GST where applicable.

DEPOSIT

A deposit is required to confirm your booking (varies depending on package booked). Receipt of deposit will be taken as an understanding by Destination International Holidays that the customer has checked their confirmed travel arrangements and has read and agreed to the terms and conditions.

FINAL PAYMENT

Payment in full must be made no less than 90 days before travel, unless required earlier by any supplier.

PRICES

All prices for our tours are advised in Australian Dollars (\$AUD). They are based on airfares, schedules and tariffs at the time of printing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to vary the cost of the tour, taxes and airline prices if necessary by reason of currency fluctuation, cost increase, or airfare increase. All prices are subject to confirmation from local tour operators. Once full payment has been received by Destination International no surcharges in respect to currency fluctuations will be applied.

ITINERARY CHANGES

Destination International Holidays reserves the right to amend the itinerary for reasons such as service requirements, road or weather conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Where a change is of a significant nature, it will be advised to our customers in writing. Destination International Holidays reserves the right to substitute hotels, lodges, inns and camps with properties of similar standard

AMENDMENT FEES

Should you need to alter your original reservations, there will be an automatic fee charged of \$150 per amendment or transaction. Additionally, there may be cancellation fees levied by the tour operator or fees may be applicable where arrangements have been pre-purchased.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given as follows:

Days' Notice	90 or more	75-90	65-75	65-1
	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

The above are Destination International Holidays cancellation fees. Airlines and Tour Operators may have additional fees. Transfer of a confirmed booking to another tour or departure date is deemed a cancellation of the original booking. There will be no refund for cancellation of unused services on or after commencement date. Please note that employees of any overseas suppliers are not authorised by Destination International Holidays to make any undertakings to our clients in respect of refunds or other matters.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be variations in the size, standard and presentation of rooms and facilities within the one hotel. This is beyond the control of Destination International Holidays.

CLAIMS

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should try and solve it directly with the supplier whilst overseas. If it is not possible to do so please do so in writing within 30 days of completing your Destination International Holidays arrangements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

You must be insured for the duration of your trip. You need comprehensive travel insurance to cover cancellation, health requirements, luggage and additional expenses. Insurance policies rarely cover for loss of cash.

PASSPORT, VISA & VACCINATIONS

You must familiarise yourself with any visa and health requirements that may be applicable in the countries you are visiting. You are responsible for all entry/exit health and any other documents required by laws, regulations, orders, demands or requirements of countries visited or transited. Please note that passport and visa requirements are not the responsibility of Destination International Holidays. We will not be held liable for any loss or expense due to the failure to comply with the above. We recommend that you be in possession of a passport valid for at least 6

months beyond your intended stay overseas.

CONSULAR ADVICE

Official travel advice issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available by calling 1300 555 135 or visiting their web site www.dfat.gov.au. You must review this information both prior to making your booking and prior to departure.

TOUR CONDITIONS

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