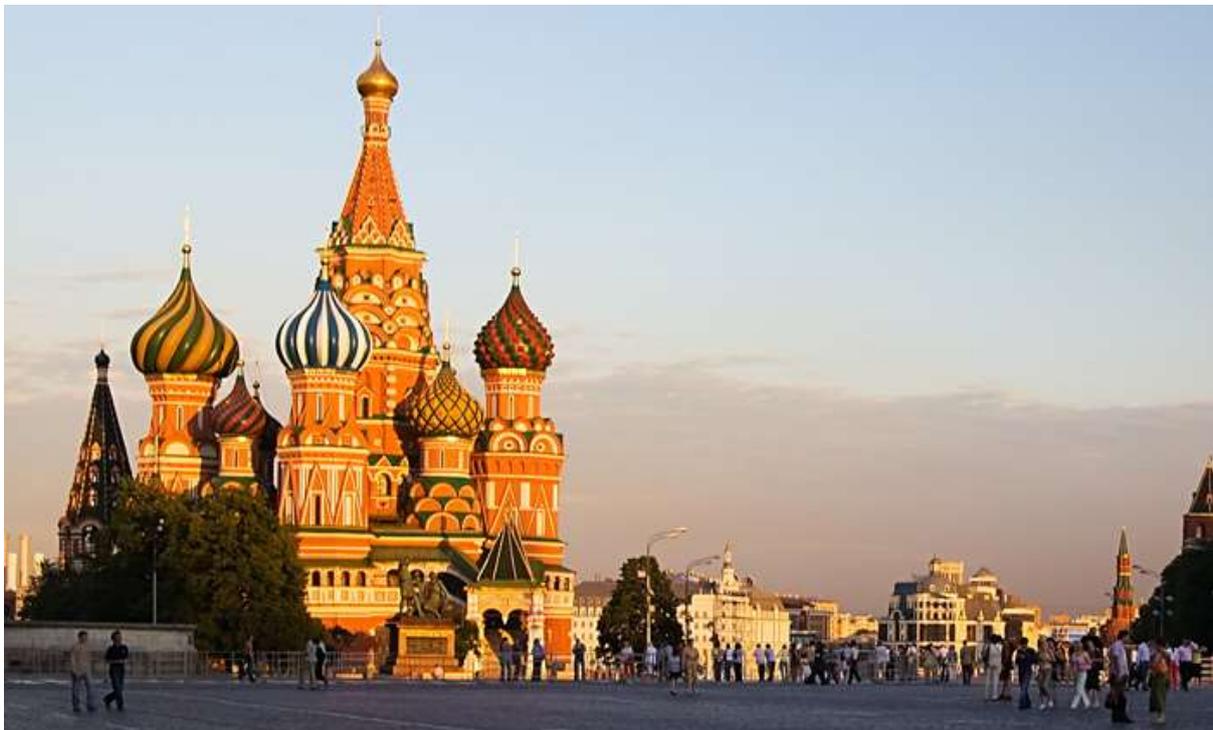




## **13 Day Russian River Cruise**

### **From \$3799 per person**



*\$3799 per person – Departs 06, 27 May 2019.*

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## ***River Cruise Package Includes***

- Return economy Flights All Australia Capital Cities to -Moscow & St. Petersburg  
Darwin Extra \$350 pp Hobart extra \$250 pp Canberra \$250 pp
- 11 nights Tourist Class river cruise on MS Zosima Shashkov
- Port fees
- 32 meals: 11 breakfasts, 10 lunches, 11 dinners
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary

### **Special Features**

Guided walking tour of the Kremlin, a fortified complex at the heart of Moscow

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

### **DAY 1, Monday - Depart for Russia**

Depart for Moscow, Russia

### **DAY 2, Tuesday - Arrive in Moscow**

Arrive in Moscow, Russia's fascinating capital; and embark your cruise. After arrival formalities, leisure time to rest, relax and enjoy your new surroundings. Tonight, a Welcome Dinner sets the mood for your delightful river cruise on the legendary Volga River

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Dinner

### **DAY 3, Wednesday - Moscow City Tour & Kremlin Grounds**

The panoramic tour of Moscow, fabled capital of Russia, begins at the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, 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. View the Cathedral of Christ the Savior, the 16th century Novodevichy (or New Maiden) convent and many more historical sites. After lunch in the city, continue to 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. Tonight, after dinner, 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  
*May 7 departure may have altered sightseeing due to the celebration of Victory Day (May 9th) and further details will be available in early 2018*

**Optional:** Armory Museum

**Optional:** Kostroma National Folk Show\*

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 4, Thursday - Full Day in Moscow**

Discover Moscow on your own today. Join the *optional* 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. Alternatively, participate in the *optional* visit to the world-famous Tretyakov Gallery, the national treasury of Russian fine art, exhibiting more than 130,000 works of painting, sculpture and graphics, created throughout the centuries by successive generations of Russian artists. The ship sails tonight for Uglich

**Optional:** Tretyakov Gallery\*

**Optional:** Moscow Novodevichy Convent\*

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 5, Friday - Walking Tour of Uglich**

Relax on board today. Perhaps, join a Russian language class, or attend a lecture about traditional Russian handicrafts. In the late afternoon, arrive to 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. Visit the Church of St. Dimitry-on-Blood, built in honor of the Prince on the exact spot where he was killed by his father's forces, and the Transfiguration Cathedral marvelously decorated with painted icons and frescoes. This evening, set sail to Yaroslavl

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 6, Saturday - Yaroslavl City Tour**

Arrive this morning 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 Savior 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. This afternoon on board, join the traditional Russian tea ceremony or simply sit back and watch the scenic countryside roll by as you sail to Goritsy

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

#### **DAY 7, Sunday - Monastery of St. Cyril, Goritsy**

Afternoon arrival in Goritsy, with its rich historical and cultural heritage, that is quintessentially Russian. 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 Kizhi

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 8, Monday - Kizhi Church of Transfiguration**

Tour the ship's bridge with the friendly staff, or, continuing practicing your Russian at the language class. Time to relax on board before the late afternoon arrival on the island of Kizhi.\* Here, you'll 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. Set sail for Mandrogi as you dine on board tonight

*\*The operation of the Kizhi Church of Transfiguration is dependent on weather and sea conditions. If canceled, the visit to Kizhi will be replaced with alternate sightseeing.*

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 9, Tuesday - Village of Mandrogi**

In the late morning, dock in Mandrogi, 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 pavilion on the shore (weather permitting). In the late afternoon, rejoin the ship and sail for St. Petersburg, the jewel of Russia

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 10, Wednesday - St. Petersburg City Tour & Hermitage Museum**

Morning tour of enchanting St. Petersburg begins at stunning Nevsky Prospekt, the main avenue of the city, planned by Peter the Great. Continue to view the Palace Square, Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral with its huge golden dome and the magnificent Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a superb example of Russian architecture. This afternoon visit to the world-famous Hermitage Museum, housing the largest collection of priceless masterpieces by Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Picasso, Monet, Rembrandt and many others. After tonight's dinner on board, attend the *optional* Russian Folk Show, showcasing the Cossack culture

**Optional:** Russian Folk Show\*

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 11, Thursday - Peterhof Park Tour**

This morning tour the magical grounds of Peterhof Palace with its gorgeous landscaped gardens and fountains overlooking the Gulf of Finland. This configuration of palaces and gardens was masterminded by Peter the Great, and is often called the "Russian Versailles." Return to the ship in time for lunch. Afternoon at leisure, or join

the *optional* tour to explore the city's rivers, bridges and canals that offer a different perspective of St. Petersburg

**Optional:** Rivers and Canals of St. Petersburg\*

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 12, Friday - Full Day in St. Petersburg**

A full day of leisure to explore all of the delights of this captivating city on your own. Visit the bustling market filled with stalls of gorgeous fruits, vegetables, honey and hundreds of varieties of caviar and vodka. Or, dine on delicious *blinis* at a charming local restaurant. Revisit the Hermitage and spend the afternoon surrounded by magnificent treasures, or join an *optional* tour to the spectacular Pushkin Palace and Pavlovsk Palace. Begin at Puskin Palace and 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. Continue on to Pavlovsk Palace which is considered one of the country's most picturesque estates and is home to an impressive collection of 19th century paintings. Tonight, bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends at dinner on board. Afterwards, attend an *optional* performance of a traditional Russian ballet

**Optional:** Pushkin & Pavlovsk Palace Tour

**Optional:** Ballet Performance\*

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 13, Saturday - Depart Russia**

Morning disembarkation in St. Petersburg. Tour Concludes

**Meals:** Breakfast

Tour add ons:

- Russia Land Tour 8 days from \$1999
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- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

### **Kremlin Armoury Tour**

Following your tour of the Kremlin, visit the Kremlin Armoury that dates back to 1511 and discover the unique compilation of artifacts of the Russian Czars from the 12th-19th

centuries. Here, you will find the largest collection of the world-famous Fabergé eggs. Marvel at Grand Siberian Railway egg, with its gold train, platinum locomotive and ruby headlamp, crafted to commemorate the Moscow–Vladivostok line. View Russian arms and armor, the state regalia, thrones, carriages, and ornate coronation dressers.

**\*Advance purchase is highly recommended for this tour. Tickets are limited and will not be available for purchase locally. *Tickets will be available up to 40 days prior to travel for purchase.***

Day #3

01 Mar 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

AUD\$97.00



### Pushkin Palace & Park & Pavlovsk Palace & Park

Travel to Pushkin to visit Catherine's Palace, summer residence of the Russian imperial family. In 1710 Peter I presented these lands to his second wife Catherine I. Explore the palace and the surrounding park and learn of the long history behind this beautiful site. View the amber panels backed with gold leaf and mirrors in the famous Amber Room, reconstructed after WWII. Afterward, continue to Pavlovsk Palace, the family residence of Paul I. View the 19th century paintings and the Library of the Empress Maria Feodorovna. This is one of the county's largest and most picturesque estates on 1500 acres, uniquely landscaped to incorporate the surrounding swamps and forests.

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Day #12

01 Mar 2019 - 30 Nov 2019

AUD\$189.00



MS Zosima Shashkov



The MS Zosima Shashkov has 140 cabins and 2 suites, all air- conditioned with windows and private bath facilities.

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	Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare	75%	85%	100%

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