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# Russian River Cruise 12 days from \$4499

Per person twin share including flights from Australia



Departures in 2020:

6, 10, 29, 31 May; 31 August; 13, 30 September; 4 October

**Book by 30 June 2019**

**Hurry, limited cabins available!**

## **River Cruise Package Includes**

- Return economy airfares from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane or Perth to St Petersburg and Moscow
- Extra \$295 from Hobart and Canberra
- 10 nights Tourist Class river cruise on MS Zosima Shashkov & MS Chicherin – cabins on Main deck.
- Upgrade to a cabin on boat deck for an extra \$200 per person
- Port fees
- Cruise portorage
- 29 meals: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners
- Shore excursions per itinerary
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Airport to cruise ship transfers

## **Excludes**

- Single supplement
- Russian tourist visa
- Travel insurance (required)
- Sightseeing & shore excursions not listed in the itinerary
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature, such as drinks, laundry etc
- Any items or services not listed in the above inclusions or in the itinerary

*Subject to confirmation by airlines & local operators.  
Booking conditions & cancellation fees apply.*

**Call Destination International on 1300 813 391  
for enquiries & reservations.**

## **About the Russian River Cruise**

Discover the passion and grandeur of Russian history, art and culture. The imperial cities, grand artistic treasures and spectacular architecture of Russia await your arrival. From the glittering metropolises of St. Petersburg and Moscow to the timeless towns along the Golden Ring, you'll experience Russia in all its glory and splendour. Explore the dichotomy of Moscow—rich with monuments to both 15th-century tsars and 20th-century communist leaders. Stand in awe of the massive Kremlin complex, onion-domed St. Basil's Cathedral and the extravagant Moscow metro system. See some of Russia's vast and beautiful

countryside as well as its delightful small towns, where locals still engage in traditional crafts. Cruise along the Golden Ring to some of Russia's most beautiful cities, including Uglich and Yaroslavl, which are known for their white-stone churches and gorgeous monasteries. Be amazed by Kizhi Island's UNESCO-designated Transfiguration Church, a wooden structure built entirely without the use of nails. And uncover regal St. Petersburg, which boasts art-laden galleries and museums, fabled canals and elegant architecture from a wide variety of eras.

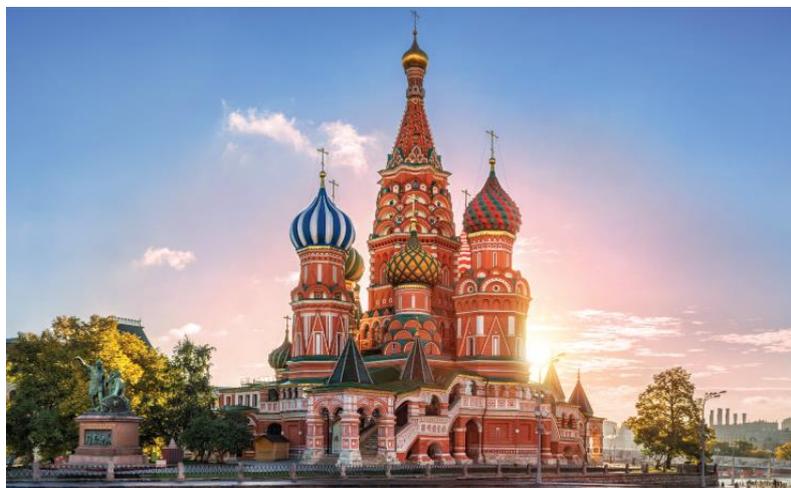
### **Special Features**

- Tour of enchanting St. Petersburg with its beautiful Russian architecture
- Visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum, housing the largest collection of priceless masterpieces
- Sail to Mandrogi, a reconstructed 18th century traditional Russian village
- Stand in awe at the fairy tale Church of Transfiguration in Kizhi, a UNESCO 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, a fortified complex at the heart of Moscow

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### **Know Before You Book - Weather Conditions on the Russian Waterways**

Please be aware of potential conditions which may impact your cruise. While most of the time this Russian river cruise operates exactly as planned, weather conditions such as heavy fog or ice may affect the ship's itinerary. These events typically occur with little or no notice. In the event that a cruise is impacted, the itinerary will include as many of the originally scheduled sightseeing features as possible, considering the travel time and distances required.



## **ITINERARY:**

### **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 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 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 the world-famous Hermitage Museum, housing the largest collection of priceless masterpieces by Michelangelo, Da Vinci, 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 - Full Day 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 masterminded 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 traveling companions

**Optional:** Pushkin Palace & Peterhof Park

**Overnight:** River Cruise

**Meals:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **DAY 5, Tuesday - Village of Mandrogi**

Sail to Mandrogi, a reconstructed 18th century traditional Russian village set amongst a picturesque landscape. Walk through the village 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

*\*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 7, Thursday - Monastery of St. Cyril, Goritsy**

Morning is 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. View 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 food markets 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 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. The ship will set sail for Moscow at noon. This evening join the Captain's dinner on board and a delightful talent show

**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 Savior and the former headquarters of the KGB. Explore storied Red Square with St. Basil's cathedral and the famous red brick walls of the Kremlin before returning to the ship for dinner on board

**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:** Armory Museum

**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 to the airport for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

### **DAY 13, Wednesday – Arrive Australia**

**Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Save at least 10% by booking in advance and paying in Australian dollars
- Book early to guarantee place on the tour
- Travel insurance may only cover services purchased prior to departure
- Call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

### Pushkin Palace & Peterhof Park

Travel to Pushkin to visit Catherine's Palace, the summer residence of the Russian imperial family, with its long history that begins in the early 18th century. In 1710 Peter I presented these lands to his second wife Catherine I. The first palace to be built on the land was a two story stone palace but was demolished and reconstructed several times. Explore the palace and the surrounding park and learn of the long history behind this beautiful site. Take some time to view the amber panels backed with gold leafs and mirrors in the famous Amber Room which was reconstructed after the second world war. Continue to Peterhof, located southwest of St. Petersburg, overlooking the Gulf of Finland, an arm of the Baltic Sea. You will have an opportunity to view the series of palaces and gardens, laid out on the orders of Peter the Great, and sometimes called the "Russian Versailles." Your tour does not feature a visit to the palace but includes time at leisure to explore the Lower Park.

**\*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 #4

01 Mar 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

AUD\$210.00



### 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.

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Day #11

01 Mar 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

AUD\$105.00



## **DESTINATION INTERNATIONAL HOLIDAYS BOOKING CONDITIONS**

**Please read this information prior to making your reservation**

### **BROCHURE VALIDITY**

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### **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.

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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**

Any deviation to packages advertised or quotes will incur a fee of \$150 per person.

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

In addition, we charge

- \$50 per person for all airline seat reservations and baggage charges plus any airline fees.
- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
- \$75 per person to reissue any travel documents lost in the mail.
- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

**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%

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**CLAIMS**

If you encounter any problems on your holiday, you should to 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.

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