

# **EUROPE RIVER CRUISING 2023**

Discover exotic Russia and the treasures of a richly layered past on a premium Travelmarvel river cruise. Explore Moscow and St Petersburg, as well as small villages, as you glide along the intriguing Russian waterways.

### FLIGHTS INCLUDED + SAVE UP TO \$800 PER COUPLE\*



## TREASURES OF RUSSIA 11 DAYS FROM \$5,995\* PP TWIN SHARE

- 10 nights on a premium river ship, the MS Rossia
- Services of a Travelmarvel Cruise Director and local guides
- 29 meals 10 breakfasts (B), 9 lunches (L) and 10 dinners (D)
- Daily filtered water, tea and coffee, as well as soft drink, beer and wine during dinner on your cruise
- Explore seven towns, villages and cities
- Transfers, port charges and tipping
- See the attractions of St Petersburg, including Peter and Paul Fortress, Peterhof Palace and the Hermitage Museum
- Discover Yaroslavl, the pearl of the Golden Ring cities
- Explore World Heritage-listed Kizhi Island
- See Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral in Moscow





### Treasures of Russia St Petersburg to Moscow 11 Days

Discover the rich history and culture of Russia, and see its priceless treasures as you cruise along its waterways. Your premium Travelmarvel river ship will take you from the imperial splendour of St Petersburg to the fascinating streets of modern Moscow and its iconic monuments. Along the way, be entranced by stunning architecture, timeless villages and welcoming people.

Day 1. Arrive St Petersburg, Embark Ship Fly into St Petersburg, Russia's extravagant cultural hub. Be met on arrival at the airport and transfer with a group to your river ship. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure. 10 Nights: aboard your river ship, the MS Rossia.

Day 2. St Petersburg, City Tour, Peterhof Park Tour one of the most beautiful cities in the world, St Petersburg. See Nevsky Prospect, the University quarter, Palace Square and tour the Bath Block. Admire the ornate fountains and gardens in Peterhof Park.

Day 3. St Petersburg, Hermitage Museum Founded by Tsar Peter the Great, St Petersburg boasts a network of canals as well as

baroque and neoclassical buildings, which give the city a distinctive European flavour. Be prepared to be dazzled today as you visit the State Hermitage to explore one of the oldest and most impressive museums in the world BI D

Day 4. Mandrogi Today, cruise down the Neva River. Along the way, you'll be treated to a Russian language lesson on board, where you'll learn some essential phrases. Arrive in Mandrogi, a tiny island village that is a living museum. Wander through the quirky collection of old wooden houses. Then see the famous Vodka Museum. Enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch and be sure to meander through the curious artisan shops filled with beautiful handmade gifts. Afterwards, re-board your ship and set sail along the peaceful Svir River. BLD

Day 5. Kizhi Island Absorb the picturesque Russian countryside as you cruise towards Lake Onega, Europe's second-largest lake. Then, watch in awe as you approach the spellbinding sight of Kizhi Island. Here, you can wander through the Open Air Museum of Architecture, a renowned World Heritage-listed site on Kizhi Island, Marvel at the island's impressive collection of wooden houses, windmills and churches. The island is

dominated by the three-tiered Transfiguration Church, a 22-dome structure built in 1714 without a single nail.

Day 6. Goritsy Today, cruise across the ethereal White Lake and along the Volga-Baltic Waterway, which connects the Baltic and Caspian seas. Arrive in Goritsy, and enjoy a tour of one of the largest medieval abbeys in Russia, the Monastery of St Cyril. Today the monastery remains an important part of Russia's spiritual history, and features an intriguing collection of ancient artefacts.

Day 7. Yaroslavl Today, discover the pearl of the Golden Ring cities, Yaroslavl, Founded by Prince Yaroslav the Wise, this is one of Russia's oldest cities and dates back to the age of the Vikings. Explore the World Heritage-listed historic centre, adorned with classical architecture and goldendomed churches, and visit a 12th-century monastery. BI D

Day 8. Uglich Watch idyllic rural life unfold along the banks as your ship cruises to Uglich. Here, disembark for a tour that allows you to embrace olden-day Russia. See the former Kremlin of Uglich and visit the colourful Church of St Demetrios on the Blood. built on the site where Ivan the Terrible's son Demetrios was mysteriously killed in 1591. This

afternoon, set sail along the Volga River towards Moscow.

Day 9. Moscow Cruise into Moscow, Russia's capital. On arrival, explore some of the city's landmarks and uncover 860 years of history on a tour with a local guide. See the Kremlin, a fortified complex that was once the royal residence of the Tsars. Here, visit the Armoury Museum, which boasts a staggering collection of Tsarist artefacts, priceless jewellery BLD and impressive armour.

Day 10. Moscow Today in Moscow, enjoy a tour of Russia's most iconic monuments and legendary palaces as you head to Red Square, where you'll admire the ornate beauty of the oniondomed St Basil's Cathedral. Take in the famous GUM Department Store, Sparrow Hill and Lubyanka Square and see the city's intriguing past play out through its striking imperial and Soviet architecture. Enjoy free time to explore Moscow this afternoon. Back on board this evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner and share a toast to new friends with a glass of Russian vodka. BLD

Day 11. Disembark Ship, **Depart Moscow** Disembark your ship and be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

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