Waterways of Russia

St. Petersburg • Moscow

Cruising aboard the Deluxe M.S. Volga Dream

June 13 to 23, 2014
Dear Oberlin Travelers:

The timeless pageant of Russia reveals itself in the scenic rivers, lakes and canals that link St. Petersburg with Moscow. Between these two great cultural capitals lies a countryside seemingly untouched by the 20th century. Golden-domed churches rise out of the early morning mist, quaint wooden villages and old-world farms dot the verdant landscape, and the gentle light of summer evenings gives an otherworldly aura to the banks of Russia’s great “blue road” of inland waterways.

Explore the greatest artistic, historical and architectural treasures of classical Russian culture, and several “Golden Ring” cities, during an excellent time of year. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. VOLGA DREAM, the most deluxe and lowest passenger density small ship cruising Russia’s waterways. Visit splendid St. Petersburg, Russia’s “window on the West,” the majestic legacy of that most visionary of czars, Peter the Great. From St. Petersburg, cruise through the heartland of Mother Russia, where everyday life goes on at the measured pace it has kept for generations. Here, villagers still dwell in traditional wooden cottages and preserve the folkways of their ancestors, and onion-domed churches and fortified monasteries testify to the abiding faith of the Russian people. Our program concludes with one night aboard ship in the fabled city of Moscow, the political and commercial capital of the world’s largest country and the cultural frontier between East and West.

This unique opportunity features the premier ship in Russia and a thoughtfully crafted, comprehensive itinerary featuring opportunities to see nine UNESCO World Heritage sites and to travel with Oberlin Professor of Russian and Comparative Literature, Tim Scholl. This popular program has sold out quickly each year it is offered, so I encourage you to reserve today while Early Booking Savings and space are available.

Warm regards,

M. Danielle Young
Executive Director
Oberlin College Alumni Association

Study Leader
Professor Tim Scholl is a scholar of Russian and dance historian. A specialist in 19th- and 20th-century ballet, Scholl holds degrees from Yale University (Ph.D. 1991) and Vanderbilt University (BA 1984). His research interests include Russian literature, Cold War and culture, dance history, and Russian and Soviet ballet. He has formed a close relationship with Oberlin choir alumni who made the historic and transformative tour of the former Soviet Union and Romania during the spring of 1964, and he looks forward to traveling to Russia with Oberlin alumni.
U.S.
Day 1
Depart the U.S. for St. Petersburg, Russia.

St. Petersburg, Russia
Day 2
Arrive in St. Petersburg and meet your Travel Director. Transfer to the deluxe m.s. VOLGA DREAM. The ship remains docked overnight on the great Neva River, which flows majestically through the heart of St. Petersburg, known as the “Venice of the North.”

St. Petersburg
Day 3
Enjoy a specially reserved entrance and tour of the State Hermitage Museum, former palace of Catherine the Great and repository of one of the world’s oldest and greatest art collections, rivaled only by the museum’s ornate interiors. View the priceless collection of 19th- and 20th-century French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works as well as 74 masterpieces “lost” in a storeroom during World War II and rediscovered in 1995.

The afternoon is at leisure in St. Petersburg, or you can choose to join the optional excursion to skim over the Gulf of Finland by hydrofoil to Petrodvorets, the splendid summer palace and parklands commissioned by Peter the Great, now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

This evening, attend an optional Russian ballet or music performance (performance schedule permitting).

St. Petersburg
Day 4
This morning enjoy time on your own or join the optional excursion to Catherine the Great’s imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (Czar’s Village), a UNESCO World Heritage site, in Pushkin. Tour the elaborate Baroque palace, built in 1741. See the extraordinary Amber Room: six tons of solid amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf, once deemed the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Stripped and confiscated by the Nazis in 1941, the Amber Room was meticulously reconstructed in 2003 in honor of St. Petersburg’s 300th birthday.

On the afternoon tour, explore the city’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site whose legendary landmarks are scattered across more than 100 islands linked by more than 300 bridges. St. Petersburg’s main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture. See the beautiful Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II’s assassination; see the Admiralty tower; and visit 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral’s dazzling interior of malachite and lapis lazuli—its striking golden dome is one of the glories of the city’s skyline. Tour the city’s oldest edifice, the Peter and Paul Fortress, built in 1703 to guard the country’s only outlet to the Baltic Sea. The impressive Baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul contains the tombs of czars from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening as the ship departs St. Petersburg.

Cover photo: Stroll along Petrodvorets’ majestic Grand Cascade, a testament to the power and vision of Peter the Great.

Photo this page: The colorful domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral, one of the most recognized symbols of Russia, scintillate over Moscow’s iconic Red Square.
Day 5
Admire the passing wilderness of serene meadows and virgin pine and birch forests lining the river banks and shores of the Neva River and Lake Ladoga, the largest freshwater reservoir in Europe. The ship calls this afternoon at Mandrogi, a small riverside village, before continuing along the sparkling Svir River between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega, dotted with over 1600 small islands.

Lake Beloye/Goritsy/Sheksna River
Day 7
Along the shores of Lake Beloye, see rural communities continuing the traditions of Old Russia.
From the tranquil village of Goritsy, visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded in 1397. It is said that Vasily III came here to pray for an heir, and soon after, his wife Elena gave birth to the future Ivan the Terrible, the first Czar of Russia. Farther along the Sheksna River, catch glimpses of a bygone era as you pass rustic family farms and quaint dachas, traditionally the seasonal cottages of Russia’s elite.
This evening, enjoy a dinner that will include traditional Russian specialties followed by a specially arranged sampling of Russian vodkas.

The beautiful Goritsy Monastery was founded in 1544 by one of Ivan the Terrible’s daughters-in-law. It was used as a place of political exile for women of noble birth in the late 16th century and now houses a small community of nuns.

Kizhi Island/Lake Onega
Day 6
Early this morning, be on deck for the unforgettable approach to picturesque Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This remarkable open-air museum is a treasure trove of 18th-century Karelian and north Russian wooden architecture. Admire the Church of the Transfiguration, an architectural masterpiece featuring 22 cupolas built completely of wood without a single nail!

Enjoy an afternoon cruise on scenic Lake Onega within sight of the beautifully untouched, pastoral, Karelian countryside, home to many ethnic Finns.
Lake Rybinskoye/Yaroslavl
Day 8
This morning, cruise Lake Rybinskoye, surrounded by scenic wilderness. After lunch, dock in Yaroslavl, the oldest town on the Volga River and one of the “Golden Ring” of fortified 11th to 15th-century towns and villages built to surround Moscow. This UNESCO World Heritage site, the “Florence of Russia,” is known for its authentic Russian churches crowned with painted onion domes and soaring turrets. Kizhi Island's wooden Church of the Transfiguration is completely built of wood without a single nail.

Uglich/Volga River
Day 9
Arrive in the “Golden Ring” town of Uglich and walk to the small 17th-century Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible’s young son tragically met his demise. Admire its cluster of red turrets capped with shimmering blue onion domes and the elegant frescoes that adorn the inside. Continue to the stately five-domed Cathedral of the Transfiguration, built along the Volga River in 1713.

This afternoon, cruise the great Volga River, the main artery of the Russian heartland for over a millennium, and into the Moscow Canal, which gives Moscow access to the White, Baltic, Caspian, Azov and Black Seas.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Moscow
Day 10
Arrive in Russia’s great capital located on the Moscow River which flows leisurely through the city, and that has embodied the heart and soul of Russia for over 850 years.

Explore Moscow's cultural and historical treasures beginning with a visit to the Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the imposing halls of this fabled “Citadel of the Czars.” Tour the Armory, the oldest museum in Russia, and see the authentic State treasures including the magnificently bejeweled Fabergé eggs commissioned by the Romanov czars.

See infamous Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site where both Romanov czars and Soviet commissars have flexed their might and power. Admire the multicolored grandeur of the 16th-century St. Basil’s Cathedral, one of the country’s most beautiful Orthodox monuments.

Moscow/U.S.
Day 11
Disembark the ship and continue on the Moscow Post-Cruise Option, or transfer to the airport for your flight to the U.S.
St. Petersburg Pre-Cruise Option
Begin your journey to Russia in a city known for its romantic waterways and architectural treasures. Visit Yusupov Palace, the infamous setting for Rasputin’s assassination and one of the few residences to retain many original interiors. In Pavlovsk, tour the 18th-century Great Palace, built for Catherine the Great’s son, Paul. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe ANGLETERRE HOTEL.

Moscow Post-Cruise Option
Further explore the jewels of the heart of Mother Russia with a visit to the magnificent State Tretyakov Gallery and the fascinating Bunker 42 on Taganka Cold War Museum. Accommodations for two nights are included in the Five-Star MARRIOTT ROYAL AURORA HOTEL, ideally located in the city center. The Pre- and Post-Cruise Options are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

M.S. VOLGA DREAM
Exclusively chartered, the deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM sets the standard for ships cruising the waterways of Russia. Its meticulous design, elegant appointments and richly deserved reputation for impeccable service provide guests with an unprecedented level of luxury on Russia’s waterways.

Each river-view Suite and Cabin features a wood- and marble-accented private bathroom, one queen bed or two twin beds, individual climate control, telephone, satellite television, minibar, safe, radio and plush robes. Most accommodations have one large picture window.

Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served in single, unassigned seatings in the dining room. Skilled chefs specialize in the preparation of savory continental and local cuisine. Complimentary house wine and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours a day.

The inviting Lounge offers live music, a well-stocked bar and panoramic windows, and the Library has Internet access. The full-length Sun Deck with teak planking and deck chairs recreates the ambiance of an oceangoing yacht. The ship has a Boutique, Fitness Room, Sauna and Laundry.

Moscow’s iconic Red Square was once a 15th-century marketplace.
St. Petersburg's Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul was the city's first building to be commissioned in 1703.

Included Features
Educational program of faculty presentations.

On board the chartered, Deluxe m.s. VOLGA DREAM
♦ Cruise on Russia's legendary waterways—the Neva River, Lake Ladoga, the Svir River, Lake Onega, Lake Beloye, the Sheksna River, Lake Rybinskoye and the Volga River.
♦ Nine-night cruise with port calls at St. Petersburg, Mandrogi, Kizhi Island, Goritsy, Yaroslavl and Uglish; and one night in Moscow.
♦ Deluxe, air-conditioned, river-view accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
♦ All meals—breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner (including Russian specialties).
♦ One traditional Russian dinner featuring authentic culinary specialties.
♦ Complimentary house wine and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner.
♦ Coffee and tea served with all meals.
♦ Captain's Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
♦ Specially arranged Vodka sampling.
♦ Live piano performances every evening.
♦ Specially reserved entrance and guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ City tour of St. Petersburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring visits to the 18th-century Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac's Cathedral.
♦ Walking tour of Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Visit to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery near Goritsy.
♦ City tour of medieval Yaroslavl, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Walking tour of Uglich, including the Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood.
♦ Visit to Moscow's imposing Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Armory Museum's czarist treasures, featuring the world's largest collection of Fabergé eggs.
♦ Tour of Moscow, highlighted by the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral.

Enhanced Travel Services
♦ Transfers and baggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
♦ A selection of optional excursions available at additional cost.
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♦ The services of an experienced team of Gohagan & Company Travel Directors throughout the program.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
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St. Petersburg's Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul was the city’s first building to be commissioned in 1703.
Among the world’s prodigious capitals of culture, no two cities are held in higher regard than St. Petersburg and Moscow. St. Petersburg will capture your imagination; Moscow will stir your soul.

The very creation of St. Petersburg was a cultural statement by Peter the Great, whose vision was to “open a window on the West” to rival Europe’s greatest cities. This epicenter of art and architecture is showcased during a specially reserved entrance and tour of the State Hermitage Museum to allow you to view the incomparable treasures of Catherine the Great’s spectacular collections. True to Peter the Great’s vision, St. Petersburg, the artistic, literary and musical center of Russia, has engendered universally revered ballets, novels and classical compositions.

An important trading hub long before Ivan the Terrible declared it Russia’s capital (1547), Moscow is a medieval city in its layout and original architecture. Today this sophisticated city is a showcase of four UNESCO World Heritage sites and continues to be the pulse of Russian finance, commerce, education and research. Here, you will visit the mesmerizing Kremlin complex of museums, including the famous Armory, golden-domed churches and functional government buildings, and sense firsthand the power of one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Catherine the Great’s legendary Hermitage Museum.
LAND/Cruise Tariff (per person, double occupancy)

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- Owner's Suite available on request at additional cost to be advised.
- Singles are available in category 5 at $9495 and in category 4 at $10195 on or before January 6, 2014. Add $1000 for reservations made after January 6, 2014.
- *taxes are an additional $255 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. VOLGA DREAM has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

WATERWAYS OF RUSSIA Reservation Form

Send to: Oberlin College Alumni Association
Ward Alumni Center
65 E. College St., Suite 4
Oberlin, OH 44074-1681

For information, phone: Gohagan & Company at 800-922-3088 or Oberlin Alumni Association at 440-775-8692.

Title    Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)    Class Year
Title    Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)    Class Year
Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)
City    State    ZIP Code
Telephone: (Home)    (Business)
Email Address    (Mobile)
Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s)    Tour No. 033-06/13-226

Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person St. Petersburg Pre-Cruise Option and/or $200 per person Moscow Post-Cruise Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number    Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by March 10, 2014.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:
1st Choice    2nd Choice
- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
St. Petersburg Pre-Cruise Option
- Double at $850 per person.
- Single at $1130 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Moscow Post-Cruise Option
- Double at $860 per person.
- Single at $1260 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want you to book my/our air from

(please indicate departure city)

Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
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