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RUSSIAN RIVER CRUISE DAY TO DAY ITINERARY 2020

Day One:

Today we are picked up at our homes and whisked off to Pearson airport for our flight to Moscow. Fly overnight to Moscow.

Day Two: Moscow

Today we arrive in the historic city of Moscow where you will be met and transferred to your ship for embarkation. This evening, enjoy dinner and live piano music on board.

Day Three: Moscow

Today we explore Russia's enigmatic capital on an included city tour this morning, admiring highlights such as the colorful onion domes of St. Basil's Cathedral, legendary Red Square, Tverskaya Street and GUM. This afternoon, marvel at imposing red-brick towers, extravagant palaces, and historic Cathedral Square on an included trip to the Kremlin, where gleaming gold domes and cupolas sit atop three of the Kremlin's best-known architectural treasures: the Dormition, Annunciation, and Archangel Michael Cathedrals. You may enjoy optional tours to the Armory museum or attend an exciting Circus performance. Another option would be a Moscow by night Metro tour.

Day Four: Moscow

This morning, explore Moscow further or take advantage of one of the optional excursions available, including a trip to Sergiyev Posad, a tour of the New Maiden's Convent or Tretyakov Gallery. This evening, enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner on board and a live concert.

Day Five: Uglich

Enjoy a Russian Language Lesson and a traditional Russian Song Class this morning as you cruise to Uglich, one of Russia's Golden Ring cities. Explore this fascinating 12th-century village on a walking tour that includes the former Kremlin, the haunting Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, and the Transfiguration Cathedral before returning to your ship for this evening's Folk concert.

Day Six: Yaroslavl

Another Golden Ring city, Yaroslavl is one of Russia's best-loved towns. View the city's highlights on an included bus tour to see the exterior of the Church of Elijah the Prophet before visiting the colorful local market, the Church of St. Nicholas the Miracle Worker, and the Governor's House Art Exhibition. Back on board, we experience a Russian Tea Ceremony.

Day Seven: Goritsy

Slowly wake up in the morning as you cruise across White Lake. In the afternoon, reach Goritsy, a quaint village settlement near the famous Kirill-Belosersk (St. Cyril) Monastery and enjoy a visit to the intriguing Museum of Icons. Tonight, feast on a traditional Russian dinner before tonight's Vodka and Blind Tasting Party (Optional on Ms Nikolay. Chernyshevsky).



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Day Eight: Kizhi

Cruise to Lake Onega's picture-book island of Kizhi for a visit to the impressive Museum of Wooden Architecture. Famed for its distinctive Transfiguration Church with 22 cupolas, the UNESCO World Heritage Site is also home to many other ancient wooden buildings, painstakingly relocated from all over Russia. This evening, enjoy a pirate-themed dinner on board.

Day Nine: Mandrogui

Built to resemble a traditional Russian hamlet, Mandrogui is set amidst pretty parkland on the banks of the Svir River and is peppered with pretty wooden buildings topped with colorful tiles and woodcarvings. Enjoy the shops and artisan workshops before tucking into a tasty Russian treat: a succulent shashlik kebab. On board this evening, enjoy Captain's Dinner before getting the chance to star in tonight's talent show!

Day Ten: St Petersburg

St. Petersburg is Russia's second largest and second most important city - the Northern capital of the country, Russia's cultural center, and considered the world's "Northern Venice" due to its extensive system of canals and islands. This morning, admire St. Petersburg's historic centre on an included tour and take in highlights such as the Old Stock Exchange and Smolny Convent, the impressive Winter Palace façade, Peter & Paul Fortress, and Nevsky Prospect with its ornate onion-domed Church of the Resurrection and beautiful St. Isaac Cathedral. After lunch, visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum on an included excursion.

Day Eleven: St Petersburg

This morning, enjoy an excursion to Peterhof, where you will visit the beautiful lower park and see the exterior of the palace. In the afternoon, you may take an optional transfer into St. Petersburg to explore the city at leisure. The optional tour takes you to Pushkin, home to the luxurious summer palaces of former Russian royalty. You may visit Catherine Palace to marvel at the many lavish chambers, such as the famed Amber Room. This evening, join the optional excursion to a Russian Ballet.

Day Twelve: St Petersburg

St. Petersburg is yours to enjoy as we have a free day in this splendid city! Today's optional excursions could include the magnificent St. Isaac's Cathedral, or discover the Yusupov Palace or enjoy a cruise along the city's canals.

Day Thirteen: St Petersburg Departure (Disembarkation)

Our holiday ends with breakfast this morning. You will be transferred to the airport and fly home to Toronto. Upon arrival in Toronto we will be whisked off to our homes by limousine. We bring with us many fond memories of this fascinating land!

Welcome Home!