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June 8–17, 2017

Waterways of the Tsars
Moscow to St. Petersburg
Aboard *Volga Dream*
with Adam Eaker



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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Sailing the waterways of Russia was a royal tradition for her rulers, and the Romanovs' imperial yacht, the *Standart*, was the envy of Europe when Nicholas II reigned. Please join me next summer as we sail the mighty Volga River into the heartland of the country, stepping ashore in Golden Ring towns few Americans have visited.

From Moscow, embark on an eight-night voyage aboard the elegant *Volga Dream*. Call at Uglich, founded a thousand years ago, to hear an *a cappella* choir inside a 15th-century church. Visit two medieval monasteries in Goritsy and explore the magical island of Kizhy. Enjoy stunning scenery as you cross Europe's largest freshwater lake to arrive in St. Petersburg for a three-day finale during the White Nights, when the evening sky never darkens. Admire the city's pastel palaces on a canal cruise, tour Catherine Palace to see the exquisitely recreated Amber Room, and visit the newly opened Fabergé Museum. An exclusive after-hours visit to the Hermitage features a champagne reception and classical music performed by a chamber group. Onboard classes in Russian language and cuisine will enhance your travel experience.

Please join me for the optional prelude in Moscow, which will include a visit to the Kremlin before public hours and a tour of the beautiful stations of the Moscow Metro, known as "the People's Palaces."

I am delighted to be leading this voyage for The Met. My talks on the art of the region will be complemented by lectures from a professor of Slavic languages and literatures at Yale University and an architectural historian of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

I hope you will join me for this fascinating program.

Sincerely,
Adam Eaker
Assistant Curator, Department of European Paintings



Adam Eaker

Adam Eaker, Assistant Curator in The Met's Department of European Paintings, studied art history at Yale and Columbia, where he received his PhD in 2016. A specialist in Northern European and British painting of the sixteenth through eighteenth centuries, he was previously a visiting scholar at the Rubenianum research center in Antwerp. Before joining the staff of The Met, he served as Anne L. Poulet Curatorial Fellow and subsequently guest curator at the Frick Collection, where he co-curated the exhibition *Van Dyck: The Anatomy of Portraiture* (2016).

Trip Highlights

- Cruise the scenic waterways of Russia, stepping ashore in historic Golden Ring towns
- Explore less-visited UNESCO World Heritage Sites, including the Ferapontov Monastery and the fairy-tale island of Kizhy
- Delight in the stirring voices of an intimate choral ensemble, enhanced by the flawless acoustics at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Uglich
- Spend an afternoon at Peterhof, "the Russian Versailles"
- Enjoy an exclusive after-hours visit to the Hermitage with a champagne reception and live classical music by a chamber group





Photos clockwise from top right: M.S. *Volga Dream*; frescoes at the Ferapontov Monastery, Goritsy; caviar and *blini*, photo by Lena Khachina; Amber Room at Catherine Palace, St. Petersburg, photo by Larry Koester; Church of St. Demetrius on the Spilled Blood, Uglich, photo by harwell2008; White Night in St. Petersburg, photo by Cath Bunton. Front cover photo: The Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg, photo by Anton Sokolov. Back cover photo: *Danish Palaces Egg*. Miniatures by Konstantin Yakovlevich Krijitski. Workmaster: Mikhail Evlampievich Perkhin (Russian, 1860–1903). Green, rose, and quatre-couleur gold, guilloché enamel, star sapphire, cabochon emerald, rose-cut diamond nacre, crystal crimson silk velvet. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Matilda Geddings Gray Foundation, 1890 (L.2011.66.53a–c).

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Fabergé Museum, St. Petersburg, photo by Lilly White

An optional three-night prelude in Moscow is offered from June 5-9.

U.S. Departure

Thursday, June 8

Depart the U.S. on an overnight flight to Moscow.

Moscow, Russia / Embark *Volga Dream*

Friday, June 9

Arrive in Moscow and transfer to the river port north of the city to board the awaiting *Volga Dream*.

Uglich

Saturday, June 10

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise to Uglich, whose medieval buildings loom above a sharp bend in the river. At the five-domed Church of the Transfiguration, an *a cappella* concert creates a starkly beautiful contrast with the glittering iconostasis surrounding the singers. Learn about the important role Uglich played in the rise of the Romanov Dynasty at the Chapel of Dimitry, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible's youngest son met his death. Tonight, join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner.

B, L, R, D

Goritsy

Sunday, June 11

Visit the UNESCO-listed Ferapontov Monastery, graced with frescoes that are considered among the finest examples of medieval Russian art. Enjoy some free time in this peaceful village, or tour the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery ("the Monastery of St. Cyril on the White Lake"), once one of the most important in Russia. Cross Lake Belye—formerly known as "the tsar's fishing grounds"—en route to Lake Onega, the second-largest lake in Europe.

B, L, D

Kizhy

Monday, June 12

This morning learn to make traditional crepes and dumplings (*blini* and *pelmeni*) at an onboard cooking class. In the afternoon, step ashore on the tiny island of Kizhy, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Lake Onega. Discover the open-air Museum of Architecture, including its fairy-tale Church of the Transfiguration, whose onion domes shimmer like silver.

B, L, D

Svir River Cruise

Tuesday, June 13

Be on deck as *Volga Dream* cruises the Svir River toward Lake Ladoga, Europe's largest freshwater lake, passing graceful willow, alder, and pine trees along the shore. In the festive village of Mandrogi, sample the Russian national drink at the Vodka Museum before returning to the ship to join the captain for caviar and *blini*.

B, L, R, D

St. Petersburg

Wednesday, June 14

Stay three nights in this imperial capital, moored in the Neva River aboard *Volga Dream*. View the Hermitage's unparalleled French Impressionist collection, then travel by hydrofoil to Peterhof, known as the Russian Versailles. Peter the Great's magnificent complex of palaces and gardens has been renovated to its former Baroque splendor after near-destruction during World War II. Try to outwit the "trick fountains" Peter installed in the lower gardens, and enter Monplaisir Palace to see where Catherine the Great took her baths.

B, L

St. Petersburg

Thursday, June 15 — Friday, June 16

Travel to Catherine Palace to see the exquisitely recreated Amber Room and stroll in the formal gardens. Admire the city's pastel palaces on a canal cruise and return to the Hermitage for an exclusive after-hours visit highlighted by a champagne reception and classical music performed by a chamber group. You may also choose a guided tour of the Church of Spilled Blood or a visit to the newly opened Fabergé Museum. Celebrate your Russian voyage with a memorable farewell dinner on board.

B, L, D

Disembark *Volga Dream* / U.S. Return

Saturday, June 17

Disembark this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home.

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Peterhof Museum, St. Petersburg, photo by Noorul Farha As'art

The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the Terms & Conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms

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Land/Cruise Rates

Cabin Categories	Cabin Numbers	Decks	Rates
Standard Cabin Twin beds.	101 to 108	Cabin Deck	\$6,995
Superior Cabins Twin beds.	201 to 210	Main Deck	\$7,995
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Junior Suites Double beds.	316 & 405	Promenade & Sun Deck	\$9,995
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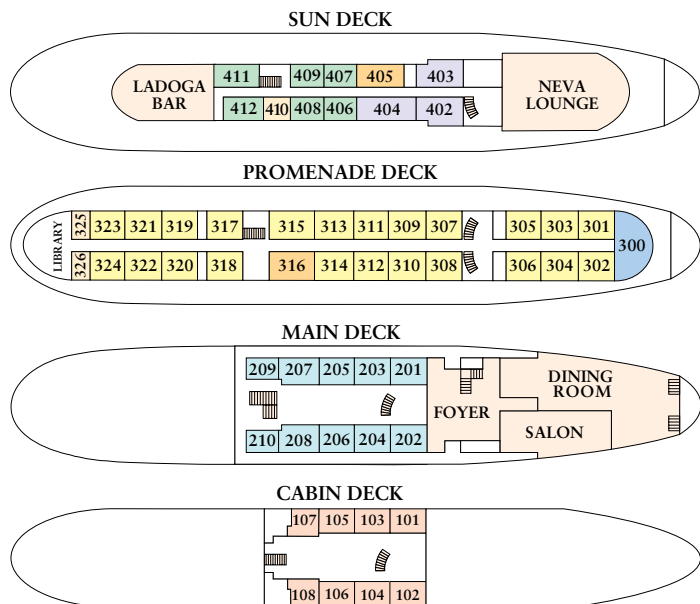
Rates Include

- Enrichment program of lectures and discussions with Adam Eaker and other experts
- Eight nights cabin accommodations aboard *Volga Dream*
- All meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee / tea with all meals; wine / beer with lunches and dinners
- Escorted sightseeing by motor coach and entrance fees for visits
- Airport / pier / airport group transfers and portorage for those on suggested flights
- Taxes and service charges; gratuities to guides and drivers
- Customary shipboard gratuities

Not included in rates

International airfare; passport / visa fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; luggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than wine and beer at lunches and dinners; optional Moscow prelude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

M.S. Volga Dream



Volga Dream Owner's Suite (left), dining room (right)

The finest riverboat in Russia is celebrated for her elegant appointments, meticulous design, and impeccable service. All 56 staterooms have river views, marble-accented private bathrooms, air conditioning, telephones, flat-screen satellite TVs, a room safe, and plush bathrobes. Complimentary wine is offered at lunch and dinner, which showcase Continental cuisine alongside Russian specialties. The lounge, decorated with paintings by contemporary Russian artists, offers panoramic views, live music, and Wi-Fi. The full-length sun deck, featuring teak planking and deck chairs, is a lovely setting for *al fresco* dining, and other amenities include a fitness room, hair salon, massage room, and sauna. A physician accompanies each cruise.

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Academic Arrangements Abroad at 800-221-1944; or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 (of which \$350 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Academic Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Academic Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

Names in full as on passports. Please print.

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Accommodations

Volga Dream cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

I wish to share a cabin with _____

Optional Prelude

I/We wish to join the optional prelude in Moscow

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