

**THOMAS P. GOHAGAN & COMPANY**



**WATERWAYS OF RUSSIA**

*ABOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED DELUXE M.S. VOLGA DREAM*

**Russia**

**St. Petersburg to Moscow\***

***September 13 – 23, 2011***

*From approximately \$3950 CAD plus air*



This enlightening nine-night cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow showcases the timeless pageant of Russian history and culture, featuring four UNESCO World Heritage sites and sailing aboard the deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM, the premier ship cruising the waterways of Russia. Spend two nights in regal St. Petersburg and explore its historic Palace Square and attend a specially arranged early opening of the world-renowned Hermitage Museum. Cruise along the vast network of rivers, lakes and canals to the the legendary open-air museum of Kizhi Island, the 14<sup>th</sup>-century monastery of Goritsy, medieval Yaroslavl and the tenth-century town of Uglich, rustic remnants of Old Russia. While in Moscow for one night, traverse Red Square, marvel at the dazzling onion domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral and discover the mysteries of the Kremlin. Throughout the program, your enjoyment of the magnificent sites along the historic waterways of Russia will be enhanced through a series of expert-guided tours, educational lectures and cultural activities.

## ITINERARY\*

Day	Destination
1	Depart from the U.S.
2	St. Petersburg, Russia/Embark M.S. VOLGA DREAM
3	St. Petersburg
4	St. Petersburg
5	Mandrogi/Cruising
6	Kizhi Island
7	Goritsy
8	Yaroslavl
9	Uglich
10	Moscow
11	Moscow/Disembark M.S. VOLGA DREAM/Return to the U.S.



*\*This itinerary also operates in the reverse direction.*

## Activity Level

Moderately Active

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Cruise for nine nights aboard the deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM, the best vessel to cruise the waterways of Russia.
- ◆ Discover the unrivaled architectural and artistic riches of St. Petersburg and Moscow and visit four UNESCO World Heritage sites along the waterways of Russia during a customized program of tours, lectures and cultural enhancements.
- ◆ Explore one of the world’s largest collections of fine art during a special early-opening tour of the State Hermitage Museum in Peter the Great’s imperial city of St. Petersburg.
- ◆ Travel through the Russian heartland and visit traditional villages and onion-domed churches on Kizhi Island and in Goritsy and Uglich.
- ◆ Marvel at the imperial treasures of the State Armory in the Kremlin, including opulent royal carriages, exquisitely crafted furniture, a dazzling array of jewels and the largest collection of Fabergé eggs in the world.



## **M.S. VOLGA DREAM**

Completely renovated in 2007, the M.S. VOLGA DREAM sets the standard as the most deluxe river ship cruising the waterways of Russia. With its meticulous design, elegant appointments and richly deserved reputation for impeccable service, the M.S. VOLGA DREAM affords guests a memorable experience.

All Staterooms and Suites are outside and feature a wood- and marble-accented private bathroom, one double bed or two twin beds, air conditioning, telephone, satellite television, safe, radio and plush robes. Most Staterooms have two windows or portholes.

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 beer accompany lunch and dinner.

The inviting lounge offers a well-stocked bar and panoramic windows, and the library features a selection of books, games and Internet access. Other shipboard amenities include a boutique, hair salon, fitness room and sauna. The full-length sun deck with teak planking and deck chairs recreates the ambiance of an oceangoing yacht.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### ON BOARD THE EXCLUSIVELY CHARTERED M.S. VOLGA DREAM



Monastery.

- ◆ Nine-night cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow, including two nights in St. Petersburg and one night in Moscow, with port calls at Mandrogi, Kizhi Island, Goritsy, Yaroslavl and Uglich.
- ◆ Outside accommodations with private bathroom facilities and air conditioning.
- ◆ All meals—breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. House wine and beer are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea served with all meals.
- ◆ Captain's welcome and farewell receptions.
- ◆ Tour of St. Petersburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress.
- ◆ Specially arranged early opening tour of the State Hermitage Museum.
- ◆ Cruise the Volga River, Lake Rybinskoye, the Sheksna River, Lake Beloye, Lake Onega, the Svir River, Lake Ladoga and the Neva River.
- ◆ Visit to the open-air museum of Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Excursion to Goritsy's Kirillov-Belozersk Monastery.
- ◆ Tour of Yaroslavl, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Walking tour of Uglich, including a visit to the Church of St. Dimitri on the Blood.
- ◆ Tour of Moscow's UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral and Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery, which serves as the final resting place for many of Moscow's most famous historical figures.
- ◆ Excursion to the State Armory Museum in the Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site and home of the world's largest collection of Fabergé eggs and other imperial treasures.



### **ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES**

- ◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, led by experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- ◆ Gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- ◆ Hospitality desk aboard the ship.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.