



RUSSIAN WATERWAYS

# Russian Waterways

ST PETERSBURG TO MOSCOW

2020

13 Days

From \$10,095 NZD pp

TRIP CODE: EUWR13

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



### Private State Hermitage Visit

Visit the State Hermitage in St Petersburg before the crowds arrive and see the Peacock Clock Ceremony.



### Discover Russia's Capital

Enjoy a tour of Moscow's iconic monuments including Red Square, home to the ornate domes of St Basil's Cathedral.



### Village Of Mandrogi

Dock in Mandrogi during your river cruise, a charming village teeming with traditional houses.

## TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION



### Cruise Russia In Style

Take in breathtaking scenery as you glide your way through Russia on our stylish and comfortable river ship.



### Stay In The Heart Of Moscow

Relax in style at one of Moscow's most historic hotels, complete with stunning views of the cityscape.



### Kempinski Hotel Moika 22

Located on the Moika River in a quiet historical area of St Petersburg, this elegant hotel provides an elegant stay.

# INCLUSIONS

- Experiences in seven destinations
- Freedom of Choice inclusions in two locations
- Luxury dining - a total of 35 meals
- Beer, wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner on your cruise
- Expert cruise director
- Transfers, port charges and gratuities

## TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change
- Prices are for land/cruise only. Flights not included

# MAP & ITINERARY



## Signature Experiences

DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR APT GUESTS



### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

These once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises



### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - SIGHTSEEING

Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options sure to leave you with lifelong memories

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## Arrive St Petersburg

The City of Tsars. The Venice of the North. Russia's hub for the arts. However which way you describe St Petersburg, it certainly does not disappoint. We will meet you on arrival and transfer to your hotel. This evening, come together to share a welcome dinner, where you will have the opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

**Stay:** St Petersburg, Kempinski Hotel Moika 22

**Daily :** ● Dinner

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## St Petersburg, Embark Ship

Embark on a city exploration, where you will see attractions such as St Isaac's Cathedral, the Nevsky Prospect and Palace Square. You will also visit Peter and Paul Fortress, as well as the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood. Afterwards, take a guided tour of the imperial estate, Peterhof Palace, laid out on the orders of Peter the Great. Later, the time has come to board your river ship.

**Stay:** 10 Nights, MS Valentina

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## St Petersburg

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

For something special this evening, appreciate Russia's arts scene and attend a private ballet performance at the Hermitage Theatre, one of the oldest theatres in St Petersburg.

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At the State Hermitage, go inside before the museum is open to the public and take in the exclusive Hermitage Peacock Clock Ceremony. Acquired by Catherine the Great, the Peacock Clock is a large automated clock featuring three life-sized mechanical birds.

Take a Hydrofoil ride on the Neva River to the State Hermitage, the second-largest art museum in the world, home to Russia's royal art collection of more than three million works. After your Signature Experience, tour the museum. Spend the afternoon back on board. Tonight, delight in another Signature Experience.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## St Petersburg

After breakfast today, head out to enjoy a discovery of the lavish Catherine Palace and grounds, constructed in the 18th century as a summer palace for the Empress.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Lake Ladoga, Mandrogi

After cruising through the night, dock in Mandrogi, located within a dense forest on the banks of the Svir River. Famous for its towering churches, most of Mandrogi was bombed by German forces in World War II. Decades later, St Petersburg arts benefactor, Sergei Gutsait, led the reconstruction of this charming village teeming with traditional houses. Here, visit the Vodka Museum that houses more than 3,000 different varieties, then spend time at leisure to look around the village.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Lake Onega, Kizhi Island

Situated on Lake Onega, Kizhi is home to some of Russia's wooden architecture that is certain to fascinate you. Once declared a parish centre for the Russian Orthodox Church in the 16th century, it survived a rebellion until the 1950s, where most of the island's residents left, leaving behind impressive wooden relics. You will explore the open-air museum of wooden structures and marvel at the World Heritage-listed Transfiguration Church, built in 1714 without the use of a single nail.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## White Lake, Goritsy

Today cruise onto the White Lake, then dock in Goritsy, a peaceful farming town. Your guided discovery here includes a visit to the Monastery of St Cyril on the White Lake and its Museum of Icons.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Yaroslavl

Make a stop in the historic Golden Ring city, Yaroslavl. Founded by Prince Yaroslav the Wise in 1010, this is one of Russia's oldest cities, tracing its origins back to the Vikings. Here, a sightseeing exploration illuminates the city's history through its glorious architecture, including Spassky Monastery and the Church of Elia the Prophet.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Uglich

Dock in another Golden Ring city, Uglich, where you can pick the sightseeing that best suits you. On a guided discovery, visit the Kremlin and the Church of St Demetrios on the Blood. Alternatively, you may wish to visit the Hydroelectric Station and Hydropower Engineering Museum.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Moscow

Dock in Moscow this afternoon as you arrive at your final destination on this journey. Enjoy an insightful guided exploration of Red Square and St Basil's Cathedral.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Moscow

### FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps gain an insight into the history of space exploration with a visit to the Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics, situated at the base of a 100-metre titanium obelisk. Alternatively, explore Tretyakov Art Gallery, Russia's national gallery.

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On a guided tour of the Armoury Museum, venture inside the walls of the Kremlin, a historic fortified complex that was once the royal residence of the Tsars. Later, you will have a choice of sightseeing.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Moscow, Disembark Ship

Take a unique morning discovery that allows you to marvel at some of Moscow's unique Metro stations, which feature chandeliers and marble statues. Later, tour a Cold War bunker, including a haunting private performance from a military choir. This evening, partake in the fun at a farewell dinner, where traditional Russian folklore performers will dazzle you.

Stay: Moscow, Hotel Baltshug Kempinski

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Depart Moscow

Be transferred to the airport.

Daily : ● Breakfast