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Peter the Great

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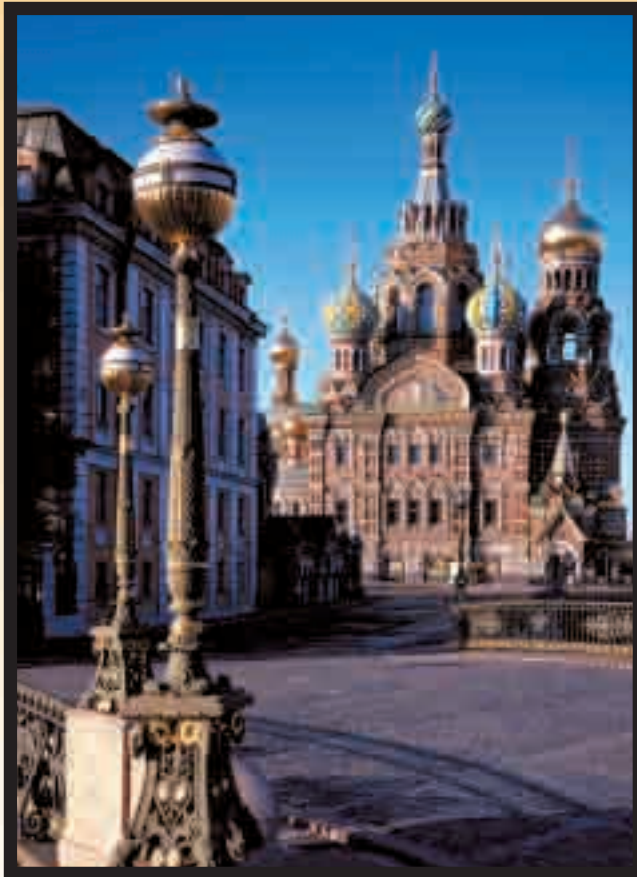


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Peter the Great

featuring
Moscow
Uglich
Yaroslavl
Goritsy
Kizhi Island
St. Petersburg



In the early 1700s, Peter the Great, with his immense

*physical strength, unerring vision and often ruthless tactics, transformed Russia into the greatest nation in Europe. Follow his historic footsteps as you sail aboard the **MS Repin**, one of Russia's premier vessels, exploring Russian waterways lined with medieval villages and the charming wooden dachas, or country houses, of national heroes. Delight in the beauty of St. Petersburg, from the State Hermitage Museum, once the Winter Palace of the czars, to impressive fortresses and ornate avenues. In Moscow, admire the Kremlin, and stroll through the city's heart in bustling Red Square. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to experience the "new" Russia firsthand.*

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Unpack just once!** Voyage into the *Heart of Russia* on this cruise between **St. Petersburg** and **Moscow**.
- Relax aboard the **MS Repin** as you cruise through the **serene Russian countryside**, a region of beautiful scenery and wooden architecture largely untouched by tourism.
- Attend a **cultural performance** at the Hermitage Theater in St. Petersburg.
- Enjoy early entrance into St. Petersburg's **State Hermitage Museum** before it opens to the public.
- Fully explore Moscow with specially arranged visits to the **Kremlin** and **Red Square**.
- Tour the **Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center** in **Star City**, and talk about Russia's space program with a cosmonaut.
- Participate in **exciting seminars led by local experts** who will enhance your understanding of *Mother Russia*.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Transportation

- Scheduled jet service to **St. Petersburg, Russia**, with a return from **Moscow**.*
- Deluxe motorcoach transfers between the airports and the ship in St. Petersburg and Moscow, including baggage handling.*

First, Three Full Days in St. Petersburg

- First-class, outward-facing accommodations aboard the **MS Repin**.
- Three days to discover the **Capital of the Czars**.
- **All meals during the cruise**, featuring international cuisine and regional specialties with European hospitality and service.
- **All Sightseeing Excursions in St. Petersburg**, including visits to the State Hermitage Museum, Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac's Cathedral. Tour Petrodvorets Palace and resplendent Catherine's Palace.
- **A cultural performance** at the Hermitage Theater, one of the oldest in Russia.

Next, Passage of Peter the Great Cruise

- Attend a festive *Welcome Party and Dinner*.
- Cruise for six nights, visiting the jewels of Russia's Golden Ring: Goritsy, Yaroslavl, and Uglich.
- Go ashore on Kizhi Island to see fine examples of Russian wooden architecture, and in Mandrogi for a picnic lunch and folklore show.
- You'll be raised and lowered through a series of locks as you sail on the Volga, Svir and Neva rivers. Then, cruise on Lake Onega and Lake Ladoga.
- Guided Shore Excursions included in each port.

Finally, Three Nights in Moscow

- **All Sightseeing Excursions in Moscow**, including the Kremlin, the Armory Museum, Red Square and State Tretyakov Gallery.
- A talk with a cosmonaut and exclusive tour in the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center.
- Attend a special *Russian Farewell Party*.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **AHI Travel Director** throughout the trip.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Deluxe travel wallet.
- All domestic and foreign governmental airport/departure taxes and fees.*
- Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.*

* Provided for Air Program participants only.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY 1 ~ DEPART GATEWAY

Depart your gateway city for **St. Petersburg, Russia**, aboard scheduled jet service. (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

DAY 2 ~ ST. PETERSBURG

Arrive at the St. Petersburg airport and transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the **MS Repin**. (*Transfer provided for Air Program participants only.*)

DAY 3 ~ ST. PETERSBURG

Excursion: *The Hermitage and St. Petersburg City Tour.* Visit the State Hermitage Museum. A part of the Winter Palace built largely by Catherine the Great, it houses one of the world's foremost collections of fine art. This afternoon, enjoy a city tour, which features St. Isaac's Cathedral and the statue of *The Bronze Horseman*. Become acquainted with the many monuments, historic buildings, churches and palaces which made St. Petersburg one of Europe's most dazzling capitals. This evening, enjoy a performance at the Hermitage Theater.

DAY 4 ~ ST. PETERSBURG

Excursion: *Opulent Palaces.* Visit Petrodvorets this morning. The palace of Peter the Great is known for its gardens and fountains. Afterward, admire the magnificence of Catherine's Palace, a Russian baroque masterpiece. Inside, see the famed Amber Room. This amazing chamber full of intricate amber panels and mosaics has recently been restored and reopened to the public.

DAY 5 ~ ST. PETERSBURG

Independent Exploration: The day is at your leisure to enjoy as you wish. You may decide to visit the Russian Museum of Art, the Church on Spilled Blood as well as numerous other sightseeing and shopping opportunities. **Local Flavor:** Tonight, attend a festive *Welcome Party* aboard ship.

DAY 6 ~ MANDROGI

During a relaxing day of cruising, appreciate the unspoiled beauty of the Neva and Svir rivers and lakes Ladoga and Onega.

Excursion: *Mandroggi.* At midday, stop in Mandroggi, a small settlement that offers a close-up view of wooden *dachas*, or summer homes. While there, enjoy a barbecue lunch.

DAY 7 ~ KIZHI ISLAND

Excursion: *Kizhi Island.* The small island of Kizhi on Lake Onega is an outdoor museum of traditional Russian wooden architecture from the 18th century. The familiar onion-shaped domes of its churches were uniquely constructed, shingle by shingle, without the use of nails and are a lasting tribute to the skill of Russian craftsmen. The Church of the

Transformation, with its 22 onion domes, is considered one of Russia's most architecturally splendid churches.

DAY 8 ~ GORITSY

Excursion: *Goritsy.* This ancient Russian village was formerly closed for many years to western visitors. Now, discover its treasures, such as the interesting Kirill-Belosersk Monastery. Then, enjoy guided visits to a local food market and private home.

DAY 9 ~ YAROSLAVL

Excursion: *Yaroslavl.* Enjoy an overview of this scenic town and a visit to the Monastery of the Transfiguration of the Savior, one of Russia's richest and best-fortified monasteries in the 16th century. Continue to the Church of Elijah the Prophet, known for its excellent frescoes.

DAY 10 ~ UGLICH

Excursion: *Uglich.* Enjoy the scenic countryside of the Volga River before arriving in the historic town of Uglich early this afternoon. During a walking tour of the town, visit the grounds of the Old Kremlin; the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, with its cluster of blue spangled domes; and the 18th-century Transfiguration Cathedral.

DAY 11 ~ MOSCOW

Arrive in Moscow this afternoon.

Excursion: *Red Square.* See Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral, considered to be the symbol of Russia.

DAY 12 ~ MOSCOW

Excursion: *Star City.* Star City for lunch and an exclusive tour of the Gagarin Cosmonaut Training Center.

Independent Exploration: The evening is at your leisure to enjoy as you wish.

DAY 13 ~ MOSCOW

Excursion: *Kremlin and State Tretyakov Gallery.* Visit the Kremlin, the seat of Russia's government. See the Armory Museum, with its display of jewelry and valuables collected by the Russian aristocracy. Continue to the State Tretyakov Gallery, which houses one of the finest collections of Russian art in the world. Tonight, enjoy a *Farewell Party* aboard ship.

DAY 14 ~ RETURN

After breakfast, transfer to the Moscow airport for the return flight(s) to North America. (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

NOTE: This cruise may operate in the opposite direction. Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Many excursions on this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions on this program are located in areas not accessible by motorcoach.

MS REPIN



The *MS Repin* features all of the amenities needed to make your visit to Russia relaxing and comfortable. It delivers a much more intimate traveling experience than the larger ships that have traditionally sailed this route. Tastefully furnished cabins are air conditioned and all face outside, affording excellent views of the passing countryside. In the dining room—spacious enough to serve all guests in one sitting—you will be treated to Russian specialties, including dishes from various regions throughout the country. Shipboard entertainment and Captain's receptions complete the picture, and serve to make your cruise most memorable.

EXCLUSIVE CRUISE EXTRAS

This AHI Cruise features:

- A First-Class river cruise ship providing all outward-facing accommodations; friendly, personalized service; limited capacity; and exclusively designed sailing itineraries.
- Pleasant dining aboard ship featuring special extras such as morning coffee, afternoon tea, local wines and expertly prepared culinary specialties of the region.
- Expert local guides leading thoughtfully designed excursions to enrich your experience of the area.
- A comprehensive, illustrated guide book created exclusively for your program describing, kilometer-by-kilometer, the storied culture and history of the towns, villages and landmarks along the river.
- Speaker's Corner program showcasing local lecturers who share their insights with you for a unique, in-depth learning experience.



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Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Please call me/us to discuss my/our air options.

Cabin category desired: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Cruise and Air Program

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the Air Program to St. Petersburg, Russia with return from Moscow to depart from:

_____ Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with no obligation up to 75 days before departure.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by May 14, 2009 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard or Visa. Make checks payable to AHI International.

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