



The Volga Experience
2-Nights in Moscow 11-Night Cruise on
the Volga River 2-Nights in St. Petersburg

Arrival for 2 nights in
Moscow

The Sheraton Palace
Hotel

11 Night cruise on The
Volga

Taking in Moscow
Uglich Mandrogi St
Petersburg

2 more nights in St
Petersburg

The Solo Sokos Palace

Where the Voyage never ends

Moscow



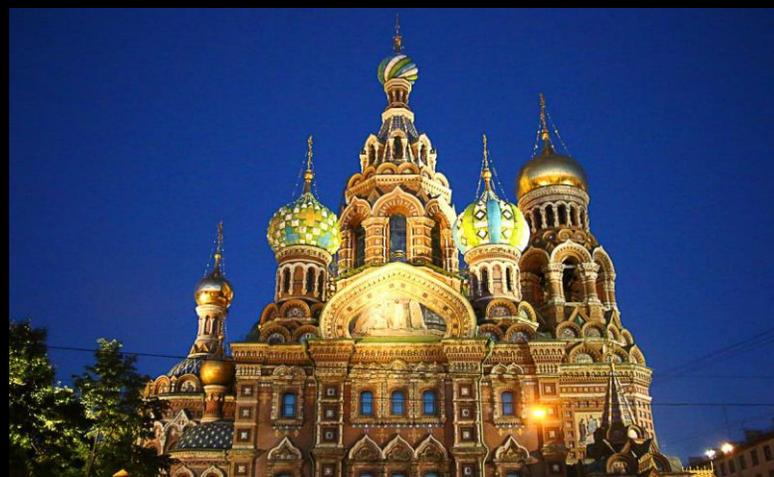
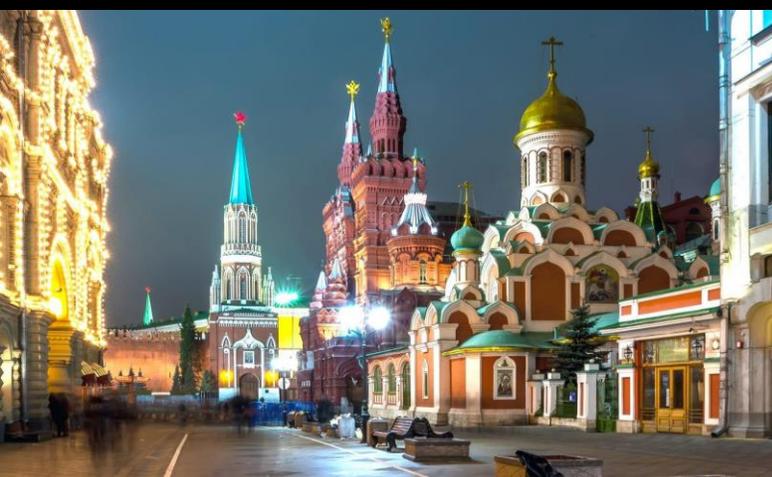
St Petersburg



MS Victoria



River Volga



Moscow and St Petersburg

Moscow, Russian Moskva, city, capital of Russia, located in the far western part of the country. Since it was first mentioned in the chronicles of 1147, Moscow has played a vital role in Russian history. It became the capital of Muscovy (the Grand Principality of Moscow) in the late 13th century; hence, the people of Moscow are known as Muscovites. Today Moscow is not only the political centre of Russia but also the country's most populous city and its industrial, cultural, scientific, and educational capital. For more than 600 years Moscow also has been the spiritual centre of the Russian Orthodox Church.

The capital of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) until the union dissolved in 1991, Moscow attracted world attention as a centre of communist power; indeed, the name of the seat of the former Soviet government and the successor Russian government, the Kremlin (Russian: Kreml), was a synonym for Soviet authority. The dissolution of the U.S.S.R. brought tremendous economic and political change, along with a significant concentration of Russia's wealth, into Moscow.

St. Petersburg, Russian Sankt-Peterburg, formerly (1914–24) Petrograd and (1924–91) Leningrad, city and port, extreme northwestern Russia. A major historical and cultural centre and an important port, St. Petersburg lies about 400 miles (640 km) northwest of Moscow and only about 7° south of the Arctic Circle. It is the second largest city of Russia and one of the world's major cities. St. Petersburg has played a vital role in Russian history since its founding in 1703. For two centuries (1712–1918) it was the capital of the Russian Empire. The city is remembered as the scene of the February (March, New Style) and October (November, New Style) Revolutions of 1917 and for its fierce defense while besieged during World War II. Architecturally, it ranks as one of the most splendid and congenial cities of Europe. Its historic district was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1990.



The Sheraton Palace Hotel is located on 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya Street, 3 km from Red Square. It offers spacious, modern interiors and a 24-hour gym.

The rooms of the hotel are equipped with air conditioning, soundproofed windows and a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. They also offer a minibar and 24-hour room service.

Guests are offered breakfast at elegant Vladimir Restaurant. The Piano Bar serves European and Pan-Asian cuisine. There is free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel and free internet workstations in the lobby. Computer rental and full secretarial services are available in the business centre.

Sheraton Palace Hotel Moscow is 300 m from Belorusskaya Metro Station. From there, you can reach the Kremlin or the Bolshoi Theatre in 5 minutes. Sheremetyevo International Airport is a 35-minute ride with Aeroexpress Train from Belorussky Train Station, also 300 m from the hotel.

Your Ship – The MS Victoria

Your second vacation begins aboard a luxury liner on from Moscow to St. Petersburg The Volga is Europe's largest river in terms of length, starting in the Valdai Hills, northwestern Russia and flows 3,700 km before pouring into the Caspian Sea. Regarded by Russians as the national river, it flows through Russia's heavily populated western region, reaching eleven of out of twenty of the big cities, including Moscow at St. Petersburg. The Volga Delta is around 160km in length and streams off into 500 channels. The estuary (largest in Europe) is the only location in Russia where one can find pelicans, lotuses and flamingoes. The Volga has an abundance of reservoirs, providing irrigation and hydro-power to the cities. Its riverbanks are scattered with ancient towns, villages, fortresses, monasteries and its waters have been fished for generations. The world-famous Russian Caviar comes from some sturgeon species found in the Volga.

Once you have cruised the Volga, you will like many others, say that was one of the most incredible and unforgettable journeys you have ever embarked on and you will do it on the luxury River cruise-ship, the Victoria.

The 206-passenger ship has a sundeck, restaurant, panorama bar, lounge, library, laundry, spa, gym, and medical room. Breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as excursions are included. The suites are tastefully designed, hotel beds with fine linens and duvets along with pillow options, bathroom with toiletries and hair-dryer, bathrobes and slippers, air-conditioning, electric sockets (220V), built-in wardrobe, mini-fridge, phone, safe, TV with various channels and private balcony.



MS Victoria

All cabins are outside, with many having real balconies. All cabin categories feature individual climate control, telephone, and infotainment centre with flat-screen TV and complimentary movie and entertainment options. Fine linens and a pillow menu provide comfort. Cabins are stocked with bottled water, plush towels and L'Occitane en Provence bath and body products. A safe, hair dryer and bathrobe complete the cabin amenities. Colourful draperies and striped upholstery complement stark-white linens in the staterooms and suites.

Dining in the main venue, the Pushkin Restaurant, is open seating. Dinners are ordered from a menu that changes daily and is designed to reflect both the region and season. Fresh ingredients are purchased from local farmers and markets. Dinner includes a selection of complimentary wines and beers. Breakfast and lunch are served buffet-style with hot and cold selections. In addition, there is an early riser breakfast and afternoon tea. Soft drinks are always complimentary, as is the 24-hour specialty coffee and tea bar.

The Chagall Lounge has a full-service bar and dance floor. Katrina Bar, on the uppermost deck, has an outdoor patio. A sun deck with lounge chairs, a fitness center, Serenity River Spa, a boutique and library complete the public areas onboard. An elevator is an added convenience.

River Volga Cruise (4-Nights)

CLASSIC

Beautiful appointed Riverview stateroom
(151 sq ft - 14 sq m)

Hotel bed draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, telephone and bottled water. Bathroom features Asprey bath and body products, plush towels, soft bathrobes and slippers.

DELUXE BALCONY

Beautiful appointed Riverview stateroom
(210 sq ft - 19.5 sq m) with full balcony

Hotel bed draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, telephone and bottled water. Bathroom features Asprey bath and body products, plush towels, soft bathrobes and slippers.

SUITE

Beautiful appointed Riverview Suite
(269 sq ft - 25 sq m) with a full balcony

Hotel bed draped in fine linens with choice of pillows, hair dryer, safe, individual thermostat, flat-screen TV with infotainment center and satellite, telephone and bottled water. Bathroom features Asprey bath and body products, plush towels, soft bathrobes and slippers.



Day 1 Moscow

Arrive in Moscow, Russia's largest city. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your cruise ship.

Days 2 and 3 Moscow

After a hearty breakfast, your morning takes you to the Kremlin, dating back to 500 BC. Stone buildings began to appear by the end of the 14th Century, the citadel was fortified with stone walls. Under Ivan the Great (1462 - 1505). This period saw the construction of the magnificent Cathedrals of which a visit to one will be part of your tour. After lunch you will have a city tour which will include the Red Square, the views of St. Basils Cathedral, the Lenin Mausoleum, Bolshoy Theater, the Olympic Stadium and many other points of interest. In the evening, as your river cruise departs Moscow, join your ship's captain in a welcome dinner with wine.

Day 4 Uglich

Stop today at picturesque Uglich situated on the right bank of the Volga River. Visit the renowned green-domed Cathedral of Transfiguration perched at the water's edge. Next, visit the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, built on the site where Dmitry, the son of Ivan the Terrible, was murdered. Uglich, the city with many dramatic historical events, has preserved many unique antique Russian monuments to date. Here you will see quaint old streets and picturesque landscapes, however, beneath this cozy facade lies mysteries terrible legendry tales.

Day 5 Yaroslavl

Yaroslavl according to chronicles is the oldest Volga river City. Legend says that in 1010, the future great Kiev Prince Yaroslav Vladimirovich, The Prince of Rostov the Great travelled through his land. He encountered an unknown tribe of pagans where the Kotorosl River meets the Volga. The pagans let loose a fierce bear on him, and was killed by the unfearful Prince using his poleaxe

Day 6 Goritsy

The ship arrives in Goritsy, set in the beautiful countryside. You will tour the grounds of the 14th century Cyril-Belozersky Monastery, named in honor of its founder, the monk Cyril, one of the most honored saints in the Russian Orthodox Church.

Day 7 Kizhi

This morning the ship stops at the tiny island of Kizhi, located at the northern end of Lake Onega. Your visit of the island includes the open-air Museum of Architecture, housing a collection of restored 18th century Russian wooden buildings, including the breathtaking Church of the Transfiguration .

Day 8 Mandrogi

Today takes you to the picturesque village of Mandrogi located on the River Svir. A relaxing stop on the Verdant Riverbank to enjoy the pleasant scenery and a picnic lunch. You can take a walk over to the vodka museum with over 3,500 selections where they also host tasting ceremonies (at your own expense).

Days 9 and 10 St Petersburg

Today you will embark on a bus sightseeing tour of the great city of St Petersburg, once home to the Russian Monarchs. Beginning with a drive along the best-known Boulevard in the Country, Nevsky Prospekt, home to Russia's oldest dept store Gostiny Dvor.

Day 11 St Petersburg

On this free and easy day, you get to choose what you would like to do & see on your own. After a hearty breakfast you may wish to take off and do some morning shopping, later returning to the ship for lunch. After a wonderful lunch a stroll along the riverbank will work up an appetite for dinner & drinks back on board with friends you made along your voyage.

Day 12 St Petersburg

Your cruise is now at an end and after a great breakfast you can set off for the airport to take your flight home where you will share your magical experiences of Russia with your family & friends.



Solo Sokos Hotel Palace Bridge

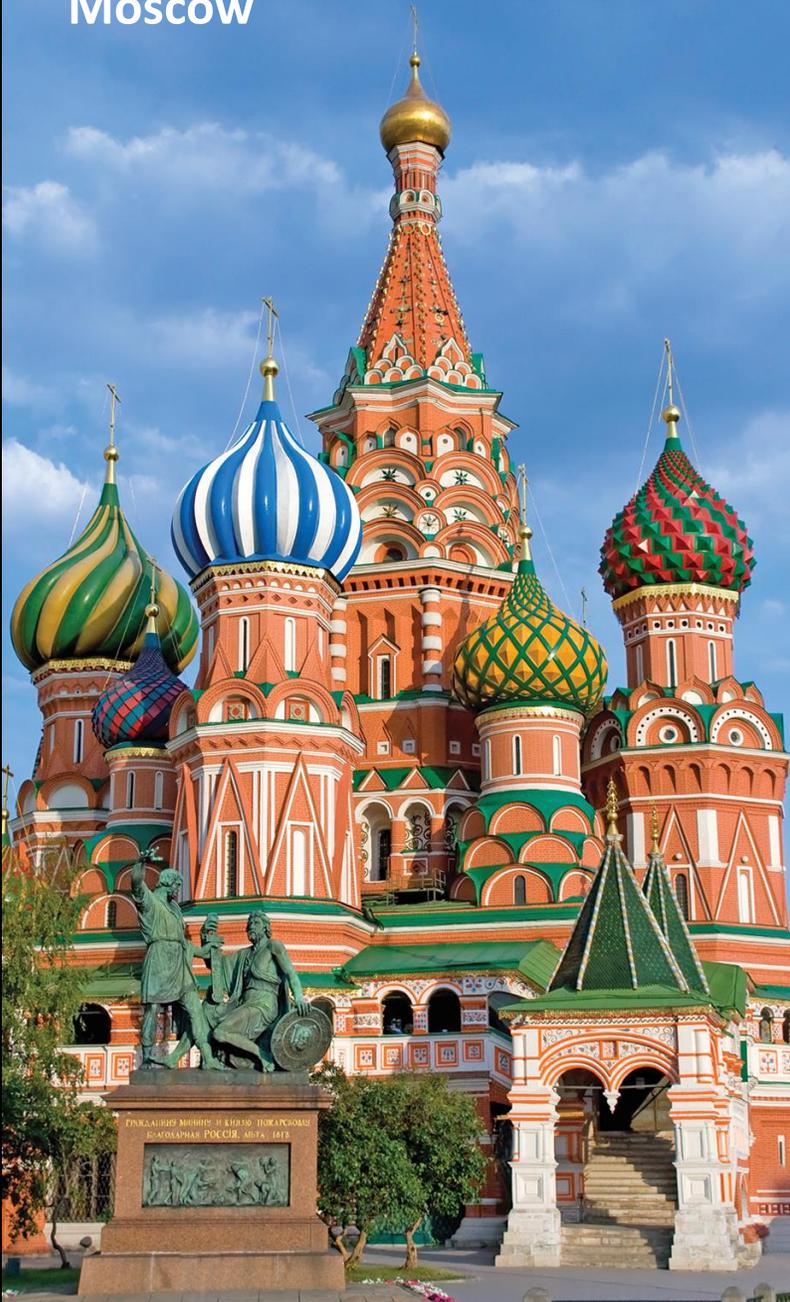
Featuring a wellness centre, this hotel on Vasilevskiy Island is a 15-minute walk from State Hermitage Museum and Nevsky Prospect. It combines a central city location with facilities of a spa resort.

The Palace Bridge Wellness Club offers an indoor pool, 8 different saunas and Snow Paradise with a -15°C temperature. Guests can enjoy Day Spa and the hotel's fitness centre with a variety of trainings.

Spacious rooms with a flat-screen TV and a marble bathroom with power shower are offered at Solo Sokos Hotel Palace Bridge. Free Wi-Fi is available in all areas.

Solo Sokos Hotel Palace Bridge has several restaurants and cafes on site. Sevilla Restaurant serves European cuisine, while Dans Le Noir restaurant offers fine dishes in complete darkness. Guests can enjoy coffee and a variety of snacks at Bridges bar, or a light meal accompanied by a cocktail in Spa bar. Healthy breakfasts and lunches are available at Garden Café.

Moscow



The River Volga (Russia) (2 people)

2-night Stay at Sheraton Palace
(Moscow)
(Room with Breakfast)

11-night cruise on the Volga River
(Russia)
(All Inclusive)

2-night stay in Solo Sokos Palace
(St Petersburg)
(Room with Breakfast)

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St Petersburg

