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Finally...Russia!

13 day/12 night Moscow to St. Petersburg on the Viking Surkhov

Can you spell "m-y-s-t-i-q-u-e"? That's the feeling I get when I think of Russia...the closed society...long hidden behind facades of political intrigue. It's one of the few remaining places on my must-do list that I have yet to visit...I'm finally going there...so come along, hey?!

On the best boat on the river, might I add. Completely refurbished last year, the Surkhov has the largest cabins on the river. And what need we say about Viking River Cruises? Our April, 2007 Yangtze River cruise pleased all of us, and was truly one of my best experiences, ever!


Rock Earle
ROXexpeditions

Waterway of the Czars - September 20, 2008 Experience the grandeur of Russia's most famous cities—Moscow and St. Petersburg. Visit Moscow's Red Square and the Kremlin. In St. Petersburg, journey back to the time of Catherine the Great, as you explore her palace, and the Hermitage. You'll also see another side of Russia as you journey to traditional villages and quaint towns along the Waterways of the Czars, including Uglich and Yaroslavl, as well as the open-air museum of Kizhi Island.

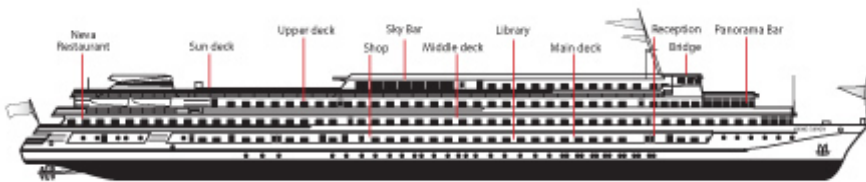
Our English-speaking guides will take you to famous landmarks as well as hidden gems. Enjoy a traditional Russian tea and lectures on history, current affairs and Russian culture. Visit elegant palaces, architectural masterpieces and a fairy-tale church, and explore one of the world's most renowned collections of fine art.

- 1 Moscow: We'll meet you at the Moscow airport & take you to your ship;* free time
- 2 Moscow: City tour; Red Square; GUM department store; Metro & evening performance
- 3 Moscow: Kremlin & Armory tour; optional Tretyakov Gallery visit
- 4 Moscow: Free time or optional Sergiyev Posad tour; Moscow Canal - Scenic cruising
- 5 Uglich: Walking tour
- 6 Yaroslavl: Coach & walking tour
- 7 Goritzky: Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery visit; Volga-Baltic Waterway - Scenic cruising
- 8 Kizhi; Walking tour & scenic cruising
- 9 Svir River: Scenic cruising
- 10 St. Petersburg: Hermitage tour; city tour; Peter & Paul Fortress; evening performance
- 11 St. Petersburg: Pushkin excursion & free time or optional canal cruise
- 12 St. Petersburg: Free time or optional Peterhof Palace tour
- 13 St. Petersburg: We'll take you from your ship to the St. Petersburg airport.*



*Airport meet & greet transfers included when air is purchased from Viking River Cruises.
Note: All passengers traveling to Russia require a visa. It is the passenger's responsibility to obtain any required visa and/or documents prior to departure. Please allow approximately 4-6 weeks for processing.

Sail aboard the \$6 million fully-refurbished, all-deluxe ship, Viking Surkov, a ship designed for taking in the picturesque riverside landscapes, whether through the restaurant's panoramic windows, from the sun deck or open-air promenade decks, or from the comfort of your private, river-view cabin. Onboard meals offer a choice of entrées, regional specialties and traditional favorites.



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Business- or first-class air and/or optional 3-night extension to Helsinki are available, or we can help you create your own pre- and post-tours! Personally, I'm spending a few weeks in the Baltic, taking the slow way from St. Petersburg back to Copenhagen! -Rock

