



Moscow, Friendship Fountain

MS Shashkov

Moscow to St. Petersburg – 12 days/11 nights

The well-priced Russian River Cruises on the 3-star MS Shashkov offer excellent value. All meals are included, comprehensive shore excursions are conducted by professional English speaking guides and an on-board entertainment program introduces you to Russia's culture through language and song lessons.

Day 1 Moscow

Welcome to Moscow, Russia's vibrant capital city. Board your ship and meet your fellow travellers and crew this evening for an information briefing.

Day 2 Moscow

This morning's orientation city tour will introduce you to Moscow's wide boulevards and famous landmarks. Tour highlights include Red Square and GUM department store where you will have some free time, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Lubyanka and the famous Bolshoi Theatre. After lunch at a city restaurant, visit the Kremlin, which houses the political headquarters of the planet's largest nation. Take a walk through the Kremlin grounds and enter one of the cathedrals.

Day 3 Moscow

Today is free to explore independently, or you may choose to take an optional excursion. Your ship departs for Uglich in the early evening.

Day 4 Uglich

Spend the morning cruising and disembark after lunch in Uglich, a charming town founded in 1148. Your walking tour covers the Kremlin territory, Transfiguration Cathedral and Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood where Tsar Ivan the Terrible's son was murdered, sparking a power struggle for the throne and a period of unrest known as the 'Time of Troubles'.

Day 5 Yaroslavl

Yaroslavl was developed as the first port on the Volga. This morning you will see the Church of St. Elijah the Prophet, visit the Church of St. Nicholas, the former Governor's House, with free time at the local market. Depart early afternoon for Goritsy.

Day 6 Goritsy

After lunch, dock at Goritsy, an unspoilt settlement on the banks of the Volga-Baltic Canal. A short bus trip will take you to the impressive Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, one of the largest monasteries in Russia.

Day 7 Kizhi

Today you cruise through Lake Onega, Europe's second largest lake, arriving late afternoon at tiny Kizhi Island. During your walking tour you will see the Open-air Museum of Architecture. The wooden Transfiguration Church, with 22 cupolas made from aspen wood, was built in 1714 without a single nail used. It represents the ultimate in Russian fairy-tale architecture.

Day 8 Mandrogi

Late morning arrival at Mandrogi. Here you have free time to enjoy the peaceful scenery, stock up on local handmade souvenirs, or visit the Vodka Museum and taste some of Russia's most popular brands. This afternoon you depart for St. Petersburg, crossing Lake Ladoga, Europe's largest lake. During the Siege of Leningrad in WWII the frozen lake was the lifeline of the city, providing a conduit for food supplies and military equipment.

Day 9 St. Petersburg

After breakfast, your city tour introduces

you to the highlights of this beautiful city. You'll see St. Isaac's Cathedral, Smolny Cathedral, Palace Square and Nevsky Prospekt, the main thoroughfare of the city. Continue to Peter and Paul Fortress, the first building constructed in St. Petersburg in 1703. Visit Peter and Paul Cathedral, burial place of the tsars from Peter the Great to the last Tsar Nicholas II. Lunch at a city restaurant, and then visit the world famous Hermitage Museum.

Day 10 St. Petersburg

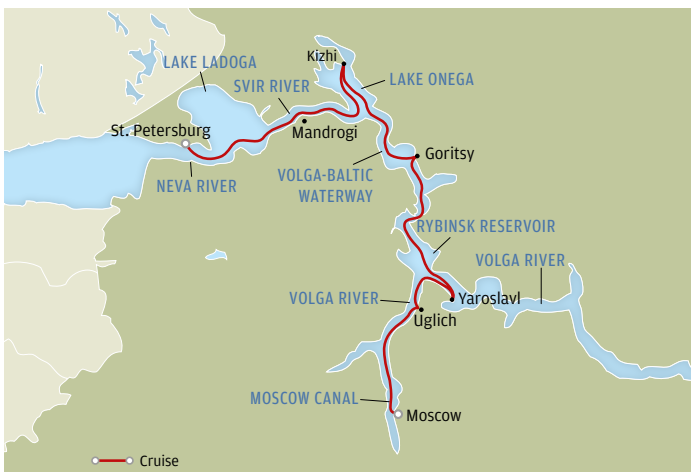
After breakfast, drive to the Gulf of Finland for a walking tour of the lower park of Peterhof Palace, on the Gulf of Finland. It was commissioned as a summer palace by Peter the Great. In summer months the focal point is the spectacular Grand Cascade of fountains and gilded statues. The rest of your afternoon is free or you may take an optional tour.

Day 11 St. Petersburg

Today is free for independent sightseeing, or you may choose to join one of the optional tours.

Day 12 St. Petersburg

Disembark.



Kizhi



Moscow to St. Petersburg

Day	Destination	Activities
1	Moscow	Embarkation (after 2pm)
2	Moscow	City tour, Kremlin & Cathedral
3	Moscow	Free time
4	Uglich	Kremlin, Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood
5	Yaroslavl	City Tour, Church of St. Elijah the Prophet
6	Goritsy	Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery
7	Kizhi	Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture
8	Mandrogi	Free time
9	St. Petersburg	City tour, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage
10	St. Petersburg	Peterhof Lower Park
11	St. Petersburg	Free time
12	St. Petersburg	Disembarkation (before 9am)

St. Petersburg to Moscow

Day	Destination	Activities
1	St. Petersburg	Embarkation (after 2pm)
2	St. Petersburg	City tour, Peter & Paul Fortress, Hermitage
3	St. Petersburg	Free time
4	Mandrogi	Free time
5	Kizhi	Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture
6	Goritsy	Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery
7	Yaroslavl	City Tour, Church of St. Elijah the Prophet
8	Uglich	Kremlin, Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood
9	Moscow	City tour
10	Moscow	Kremlin & Cathedral
11	Moscow	Disembarkation (before 9am)

Inclusions

- Outside air-conditioned cabin
- 3 meals daily
- Bottled water replenished daily in cabin
- Sightseeing as specified with **English speaking** guide
- Entertainment - musical program, Russian language lessons
- Port charges

Transfers

Transfers between airport and ship are not included.

Prices shown per car in AUD (max 2 persons).

Moscow Domodedovo airport to ship or v.v.	153
Moscow Sheremetyevo airport to ship or v.v.	99
St. Petersburg airport to ship or v.v.	93

Cruise prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable 2018.

ex Moscow

Ship/Sailing Dates	Category/Deck							
	Main		Middle		Boat			
	Standard		Standard		Standard		Suite	
	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Dbl	Sgl
MS SHASHKOV								
8 May, 2 Oct	2268	3939	2392	4155	2516	2763	3258	5671
29 May, 31 Jul, 21 Aug, 11 Sep	2639	4588	2763	4805	2887	3134	3877	6754
19 Jun, 10 Jul	2813	4892	2936	5108	3060	3506	4743	8270

ex St. Petersburg

	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Twn	Sgl	Dbl	Sgl
MS SHASHKOV								
19 May	2175	3778	2287	3975	2400	2625	3187	5550
9 Jun, 21 Jul, 11 Aug, 1 Sep	2400	4172	2512	4368	2625	2850	3525	6140
30 Jun	2557	4447	2670	4644	2782	3187	4312	7518
22 Sep	2062	3581	2175	3778	2287	2512	2962	5156

■ Limited single cabins are available on Boat Deck. Surcharge for sole use of cabin on other decks - 75%. For deck & cabins plans please see page 49.