



Volgograd, Mamaev Mound

MS Volga Dream - Grand Volga

Moscow to Volgograd or reverse - 11 days/10 nights

From the Golden Horde to the Soviet era, the scenic cities along Russia's grand Volga River have witnessed some of the most significant events in Russia's history. On board the boutique MS Volga Dream, you cruise from Moscow to the legendary city of Volgograd, discovering iconic onion-domed churches, medieval Nizhny Novgorod and the treasures of Yaroslavl, the oldest city on the Volga.

Day 1 Moscow

Arrival in Moscow. You will be met and transferred to the 5-star Marriott Aurora Hotel.

Day 2 Moscow

This morning's city tour will introduce you to Moscow's wide boulevards and famous landmarks. Continue with a trip on Moscow's ornate metro system. After lunch at a local restaurant, visit the Old Tretyakov Art Gallery to view its extraordinary collection of Russian art ranging from 12th century icons to 20th century paintings. **BL**

Day 3 Moscow

After checking out of your hotel, you visit the Kremlin and explore the State Armoury Museum, housing a spectacular collection of crown jewels, thrones, carriages, Fabergé Eggs, coronation robes and more. Continue to the 15th century Assumption and Archangel Cathedrals. Board your ship for lunch and begin your cruise along the waterways of Russia. Later this evening, gather for the Captain's welcome reception and dinner. **BLD**

Day 4 Uglich

Afternoon arrival in Uglich, a charming town dating back to the 10th century. Your walking tour includes the 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'. Visit St. John's Church and enjoy a concert of choral music. **BLD**

Day 5 Yaroslavl

Morning tour of Yaroslavl, founded in 1010 by Prince Yaroslav the Wise and developed as the first port on the Volga. Visit the Spassky Monastery, the Church of St. Elijah the Prophet with its rich frescoes, and take part in a costumed reception at the Governor's House. **BLD**

Day 6 Nizhny Novgorod

Continue sailing south down the Volga, to arrive in Nizhny Novgorod, one of Russia's main commercial centres. During Soviet times the city was renamed Gorky after the famous Soviet writer. It became the place of

exile for dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov and was closed to foreigners. During your city tour you will walk the ramparts of the 16th century Kremlin and later attend a children's folk concert. **BLD**

Day 7 Kazan

This afternoon, disembark in the ancient city of Kazan, capital of the Tatarstan Republic and the land of the Volga Tatars who were allies of the Mongols. Ivan the Terrible conquered Kazan in 1552 and forced its Muslim ruler to convert to Christianity. During your city tour you'll see the Kremlin and within its walls - the Qolsharif Mosque. Later you will be entertained by a local Tatar folk group. **BLD**

Day 8 Samara

Mid-morning arrival in Samara, where you will have a city tour and visit the Space Museum. Afterwards, stroll along the Volga esplanade and visit the Samara State Art Museum. Closed to foreigners in the period following WWII, Samara is now the third largest metropolitan area in Russia after Moscow and St. Petersburg. **BLD**

Day 9 Saratov

Arrival in Saratov - the northernmost colony of the Greek Empire. During the Cold War, Saratov was the centre of Russian military aircraft production. The world's first cosmonaut, Yuri Gagarin, was a member of the Saratov Flying Club. You will have a city tour and visit the Radishev Art Museum. **BLD**

Day 10 Volgograd

Today you visit Volgograd, known as Stalingrad from 1925 until 1961. The city is famous as the site of one of the pivotal battles of WWII. During your tour of this 'Hero City' you will visit the dramatic Mamaev Mound, with its giant sword-wielding statue of Mother Russia standing guard on its summit. Continue with a tour of the Panorama Museum, dedicated to the Battle of Stalingrad. **BLD**

Day 11 Volgograd

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport. **B**



Yuri Gagarin



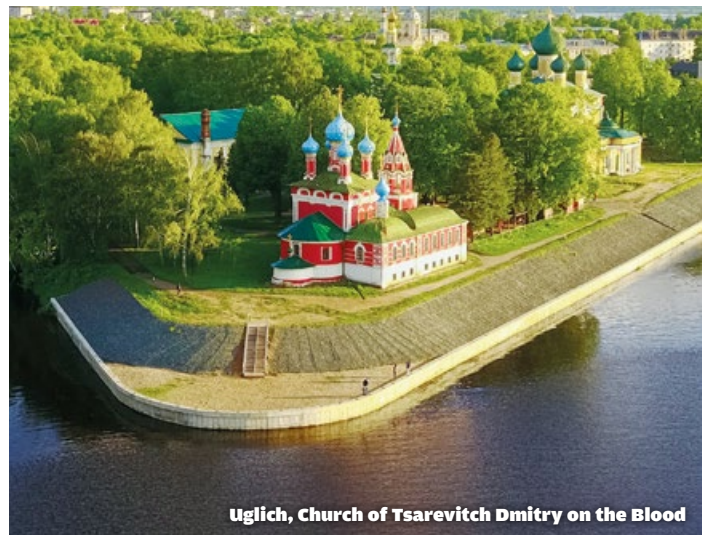


Kazan, Qolsharif Mosque

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Volgograd to Moscow

Day	Destination	Activities
1	Volgograd	Embarkation (after 5pm)
2	Volgograd	Mamaev Mound, Panorama Museum
3	Saratov	City tour, Radishev Art Museum
4	Samara	City tour, Space Museum, Samara State Art Museum
5	Kazan	City tour, Kremlin, folk concert
6	Nizhny Novgorod	City tour, children's concert
7	Cruising	On board history lecture
8	Yaroslavl	City tour, Church of St. Elijah the Prophet
9	Uglich	Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood, Church of the Transfiguration
10	Moscow	City tour, Novodevichy Cemetery Hotel check-in
11	Moscow	Kremlin & Cathedral, Armoury Museum, Old Tretyakov Art Gallery, Metro
12	Moscow	Hotel check-out (before 12pm)



Uglich, Church of Tsarevitch Dmitry on the Blood

Inclusions

- Arrival/departure transfers (on days 1 & 11 or 12 only)
- 8 nights on board MS Volga Dream in air-conditioned outside cabin (applicable to 3 May cruise; 26 Sep cruise spends 11 nights on board; 13 May - 9 nights on board)
- 2 nights accommodation with breakfast in 5-star Moscow hotels (3 May - Marriott Aurora, 13 May - Ritz Carlton, 26 Sep - not applicable)
- All meals on board MS Volga Dream
- Restaurant meals - 1 lunch in Moscow
- Complimentary wine and soft drinks with lunch & dinner on board
- Bottled water replenished daily
- Sightseeing as specified with **English speaking** guide (maximum 25 guests in group)
- Entertainment and educational program on board
- Port charges

Cruise Tour prices & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable 2019.

Ship/ Sailing Dates	Category/Deck									
	Cabin	Main	Promenade				Sun			
	Standard	Superior	Standard	Deluxe	Jnr Suite	Owners Suite	Deluxe	Jnr Suite	Deluxe Jnr Suite	
MS VOLGA DREAM	Twn	Twn	Sgl	Dbl	Dbl	Dbl	Twn	Sgl	Dbl	Dbl
ex Moscow (11 days/10 nights)										
3 May	4495	5295	6995	5895	6995	9595	6095	7895	6995	7895
26 Sep*	4495	5295	6995	5895	6995	9595	6095	7895	6995	7895
* 26 Sep cruise is 12 days/11 nights. Passengers will be accommodated on board the ship during the 2 night stay in Moscow.										
ex Volgograd (12 days/11 nights)										
13 May	4495	5295	6995	5895	6995	9595	6095	7895	6995	7895

■ Limited single cabins are available on Promenade and Sun Decks. For sole use of a twin or double cabin - prices are on application. For deck and cabin plans see page 7.