

The Volga Dream experience

Welcome on board

Welcome on board the family-owned and operated MS Volga Dream! From the moment you step on board the elegant Volga Dream, you are made to feel welcome and know that you are going to be spoilt. The attentive, hand-picked English speaking service personnel make you feel immediately that this will be a very special journey. The Volga Dream is the only family-owned ship on the Volga and her owners take immense pride in offering a truly Russian cruise experience.

Your crew

The official on board language is English. The crew are all native Russians and every member of the service staff speaks fluent English. With just 100 passengers and a crew of 60, the Volga Dream boasts the highest crew-to-passenger ratio on the river. And for that additional peace of mind, there is always a doctor on board.

Your ship

Thanks to a total rebuild in 2007, the MS Volga Dream is a thoroughly modern and well-equipped vessel offering the latest in passenger and maritime safety. The ship features many spacious public areas - the large Neva Lounge and Bar, accommodating all guests at one sitting, a well-stocked library, the spacious Sun and Promenade Decks offering ample solid teak seating and all-around scenery. There is also an open-air Ladoga Bar, fitness centre and sauna. With

so few guests and so much space you can always find a quiet spot to sit back and relax and you will often feel as if you are on your own private vessel.

Fine dining

The delightful restaurant accommodates all guests in one sitting, offering the highest standard of cuisine, freshly chosen by the Cordon Bleu Chef. Lunch may be a sumptuous buffet or set menu, while dinner is always four or five courses, with full service. Accompanying the best selection of international and Russian dishes is complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks with all on board lunches and dinners. In addition, a 24-hour self-service coffee station offers complimentary coffee, tea and snacks.





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On board activities & Small group sightseeing

On board activities

Life on board can be as relaxing or educational as you choose. Your entertainment program includes Russian cooking demonstrations, Matryoshka doll painting, vodka tasting, elementary Russian language classes, classical Russian piano recitals from the resident pianist and lectures about modern history and life in today's Russia from highly-qualified professional speakers. Your resident professor presents a series of lectures shedding light on everything from Gorbachev to Chekhov, Khrushchev to Ivan the Terrible, and of course, contemporary Russia. As an added bonus, the professor is on board throughout the cruise for informal conversation.

Small group sightseeing

All sightseeing is conducted in small groups with professional English speaking local guides. Excursions on the Gold program will be conducted in groups of maximum 25 guests; Platinum program groups will comprise a maximum of 16 guests and Imperial a maximum of 10 guests. Your Cruise Tour includes daily sightseeing excursions - including these must-see highlights.







State Armoury Museum, Moscow

Located in the Kremlin grounds, the State Armoury Museum, one of the oldest museums in Moscow, houses a unique collection of crown jewels, gems, glittering thrones, ornate carriages, ceremonial robes and an impressive collection of Fabergé eggs. Moscow's Grand Princes began storing their valuables in the Kremlin's cellars as early as the 14th century. It holds unique collections of Russian, Western European and Eastern applied arts spanning the period from the 5th to the 20th centuries.

Kizhi Island, Karelia

Tiny Kizhi Island is located in the Karelian Republic and was originally settled as a place of pagan practices. This UNESCO World Heritage Site consists almost entirely of meadows and traditional wooden buildings. The island and nearby area form a national open-air museum with over 80 historical wooden structures. The Transfiguration Church, with 22 cupolas covered in aspen wood, was built in 1714 without the use of a single nail, and represents the ultimate in Russian fairy-tale architecture.

Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg

It was Catherine the Great's grand passion for art that transformed the Hermitage into one of the world's greatest museums. By the end of her reign, Catherine's collection was larger than any other European monarch. The museum comprises five buildings on the Neva Embankment, including the Winter Palace which was commissioned by Catherine the Great and was an imperial home until 1917. The museum currently houses a collection of more than 3 million items.



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Luxury hotel stays

Whether you choose a Gold, Platinum or Imperial program - you will be accommodated in centrally-located 5-star international hotels during your 3-night stays in both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Moscow

Gold & Platinum program



Ararat Park Hyatt

Imperial program



Marriott Royal Aurora

The Marriott Royal Aurora is located in a prime location in the city centre, within easy walking distance from the Bolshoi Theatre, Red Square and the Kremlin. This up-market American chain hotel combines elegant interiors, first class service and traditional Marriott hospitality. The hotel features an indoor pool and fitness centre, with two restaurants offering American, European and Russian specialties.

Ararat Park Hyatt

The world-class Ararat Park Hyatt is located close to the Bolshoi Theatre and minutes' walk from Red Square. All rooms and most public areas were stylishly renovated by the renowned designer Tony Chi in 2012. The hotel houses four restaurants including the landmark Cafe Ararat which combines traditional Armenian and contemporary cuisine. The hotel also houses a fitness centre and indoor pool.

Four Seasons Hotel Moscow

The top-of-the-range, luxury Four Seasons Hotel Moscow boasts a superb historic location, overlooking Manezhnaya Square, just steps away from Red Square, St. Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin. The interior, including its 180 rooms, exudes contemporary style and luxury. The hotel offers an extensive range of dining options in five restaurants and lounges and a state-of-theart Amnis Spa complex with fitness centre and lap pool.

St. Petersburg

Gold & Platinum program





Imperial program



Kempinski Moika 22

Situated in the heart of the city, on the Moika River, in the aristocratic mansion built in 1853, Kempinski Hotel Moika 22 overlooks Palace Square and the Hermitage Museum. The hotel is just five minutes' walk from Nevsky Prospekt and close to all major sights and shopping. The rooms are decorated in classic marine style. The popular Bellevue Brasserie restaurant offers 360-degree views of the city.

Belmond Grand Hotel Europe

The iconic Belmond Grand Hotel Europe is ideally positioned on Nevsky Prospekt, adjacent to Arts Square. The hotel has played a central role in the history of St. Petersburg for more than 140 years. Its guest list includes Dostoevsky, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky and members of the Romanov dynasty. Soaring ceilings, stained glass, plush fabrics and Art Nouveau flourishes offer a sense of grandeur from a bygone era.

Four Seasons Lion Palace

Housed within a magnificent 19th century royal palace, the Four Seasons Lion Palace is located on St. Isaac's Square close to Nevsky Prospekt and the Mariinsky Theatre. The architect of neighbouring St. Isaac's Cathedral, Auguste de Montferrand, was commissioned by Prince Lobanov-Rostovsky, aide-de-camp to the Tsar, to create an elite apartment building. The hotel features two fine-dining venues, the Xander Bar and a luxury spa.



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On board accommodation





MS Volga Dream offers you a wide choice of on board accommodation in classic décor - from Standard, Superior and Deluxe cabins to Junior Suites and the ultimate Owner's Suite. All cabins are outside, with individually controlled air-conditioning, en suite bathroom and separate shower, bathrobes and slippers, hairdryer, minibar, safe and flat-screen TV. The bottled water in your cabin is replenished daily.















Deluxe Double 11.3m²

