

13 Day Russia River Cruise with Flights

St Petersburg - Mandrogi - Kizhi - Goritsy - Yaroslavl - Uglich - Moscow

From **\$4,799** Typically \$6,199 ✈ pp twin share



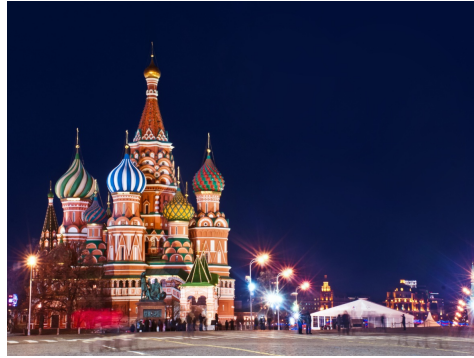
Roundtrip international flights from Australia included

10-night Russia River Cruise aboard MS Zosima Shashkov

Cruise the legendary Volga River, visit the Kremlin, and so much more!

Book now with only 50% deposit!

Description



Commence your 13 Day Russia River Cruise in St. Petersburg, this city remains Russia's cultural center, with venues such as the Mariinsky Theatre hosting opera and ballet, and the State Russian Museum showcasing Russian art, from Orthodox icon paintings to Kandinsky works. Tour this magical city including a Visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum, housing the largest collection of priceless masterpieces by Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Rembrandt and many others. Next you are off to Mandrogi, a reconstructed 18th-century traditional Russian village set amongst a picturesque landscape. Continue on your journey to visit the island of Kizhi. Here you will stand in awe at the Church of Transfiguration, this whole area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Over the next few days you travel to visit and enjoy the Monastery of St. Cyril, Goritsy, a Yaroslavl City Tour, Walking Tour of Uglich, Kremlin Grounds Tour, and a Moscow City Tour. Concluding your tour in Moscow you will return home with many stories to tell and magical memories to share.

Itinerary

Day 1

Australia ✈ Russia

Your adventure starts today with your flight to St Petersburg.

Meals included: inflight only

Day 2

Russia River Cruise - boarding in St. Petersburg

Arrive in astonishingly beautiful St. Petersburg, nestled on the Neva River; transfer to the port to embark your cruise. After arrival formalities, time to rest, relax and enjoy your new surroundings. Tonight's dinner welcomes you to Russia and your cruise on the legendary Volga River.

Accommodation: MS Zosima Shashkov cruise ship on a twin share basis with private bathroom facilities

Meals included: inflight and dinner

Day 3

Russia River Cruise - Hermitage Museum & St. Petersburg City Tour

This morning visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum, housing the largest collection of priceless masterpieces by Michelangelo, Da Vinci, Rembrandt and many others. This afternoon, your tour of enchanting St. Petersburg begins on the stunning Nevsky Prospekt, the main avenue of the city, planned by Peter the Great. Continue to view the Palace Square, Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Isaac's Cathedral with its huge golden dome and the magnificent Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, a superb example of Russian architecture. Tonight, after dinner, attend an optional performance of a traditional Russian ballet or opt to take a scenic cruise along St. Petersburg's legendary canals

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 4

Russia River Cruise - St. Petersburg

Today is free to explore all of the delights of this magical city on your own. Or, join the optional excursion to Pushkin Palace and Peterhof Park. Travel to nearby Pushkin to visit the lavish 18th century Catherine's Palace, the summer residence of the Russian Tsars, named for Catherine, widow of Peter the Great. Explore the luxurious palace, an architectural masterpiece, and the surrounding gardens. Visit the reconstructed Amber Room, with its walls covered with dazzling panels of amber, gold leaf and mirrors. Then, continue to Peterhof Palace with its gorgeous landscaped gardens and fountains overlooking the Gulf of Finland. This configuration of palaces and gardens was masterminded by Peter the Great, and is often called the "Russian Versailles." Return to the ship in the late afternoon and set sail from St. Petersburg. This evening, enjoy dinner on board and get to know your fellow travelling companions.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 5

Russia River Cruise - Village of Mandrogi

Sail to Mandrogi, a reconstructed 18th-century traditional Russian village set amongst a picturesque landscape. Walkthrough the village with its traditional Russian houses (izba) and browse the shops for handmade Russian crafts, paintings or traditional clothes. Stop at the popular Museum of Russian Vodka, with a collection of over 2500 varieties of vodka from across Russia. Explore the craft workshops where painting, wood carving, weaving lacework and pottery are demonstrated, and then cap off the afternoon with a traditional "shashlik" lunch, served in an open-air pavilion on the shore (weather permitting). In the late afternoon, sail for the island of Kizhi.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 6

Russia River Cruise - Kizhi Church of Transfiguration

This morning arrive at the island of Kizhi.* Here, you will stand in awe at the Church of the Transfiguration, one of the most impressive wooden structures ever erected. This fairy tale architectural landmark is largely responsible for creating one of the most frequented tourist attractions in Russia. The church features 22 cupolas of striking intricacy, built without using a single nail. Wander through the open-air wooden Architecture Museum with its collection of wooden houses, windmills and churches representing ancient Russian architecture. This entire area has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to the ship in time for lunch. This afternoon, attend a Russian tea ceremony on board, or a Russian song class as the ship sails towards Goritsy.

*The operation of the Kizhi Church of Transfiguration is dependent on weather and sea conditions. If cancelled, the visit to Kizhi will be replaced with alternate sightseeing.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 7

Russia River Cruise - Monastery of St. Cyril, Goritsy

Morning is at leisure on board. Afternoon arrival in Goritsy, an old Russian town with a rich historical and cultural heritage. Stroll the grounds of the 14th century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, also known as the Monastery of St. Cyril of the White Lake, one of the largest and best-preserved medieval Abbeys in Russia. The wooden churches and walls built at the original location were replaced over succeeding centuries by impressive stone and masonry structures. The monastery's fortifying walls, which measure 2400-feet-long and 22 feet thick, are truly a very impressive sight. In the late afternoon, reboard your ship and set sail for Yaroslavl.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 8

Russia River Cruise - Yaroslavl City Tour

Arrive this afternoon in the quaint Golden Ring city of Yaroslavl. This beautiful city, one of Russia's oldest, traces its roots back to the days of the Vikings. View the fortified Transfiguration of the Savior Monastery and its Cathedral, the oldest building in Yaroslavl, dating back 800 years. Continue to the Yaroslavl Museum of Russian Art housed in the 18th-century Governor's mansion, with its impressive collection of Russian paintings spread out across many palatial rooms. View the exquisite Church of Elijah the Prophet with its detailed frescoes and icons, a real masterpiece of ancient Russian art and the Church of St. Nicholas the Wonder-worker. Time to browse the local food markets before returning to the ship for dinner.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 9

Russia River Cruise - Walking Tour of Uglich

Arrive in historic Uglich on the banks of the Volga River. Uglich played an important role in Russian history when Prince Dmitry used it as a hiding place from the bloody reign of his father Ivan the Terrible. His death made the town famous and led to an increasingly turbulent period in Russia's history. This morning's walking tour will visit the Church of St. Dimitry-on-Blood built in honour of the Prince on the exact spot where he was killed by his father's forces, and the Transfiguration Cathedral marvellously decorated with painted icons and frescoes. The ship will set sail for Moscow at noon. This evening, join the Captain's dinner on board and a delightful talent show.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 10

Russia River Cruise - Moscow City Tour

This morning relax on board as you prepare for an exciting afternoon in Moscow, the fabled capital of Russia. After lunch on board, begin your panoramic city tour at the Cathedral of Christ the Savior and the former headquarters of the KGB. Explore storied Red Square with St. Basil's Cathedral and the famous red brick walls of the Kremlin before returning to the ship for dinner on board.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 11

Russia River Cruise - Kremlin Grounds Tour

Visit the Kremlin, one of the best-known monuments in Russia - and in the world. The guided walking tour takes you inside the former residence of the Russian Czars. See the famous Czar Cannon, the 16th century Czar Bell, and Cathedral Square, home to three of Moscow's most elaborate cathedrals: the Cathedral of Assumption, the Cathedral of the Annunciation, and the Cathedral of the Archangel. This afternoon return to the ship to rest, explore Moscow on your own or take an optional afternoon tour to the Kremlin Armory. Here, you will find the largest collection of the world-famous Fabergé eggs. Marvel at Grand Siberian Railway egg, with its gold train, platinum locomotive and ruby headlamp, crafted to commemorate the Moscow-Vladivostok line. View Russian arms and armour, the state regalia, thrones, carriages, and ornate coronation dressers. Tonight, bid a fond farewell to your newfound friends on board.

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Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 12

Russia ✈ Australia

Morning disembarkation in Moscow. The airport is approximately a two-hour drive from the port. Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals included: breakfast

Day 13

Australia

Arrive Australia

Meals included: inflight

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- Return economy class airfare from Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth, Brisbane*, Hobart* and Canberra* (*surcharges apply)
- International flights with Qantas Airlines, Singapore Airlines, Emirates Airlines, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Cathay Pacific, Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines, Thai Airways (subject to availability)
- Roundtrip airport and cruise port transfers
- 10 nights Russia River Cruise aboard MS Zosima Shashkov cruise ship in a Main Deck cabin on a twin share basis with private bathroom facilities
- Meals as indicated: 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
- Cruise portage
- Shore excursions as per itinerary
- Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Russian invitation letter to facilitate the visa process will be supplied 6 weeks prior to departure (Russian visa is not included)

Accommodation

Russia River Cruise - MS Zosima Shashkov cruise ship in a Main Deck^ cabin on a twin share basis with private bathroom facilities (^upgrade to a Middle or Boat Deck cabin at additional cost, subject to availability)

Cabin Upgrade

- Middle Deck Cabin upgrade (twin-share): \$200 per person
- Boat Deck Cabin upgrade (twin-share): \$250 per person

Extra Service

Looking to arrive early or stay late post-tour? Call on 1300 350 263 or email us at info@traveldream.com.au to inquire.

More details also available under Extra Services during checkout.

Exclusions

- Entry visas to Russia
- Meals not mentioned
- All drinks
- Any additional requests
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Gratuities - \$15 per person per day is recommended

Child Policy

Children that are 2 to 11 years of age are eligible for a 10% discount. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Single Supplement

The additional supplement for a single traveller is \$1950

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Add On - 8 Day Scandinavian Capitals self-guided tour

\$1,999 per person (available under Extra Services during checkout)

Inclusions

- One way economy class flight from Moscow to Copenhagen
- 6 nights hotel accommodation on a twin share basis with private bathroom facilities
- 1-night DFDS Seaways Ferry in a twin-share cabin with private bathroom facilities
- Meals as indicated: 8 breakfasts and 1 dinner
- Train ticket from Oslo to Stockholm