Waterways of Russia
St. Petersburg • Moscow

Cruising aboard the Deluxe M.S. Volga Dream

August 28 to September 7, 2012
Dear Wesleyan Alumni, Parents and Friends,

The timeless pageant that is Russia reveals itself in the scenic rivers, lakes and canals that link St. Petersburg with Moscow. Between these two great cultural capitals lies a countryside seemingly untouched by the 20th century. Golden-domed churches rise out of the early morning mist; quaint wooden villages and old-world farms dot the verdant landscape; and the gentle light of early autumn evenings gives an otherworldly dimension to the banks of Russia’s great “blue road” of inland waterways.

Join us for this once-in-a-lifetime journey aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM, the premier ship cruising Russia’s waterways. Explore the greatest treasures and mysteries of classical Russian culture, steeped in unmatched artistic, historical and architectural legacies. During an excellent time of year to visit, spend two nights aboard ship in St. Petersburg, Russia’s “window on the West,” the majestic legacy of that most visionary of czars, Peter the Great. From St. Petersburg, cruise for six nights through the heartland of Mother Russia, where everyday life goes on at the measured pace it has kept for generations. Here, villagers still dwell in traditional wooden cottages and preserve the folkways of their ancestors, and onion-domed churches and fortified monasteries testify to the abiding faith of the Russian people. Our program concludes with one night aboard ship in the fabled city of Moscow, the political and commercial capital of the world’s largest country and the cultural frontier between East and West.

This program also features a two-night Post-Cruise Option in Moscow. This unique opportunity to enjoy a truly deluxe cruise in Russia features a thoughtfully crafted itinerary and will appeal not only to the first-time traveler to Russia, but also to the return visitor curious to see the astounding changes that have taken place in Russia’s two largest and most important cities. Space is very limited, and we encourage you to reserve today as this program sells out year after year; early booking savings are available only until February 28, 2012.

Warmest regards,

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U.S.
Tuesday, August 28
Depart from the U.S. for St. Petersburg, Russia.

St. Petersburg,
Russia
Wednesday, August 29
Arrive in St. Petersburg and meet your Travel Director. Transfer to the deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM. Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening aboard the ship.

The ship remains docked overnight on the great Neva River, which flows majestically through the heart of St. Petersburg, known as the “Venice of the North.”

St. Petersburg
Thursday, August 30
Explore the city’s legendary landmarks, which are scattered across more than 100 islands linked by more than three times as many bridges. St. Petersburg’s main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture.

On the morning tour, see the beautiful Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II’s assassination; the Admiralty tower, part of a UNESCO World Heritage site; and visit the 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral, with a striking golden dome that is one of the glories of the city’s skyline, to see its dazzling interior of malachite and lapis lazuli. Tour the city’s oldest edifice, the Peter and Paul Fortress, built in 1703 to guard the country’s only outlet to the Baltic Sea. The impressive Baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul contains the tombs of czars from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

Enjoy time on your own or join the optional excursion to Catherine the Great’s imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (“Czar’s Village”) in Pushkin. Tour the elaborate Baroque palace, built in 1741, highlighted by a special visit to the restoration workshops. See the extraordinary Amber Room: six tons of solid amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf, once deemed the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Stripped and confiscated by the Nazis in 1941, the Amber Room was meticulously reconstructed in 2003 in honor of St. Petersburg’s 300th birthday.

This evening, attend an optional Russian ballet or music performance (performance schedule permitting).

St. Petersburg
Friday, August 31
Enjoy a specially reserved entrance and tour of the State Hermitage Museum, former palace of Catherine the Great and repository of one of the world’s oldest and greatest art collections. View the priceless collection of 19th- and 20th-century French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works as well as the controversial group of 74 masterpieces “lost” in a storeroom since World War II and found in 1995. Its spectacular collection is rivaled only by the museum’s ornate interiors.

The afternoon is at leisure in St. Petersburg, or you can choose to join the optional excursion to skim over the Gulf of Finland by hydrofoil to Petrodvorets, the splendid palaces and parklands commissioned by Peter the Great, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. The ship departs this evening.

Photo this page: Like Russia itself, the colorful domes of St. Basl’s Cathedral, the most recognized symbol of Russia, dazzle visitors with their timeless beauty and enchanting mystique.

Cover photo: Stroll along Petrodvorets’ majestic Grand Cascade, a testament to the power and vision of Peter the Great.
View the Hermitage’s impressive collection of European art amassed by Catherine the Great and showcased in the museum’s exquisitely detailed interior, her former palace and residence.

Neva River/Lake Ladoga/ Mandrogi/Svir River/ Lake Onega
Saturday, September 1
This morning, admire the passing wilderness of serene meadows and virgin pine and birch forests. The ship calls this afternoon at Mandrogi, a small riverside village. Continue your cruise along the sparkling Svir River between Lake Ladoga, the largest freshwater reservoir in Europe, and Lake Onega, known for its approximately 1650 islands.

Kizhi Island/Lake Onega
Sunday, September 2
Be on deck early this morning for the unforgettable approach to picturesque Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This remarkable open-air museum is a treasure trove of 18th-century Karelian and north Russian wooden architecture. Admire the Church of the Transfiguration, an architectural masterpiece featuring 22 cupolas built completely of wood without a single nail!

This afternoon, cruise Lake Onega, surrounded by the beautifully untouched Russian countryside.

Lake Beloye/Goritsy/ Sheksna River
Monday, September 3
Along the shores of Lake Beloye, see rural communities continuing the traditions of Old Russia.

From the tranquil village of Goritsy, visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded in 1397. It is said that Vasily III came here to pray for an heir, and soon after, his wife Elena gave birth to the future Ivan the Terrible, the first Czar of Russia. Along the Sheksna River, catch glimpses of a bygone era as you pass rustic family farms and quaint dachas, the seasonal cottages of Russia’s elite.

This evening, enjoy a dinner that will include traditional Russian specialties, followed by a specially arranged sampling of Russian vodkas.

The beautiful Goritsy Monastery was founded in 1544 by one of Ivan the Terrible’s daughters-in-law. It was primarily used for political exile for women of noble birth in the late 16th century and now houses a small community of nuns.
Lake Rybinskoye/Yaroslavl
Tuesday, September 4
This morning, the ship cruises through the scenic wilderness of Lake Rybinskoye. After lunch, dock in Yaroslavl, the oldest town on the Volga River and one of the “Golden Ring” of fortified towns and villages built to surround Moscow between the 11th and 15th centuries.

Uglich/Volga River
Wednesday, September 5
In the 10th-century “Golden Ring” town of Uglich, walk to the small 17th-century Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible’s young son met his demise. Admire its cluster of red turrets capped with shimmering blue onion domes and the elegant frescoes that adorn the inside. Continue to the stately five-domed Cathedral of the Transfiguration, built along the Volga River in 1713.

This afternoon, cruise the great Volga River, the main artery of the Russian heartland for over a millennium, and into the Moscow Canal, which gives Moscow access to five different seas.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Moscow
Thursday, September 6
Arrive in the Russian capital city along the Moscow River, which flows leisurely through the city that has embodied the heart and soul of Russia for over 850 years.

Explore Moscow’s cultural and historical treasures beginning with a visit to the imposing halls of the Kremlin, the fabled “Citadel of the Czars” and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Tour the Armory, the oldest museum in Russia, and see the authentic State treasures including the magnificently bejeweled Fabergé Easter eggs commissioned by the Romanov czars.
Walk around infamous Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site where both Romanov czars and Soviet commissars flexed their might and power. Admire the multicolored grandeur of the 16th-century St. Basil’s Cathedral, one of the country’s most beautiful Orthodox monuments.

**MOSCOW POST-CRUISE OPTION**
Further explore the heart and soul of Mother Russia on this two-night extension in Moscow. Tour the magnificent Tretyakov Gallery, enjoy a cultural performance and visit the tranquil grounds of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Novodevichy ("New Maidens") Convent, including a stroll through its cemetery, the most prestigious in Moscow. Accommodations are included in the deluxe MARRIOTT ROYAL AURORA HOTEL, ideally located in the city center.

The Post-Cruise Option and Optional Excursions are available at additional cost, and details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Russia’s Cultural Capitals

Among the world’s prodigious capitals of culture, no two cities stand higher than St. Petersburg and Moscow. St. Petersburg will capture your imagination; Moscow will stir your soul.

The very creation of St. Petersburg was a cultural statement by Peter the Great, whose vision was to “open a window on the West,” to rival Europe’s greatest cities. This epicenter of art and architecture is showcased during a specially arranged, early opening of the State Hermitage Museum to allow you to view the incomparable treasures of Catherine the Great’s spectacular collections. True to Peter the Great’s vision, St. Petersburg, the literary and musical center of Russia, has produced universally revered ballets, novels and classical compositions.

An important trading hub long before Ivan the Terrible declared it Russia’s capital in 1547, Moscow today continues to be the pulse of Russian finance, commerce, education and research. A medieval city in its layout and major architecture, with four UNESCO World Heritage sites, here you will visit the mesmerizing Kremlin complex of museums, including the famous Armory, golden-domed churches and functional government buildings, and sense firsthand the power of one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Catherine the Great’s legendary Hermitage Museum.

Included Features
- Educational program of lectures and discussions with guest speakers.
- On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM
  - Nine nights: two nights in St. Petersburg; six-night cruise with port calls at Mandrogi, Kizhi Island, Goritsy, Yaroslavt and Uglich; and one night in Moscow.
  - Outside accommodations with private bathroom.
  - Buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner, early risers’ coffee and afternoon tea.
  - One traditional Russian lunch featuring authentic culinary specialties.
  - Complimentary house wine, beer and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.
  - Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
  - Evening entertainment, including a piano concert.
  - City tour of St. Petersburg, a UNESCO World Heritage site, featuring visits to the 18th-century Peter and Paul Fortress and St. Isaac’s Cathedral.
  - Specially reserved entrance and guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - Walking tour of Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - Visit to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery near Goritsy.
  - City tour of medieval Yaroslavl, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - Walking tour of the city of Uglich, including the Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood.
  - Visit to Moscow’s imposing Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Armory Museum’s czarist treasures.
  - Walking tour of Moscow’s historic Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including St. Basil’s Cathedral, an icon of traditional Russian architecture.

Enhanced Travel Services
- All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have made their air arrangements through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- Excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on transfer and included excursions.
- Experienced Travel Director to accompany you throughout the travel program.
- Hospitality desk aboard ship.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

St. Petersburg’s Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul was the newly founded city’s first building to be commissioned in 1703.
Land/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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- Owner's Suite available on request at additional cost to be advised.
- Singles are available in category 5 at $7795 and in category 4 at $8795 on or before February 28, 2012. Add $1000 for reservations made after February 28, 2012.
- Taxes are an additional $242 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. VOLGA DREAM has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

Waterways of Russia Reservation Form

Send to: Wesleyan University Travel Programs
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Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-1240
Tel: (800) 922-3088 or (312) 609-1140

Title Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Year & Parent Year

Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)
City State Zip Code

Telephone: (Home) (Business) Email Address (Mobile)

Preferred name(s) on badge(s) Tour No. 033-08/28/12-231

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Moscow Post-Cruise Option. By forwarding of deposit, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $__________ as deposit.

I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $__________ to:

Visa  MasterCard

Card Number Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by May 25, 2012.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st Choice 2nd Choice

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

Moscow Post-Cruise Option

- Double at $595 per person.
- Single at $795 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

I/We want to book my/our air from

(fill in departure city)
to St. Petersburg, Russia, with return from Moscow, Russia, at additional cost to be advised.¹

- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

¹Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.
Walk in the footsteps of Romanov czars on the grounds of Pushkin's extravagant Catherine Palace, the summer residence of Russian czars.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS.
IMPORTANT READ CAREFULLY.

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In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, sickness, illness, the lack of availability of or access to appropriate medical attention, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

If it due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant on these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/ship line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice, and Gohagan shall not be liable for any loss of any kind as a result of any such changes. Ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, sightseeing events, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice. Gohagan is not responsible therefore and is not required to compensate passengers under these circumstances. Gohagan may cancel a trip (or an option) for any reason whatsoever; it so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to it. Gohagan is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. Gohagan is not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and/or itinerary changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar category for those listed in this brochure.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 38 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you trust cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage.

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and are subject to change at any time. Gohagan reserves the right to increase the tour price in the event of cost increases due to changes in airfares, currency fluctuations or fuel or energy surcharges and all such increases are to be paid to Gohagan upon notice to the tour participant of such increases.

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs require physical accessibility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for tending equipment.

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