
Travel with The Met

June 5–15, 2019

**Waterways of the Tsars:
Moscow to St. Petersburg
Aboard *Volga Dream***
with Karen Stamm,
Conservator in the
Department of
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Dear Members and Friends of The Metropolitan Museum of Art,

Please join me next year as Travel with The Met sails the mighty Volga River into the heartland of Russia. From Moscow's colorful onion domes to St. Petersburg's stunning palaces, we will admire some of the greatest art and architecture in the world.

We begin with three nights in Moscow at the Four Seasons, just steps from the Kremlin, where we will enter before hours for a private look at the Armory Museum. I will lecture on the art of the Moscow Metro, the subway system that opened in 1935. Known as "the People's Palaces," these stunning stations were designed by the Soviet Union's finest architects and often feature marble columns, frescoes, and elaborate chandeliers inspired by Russia's Baroque period.

Then we board *Volga Dream*, the finest ship in Russia, for a six-night cruise, during which I will speak on some of the medieval icons and architecture we will experience at centuries-old monasteries in Uglich, Yaroslavl, and other Golden Ring towns. Upon our arrival in St. Petersburg, my lecture will focus on the House of Fabergé and the famed Imperial Easter eggs created for the last Romanov family. I hope you will consider staying on with me in St. Petersburg for the optional postlude from June 15 to 18, during the celebrated White Nights Festival.

My talks on Russian art and architecture will be complemented by lectures from James E. Salzman, the Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Visiting Professor of Law at Harvard University, and Ivo Banac, the Bradford Durfee Professor Emeritus in the Department of History at Yale University. We will also be joined by members of The National Trust for Historic Preservation.

I look forward to greeting you in Moscow in 2019!

Sincerely,
Karen Stamm
*Conservator, Department of Objects Conservation
The Metropolitan Museum of Art*



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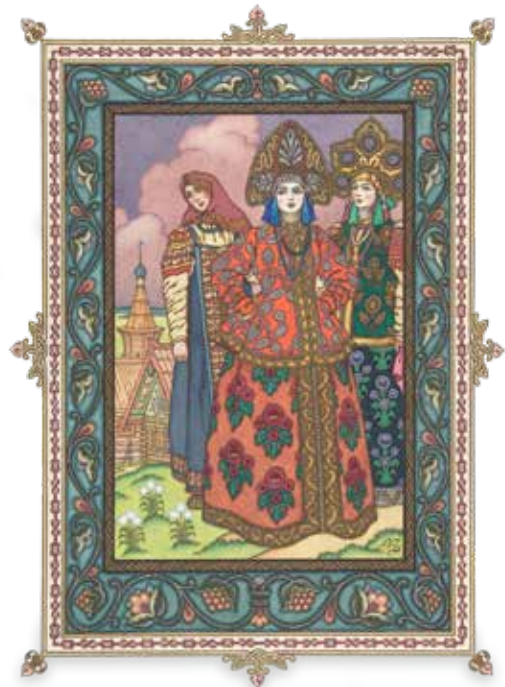
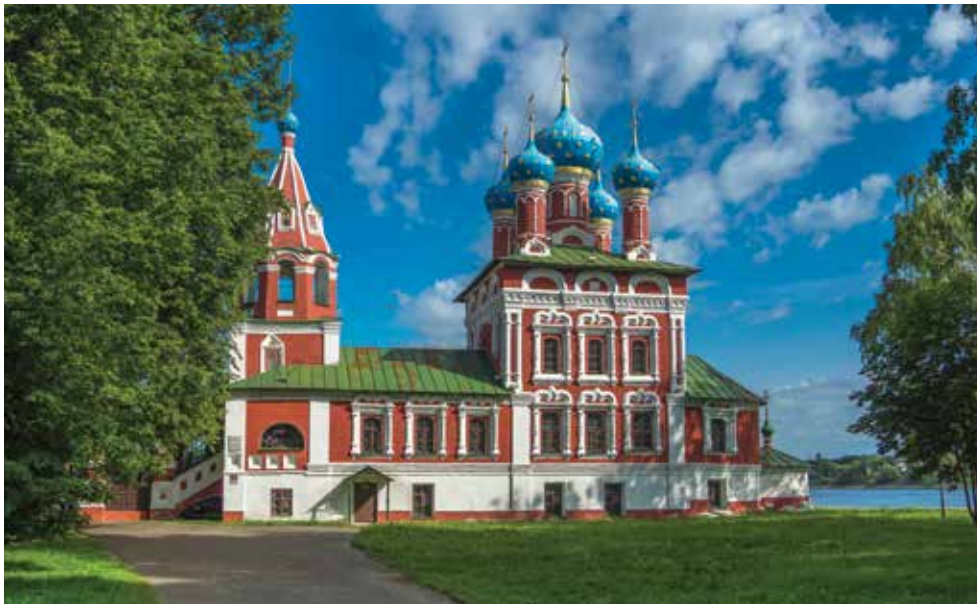
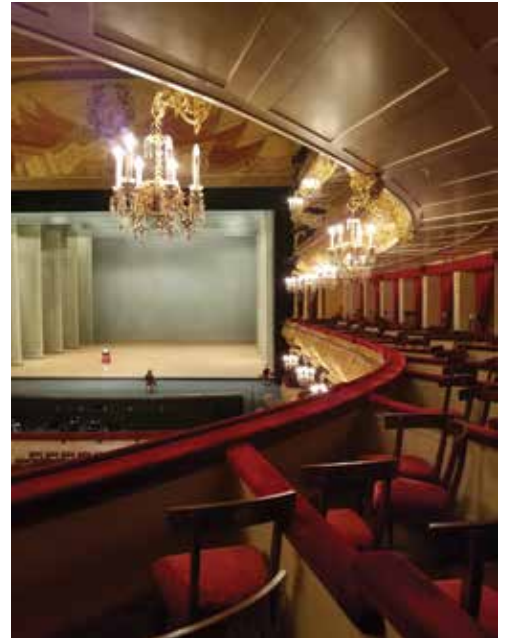
Karen Stamm

Karen Stamm, Conservator in the Department of Objects Conservation, has worked at The Met since 1998, and is responsible for the care of the glass collection throughout the museum. She works with various curatorial departments and has worked on the reinstalls of the Greek and Roman and the Islamic Galleries. Karen received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and did her conservation graduate work at the Institute of Archaeology, University College London. Her expertise in the conservation of cultural heritage will greatly enhance our visits to Russia's medieval monasteries, as will her knowledge of the imperial Fabergé eggs, whose history reflects the glory, glamour, and tragic fall of the House of Romanov.

Trip Highlights

- Cruise the scenic waterways of Russia aboard the country's finest ship
- Explore less-visited UNESCO World Heritage sites, including the Ferapontov Monastery and the fairy-tale island of Kizhi
- Meet a dancer during a behind-the-scenes tour of the Bolshoi Theatre, or enjoy a special reception at Spaso House, the grand turn-of-the-century home of the U.S. Ambassador (pending confirmation)
- Delight in the stirring voices of an intimate choral ensemble, enhanced by the flawless acoustics at the Cathedral of the Transfiguration in Uglich
- Discuss life since the fall of the Soviet Union with local residents of the riverside village of Svirstroy
- Enter the Kremlin before public hours for a private visit to the Armory Museum





Photos clockwise from top right: Bolshoi Theatre, photo by Christine Echeverri; Moscow Metro, photo by Tim Adams; Illustration for "La Belle Vassilissa" [The Stepmother and Step Sisters], ca. 1925. Boris Zvorykin (Russian, Moscow 1872–1942 Paris). Gouache, metallic inks, and black ink, heightened with white, over graphite. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, Gift of Thomas H. Guinzburg, The Viking Press, 1979 [1979.537.11]; Kremlin, Moscow, photo by Mark Pegrum; Church of the Transfiguration, Uglich, photo by Bob C Images; Four Seasons Moscow. Front cover photo: St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow. Back cover photo: M.S. Volga Dream, photo by 56 Parallel (top), Kizhi (bottom).

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Zaryadye Park, Moscow, photo by Anastasia Jorge

Departure

Wednesday, June 5

Depart on an overnight flight to Moscow.

Moscow, Russia

Thursday, June 6

Arrive in Moscow and transfer to the Four Seasons Moscow for check-in. In the afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of Red Square, home to Saint Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's Tomb, and the famous GUM department store. Gather this evening for a welcome reception and dinner at the hotel. R, D

Moscow

Friday, June 7

Following a morning lecture, visit the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts, housing a remarkable collection of French Impressionist and Old Master paintings. Alternatively, visit an open session of the Duma, or Russian Parliament (pending confirmation). Discover the newly restored Bolshoi Theatre during a guided tour and meet with a dancer from this prestigious company, or drive to Spaso House, the home of the United States Ambassador, for a special visit and cocktail (pending confirmation). The remainder of the day is at leisure. B, L

Moscow

Saturday, June 8

Begin the day at the New Tretyakov Picture Gallery, displaying works by artists including Malevich, Kandinsky, and Chagall. Following lunch, visit the Old Tretyakov Gallery to view its extraordinary collection of Russian art, ranging from 12th-century icons to 20th-century masterpieces. This evening return to the historic Bolshoi for a performance (pending schedule) B, L

Moscow / Embark *Volga Dream*

Sunday, June 9

Enter the Kremlin before public hours for a private visit to the Armory Museum, with its collection of tsarist thrones, ceremonial crowns, coaches, and gifts of state. Continue to the beautifully frescoed 15th-century Assumption and Annunciation Cathedrals. Following lunch, tour the ornate stations of the Moscow Metro, known as "the People's Palaces." Travel north of the city to the river port, to board *Volga Dream*. B, L, D

Uglich

Monday, June 10

Enjoy a leisurely morning cruise to Uglich, whose medieval buildings loom above a sharp bend in the river. At the five-domed Church of the Transfiguration, an *a cappella* concert creates a starkly beautiful contrast with the glittering iconostasis surrounding the singers. Learn about the important role Uglich played in the rise of the Romanov Dynasty at the Chapel of Dimitry, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible's youngest son met his death. Tonight, join the captain for a welcome reception and dinner. B, L, R, D

Yaroslavl

Tuesday, June 11

The oldest city on the Volga River, Yaroslavl was unscathed during World War II, and many religious buildings dating from the 13th to 17th centuries remain intact. In the Spassky Monastery, see the Transfiguration Cathedral, adorned with murals depicting the apocalyptic visions of St. John; and then view the richly frescoed Church of Elijah the Prophet. Stroll in the lively market before returning to the *Volga Dream* for lunch. As we cruise this afternoon, a Russian language class will be offered. B, L, D

Goritsy

Wednesday, June 12

Visit the UNESCO-listed Ferapontov Monastery, whose frescoes are considered

among the finest examples of medieval Russian art. Enjoy free time in this peaceful village, or tour the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, also known as "the Monastery of St. Cyril on the White Lake," and once one of the most important monasteries in Russia. Cross Lake Beloye—formerly known as "the tsar's fishing grounds"—en route to Lake Onega, the second-largest lake in Europe. B, L, D

Kizhi

Thursday, June 13

This morning, learn to make traditional *blini* and *pelmeni* (crepes and dumplings) in an onboard cooking class. In the afternoon, step ashore on the tiny island of Kizhi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on Lake Onega. See the open-air Museum of Architecture, including its fairy-tale Church of the Transfiguration. B, L, D

Svir River Cruise / Svirstroy

Friday, June 14

Be on deck as *Volga Dream* cruises the Svir River toward Lake Ladoga, Europe's largest freshwater lake, passing graceful willow, alder, and pine trees along the shore. Call at the village of Svirstroy where we will be welcomed into a local resident's home for tea with jam and *pirozhki* (local pies). Learn about Russian tradition and village lifestyle from our hosts before visiting the nearby town. B, L, D

St. Petersburg / Return

Saturday, June 15

Disembark in St. Petersburg this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

An optional three-night postlude in St. Petersburg is offered from June 15-18.

This itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms.

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Cruise Rates

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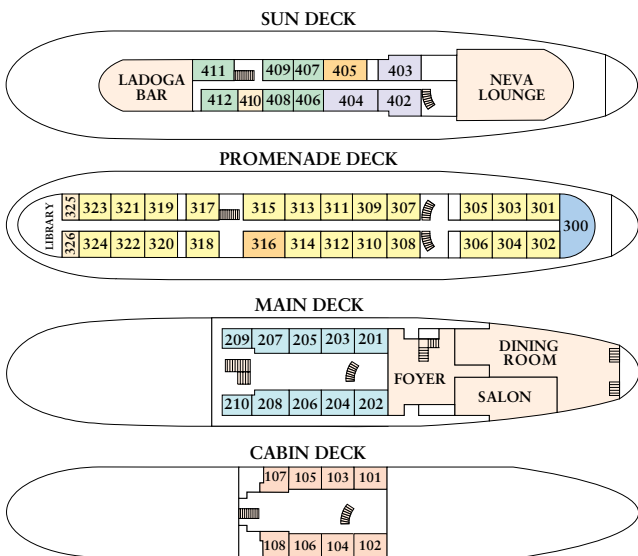
International airfare; passport/visa fees; personal items and expenses; airport transfers for those not on suggested flights; luggage in excess of one suitcase; trip insurance; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; optional St. Petersburg postlude; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

Rates Include

- Three nights hotel accommodations at the Four Seasons in Moscow
- Six nights cabin accommodations aboard *Volga Dream*
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals
- House wine/beer and soft drinks with lunches and dinners aboard *Volga Dream*; vodka tasting during the Russian dinner; four-hour coffee station; open bar during cruise*; bottled water in cabins and for each shore excursion
- Welcome Russian vodka, bread, and salt ceremony; fruit basket in cabin; Captain's welcome aboard cocktail reception (complimentary champagne and snacks); Captain's farewell cocktail reception
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks; all onboard entertainment programs, including live piano performances in the evenings
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- First Aid aboard *Volga Dream*
- Airport/hotel/pier/airport group transfers for all participants on suggested flights; gratuities to local guides and drivers
- Customary shipboard gratuities; port charges
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; pre-departure materials
- Customary shipboard gratuities

*Open bar aboard *Volga Dream* includes tea, coffee americano, water, and soft drinks; red and white house wines; standard Russian vodka; standard Russian champagne; standard whiskey Johnny Walker Red Label class; standard gin and tonic; standard Russian beer. (Open bar does NOT include: super premium alcohol brands as well as specialty coffees.)

M.S. Volga Dream



Volga Dream Owner's Suite



Dining room, photo by Dmitri Smirnov

The finest riverboat in Russia, *Volga Dream* is celebrated for her elegant appointments, meticulous design, and impeccable service. All 56 staterooms have river views and marble-accented private bathrooms. Complimentary wine and beer are offered at meals, which showcase Continental cuisine alongside Russian specialties. The lounge, decorated with paintings by contemporary Russian artists, offers panoramic views, live music, and Wi-Fi. The teak sun deck is a lovely setting for *al fresco* dining. Other amenities include a fitness room, massage room, and sauna. A physician accompanies each cruise.

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Reservation Form

To secure your reservation, please call Arrangements Abroad at 844-TRVLMET (844-878-5638); or complete this form and return it with your deposit of \$1,000 per person (of which \$500 is non-refundable for administrative fees), to be paid by debit or credit card, wire transfer, or check payable to *Arrangements Abroad*. Mail to: Academic Arrangements Abroad, 1040 Avenue of the Americas, 23rd Floor, New York, NY 10018-3721.

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Address

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Accommodations

Volga Dream cabin preference (1) _____ (2) _____

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Optional postlude

- I/We wish to join the optional postlude in St. Petersburg
 Hotel room preference One bed Two beds Single

Form of payment

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