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Program Highlights

- Unpack just once and let River Victoria transport you to Russia's great sites.
- Gain greater insight into "Mother Russia" with onboard lectures conducted by a resident historian.
- Make the most of Moscow with specially arranged visits to the Kremlin, the Armory Museum, Red Square, plus many more landmarks and time to explore on your own.
- Embrace St. Petersburg and take your seat at the magnificent Alexandrinsky Theater, the oldest Russian national theater.
- Receive early entrance to the Hermitage Museum, one of the world's largest and most valuable collections of fine art.
- Admire Russian architecture in Uglich and Yaroslavl, two cities on the Golden Ring, an area with deep-rooted traditions.



Discover the soul of Russia as you cruise its imperial waterways on the elegant River Victoria, an intimate boutique river cruiser.

Your adventure begins in Moscow, Russia's spiritual and political epicenter. Linger in majestic Red Square, explore the Kremlin and rub shoulders with locals in this prosperous capital city. Then follow in the wake of Peter the Great, the larger-than-life czar who sailed along the Volga approximately 300 years ago on a quest to modernize his country and make it an equal among the great European powers of the day. Cruise along the Volga, Svir and Neva rivers, where medieval villages, wooden dachas and onion-domed churches unfold along pastoral banks. Finally, feel the enchantment of sophisticated St. Petersburg, the cultural heart of Russia.

| UNESCO |

The Kremlin and Red Square in Moscow, the historic centers of Yaroslavl and St. Petersburg and Kizhi Pogost are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.





Left:
Cafe, GUM Department Store, Moscow

Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends and embark on a cultural odyssey, from prosperous Moscow, an ancient city brimming with world-famous landmarks and newfound creativity, to St. Petersburg, Russia's cultural capital that has retained its old-world elegance. Onboard the luxurious River Victoria, you will join a group of Carolina alumni and friends and explore fascinating imperial waterways and some of Russia's most beautiful cities.

This specially designed program offers you preferred access to popular attractions and a unique educational program that will deepen your understanding of this fascinating country.

Throughout your journey, you'll benefit from the value and convenience of group travel. A dedicated team of travel specialists will assist you with all your needs before departure and help you customize your trip with extensions and special arrangements, allowing you to make the most of your adventure.

Don't miss this opportunity to see the wonders of Russia. This program is likely to sell out early, so make your reservation today!

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert '70

President

The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association

"Moscow is ... next to Constantinople, the earthly paradise of the sight-seer."

~ Captain Harry de Windt,
British explorer and author,
1856-1933, "From Peking to
Calais by Land," 1889

"Everything [in St. Petersburg] is on a vast and colossal scale, resembling that of the empire itself."

~ Sir Nathaniel William
Wraxall, English author,
1751-1831, "A Tour Round the
Baltic," 1775

"All civilizations are to some extent the product of geographical factors, but history provides no clearer example of the profound influence of geography upon a culture than in the historical development of the Russian people."

~ George Vernadsky,
Russian-American historian,
1887-1973,
"A History of Russia," 1969

There is no shame in not knowing; the shame lies in not finding out.

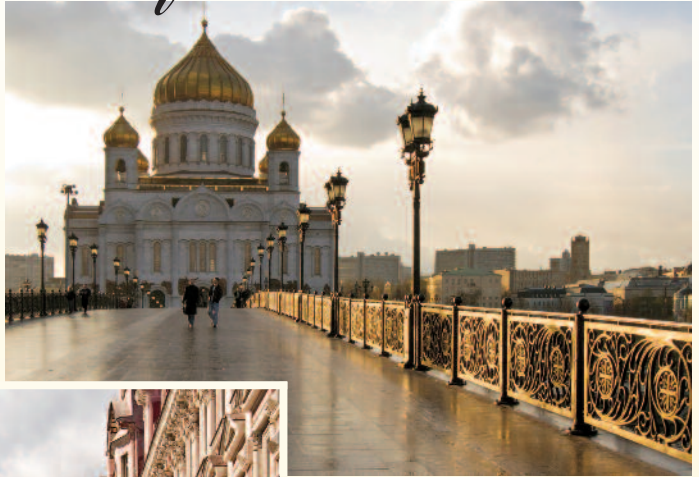
~ Russian proverb

Cruise the heart of Russia

Right: Christ the Redeemer Church,
Moscow

Below: Arbat Street in the historic center
of Moscow

Lower right: Russian
ballet dancers



Moscow

Moscow is a living monument to more than 800 years of Russian history and culture. Come inside the red brick walls of the Kremlin, a 12th-century self-contained city spanning nearly 70 acres. Witness stunning palaces and golden cathedrals, and marvel at the staggering collection of czarist treasures in the Armory Chamber, including thrones, carriages and Fabergé eggs. Visit Red Square, home of the onion-domed St. Basil's Cathedral, and travel the route of czars along Tverskaya Street. Formerly known as Gorky Street, Moscow's lively grand avenue is lined with wrought-iron street lamps, neon signs and historic homes of former dignitaries.

Uglich

This tranquil town, brimming with historic architecture, originated in the 10th century and is one of the oldest on the upper Volga River. Of special interest is the poignant church of



Above: Tsar Bell, The Kremlin, Moscow
Above left: St. Basil's Cathedral,
Red Square, Moscow
Left: Samson fountain





Left: Church of the Transfiguration, Kizhi Island

Lower left: Frescoes, Church of Elijah the Prophet, Yaroslavl

Below: Kirill-Belosersk Monastery, Goritsy



St. Demetrios. Covered with brightly colored tiles and crowned with sky-blue domes, this church is built on the site of the tragic death of Ivan the Terrible's son, Dimitry. Located nearby is the five-domed Transfiguration Cathedral, now a part of the Uglich Museum of History and Art. Uglich is also home to the small, charming Prince's Palace, which dates from the 15th century.

Yaroslavl

Stretching for 18 miles along both banks of the Volga River, Yaroslavl is an important port that was founded in the 11th century by Prince Yaroslav the Wise. The highlight of Yaroslavl is its magnificent 12th-century Spassky Monastery. This vast complex of majestic cathedrals, an elegant rotunda, towers and remnants of a trading center played a prominent role in the political and economic development of the city and acted as a cultural touchstone in the Russian state.

Goritsy

The peaceful farming community of Goritsy, once closed to Western visitors, is a



charming example of rural Russian life. From Goritsy, journey to the Kirill-Belosersk Monastery, founded in the 14th century. Its fortress-like edifice and picturesque lake setting conceal its impressive interior and artifact-filled museum.

Kizhi Island

The beautiful blue waters of Lake Onega surround Kizhi Island, where fantastic structures create a fairy-tale atmosphere. The island's open-air museum reveals 18th- and 19th-century homes and churches. Each building stands in testimony to the craftsmanship and simplicity of wooden architecture built without the use of nails. The Church of the Transfiguration, built in 1714, is the ultimate flight of the imagination; its 22 onion-shaped domes of varying sizes change hues with the passing sun. Construction of the domes required more than 30,000 aspen shingles.

Right: Musician in traditional Russian folk costume





St. Petersburg

Majestic, gold-domed cathedrals and serene, canal-crossed streets combine to make St. Petersburg one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Peter the Great founded the city more than 300 years ago as a link to Western Europe, and it now is one of the greatest cultural centers in Russia. The prestigious State Hermitage Museum, the city's most famous landmark, contains nearly 3 million works of art. Walk along Nevsky Prospekt, with its shops and churches, and see the Admiralty, one of St. Petersburg's first buildings. At the fork of the Neva River, admire the impressive Peter

Top: Catherine's Palace

Above left: Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Petersburg

Above: Mosaic detail, St. Isaac's Cathedral, St. Petersburg

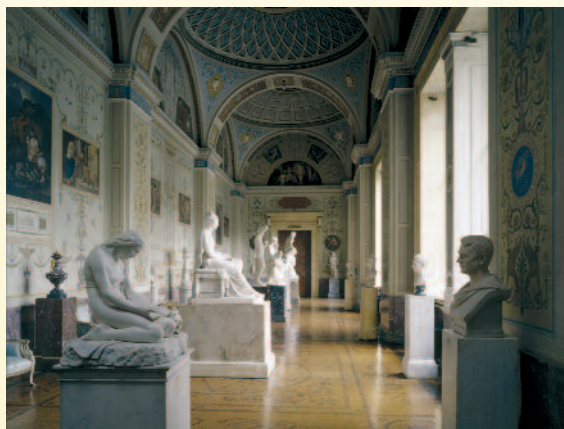
and Paul Fortress, whose construction marked the founding of the city in 1703. See the majestic St. Isaac's Cathedral, its gleaming dome is visible for miles. Explore Catherine's Palace, featuring a dazzling blue, white and gold baroque façade. Contained within is the Palace's fabled Amber Room, now fully re-created.

Note: The sequence of the destinations listed may not reflect that of your program. For specific



Griboedova Canal, St. Petersburg

Church of the Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg



Above: Sculpture Hall, State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg

Russian Folk Art

Matryoshka, perhaps the most popular Russian souvenir, is an intricately decorated series of nested wooden dolls. As a general rule, matryoshkas range from two to 24 dolls in a set, but some of the most rare and intricate sets can include up to 60 individual dolls. The smallest dolls can be as tiny as a fingernail. Craftsmen choose unblemished wood from birch, larch and linden trees to make the dolls. After the dolls are carved, they are passed to the painter who "dresses them" in bright garments and colorful motifs of traditional Russian legends and fairy tales.



For information regarding your itinerary, please refer to the Included Features and Itinerary in this brochure.

AHI River Cruises feature:

- **First-class river cruise ships** providing all outward-facing accommodations; friendly, personalized service; and exclusively designed sailing itineraries.
- **Pleasant dining aboard ship** featuring one seating, European wines and expertly prepared specialties of the region.
- **Expert local guides** leading thoughtfully designed excursions to enrich your experience of the area.
- **A comprehensive, illustrated guide book** created exclusively for your program and describing the storied culture and history of the towns, villages and sites.
- **Speaker's Corner** program showcasing local lecturers who share their insights with you for a unique, in-depth learning experience.



| RIVER VICTORIA |

The elegant River Victoria invites you to experience the best of Russia as you cruise imperial waterways, including the Neva, Svir and Volga rivers. Inaugurated in 2011 as one of Uniworld's newest river cruisers, River Victoria offers its guests the utmost in quality. Each stateroom offers a view of the passing countryside and a host of amenities to enhance your experience. You'll be surrounded by style and elegance, and on a ship with a maximum capacity of 206 guests, you'll enjoy an intimate atmosphere.



Soak up the sights of Russia from a lounge chair on River Victoria's sun deck, unwind in the library or indulge in a pampering massage onboard. To enhance your experience, River Victoria offers an exceptional gastronomic experience, including a wine program developed by a renowned sommelier and meals created by a professional culinary team using fresh ingredients, many of which are brought onboard from local markets.

Each evening, relax in the comfort of your luxuriously appointed stateroom. Hotel beds, flat-screen TVs with satellite programming, marble bathrooms with deluxe amenities provide all the comforts of home.

River Victoria is part of the deluxe Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection. Discriminating readers of Condé Nast Traveler and Travel + Leisure magazines consistently have named Uniworld one of the best river cruise lines in the world.



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Please contact **877-962-3980** with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation.

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**I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:
 Cruise and Air Program**

I/we reserve the Cruise Program and request the Air Program to Moscow, Russia, with return from St. Petersburg to depart from:

Departure City _____

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with **no obligation up to 75 days before departure.***

Cruise Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Please contact me/us regarding air options.

Cabin Category Requested: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by May 12, 2014 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Make checks payable to AHI International.

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association (\$45 for singles, \$55 for couples) or pay \$45 surcharge to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form. I understand that reservations will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis. I accept the conditions as stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated. I understand that the balance is to be paid 75 days prior to departure.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 per person required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.

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July 27-August 8, 2014

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price
6-Onega	\$4,945	\$250	\$4,695*
5-Moskva (Fwd/Aft)	\$5,545	\$250	\$5,295*
4-Moskva (Midship)	\$5,745	\$250	\$5,495*
3-Neva (Fwd)	\$6,545	\$250	\$6,295*
2-Neva (Midship)	\$6,745	\$250	\$6,495*
1-Volga	\$6,945	\$250	\$6,695*
Deluxe Suite (Volga/Neva)	\$7,545	\$250	\$7,295*
Junior Suite (Volga)	\$8,445	\$250	\$8,195*
Presidential Suite (Volga)	\$9,345	\$250	\$9,095*

Suites and Volga and Neva deck cabins feature French doors and balconies. Moskva deck cabins feature large windows. Onega deck cabins feature portholes.

Port Taxes are an additional \$240 per person. All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air program costs (unless otherwise stated). Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).

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July 26-August 8, 2014

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- A dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** — a single point of contact to assist you.
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ITINERARY

Day 1	Depart Gateway City [†]
Day 2	Arrive Moscow, Russia [†] / Embark River Victoria
Day 3	Moscow
Day 4	Moscow
Day 5	Moscow
Day 6	Uglich
Day 7	Yaroslavl
Day 8	Goritsy
Day 9	Kizhi Island
Day 10	Mandrogi
Day 11	St. Petersburg
Day 12	St. Petersburg
Day 13	St. Petersburg
Day 14	Disembark ship/ Return to Gateway City [†]

NOTE: This itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motor coach.

[†]Provided for Air Program participants

| INCLUDED FEATURES |

First, Three Nights in Moscow

- Indulge in the comforts of your “floating boutique hotel,” River Victoria, while you explore Moscow, Russia’s fascinating capital.
- See Moscow on a breathtaking panoramic tour, from Red Square and St. Basil’s Cathedral, to bustling Tverskaya Street, the Bolshoi Theatre and more.
- Visit the Kremlin and see Fabergé eggs, military armor and more in the Armory Chamber, Moscow’s greatest museum.
- Celebrate with fellow travelers at a festive Captain’s Welcome Dinner.

Next, the Imperial Waterways of Russia

- Cruise for six nights, visiting two of the jewels of Russia’s Golden Ring, Uglich and Yaroslavl, in the cultural heart of Russia.
- Witness unspoiled beauty as you sail on the Volga, Svir and Neva rivers and cruise Lake Onega and Lake Ladoga.
- Marvel at the magnificent wooden architecture on the picturesque Lake Onega island of Kizhi.
- Go ashore in Mandrogi for a traditional Russian barbecue lunch and folklore show.

Finally, Three Nights in St. Petersburg

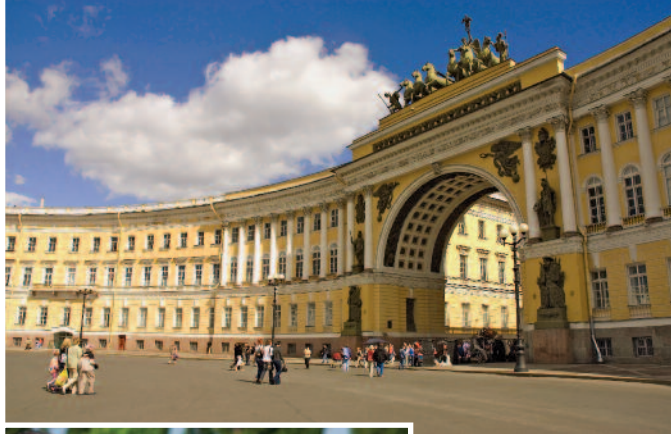
- Discover the city’s magnificent architecture, and see Peter and Paul Fortress, the Admiralty and St. Isaac’s Cathedral.
- Explore the Amber Room in the baroque Catherine’s Palace.
- View the riches of the State Hermitage Museum, and enjoy early access before the museum opens to the public.
- Attend a cultural performance at the historic Alexandrinsky Theater and a Farewell Party aboard the ship.

Many Included Extras

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Top to bottom:

Entrance to Palace Square, St. Petersburg

St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow

Enjoy scenery from the deck of the River Victoria

Old-style Public Clock under the General Army

Staff Building Arch, St. Petersburg

Cover photo:

Kremlin, Moscow

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