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DAY 1

Destination	Helsinki
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Fly into Helsinki today, Finland's vibrant capital. Situated on a picturesque archipelago, the coastal city of Helsinki offers an enchanting combination of natural, cultural and historical attractions. On arrival, check in to your hotel.

Stay: Three Nights, Helsinki, Scandic Grand Marina

DAY 2

Destination	Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Join your local guide for a tour of Helsinki, where the heart of the city is its spectacular harbour. Join your local guide for a tour of Helsinki, where the heart of the city is its spectacular harbour. Then, should you choose, enjoy the rest of the day exploring the city at your own leisure. Perhaps you would like to dine on delicious Finnish specialties during dinner at a local restaurant tonight.

DAY 3

Destination	Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, enjoy a day at leisure in Helsinki, or perhaps you would like to set off on an optional trip to Porvoo, one of the six medieval towns in Finland that is home to many Finnish artists (own expense).

DAY 4

Destination	Helsinki 🚆 St Petersburg 🚆
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Transfer to the station for your journey to Russia aboard the high-speed Allegro train bound for St Petersburg. Traverse the Finnish countryside before entering Russia. For your convenience, all visa and customs controls are carried out

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during the journey. Arrive in opulent St Petersburg and transfer to your river ship. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

Stay: 10 Nights, aboard your river ship, the MS Russia

DAY 5

Destination	 St Petersburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


This morning, enjoy a tour of one of the most beautiful cities in the world, St Petersburg. See Nevsky Prospect, the University quarter, Palace Square and tour the Bath Block. Admire the ornate fountains and gardens in Peterhof Park. This afternoon, you might like to take a guided tour of Peterhof Palace, once home to Peter and Katherine the Great (own expense).

DAY 6

Destination	 St Petersburg
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Founded by Tsar Peter the Great, St Petersburg boasts a network of canals as well as baroque and neoclassical buildings which give the city a distinctive European flavour. Be prepared to be dazzled today as you visit the State Hermitage to explore one of the oldest and most impressive museums in the world.

DAY 7

Destination	 Mandrogi
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Be treated to a Russian language lesson on board, where you'll learn some essential phrases.

Today, cruise down the Neva River and arrive in Mandrogi, a tiny island village that is a living museum. Wander through the quirky collection of old wooden houses and see the famous Vodka Museum before a relaxing picnic lunch. Afterwards, re-board your ship and set sail along the peaceful Svir River.

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DAY 8


Destination	 Kizhi Island
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a guided walking tour through the Open Air Museum of Architecture, a renowned World Heritage-listed site on Kizhi Island.

Absorb the picturesque Russian countryside as you cruise towards Lake Onega, Europe's second-largest lake. Then, watch in awe as you approach the spellbinding sight of Kizhi Island. Marvel at the island's impressive collection of wooden houses, windmills and churches. The island is dominated by the three-tiered Transfiguration Church, a 22-dome structure built in 1714 without a single nail.

DAY 9

Destination	 Goritsy
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today, cruise across the ethereal White Lake and along the Volga-Baltic Waterway, which connects the Baltic and Caspian seas. Arrive in Goritsy, and enjoy a tour to one of the largest medieval abbeys in Russia, the Monastery of St Cyril. Today the monastery remains an important part of Russia's spiritual history, and features an intriguing collection of ancient artefacts.

DAY 10

Destination	 Yaroslavl
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


Today, discover the pearl of the Golden Ring cities, Yaroslavl. Founded by Prince Yaroslav the Wise, this is one of Russia's oldest cities and dates back to the age of the Vikings. Explore the World Heritage-listed historic centre, adorned with classical architecture and golden-domed churches, and visit a 12th-century monastery.

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DAY 11

Destination	 Uglich
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A


Watch idyllic rural life unfold along the banks as your ship cruises to Uglich. Here, disembark for a tour that allows you to embrace olden-day Russia. See the former Kremlin of Uglich and visit the colourful Church of St Demetrios on the Blood, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible's son Demetrios was mysteriously killed in 1591. This afternoon, set sail along the Volga River towards Moscow.

DAY 12

Destination	 Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

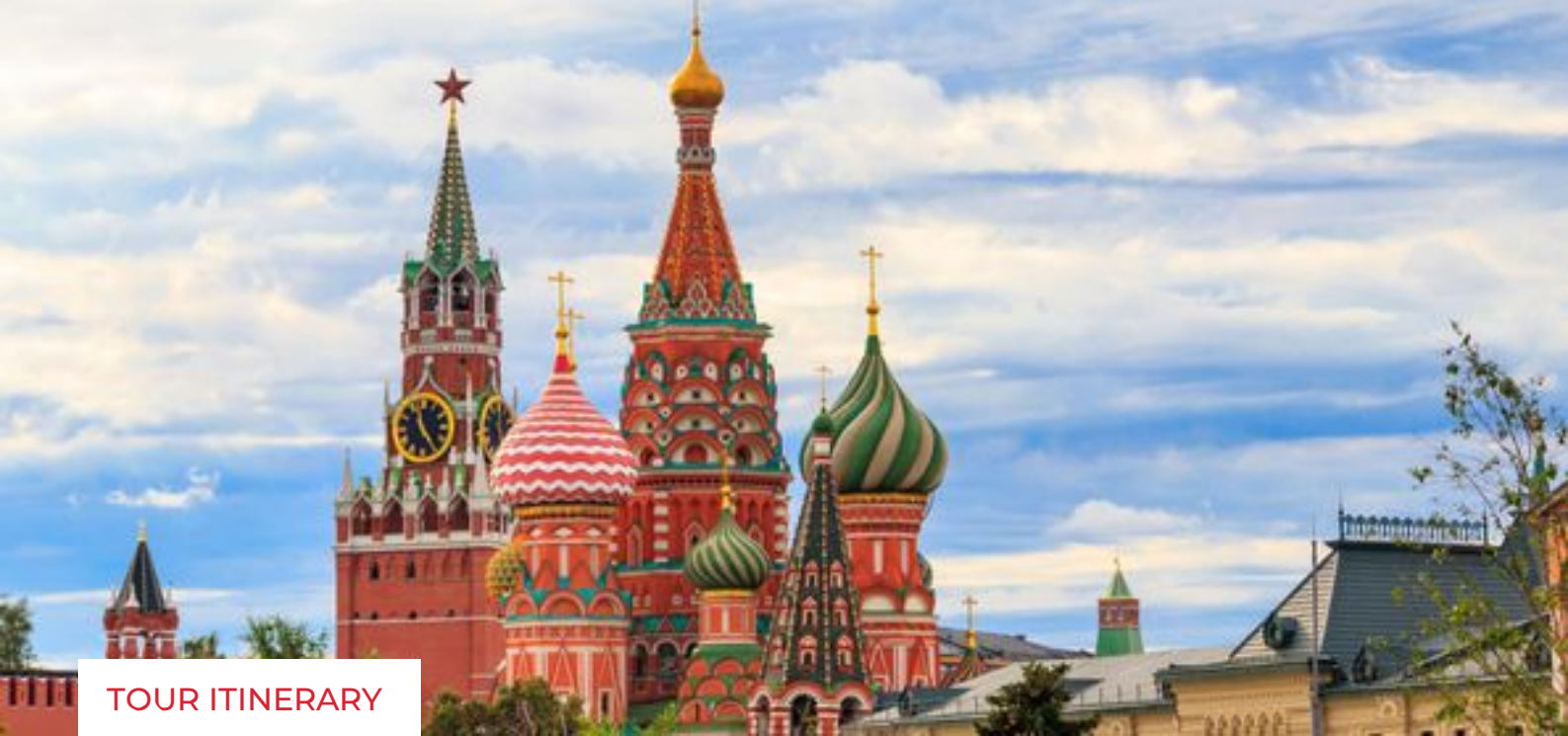
Cruise into Moscow, Russia's capital. On arrival, explore some of the city's landmarks and uncover 860 years of history on a tour with a local guide. See the Kremlin, a fortified complex that was once the royal residence of the Tsars. Here, visit the Armoury Museum, which boasts a staggering collection of Tsarist artefacts, priceless jewellery and impressive armour.

DAY 13

Destination	 Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Today in Moscow, enjoy a tour of Russia's most iconic monuments and legendary palaces as you head to Red Square, where you'll admire the ornate beauty of the onion-domed St Basil's Cathedral. Take in the famous GUM Department Store, Sparrow Hill and Lubyanka Square and see the city's intriguing past play out through its striking imperial and Soviet architecture. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner on board and share a toast to new friends with a glass of Russian vodka.

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DAY 14

Destination  Moscow

Meals included Breakfast

Accommodation N/A

After breakfast, you'll disembark your ship and be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Three nights in spectacular Helsinki
10 nights exploring Russia's waterways on the premium river ship, the MS Rossia
Services of a Travelmarvel Tour Director, Cruise Director, Entertainment & Activities Coordinators, and local guides
32 meals - 13 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners
Daily filtered water, tea and coffee, as well as soft drink, beer and wine during dinner on your cruise
Explore eight towns, villages and cities
Transfers, port charges and tipping
Superior twin share accommodation
Sightseeing and transportation as per the itinerary

Fine Print

HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

Book now and secure your package with only a AUD \$3000 deposit per person.
Pay a 2nd instalment of AUD \$1,579 per person within 28 days.
You will then be invoiced for final payment 100 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
Your position on the tour will be confirmed within 48 hours of completing your order. If your place cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the deposit will occur

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OPTIONAL TOURS

None

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
 Personal Expenses
 Travel Insurance
 Optional activities
 Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

CABIN BEDDING AND UPGRADES

7 Nights onboard a premium Travel Marvel River Ship

Window Stateroom - Included

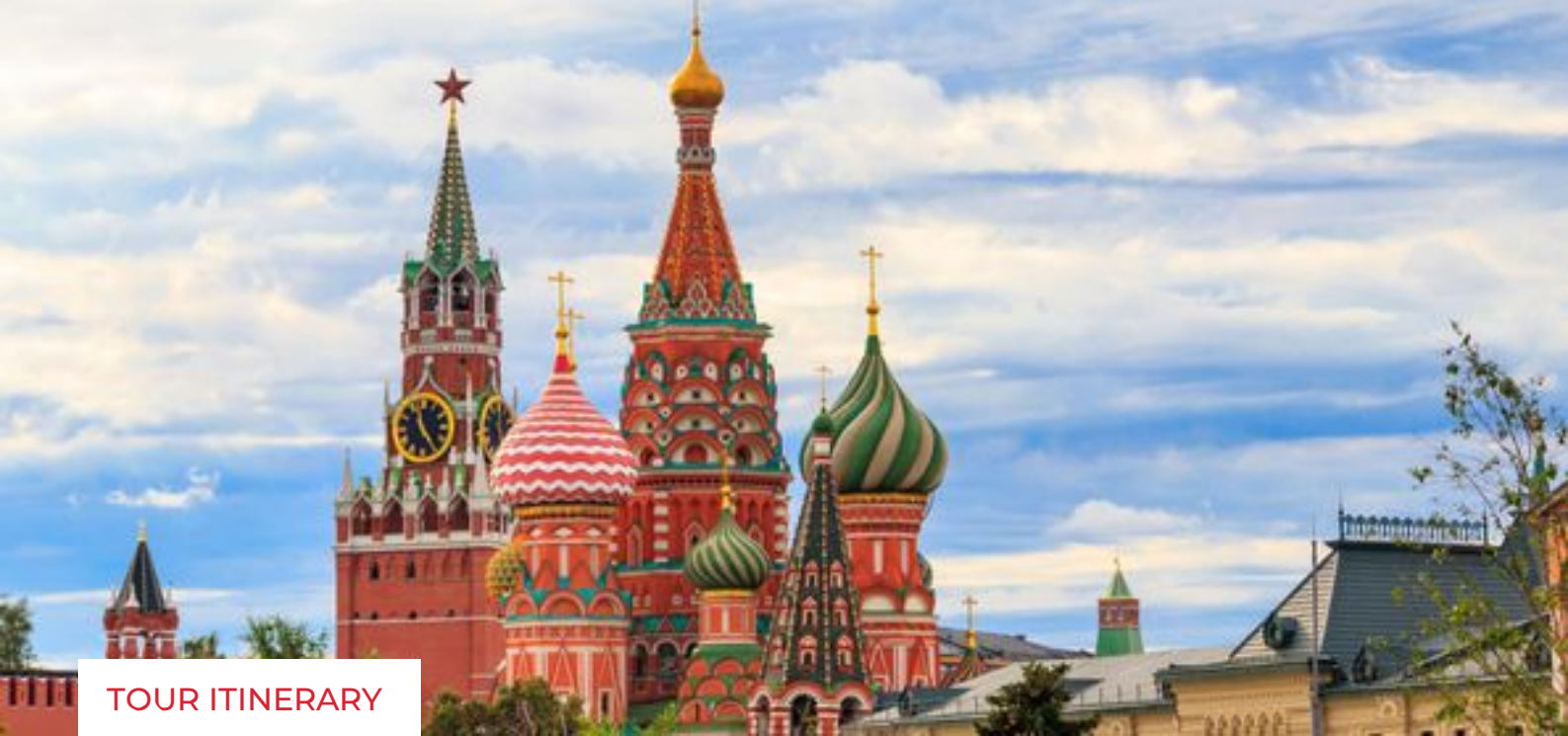
Each stateroom features an en suite bathroom and personal climate control; great storage; queen or twin bedding with plush linen; plus a TV, safe and mini-fridge.

*Upgrade prices may vary depending on which category of cabin is chosen. Please enquire within to receive the exact upgrade prices for each Cabin.

HOTEL LIST

Helsinki - Scandic Grand Marina
 10 Nights aboard your river ship, the MS Rossia

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra AUD \$3,500 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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