

TREASURES OF RUSSIA WITH BALTIC CHARM

DESTINATIONS

TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Vilnius
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Fly into Vilnius, Lithuania's enchanting capital, and be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for a Welcome Reception.

Stay: Two Nights, Vilnius, Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva

DAY 2

Destination	Vilnius
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

This morning, embark on a guided tour of Vilnius. Then, venture to Trakai Island Castle, a magnificent stone castle built in the 14th century. Tonight, enjoy a traditional dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 3

Destination	Vilnius 🚗 Šiauliai 🚗 Rīga
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

Travel to Šiauliai where you'll visit the awe-inspiring Hill of Crosses. Later, farewell Lithuania, crossing the border into Latvia and continuing on to its capital, Rīga. Enjoy dinner at a local restaurant.

Stay: Two Nights, Rīga, Radisson Blu Latvija Hotel

DAY 4

Destination	Rīga
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

Head to Black Magic Bar to enjoy a tasting of Black Balsam, a traditional Latvian herbal liqueur.

Today, join a local guide for a tour of historic Rīga, taking in the Germanic art nouveau architecture of the Old Town. The afternoon is at your leisure.

DAY 5

Destination	Rīga 🚗 Līgatne 🚗 Cēsis 🚗 Tallinn
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Accommodation	N/A

INSIDER EXPERIENCE

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In Līgatne, a town on the Gauja River, visit the Secret Soviet Bunker, a Cold War bomb shelter.

Enjoy your Insider Experience today in Līgatne. Then cross the border into Estonia. Continue to Cēsis and enjoy time to explore before arriving in Tallinn.


Stay: Two Nights, Tallinn, Radisson Blu Olympia

DAY 6

Destination	Tallinn
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, set out on a guided tour of Tallinn. Visit the Kadriorg district, a throwback to the time when Estonia was ruled by the Russian Tsars. You'll also pass by the Song Festival Grounds, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Town Hall Square.

DAY 7

Destination	Tallinn  Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Farewell Estonia as you embark on a ferry crossing over the Gulf of Finland into Helsinki. Upon arrival, you will be transferred to your hotel.

Stay: Three Nights, Helsinki, Scandic Grand Marina

DAY 8

Destination	Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Join your local guide for a tour of Helsinki, including its spectacular harbour. Then, during free time, perhaps explore the Temppeliaukio Church, a magnificent structure with an interior constructed out of solid rock.

DAY 9

Destination	Helsinki
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Today, enjoy a day at leisure in Helsinki. Or perhaps set off on an optional trip to the medieval town of Porvoo (own expense).

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DAY 10

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

After breakfast, board the high-speed Allegro train bound for Russia. Arrive in St Petersburg and transfer to your river ship.

Stay: 10 Nights, aboard your river ship, the MS Rossia.

DAY 11

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

This morning enjoy a tour of St Petersburg to see Nevsky Prospect, the University quarter, Palace Square and tour the Bath Block. This afternoon, perhaps take a guided tour of Peterhof Palace (own expense).

DAY 12

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 13

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

Insider Experience

Take part in a Russian lesson on board, where you'll learn some essential phrases of this wonderful language.

Today, cruise down the Neva River, enjoying your Insider Experience and some time to unwind. 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. Enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch and be sure to meander through the curious artisan shops filled with beautiful handmade gifts. Afterwards, re-board your ship and set sail along the peaceful Svir River.

DAY 14

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

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INSIDER EXPERIENCE

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


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.

DAY 15

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 of 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 16

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.

DAY 17

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 18


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.

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DAY 19

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. Enjoy free time to explore Moscow this afternoon. Back on board this evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner and share a toast to new friends with a glass of Russian vodka.

DAY 20

Destination	 Moscow
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

After breakfast, be transferred to the airport for your onward flight.

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

Two nights in Vilnius, Riga, Tallinn and three nights in Helsinki
10 nights exploring Russia's waterways on the premium river ship, the MS Rossia
Services of a Tour Director, Cruise Director and local guides
41 meals - 19 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 13 dinners
Daily filtered water, tea and coffee, as well as soft drink, beer and wine during dinner on your cruise
Explore 14 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 \$2,018 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

OPTIONAL TOURS

None

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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	Vilnius - Radisson Blu Hotel Lietuva Rīga - Radisson Blu Latvija Hotel Tallinn - Radisson Blu Olympia Helsinki - Scandic Grand Marina 10 nights exploring Russia's waterways on the premium 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 \$4,200 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.