Waterways of Russia

Moscow ♦ St. Petersburg
Aboard the M.S. Litvinov

September 2 to 12, 2010

with Eileen Soskin

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Dear Alumni & Friends:

The timeless pageant that is Russia reveals itself in the scenic rivers, lakes and canals that link Moscow with St. Petersburg. 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 two nights 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. From Moscow, we cruise for five 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. Onion-domed churches and fortified monasteries testify to the abiding faith of the Russian people. Our program concludes with two nights in St. Petersburg, Russia’s “window on the West,” the majestic legacy of that most visionary of czars, Peter the Great.

Accommodations throughout the program will be aboard the comfortable M.S. LITVINOV, whose crew offers a personal level of service. In addition, it provides the added convenience of serving as your hotel during the entire program, so you unpack only once!

This unique and always popular program 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 limited and we encourage you to reserve today, as Early Booking savings are available only until March 8, 2010.

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones

Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88
Travel Program Director
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Enrichment Lecturer

Eileen Soskin served in many capacities during her twenty years at Johns Hopkins University: faculty member in the music theory department at the Peabody Conservatory; department chair at Peabody; associate dean for academic affairs at Peabody; and associate vice provost for the arts at JHU. Since retiring, Eileen enjoys having more time to sing, lecture, accompany, coach and travel. Eileen will give presentations during the trip on Russian composers including Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev and Shostakovich.
U.S./MOSCOW, RUSSIA
Thursday, September 2 and Friday, September 3
Depart from the U.S. on an overnight flight to Moscow.

On arrival, meet your Travel Director and transfer to the M.S. LITVINOV docked on the Moscow River, which leisurely flows through the city that has embodied the heart and soul of Russia for over 850 years.

Enjoy a welcome cocktail reception and dinner this evening. The ship remains docked in Moscow overnight.

MOSCOW
Saturday, September 4
Explore Moscow’s cultural and historical treasures. Begin with a UNESCO World Heritage site, the infamous Red Square, 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, and tour its marvelously intricate interior. Visit the tranquil grounds of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Novodevichy (“New Maidens”) Convent, originally founded in 1524 as a nunnery for women of noble birth. It is renowned for its Moscow-Baroque style architecture. Stroll through its cemetery, the most prestigious in Moscow, and pass the tombs of prominent figures in Russian and Soviet history, including Anton Chekhov, Dmitry Shostakovich and Nikita Khrushchev.

The afternoon is at leisure, or you can join the special optional excursion to the Tretyakov Gallery, repository of one of the world’s finest and most extensive collection of Russian art encompassing more than 1,000 years. Its treasures include ornate, Byzantine-style medieval icons and paintings by 19th-century groundbreaking artists such as Vasily Perov, Vasily Surikov, Ivan Kramskoy and Ilya Repin.

The ship remains in Moscow overnight.

Cover Photo: Visit the island of Kizhi, a UNESCO World Heritage site centered around its architectural jewel, the 22-domed, entirely wooden Transfiguration Church.

Spread Photo: Stroll through Moscow’s legendary Red Square en route to visit the spectacular St. Basil’s Cathedral, the most recognized symbol of Russia.
MOSCOW
Sunday, September 5
Visit 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.
Following an afternoon at leisure, the ship departs Moscow and cruises the Moscow Canal, an impressive engineering feat of 11 locks over 80 miles.

VOLGA RIVER/UGLICH
Monday, September 6
This morning, cruise the Volga River, an ancient trade route and the main artery of the Russian heartland for over a millennium.
Arrive in the 10th-century “Golden Ring” town of Uglich after lunch. 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 spangled, blue onion domes and the elegant frescoes that adorn the inside. Continue to the stately five-domed Cathedral of the Transfiguration to view the ornate icons throughout the cathedral’s large, vaulted interior.

LAKE RYBINSKOYE/SHEKSNARIVER/GORITSY/LAKE BELOYE
Tuesday, September 7
This morning, the ship cruises through the scenic wilderness of Lake Rybinskoye and onto the Sheksna River where you will catch glimpses into a bygone era as you pass rustic family farms and quaint dachas, the seasonal cottages of Russia’s elite.
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, the first Czar of Russia, came here to pray for an heir, and soon after, his wife Elena gave birth to the future Ivan the Terrible.

LAKE ONEGA/KIZHI ISLAND
Wednesday, September 8
Enjoy a morning cruise on Lake Onega, surrounded by the beautifully untouched Russian countryside.
Pass by the Goritsy Monastery along the Sheksna River maintained the convent since the early 1990s.
This afternoon, be on deck for the unforgettable approach to picturesque Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This unique open-air museum is a treasure trove of 18th-century Karelian and north Russian wooden architecture. Admire the Transfiguration Church, an architectural masterpiece featuring 22 cupolas built completely of wood without a single nail!

SWIR RIVER / MANDROGI / LAKE LADOGA

Thursday, September 9
Cruise the sparkling Svir River between Lake Onega, known for its almost 1,400 islands and Lake Ladoga (referred to as Ladoga Sea), the largest freshwater reservoir in Europe. Admire the passing wilderness of serene meadows and virgin pine and birch forests. The ship calls at Mandrogi, a small riverside village.

ST. PETERSBURG

Friday, September 10
Cruise into St. Petersburg along the Neva River, which flows majestically through the heart of the city and is dotted with 101 islands. Travel the legendary Nevsky Prospect, then visit golden-domed St. Isaac’s Cathedral and see its dazzling interior adorned with malachite and lapis lazuli. Tour the Peter and Paul Fortress, the city’s oldest edifice, built in 1703 to guard the country’s only outlet to the Baltic Sea. Since 1725, czars and their families, including Nicholas II, have been interred here.

Join the optional excursion to the Imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (“Czar’s Village”) in Pushkin and tour Catherine the Great’s elaborate Baroque palace, built in 1741, including a special visit to the restoration workshops. See the extraordinary Amber Room, whose six tons of solid amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf, were deemed the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Stripped and confiscated by the Nazis in 1941, the Amber Room was meticulously reconstructed in honor of St. Petersburg’s 300th birthday.

This evening attend an optional ballet performance in St. Petersburg’s world-renowned Hermitage Theater.
The comfortable M.S. Litvinov carries only 260 passengers, a smaller complement than ships of similar tonnage cruising Russia’s fabled waterways.

All air-conditioned outside cabins feature a panoramic window or two portholes (lowest deck cabins only). Each has two fixed twin beds or one queen bed (highest category cabins only), a private bathroom with shower, mini-refrigerator and radio.

The ship has two dining rooms with large panoramic windows. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served at single, unassigned seating (assigned seating at lunch and dinner possible). Both dining rooms feature Continental cuisine and Russian specialties. House wine is served with dinner.

The ship’s spacious public areas feature a comfortable panoramic lounge and bar stocked with wines and spirits suitable to Western tastes, Observation lounge, reading room and boutique. Shipboard services include a hair salon, laundry service and medical facilities with a doctor.

The friendly English-speaking Russian crew is professionally trained to Western European standards of service. Nightly entertainment by the crew and folklore features lively music and dancing.

**ST. PETERSBURG**

*Saturday, September 11*

Enjoy a specially arranged early-opening tour of the State Hermitage Museum, the 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.

The afternoon is yours in St. Petersburg, or you may join the optional excursion to skim over the Gulf of Finland by hydrofoil to Petrodvorets, the complex of splendid palaces and parklands commissioned by Peter the Great, and now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Following lunch upon arrival, stroll through the scenic Lower Park and tour the magnificent Grand Palace.

This evening, attend the Captain’s farewell reception and dinner.

**ST. PETERSBURG/U.S.**

*Sunday, September 12*

Transfer to the airport for your flight to the U.S.
RUSSIA’S CULTURAL CAPITALS

Among the world’s great capitals of culture, no two cities stand higher than Moscow and St. Petersburg. The very establishment 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. St. Petersburg also became the literary and musical center of Russia, spawning universally honored ballets, immortal musical composers and eternal poets and authors. Today, it remains the intellectual heart of Russia whereas Moscow is its soul. St. Petersburg will capture your imagination; Moscow will stir your soul.

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

RUSSIAN BALLET AT THE HERMITAGE OPTION

We invite you to experience the opulence that was formerly seen only by Russian Imperial courtiers. Choose to attend the world-class ballet performance in one of the great sanctuaries of Russian culture, St. Petersburg’s magnificent Hermitage Theater. Details will be provided upon reservation.

Catherine the Great’s legendary Hermitage Museum.

INCLUDED FEATURES ONBOARD THE M.S. LITVINOV

♦ Nine-night accommodations and cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg on the waterways of Russia, with port calls in Uglich, Goritsy, Kizhi Island and Mandrogi.
♦ Comfortable, outside accommodations featuring a private bathroom and individual climate control.
♦ All meals—buffet breakfast and served lunch and dinner.
♦ House wine and beer with dinner.
♦ Captain’s welcome and farewell receptions.
♦ Walking tour of Moscow’s historic Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Tour the breathtaking St. Basil’s Cathedral, an icon of traditional Russian architecture.
♦ Visit to the tranquil Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ Visit to Moscow’s imposing Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and its Armory Museum, a repository of czarist treasures.
♦ Walking tour of the city of Uglich, including the Church of Prince Dimitri on-the-Blood.
♦ Visit to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery in Goritsy.
♦ Visit to the open-air museum of Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
♦ 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 arranged early opening and guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ All excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced, English speaking local guides.
♦ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on 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 for each participant.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
I/want to make reservations in cabin category:

1st Choice: __________ 2nd Choice: __________


Program Air:

- Flights Washington, D.C./Moscow with return St. Petersburg/Washington, D.C. Airfare is available at an additional cost.‡

Flights from _______________________ to Moscow, Russia, with return from St. Petersburg, Russia, to be advised at an additional cost.‡

I/we want to make reservations in cabin category:

1st Choice: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

- Double occupancy.
- 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).

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| EARLY BOOKING SAVINGS - Reserve by March 8, 2010, and save $2000 per couple! |
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| **TARIFF** (per person, based on double occupancy) | Land/Cruise Only |
| Cabin Category | All cabins are outside with private bathroom facilities with shower, air conditioning, mini-refrigerator and radio. | Early Booking Price through March 8, 2010 | Regular Price after March 8, 2010 |
| 6 | Two portholes and two fixed twin beds. Lower Deck. | $3035 | $4035 |
| 5 | Panorama sliding window, two fixed twin beds. Main Deck. | $3835 | $4835 |
| 4 | Panorama sliding window, two fixed twin beds. Upper Deck. | $4435 | $5435 |
| 3 | Panorama sliding window, two fixed twin beds. Boat Deck. | $4835 | $5835 |
| 2 | Panorama sliding window, two fixed twin beds. Sun Deck. | $5435 | $6435 |
| 1 | Panorama sliding window, queen bed. Boat Deck. | $6735 | $7735 |

‡ Singles are available upon request in category 5 at $7335 and category 4 at $7935 on or before March 8, 2010. Add $1000 for reservations made after March 8, 2010.

‡ Taxes are an additional $330 per person and are subject to change.

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Membership in the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association is a requirement for participating.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Please send membership application.
CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accident/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; gratuities to ship personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/ship on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

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