Catherine the Great's legendary Hermitage Museum. Ivan the Terrible declared it Russia's capital and, today, it is the cultural heart of the country, with its world-class museums, palaces, and parks. Explore the city by foot, boat, and trolley, and visit the Hermitage as earliest possible. Russia's Cultural Capitals includes the literary and musical center of Russia, St. Petersburg. Here, you'll see the Peter and Paul Fortress, the Winter Palace, the State Hermitage Museum, and the St. Isaac's Cathedral. Then, cruise through the heartland of Russia's Cultural Capitals, from St. Petersburg to Moscow, passing through the Volga River, one of the longest rivers in the world, which also features the lowest passenger density. Visit Moscow, the political and historical center of Russia, and several "Golden Ring" cities, which are a collection of ancient Russian towns. As you sail through these cities, villages and old-world farms dot the verdant landscape, and the gentle light of the setting sun creates a picturesque scene. The Golden-domed churches rise out of the early morning mist, quaint wooden buildings line the canals, and the aroma of freshly baked pastries fills the air. Experience the frontier between East and West. Then, cruise through the heartland of Russia's Cultural Capitals, from St. Petersburg to Moscow, passing through the Volga River, one of the longest rivers in the world, which also features the lowest passenger density. Visit Moscow, the political and historical center of Russia, and several "Golden Ring" cities, which are a collection of ancient Russian towns. As you sail through these cities, villages and old-world farms dot the verdant landscape, and the gentle light of the setting sun creates a picturesque scene. The Golden-domed churches rise out of the early morning mist, quaint wooden buildings line the canals, and the aroma of freshly baked pastries fills the air. Experience the frontier between East and West.
Dear Alumni & Friends:

The timeless pageant of 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 late summer evenings gives an otherworldly aura to the banks of Russia’s great “blue road” of inland waterways.

Explore the greatest artistic, historical and architectural treasures of classical Russian culture, and several “Golden Ring” cities, during an excellent time of year. Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered M.S. VOLGA DREAM, the most Deluxe Small Ship cruising Russia’s waterways, which also features the lowest passenger density. Visit Moscow, the political and commercial capital of the world’s largest country and the cultural frontier between East and West. Then, cruise 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, and onion-domed churches and fortified monasteries testify to the abiding faith of the Russian people. Our program concludes in splendid St. Petersburg, Russia’s “window on the West,” the majestic legacy of that most visionary of czars, Peter the Great.

This unique opportunity features the premier ship in Russia and a thoughtfully crafted itinerary featuring eight UNESCO World Heritage sites. Space is limited, so I encourage you to reserve today as this popular program sells out year after year! Early Booking Savings are available only until January 14, 2013.

Cordially,

Marguerite Ingalls Jones
Marguerite Ingalls Jones, A&S ’74, Bus ’88
Travel Program Director
Office of Alumni Relations
The Johns Hopkins University
U.S.
Wednesday, July 24
Depart the U.S. for Moscow, Russia.

Moscow, Russia
Thursday, July 25
Arrive in Moscow and meet your Travel Director. Transfer to the Deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM. Aboard ship, enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception. The ship remains docked overnight on the Moscow River, which flows leisurely through the city that has embodied the heart and soul of Russia for over 850 years.

Moscow
Friday, July 26
Explore Moscow’s cultural and historical treasures beginning with a visit to 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 eggs commissioned by the Romanov czars.

Walk around infamous Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site where both Romanov czars and Soviet commissars have 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.

Volga River/Uglich
Saturday, July 27
This morning, cruise the Moscow Canal, which gives Moscow access to five different seas, and into the Volga River, the main artery of the Russian heartland for over a millennium.

Photo this page: Like Russia itself, the colorful domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral, one of the most recognized symbols of Russia, dazzle visitors with their timeless beauty and enchanting mystique.

Arrive in Uglich, one of the “Golden Ring” of fortified towns and villages built to surround Moscow between the 11th and 15th centuries. 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 shimmering blue onion domes, and the elegant frescoes that adorn the inside. Continue to the stately five-domed Cathedral of the Transfiguration, built along the Volga River in 1713.

Yaroslavl/Lake Rybinskoye
Sunday, July 28
Dock in Yaroslavl, the oldest town on the Volga River and a “Golden Ring” town. This UNESCO World Heritage site is also known as the “Florence of Russia” and is famous for its authentic Russian churches with their painted onion domes and soaring turrets.

Stroll along the river to the Church of Elijah the Prophet, a masterpiece of local architecture located in the heart of the Old Town and filled with well-preserved frescoes. Then, see the magnificent, fortified Monastery of the Transfiguration, founded in the 12th century.

After lunch, the ship cruises through the scenic wilderness of Lake Rybinskoye.

Sheksna River/
Goritsy/Lake Beloye
Monday, July 29
Along the Sheksna River, catch glimpses of a bygone era as you pass rustic family farms and quaint dachas, the seasonal cottages of Russia’s elite.

Cover photo: Stroll along Petrodvorets’ majestic Grand Cascade, a testament to the power and vision of Peter the Great.
From the tranquil village of Goritsy, visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded in 1397. It is said that Vasily III came here to pray for an heir and, soon after, his wife Elena gave birth to the future Ivan the Terrible, the first Czar of Russia. Farther along the shores of Lake Beloye, see rural communities continuing the traditions of Old Russia.

Lake Onega/Kizhi Island

Tuesday, July 30

Enjoy a morning cruise on scenic Lake Onega, dotted with over 1600 small islands, within sight of the beautifully untouched, pastoral, Karelian countryside, home to many ethnic Finns.

This afternoon, be on deck for the unforgettable approach to picturesque Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site. This remarkable open-air museum is a treasure trove of 18th-century Karelian and north Russian wooden architecture. Admire the Church of the Transfiguration, an architectural masterpiece featuring 22 cupolas built completely of wood without a single nail!

Lake Onega/Svir River/Mandrogi/Lake Ladoga/Neva River

Wednesday, July 31

Cruise the sparkling Svir River between Lake Onega and Lake Ladoga, 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.

This evening, enjoy a dinner that will include traditional Russian specialties followed by a specially arranged sampling of Russian vodkas.

St. Petersburg

Thursday, August 1

Arrive in St. Petersburg, known as the “Venice of the North,” along the Neva River, which flows majestically through the heart of the city.
Explore the city's historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site whose legendary landmarks are scattered across more than 100 islands linked by more than three times as many bridges. St. Petersburg's main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture. On the morning tour, see the beautiful

*Kizhi Island’s wooden Church of the Transfiguration is completely built of wood without a single nail.*

Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II’s assassination; see the Admiralty tower; and visit the 19th-century St. Isaac's Cathedral, with a striking golden dome that is one of the glories of the city’s skyline, to see its dazzling interior of malachite and lapis lazuli. Tour the city’s oldest edifice, the Peter and Paul Fortress, built in 1703 to guard the country’s only outlet to the Baltic Sea. The impressive Baroque Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul contains the tombs of czars from Peter the Great to Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs.

Join the afternoon excursion to Catherine the Great's imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (“Czar’s Village”), a UNESCO World Heritage site, in Pushkin, including lunch in a local restaurant. Tour the elaborate Baroque palace, built in 1741, highlighted by a special visit to the restoration workshops. See the extraordinary Amber Room: six tons of solid amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf, once deemed the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Stripped and confiscated by the Nazis in 1941, the Amber Room was meticulously reconstructed in 2003 in honor of St. Petersburg's 300th birthday.

This evening, attend an optional* Russian ballet or music performance (performance schedule permitting).

**St. Petersburg**

**Friday, August 2**

Enjoy a specially reserved entrance and tour of the State Hermitage Museum, 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. Its spectacular collection is rivaled only by the museum’s ornate interiors.

This afternoon, join the excursion to skim over the Gulf of Finland by
M.S. Volga Dream

Exclusively chartered, the M.S. Volga Dream is the most Deluxe ship cruising the waterways of Russia and has the lowest passenger density! Its meticulous design, elegant appointments and richly deserved reputation for impeccable service provide guests with an unprecedented level of luxury on Russia’s waterways.

Each River-View Cabin and Suite features a wood- and marble-accented private bathroom, one double bed or two twin beds, individual climate control, telephone, satellite television, minibar, safe, radio and plush robes. Most accommodations have one large picture window.

Breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner are served in single, unassigned seatings in the Dining Room. Skilled chefs specialize in the preparation of savory continental and local cuisine. Complimentary house wine and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours a day.

The inviting Lounge offers live music, a well-stocked bar and panoramic windows, and the Library has Internet access. The full-length Sun Deck with teak planking and deck chairs recreates the ambiance of an oceangoing yacht. The ship has a Boutique, Hair Salon, Sauna and Laundry.

The Pre-Cruise Option and Optional Excursion

hydrofoil to Petrodvorets, the splendid summer palace and parklands commissioned by Peter the Great, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lunch is included in a local restaurant.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening aboard the ship in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg/U.S.
Saturday, August 3
Transfer to the airport for your flight to the U.S.

Moscow Pre-Cruise Option*
Further explore the jewels of the heart of Mother Russia, including the magnificent State Tretyakov Gallery and a visit to the tranquil grounds of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Novodevichy (“New Maidens”) Convent. Accommodations for two nights are included in the Five-Star Marriott Royal Aurora Hotel, ideally located in the city center.
Russia’s Cultural Capitals

Among the world’s prodigious capitals of culture, no two cities are held in higher regard than St. Petersburg and Moscow. St. Petersburg will capture your imagination; Moscow will stir your soul.

The very creation 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 reserved entrance and tour of the State Hermitage Museum to allow you to view the incomparable treasures of Catherine the Great’s spectacular collections. True to Peter the Great’s vision, St. Petersburg, the literary and musical center of Russia, has produced universally revered ballets, novels and classical compositions.

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

Catherine the Great’s legendary Hermitage Museum.

Included Features
◆ Educational program of lectures and discussions with guest speakers.

On board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM
◆ Cruise on Russia’s legendary waterways— the Volga River, Lake Rybinskoye, the Sheksna River, Lake Beloye, Lake Onega, the Svir River, Lake Ladoga and the Neva River.
◆ Nine nights: one night in Moscow; six-night cruise with port calls at Uglich, Yaroslavl, Goritsy, Kizhi Island and Mandrogi; and two nights in St. Petersburg.
◆ Air-conditioned, River-View accommodations, each with a private bathroom.
◆ All meals—breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner (including Russian specialties).
◆ One traditional Russian dinner featuring authentic culinary specialties.
◆ Complimentary house wine and soft drinks with lunch and dinner.
◆ Coffee and tea with all meals.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ Specially arranged vodka sampling.
◆ Evening entertainment, including a Tchaikovsky piano concert.
◆ Visit to Moscow’s imposing Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Armory Museum’s czarist treasures, featuring the world’s largest collection of Fabergé eggs.
◆ Tour of Moscow, highlighted by the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Red Square and St. Basil’s Cathedral.
◆ Walking tour of Uglich, with visit to the Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood.
◆ City tour of medieval Yaroslavl, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
◆ Visit to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery near Goritsy.
◆ Walking tour 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.
◆ Excursion to two UNESCO World Heritage sites: Catherine the Great’s palace in Pushkin, featuring the Amber Room, and Peter the Great’s Petrodvorets.
◆ Specially reserved entrance and guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Enhanced Travel Services
◆ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants who have made their air arrangements through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ Excursions and visits, as outlined in the itinerary, with experienced, English-speaking local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on transfers and included excursions.
◆ Experienced team of Travel Directors to accompany you throughout the travel program.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship.
◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.

St. Petersburg’s Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul was the city’s first building to be commissioned in 1703.
Land/Cruise Tariff
(per person, based on double occupancy)

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Junior Suite
Larger cabin with one double bed and two windows.
Sun and Promenade Decks
$6845 $7845

- Owner's Suite available on request at additional cost to be advised.
- Singles are available in category 5 at $8345 and in category 4 at $8745 on or before January 14, 2013. Add $1000 for reservations made after January 14, 2013.
- Taxes are an additional $255 per person and are subject to change.

*MS. VOLGA DREAM has been specially contracted for this tour, and the applicable deck plan is available on request from Gohagan & Company and reflects the only valid cabin categorization of the vessel.

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Waterways of Russia Reservation Form

Send to:
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Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor
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Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport) Class Year

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Email Address (Mobile)

Preferred Name(s) on Badge(s) Tour No. 033-07/24/13-051

Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Moscow Pre-Cruise Option. By forwarding of deposit, due accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $ as deposit.
Make checks payable to 2013 Waterways of Russia.

I/we authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $ to:

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Signature as it appears on credit card

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One member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of $50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit www.alumni.jhu.edu/support.

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

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Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

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