

**A TRAVEL CLUB TOUR**  
**RUSSIAN CRUISE 10 SEP to 22 SEP 2012**  
**13 days / 10 nights**



There is no better way to discover Russia than by boat, one of the world's most fascinating destinations. Cruise the waterways of the Tsars – the scenic rivers, canals and lakes which connect Russia's two old imperial capitals, Moscow and St Petersburg. Moscow, the medieval and 20<sup>th</sup> century capital with its historic landmarks and rich heritage and St. Petersburg, the creation of Peter the Great with inspiration from Europe's greatest 18<sup>th</sup> century architects and craftsman. A cruise through Russia is more than a holiday. It is a unique cultural experience that will remain in your heart forever.

During your cruise, you will experience so much with such consummate ease. Having flown to your port of embarkation, you will then board your floating hotel for the duration of your trip. The public areas include restaurants, bars, and reading room or lecture hall. The ship's comfort and friendliness is enhanced by its intimate size without sacrificing service and convenience.

This vessel features tourist class outside air-conditioned cabins with private bathroom facilities and a large picture window, affording majestic views of the passing countryside. The restaurants offer Continental and Russian cuisine. Parties, games, dancing & shipboard entertainment all serve to ensure a most memorable cruise holiday.



**ST. PETERSBURG** Created by Peter the Great to rival Venice, its 101 islands, 66 canals, and hundreds of bridges have secured its reputation as the most beautiful city in the country. While your ship is docked in port you'll enjoy daily sightseeing tours. Time will be spent in the world-famous Hermitage Museum, formerly the Winter Palace, home of the last six Czars. This is a treasure trove of three million exhibits; its 320 halls display Da Vinci's, Rembrandts, Titians, Michelangelo's and French Impressionists.

**MANDROGI** Green Stop. In the village there are some structures built according to the Russian fine traditions of wooden architecture. Village dwellers meet the guests and organize something special for them. There is a museum of Russian Vodka where tourists can get acquainted with the history of the Russian vodka industry. Take a walk in the picturesque woods.

**KIZHI ISLAND** Via the Volga/Baltic Canal our cruise takes us to the tiny island of Kizhi located at the northern end of Lake Onega. Renowned for its open-air Museum of Architecture assembled from various areas of the country and restored to form a glimpse of the past, Kizhi is a feast for the eyes. The Transfiguration Church, with 22 domes, is the ultimate in Russian fairy-tale church architecture.



**GORITZY** A tiny settlement seven kilometres from the Kiritlo-Belozersky Monastery. Kirilo-Belorevsky men's monastery was founded in 1397; the monastery had traded widely in 15-17th centuries. At the end of 15-16th centuries the Monastery survived the siege of the Polish and Lithuanian invaders. The set of Kirilo-Belozersky monasteries includes the Uspensky and Ivanovsky monasteries. Fortress walls, built in 1653-82 decorated with brick patterns surround the monastery.

**UGLICH** Founded in 1148, Uglich is one of the most beloved towns in old Russia. The view of the town as it is approached from the Volga River is especially lovely with the Cathedral of the Resurrection and St John's Church looming on the horizon. At the end of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, Maria Nagaya, seventh wife of Ivan the Terrible lived in honorary exile in the Kremlin in Uglich. It was here in her garden that the Tsarevich Dmitry met his death and where the Church of St. Demetrius of the Blood was built and still stands today.

**MOSCOW** You will tour the Kremlin, Visit Red Square and marvel at the Byzantine splendour of St. Basil's multi-coloured onion-domed cathedral.

## ITINERARY

<b>SHIP - M/S "ANTON CHEKHOV" MOSCOW to ST PETERSBURG 10 SEP TO 22 SEP 2012</b>					
Day	Date	City	Program	Depart	Arrive
1	10 Sep	Fly	Johannesburg to Istanbul	19h25	
2	11 Sep	Moscow	Arrive Istanbul Fly Istanbul to Moscow Transfer to boat. Embarkation, with traditional salt & bread welcome	08h35	06h20 12h40
3	12 Sep	Moscow	City Tour		
4	13 Sep	Moscow	Kremlin & Cathedral Set sail	17h30	
5	14 Sep	Uglich	Cathedral of the Resurrection & Dmitry Blood's Church		
6	15 Sep	Goritsy	Kirillo-Beloserskiy Monastery		
7	16 Sep	Kizhi	Open-air museum of wooden architecture		
8	17 Sep	Mandrogi	Green Stop Free time		
9	18 Sep	St Petersburg	City Tour	09h00	
10	19 Sep	St Petersburg	Hermitage		
11	20 Sep	St Petersburg	Optional tours		
12	21 Sep	St Petersburg	Disembarkation. Transfer to airport St Petersburg to Istanbul Istanbul to Johannesburg	18h50 23h25	21h10
13	22 Sep	Fly	Arrive Johannesburg		08h10

**ITINERARY AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
**due to weather and museum opening times**

<b>PRICE PER PERSON:</b> Sharing Main deck cabin:	R 17 850.00	Single cabin:	R 23 090.00
Sharing Upper deck cabin:	R 18 525.00	Single cabin:	R 24 060.00

**EXCLUDED - MANDATORY AIRPORT TAXES OF R 3950.00 PER PERSON AS PER ABOVE ITINERARY**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Return economy class airfare from Johannesburg on Turkish Airlines
- Airport transfers in Moscow and St Petersburg
- 10 nights tourist class accommodation on MS Anton Chekhov in outside cabin, private facilities, large picture window, individual temperature control
- Three full meals daily on board, Captain's welcome Reception, Gala Farewell dinner on board
- Sightseeing programs in each of the ports of call
- Guest Lecturer will conduct a series of lectures on Russia's history, culture and economy
- Visit to the Armoury - Moscow
- Russian language and song lessons, nightly entertainment and dancing, folklore shows, daily aerobics
- Tour of the ship's bridge
- Chartis Medical Travel Insurance - valid for person 3 months to 69 years and a maximum of 13 days travel. Terms & conditions apply, full details on request. **Additional** cost for Senior cover 70 - 79 years R 1 670 per person, 80 - 84 years R 2 295 per person
- Courier of final documents to your door (R.S.A only)
- Travel Bag & Document wallet
- Travel Club Representative dependant on minimum 40 passengers

**NOT INCLUDED:** – \* Russia visa costs\* Gratuities for Cruise director, ship's crew members, guides and drivers \* Drinks & items of a personal nature\* Optional tours \* excess baggage charges \* Transportation to/from OR Tambo International Airport \* Luggage handling at all airports \*

**ALL PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO:** – Price increase due to currency fluctuation ZAR / EUR, Airfare increase & schedule changes, **Cash payments**, Government tax & airline fuel surcharge increase (without notice), Minimum number of 35 full paying passengers. Changes to confirmed reservation will incur an administration fee of R 600 per person, plus any additional costs related to the amendment.

**FULL PAYMENT REQUIRED BEFORE 20 JUL 2012**

**A penalty of 5% of the outstanding balance will be incurred per week for late payment.**

Call the day before making final payment to confirm the outstanding balance – due to currency and airport tax fluctuations

**Documents will only be sent by courier 3 weeks prior to departure**

**DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:** – You can book your own domestic flights on the following websites:

Kulula [www.kulula.com](http://www.kulula.com) / SAA [www.flysaa.com](http://www.flysaa.com) / 1time [www.1time.co.za](http://www.1time.co.za) /Mango [www.flymango.com](http://www.flymango.com)

Ensure that there is at least three hours connecting time between your domestic flights and the international flights.

**EXTENSION TO TOUR:** – Due to airline rules **no extensions** to this tour are permitted.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** – Details on benefits and policy wording available on request.

**M/S "ANTON CHEKHOV:** – Built specifically for river cruising built in 1978 and refurbished in 2003 – her passenger capacity is restricted to 220 ( 119 cabins). All the cabins are basic, 2 single beds, packing space, refrigerator and en-suite bathroom (shower, hand wash basin and toilet). Windows can open. Cabins are basic clean and comfortable. Main deck & upper deck cabins are about the same size. Upper deck cabins are situated one deck higher than the main deck cabins.

**Facilities on board the ship:** – One restaurant, Lounge includes a bar and a dance floor, two Bars, swimming pool, beauty salon, Souvenir shop and Doctor onboard. The ship does not have wheelchair access nor an elevator.

For more information on the cruise and on the ship see [www.cruise.ru/vessels/4](http://www.cruise.ru/vessels/4)

On every cruise there's a government-licensed guide who will fill you in on the history, mythology, and art of the ports you visit so you'll go home with more than just a tan- you'll take with you a greater understanding of Russia.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** – To book and/or obtain full information, terms and conditions call us on tel (011) 886-9545, fax 011 886 9548 or email [travelonline@megatrav.co.za](mailto:travelonline@megatrav.co.za)

**GRATUITIES – TIPPING:** – We acknowledge that South Africans are unaccustomed to tipping, however this is customary and the staff rely on tips to supplement their income. Our suppliers have suggested to budget per person EUR 120 per person.



### OPTIONAL TOURS 2011 SELLING PRICES

Additional tours for English, German, French speaking groups

GROUPS MIN 20 PAX, PER PERSON, EURO

#### TOURS TO BE BOOKED ON BOARD AND ONLY CASH PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED

##### Moscow

✓ BOLSHOI THEATER (ATRIUM) - OPERA/BALLET (MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER)	110	-
	200	
✓ CIRCUS	60	
✓ NOVODEVICHY CONVENT + CEMETERY	28	
✓ NOVODEVICHY CONVENT + ARBAT	28	
✓ ZAGORSK (SERGIEV POSSAD)	50	
✓ KOLOMENSKOYE	30	
✓ PUSHKIN FINE ARTS MUSEUM	35	
✓ THE TRETYAKOV GALLERY	35	
✓ ZLATOUST – CHORUS SINGING	37	
✓ BOW HILL WAR&MEMORIAL MUSEUM& VICTORY PARK	25	
✓ ARBAT TOUR	20	
✓ ARBAT TOUR + METRO	25	
✓ ARBAT TOUR WITH ST. SAVIOR CATHEDRAL	22	
✓ ARBAT TOUR <b>OR</b> RED SQUARE VISIT WITH NEW MAIDEN CEMETERY	22	
✓ ARBAT TOUR WITH ST. SAVIOR CATHEDRAL AND NEW MAIDEN CEMETERY	25	
✓ MOSCOW BY NIGHT	25	
✓ MOSCOW BY NIGHT + METRO	30	
✓ BOAT RIDE ALONG THE MOSCOW-RIVER + NOVODEVICHY CONVENT ( MIN 35 PAX)	45	
✓ BOAT RIDE ALONG THE MOSCOW-RIVER	35	
✓ BOAT RIDE ALONG THE MOSCOW-RIVER WITH A GLASS OF RUSSIAN CHAMPAGNE ( MIN 35 PAX)	40	
✓ NATIONAL RUSSIAN SHOW	45	

##### St. Petersburg

✓ ST. ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL	34	
✓ RUSSIAN MUSEUM	33	
✓ PETRODVORETZ WITH BIG PALACE	52	
✓ PETRODVORETZ (PARK ONLY)	38	
✓ PETRODVORETZ ( SMALL PALACE& PARK)	48	
✓ PAVLOVSK	39	
✓ PUSHKIN	44	
✓ PUSHKIN (EARLY OPENING) (MIN GROUP SIZE 100 PAX)	51	
✓ PUSHKIN + PAVLOVSK (HALF DAY)	61	
✓ ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL FORTRESS	34	
✓ YUSSUPOV PALACE	42	
✓ YUSSUPOV PALACE + BOAT RIDE	55	
✓ ALEXANDER NEVSKIY MONASTERY	33	
✓ FOLKLORE	40	
✓ FOLKLORE WITH FOURSHET	48	
✓ BOAT RIDE	36	
✓ BOAT RIDE WITH FOURCHETTE	43	
✓ HERMITAGE, MICHAILOVSKIY, ALEXANDINSKY THEATRES	78	
✓ MARIINSKY THEATRE	ON	REQUEST
✓ CONSERVATOIRE, AURORA- HALL	57	
✓ ST. PETERSBURG BY NIGHT	32	
✓ THE BEGINNING AND THE END OF THE ROMANOV'S DYNASTY	38	
✓ ERARTA – MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART	34	
✓ THE MUSEUM OF OLDMOBILES AND LONGSWORD	31	

EURO/USD exchange rate will be announced on board