Waterways of
Russia
St. Petersburg • Moscow
Cruising aboard the Deluxe M.S. Volga Dream
September 12 to 22, 2012
Featuring Art Institute Study Leader Annie Morse
Dear Friends,

The timeless pageant that is Russia reveals itself in the scenic rivers, lakes and canals that link St. Petersburg with Moscow. 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 this once-in-a-lifetime journey aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM, the premier ship cruising Russia’s waterways. Explore the greatest treasures and mysteries of classical Russian culture, steeped in unmatched artistic, historical and architectural legacies. During an excellent time of year to visit, spend two nights aboard ship in St. Petersburg, Russia’s “window on the West,” the majestic legacy of that most visionary of czars, Peter the Great. From St. Petersburg, cruise for six 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, and onion-domed churches and fortified monasteries testify to the abiding faith of the Russian people. Our program concludes with one night aboard ship 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. This program also features a two-night Post-Cruise Option in Moscow.

This unique opportunity to enjoy a truly deluxe cruise in Russia 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 very limited, and we encourage you to reserve today as this program sells out year after year; early booking savings are available only until April 12, 2012.

Sincerely,

Linsey Foster
Director of Constituent Relations

This travel program is specially designed for Art Institute Members. For museum information or to join, contact the Member Travel department at (312) 443-3114 or (312) 443-3115.

Study Leader
Annie Morse is Senior Lecturer in the Art Institute’s Museum Education department and its liaison to the academic community. At the museum, she coordinates the annual Graduate Student Seminar and Artists Connect, a lecture series focusing on Chicago-based artists.
Annie graduated from the School of the Art Institute’s Master’s program in Modern Art History, Theory, and Criticism after earning her undergraduate degree at the University of California at Santa Cruz and received her Master’s in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is also an independent curator who has worked with the Contemporary Arts Council, the Three Arts Club of Chicago, and the Hyde Park Art Center and is a frequent and popular study leader on Art Institute travel programs.
U.S.A.
Wednesday, September 12
Depart from the U.S.A. for St. Petersburg, Russia.

St. Petersburg, Russia
Thursday, September 13
Arrive in St. Petersburg and meet your Travel Director. Transfer to the deluxe M.S. V O L G A D R E A M. Enjoy the Captain’s Welcome Reception this evening aboard the ship.

The ship remains docked overnight on the great Neva River, which flows majestically through the heart of St. Petersburg, known as the “Venice of the North.”

St. Petersburg
Friday, September 14
Explore the city’s legendary landmarks, which 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 Church of Our Savior on Spilled Blood (Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ), built on the site of Emperor Alexander II’s assassination; the Admiralty tower, part of a UNESCO World Heritage site; 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 excursion to Catherine the Great’s imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (“Czar’s Village”) in Pushkin. 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
Saturday, September 15
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 hydrofoil to Petrodvorets, the splendid palaces and parklands commissioned by Peter the Great, now a UNESCO World Heritage site. The ship departs this evening.

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

Cover photo: Stroll along Petrodvorets’ majestic Grand Cascade, a testament to the power and vision of Peter the Great.
Neva River/Lake Ladoga/ Mandrogi/Svir River/ Lake Onega

Sunday, September 16
This morning, admire the passing wilderness of serene meadows and virgin pine and birch forests. The ship calls this afternoon at Mandrogi, a small riverside village. Continue your cruise along the sparkling Svir River between Lake Ladoga, the largest freshwater reservoir in Europe, and Lake Onega, known for its approximately 1650 islands.

Kizhi Island/Lake Onega

Monday, September 17
Be on deck early this morning 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!

This afternoon, cruise Lake Onega, surrounded by the beautifully untouched Russian countryside.

Lake Beloye/Goritsy/ Sheksna River

Tuesday, September 18
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 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. 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.

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

The beautiful Goritsy Monastery was founded in 1544 by one of Ivan the Terrible’s daughters-in-law. It was primarily used for political exile for women of noble birth in the late 16th century and now houses a small community of nuns.
Lake Rybinskoye/ Yaroslavl
Wednesday, September 19
This morning, the ship cruises through the scenic wilderness of Lake Rybinskoye. After lunch, dock in Yaroslavl, the oldest town on the Volga River and one of the “Golden Ring” of fortified towns and villages built to surround Moscow between the 11th and 13th centuries.

Uglich/Volga River
Thursday, September 20
In the 10th-century “Golden Ring” town of Uglich, 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.

This afternoon, cruise the great Volga River, the main artery of the Russian heartland for over a millennium, and into the Moscow Canal, which gives Moscow access to five different seas.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception this evening.

Moscow
Friday, September 21
Arrive in the Russian capital city along the Moscow River, which flows leisurely through the city that has embodied the heart and soul of Russia for over 850 years.

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 Easter eggs commissioned by the Romanov czars.
Walk around infamous Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site 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.

**Moscow/U.S.A. Saturday, September 22**
Transfer to the airport for your flight to the U.S.A. or continue on the Moscow Post-Cruise Option*.

*The Post-Cruise Option and Optional Excursion are available at additional cost, and details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.

**Moscow Post-Cruise Option**
Further explore the heart and soul of Mother Russia on this two-night extension in Moscow. Tour the magnificent Tretyakov Gallery, enjoy a cultural performance and visit the tranquil grounds of the UNESCO World Heritage site of Novodevichy (“New Maidens”) Convent, including a stroll through its cemetery, the most prestigious in Moscow. Accommodations are included in the deluxe 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 stand higher 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 arranged, early opening 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.

Included Features

- Educational program of lectures and discussions with guest speakers.
- On board the exclusively chartered, deluxe M.S. VOLGA DREAM
  - Nine nights: two nights in St. Petersburg; six-night cruise with port calls at Mandrogi, Kizhi Island, Goritsy, Yaroslavl and Uglich; and one night in Moscow.
  - Outside accommodations with private bathroom.
  - Buffet breakfast, buffet lunch and dinner, early risers’ coffee, and afternoon tea.
  - One traditional Russian lunch featuring authentic culinary specialties.
  - Complimentary house wine, beer, and soft drinks are served with lunch and dinner.
  - Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
  - Festive Russian vodka tasting.
  - Evening entertainment, including a piano concert.
  - 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 reserved entrance and guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - Walking tour of Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - Visit to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery near Goritsy.
  - City tour of medieval Yaroslavl, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
  - Walking tour of the city of Uglich, including the Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood.
  - Visit to Moscow’s imposing Kremlin, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the Armory Museum’s czarist treasures.
  - Walking tour of Moscow’s historic Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site, including St. Basil’s Cathedral, an icon of traditional Russian architecture.

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 transfer and 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.

St. Petersburg’s Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul was the newly founded city’s first building to be commissioned in 1703.
# M.S. Volga Dream

## Land/Cruise Tariff

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**Junior Suite**

- Larger cabin with one double bed and two windows. Sun and Promenade Decks.
- **$6,735**
- **$7,735**

- Owner's Suite available on request at additional cost to be advised.
- Singles are available in category 5 at $8,135 and in category 4 at $9,135 on or before April 12, 2012. Add $1,000 for reservations made after April 12, 2012.
- Taxes are an additional $242 per person and are subject to change.

*M.S. 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.

## Waterways of Russia Reservation Form

Send to: Thomas P. Gohagan & Company
Eleven South LaSalle Street, Second Floor
Chicago, IL 60603-1240

For additional information, call Gohagan & Company at (312) 609-1140/(800) 922-3088 or the Art Institute's Member Travel department at (312) 443-3114 or (312) 443-3115.

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**Title**

**Full name (exactly as it appears on your passport)**

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**Street Mailing Address (no P.O. Box number please)**

**City**

**State**

**ZIP Code**

**Telephone:**

- (Home)
- (Business)

**Email Address**

(Mobile)

**Preferred name(s) on badge(s)**

Tour No. 033-09/12-124

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

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_______ as deposit.
- Make checks payable to 2012 Waterways of Russia.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_______ to:
  - Visa
  - MasterCard

Card Number

Exp. Date

Signature as it appears on credit card

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by June 8, 2012.

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Please make my/our reservation(s) in category:

1st Choice ______ 2nd Choice ______

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- 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).

Please make my/our reservation(s):

**Moscow Post-Cruise Option**

- Double at $595 per person.
- Single at $795 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from ______________________ (fill in departure city) to St. Petersburg, Russia, with return from Moscow, Russia, at additional cost to be advised.

- Economy Class
- Business Class
- First Class

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

- I/we will make my/our own air arrangements.
PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the handling equipment. Assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, sickness, illness, the lack of availability of or access to appropriate medical attention, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

In the event of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, the brochure, program(s) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees, and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by April 12, 2012. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s) reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 60 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 59 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees, and administrative fees may apply.