Waterways of Russia
St. Petersburg • Moscow
Cruising aboard the Deluxe M.S. Volga Dream
August 2 to 12, 2013
featuring
Temple Professor Therese Dolan
Dear Temple Alumni and Friends,

Cruising the network of rivers, lakes and canals that runs between Russia’s two great cultural capitals has always been an excellent way of seeing the Russian countryside and visiting the cities of the “Golden Ring.” Aboard the deluxe, modern M.S. VOLGA DREAM, we will take a late summer sojourn that will begin in St. Petersburg and then travel along the “Blue Road” to end in Moscow. With us throughout our journey will be Temple art historian Therese Dolan, a perennial favorite among Temple alumni travelers. Byzantine icons, Renaissance painting, Baroque palaces, masterpieces by the French Impressionists—we will explore them all in her company and with the help of a team of expert guides and lecturers.

We will spend two full days in St. Petersburg, Peter the Great’s visionary “window on the West,” and then cruise through the heartland of Mother Russia, where daily life goes on at the measured pace it has kept for generations. Villages of traditional wooden houses, onion-domed churches and fortified monasteries dot the banks. For this journey we have chartered the most deluxe small ship cruising Russia’s waterways. The M.S. VOLGA DREAM also features the lowest passenger density, so there will be plenty of space and time to compare notes on what we have seen with other like-minded companions.

This thoughtfully crafted itinerary features nine UNESCO World Heritage sites. Space is limited and the ship sells out every year, so reserve today.

Sincerely,

Laura Gruen
Director of Temple Travels
Temple University Alumni Association

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Temple Faculty

Therese Dolan first visited Europe right after her graduation from college, and the experience changed her life, converting her into an art historian. She has lived for significant periods abroad and visits Paris each year as a guest lecturer on French Impressionism (many of whose masterpieces are collected in St. Petersburg’s Hermitage Museum). Her numerous publications include studies of Impressionist art and the literature, art and music of the 19th century. During three decades of teaching at Temple’s Tyler School of Art, Professor Dolan has shared her profound love of Byzantine art and architecture.

Professor Dolan has received both the Lindback Award for Outstanding Teaching and the prestigious Great Teacher Award from Temple University. During the past few years, she has traveled the country, lecturing to alumni groups and earning their praise for her lucid and lively talks. In the past four years, Professor Dolan led highly successful alumni trips to Tuscany, the Amalfi Coast, Provence and Normandy.
U.S.
Friday, August 2
Depart the U.S. for St. Petersburg, Russia.

St. Petersburg, Russia
Saturday, August 3
Arrive in St. Petersburg 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 great Neva River, which flows majestically through the heart of St. Petersburg, known as the “Venice of the North.”

St. Petersburg
Sunday, August 4
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.

The afternoon is at leisure in St. Petersburg, or you can choose to join the optional excursion* to Catherine the Great’s imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (“Czar’s Village”), a UNESCO World Heritage site, 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. The ship departs this evening.

St. Petersburg
Monday, August 5
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 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.

Enjoy time on your own or join the optional excursion* to Catherine the Great’s imperial compound of Tsarskoye Selo (“Czar’s Village”), a UNESCO World Heritage site, 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. The ship departs this evening.
Neva River/Lake Ladoga/
Mandrogi/Svir River/
Lake Onega
Tuesday, August 6
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, dotted with over 1600 small islands.

Kizhi Island/Lake Onega
Wednesday, August 7
Early this morning, 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!

Enjoy an afternoon cruise on scenic Lake Onega within sight of the beautifully untouched, pastoral, Karelian countryside, home to many ethnic Finns.

Lake Beloye/Goritsy/
Sheksna River
Thursday, August 8
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.

Farther 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.

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.
followed by a specially arranged sampling of Russian vodkas.

**Lake Rybinskoye/ Yaroslavl**
*Friday, August 9*
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 15th centuries. 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.

**Uglich/Volga River**
*Saturday, August 10*
Arrive in the “Golden Ring” town of Uglich and 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**
*Sunday, August 11*
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 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.

Moscow/U.S. Monday, August 12
Transfer to the airport for your flight to the U.S. or continue on the Moscow Post-Cruise Option*.

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

St. Petersburg’s Cathedral of Sts. Peter and Paul was the city’s first building to be commissioned in 1703.

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 Neva River, Lake Ladoga, the Svir River, Lake Onega, Lake Beloye, the Shoksha River, Lake Rybinskoye and the Volga River.
  - 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.
  - 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.
  - 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 Uglich, with visit to 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, 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.

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.
M.S. VOLGA DREAM

Land/Cruise Tariff (per person, based on double occupancy)

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* 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.

**Owner’s Suite available on request at additional cost to be advised.

† Singles are available in category 5 at $7995 and in category 4 at $8395 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.

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Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)
Title Full Name (exactly as it appears on your passport)
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. 033-08/02/13-220

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.

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 April 29, 2013.

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Cabin Category:
1st Choice ______ 2nd Choice _____

Double occupancy (two twin beds).

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).

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.
Walk in the footsteps of Romanov czars on the grounds of Pushkin's extravagant Catherine Palace, the summer residence of Russian czars.

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