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30 SEPTEMBER 2011  
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# *Timeless Russia*

*A river cruise along the Volga from St Petersburg to Moscow  
aboard the MS AmaKatarina with Noble Caledonia*

*July and September 2012*





Summer Palace of Peterhof



City skyline of Moscow



Grand Cascade of fountains, Peterhof

Join us aboard the *MS AmaKatarina* on this iconic river voyage as we journey along the Volga River linking the great cities of St Petersburg and Moscow. Without a doubt a river cruise is the best means for exploring this marvellous country. Starting our journey in St Petersburg, we have three days to enjoy this awe-inspiring city that was the creation of Peter the Great and has benefited from the work of Europe's greatest 18th century architects and craftsmen.

From St Petersburg we will set sail along the Svir River where we pass picturesque villages and hamlets before reaching Kizhi Island renowned for its unique wooden architecture. As we sail on our comfortable river vessel we pass marvellously historic and atmospheric reminders of Russia's intriguing past. We visit breathtaking monasteries at Goritsy and Yaroslavl which still retain a timeless quality and an atmosphere of unique tranquillity. As we voyage along the mighty Volga River and her network of rivers, lakes and canals we visit breathtaking cathedrals and churches on our journey through the Russian heartland before reaching Moscow.

For this cruise we are working with our Australian partners APT and the delightful *MS AmaKatarina*. Featuring some of the most spacious accommodation available along the Russian waterways, this impressive vessel underwent a multimillion pound refurbishment earlier this year, and passengers can now enjoy spacious public areas, outside balconies in most staterooms and suites and elegant dining venues.

Accompanying you on excursions will be carefully selected English-speaking local resident tour guides who will provide insight into the culture and history of the places you will be visiting. Whether you are exploring the walls of the Kremlin in Moscow or discovering the Church of St Demetrius on the Blood in Uglich your local guide will ensure your discovery of this region is both informative and enjoyable.





St Isaacs, St Petersburg



Church of St Dmitry, Uglich



Lake Onega



Hermitage, St Petersburg

## The Itinerary

**Day 1 London to St Petersburg.** Fly by scheduled flight and transfer to the *MS AmaKatarina*.

**Day 2 St Petersburg.** Today you have the chance to better acquaint yourself with the unique city of St Petersburg. Stroll down Nevsky Prospect lined with some of St Petersburg's most impressive buildings, visit Palace Square, St Isaac's Cathedral and the battle-cruiser Aurora, to name but a few highlights of our excursion through Russia's second largest city. After lunch, we will visit the Hermitage Museum, former Palace of the Tsars and home to the royal art collection of over three million works.

**Day 3 St Petersburg.** After breakfast, join an optional excursion to Catherine Palace, the summer residence of the Tsars dating back to 1717 and built in the flamboyant Rococo style. Alternatively explore the city at your own leisure. This evening, we visit the Hermitage Theatre to watch a ballet performance in the intimate setting of the former private theatre of the Tsars.

**Day 4 St Petersburg.** Today, we visit St Petersburg's spectacular Peterhof Palace where the lavish decor of the building is rivalled only by its famous Grand Cascade of fountains. Nestled on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, the palace was built by Peter the

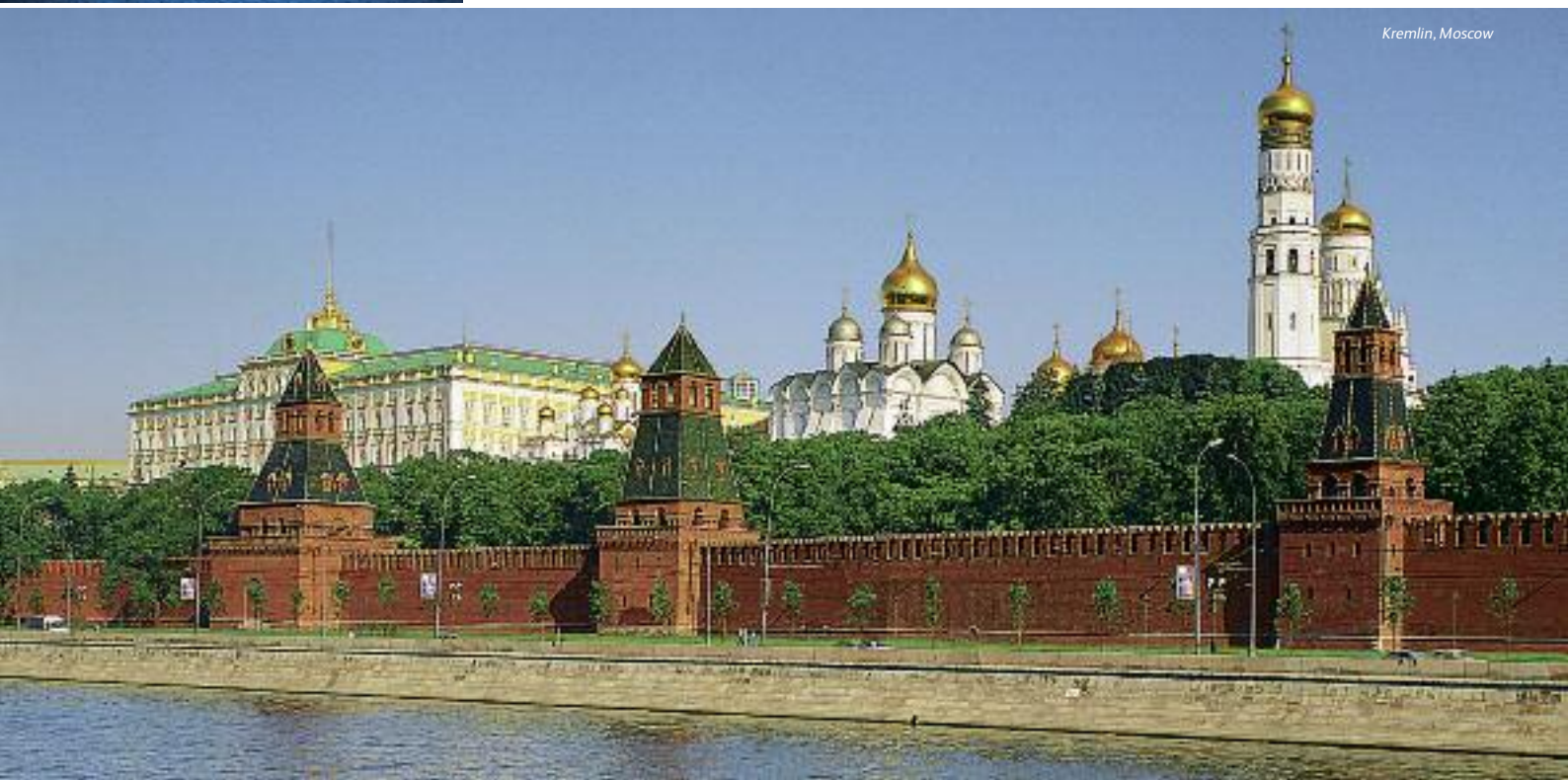
Great who masterminded a vast estate intended to rival the gardens of Versailles. After lunch, enjoy the remainder of the day at your leisure or continue sightseeing on an optional excursion to the Peter and Paul Fortress.

**Day 5 Cruising & Svirstroy.** Enjoy the picturesque scenery as we cruise along the Neva River and cross

Lake Ladoga, the largest lake in Europe. On the Svir River, we will sail past forested banks and small settlements until docking at Svirstroy and disembarking after lunch. Here, enjoy ample time at leisure to stroll around this charming village and browse local crafts before returning to the ship to cruise towards Lake Onega.

**Day 6 Kizhi Island.** Situated on the northern end of Lake Onega, Kizhi is a small island which is home to some of the most amazing wooden architecture in Russia. Renowned for its open air Museum of Architecture which has been assembled from various areas of the region and restored to form an intriguing glimpse of the past, we visit two of the remaining original wooden churches in Russia, the Church of the Transfiguration with 22 impressive domes and the Church of the Intercession, built in 1764 without a single nail.

**Day 7 Goritsy.** Enjoy a relaxing morning as we sail onto the Volga-Baltic Waterway and cross White Lake, before docking at Goritsy. A typical small farming village, Goritsy is home to the Monastery of



Kremlin, Moscow



Kizhi Island

St Cyril, which was founded in 1397 and is now a museum. Stroll through the peaceful grounds, which feature charming small wooden chapels.

**Day 8 Yaroslavl.** Stretching for some 18 miles on both banks of the Volga, Yaroslavl was founded in the 11th century by Prince Yaroslavl the Wise. We will disembark for a guided tour to the Spassky Monastery ensemble, a group of majestic 17th century cathedrals and an elegant rotunda, and the remains of an ancient trading centre. Our excursion will then take us to the former residence of the Governor of Yaroslavl before returning to the ship.

**Day 9 Uglich.** Uglich is known for its breathtaking cathedrals and churches. We will disembark here for a visit to the home of a local family to enjoy a typical Russian meal, and gain a unique glimpse into the local way of life. Afterwards, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Uglich, visiting the Chambers of Prince Dmitry and the Church of St Demetrius on the Blood.

**Day 10 Moscow.** Today a tour of Moscow takes you

to Red Square, where you will enjoy views of St Basil's Cathedral. The tour also includes the GUM Department Store, New Maiden's Convent, Tverskaya, Sparrow Hill and Lubyanka Square (KGB building). We will then take a fascinating tour within the walls of the Kremlin, once the royal residence of the Tsars and main centre of the Russian Orthodox faith. Tonight after dinner join an excursion to the acclaimed Moscow Circus.

**Day 11 Moscow.** Experience a ride on the Moscow Metro, where each station is like a museum of mosaics, marble statues and crystal chandeliers. Visit the Tretyakov Gallery which boasts a collection of over 150,000 works of painting, sculpture and graphics, created throughout the centuries by Russian artists, followed by a lunch cruise on the Moscow River. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Day 12 Moscow to London.** Disembark and transfer to the airport for your return scheduled flight to London.

Red Square, Moscow



Transfiguration Monastery bell tower, Yaroslavl



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2012 DEPARTURE DATES: 26TH JULY; 8TH, 30TH SEPTEMBER

CATEGORY.	DECK	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	SOLE OCCUPANCY
F - Standard Suite with window	Main	£3195	£4520
E - Standard Suite with Window	Middle/Main	£3369	£4781
D - Superior Suite with Window	Middle/Main	£3632	£5176
C - Deluxe Balcony Suite	Middle	£4069	£5831
B - Deluxe Balcony Suite	Boat	£4194	£6019
A - Deluxe Balcony Suite	Sun	£4319	£6206
BS - Bolshoi Suite	Boat/Middle	£4507	£7144
MS - Mariinsky Suite	Boat/Middle	£4819	£7768
HS - Hermitage Suite	Sun	£4944	£8018
IS - Imperial Suite	Sun Main	£6319	£10768

**Price includes:** Scheduled economy class return air travel, 11 nights aboard the MS Amakatarina on full board, wine, beer or soft drinks with dinner, sightseeing excursions as described, entrance fees, port taxes, airport taxes and gratuities.  
**Not included:** Travel insurance, Russian visas, optional excursion to Peter and Paul Fortress

NB. Ports subject to change. Water levels may also affect itineraries. All special offers are subject to availability.

# MS AmaKatarina



The *MS AmaKatarina* underwent a multi-million pound refurbishment earlier in the year and now boasts amongst the most spacious accommodation and the largest outside balconies on Russia's waterways. With seventy percent of staterooms and suites boasting outside space you can enjoy magnificent views of the unfolding Russian landscape from the comfort of your stateroom. Aboard the *MS AmaKatarina*, you are always able to absorb the incredible views that river cruising offers, whether you are enjoying fresh air on the Sun Deck, relaxing in the Lounge or unwinding in the privacy of your elegant stateroom.

All cabins are spacious with standard and superior window staterooms varying from 110 to 205 square feet with one or two large picture windows, and suites measure an impressive 270 to 432 square feet. Facilities include a spacious wardrobe, safe, hairdryer, minibar, a satellite television with English speaking programmes and bathroom with shower and toilet.

Between your time exploring our varied ports of call you will find much to keep you entertained within *MS AmaKatarina's* well appointed public areas. The Sun Deck provides a spacious environment to enjoy the stunning landscapes as we sail through rural countryside and approach our iconic city destinations. The Panorama Lounge provides a relaxing environment in which to enjoy a drink from our fully stocked bar and the Conference Hall hosts a range of informative lectures and presentations as well as entertainment focusing on the culture and history of Russia.

The Opera and Symphony Restaurants on board the *MS AmaKatarina* provide the perfect setting for observing the changing scenery while dining. Both restaurants are elegant venues located well above water level, the atmosphere is informal and relaxed and you will be able to sit where, and with whom you choose for all meals. On board cuisine is a delightful mix of local Russian dishes and produce as well as international dishes. During dinner enjoy inclusive wine, beer and soft drinks.



Bar



Cat F cabin



Balcony



Restaurant

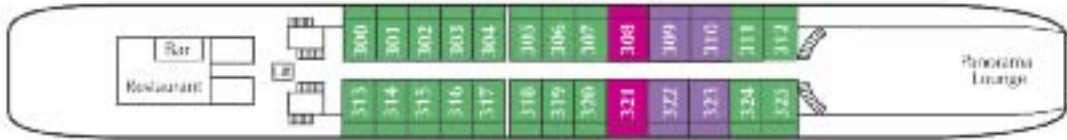


MS Mariinsky Suite

### Sun Deck



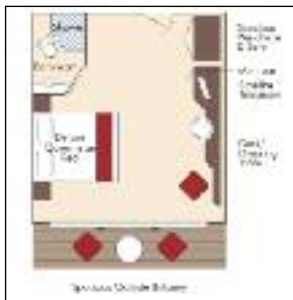
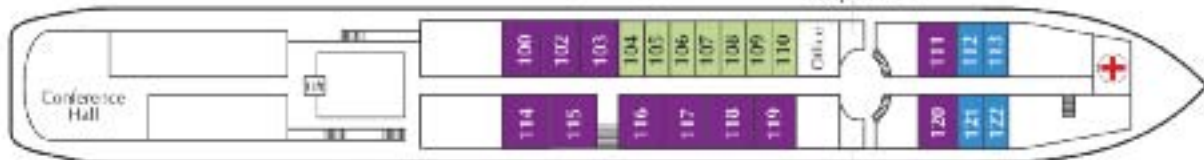
### Boat Deck



### Middle Deck



### Main Deck



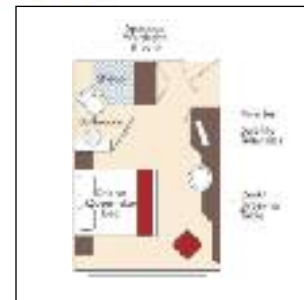
CAT MS - MARIINSKY SUITE



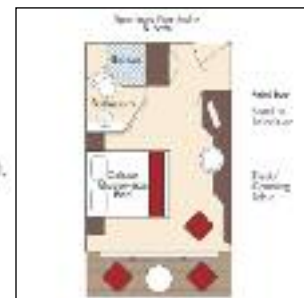
CAT E - STANDARD WINDOW

### STATEROOM & SUITE CATEGORIES

- Cat. IS** Middle Deck – Imperial Suite – 432 sq. ft./40.1 sq. m.
- Cat. HS** Sun Deck – Hermitage Suites – 270 sq. ft./25.1 sq. m.
- Cat. MS** Boat & Middle Deck – Mariinsky Suites – 320 sq. ft./29.7 sq. m.
- Cat. BS** Boat & Middle Deck – Bolshoi Suites – 380 sq. ft./36 sq. m.
- Cat. A** Sun Deck – Deluxe Balcony – 230 sq. ft./21.4 sq. m.
- Cat. B** Boat Deck – Deluxe Balcony – 238 sq. ft./22.1 sq. m.
- Cat. C** Middle Deck – Deluxe Balcony – 238 sq. ft./22.1 sq. m.
- Cat. D** Middle & Main Deck – Superior Window – 205 sq. ft./19 sq. m.
- Cat. E** Middle & Main Deck – Standard Window – 135 sq. ft./12.5 sq. m.
- Cat. F** Main Deck – Standard Window – 110 sq. ft./10.2 sq. m.



CAT D - SUPERIOR WINDOW



CAT A,B,C - DELUXE BALCONY

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