Waterways of Russia
St. Petersburg • Moscow

Cruising aboard the
Deluxe Volga Dream
Featuring Professor E. Carr Everbach
August 26 to September 6, 2018
Dear Swarthmore Alumni and Friends,

Experience the pageantry and folkways of Russia, revealed along the rivers, lakes and canals that link St. Petersburg with Moscow. Between these grand cultural capitals lies a countryside seemingly untouched by the modern age. Golden-domed churches rise up from the early morning mist, quaint wooden villages and old-world farms dot the landscape, and the gentle light of lingering summer evenings gives an otherworldly aura to the banks of Russia’s magnificent inland waterways.

Cruise aboard the exclusively chartered, deluxe VOLGA DREAM. Accommodating only 90 guests, the VOLGA DREAM and its highly trained, English-speaking staff ensure you will enjoy an intimate atmosphere, personalized service and highly praised continental cuisine throughout your cruise.

Explore the artistic, historical and architectural treasures of Russian culture and several “Golden Ring” cities. Visit St. Petersburg—Russia’s cultural capital—the legacy of the most visionary of tsars, Peter the Great. Then, cruise through the heart of Russia, where daily life unfolds at the measured pace it has kept for generations and where villagers still dwell in traditional cottages and preserve the customs of their ancestors. Conclude with one night in the fabled city of Moscow, the political and commercial capital of the world’s largest country.

This unique travel program features the best ship in Russia and a comprehensive itinerary with opportunities to experience nine UNESCO World Heritage sites. This popular program is a great value, so reserve your space today while Early Booking Savings are still available!

Cheers,

Lisa K. Shafer
Senior Director of Alumni & Parent Engagement

Study Leader

Prof. E. Carr Everbach has been teaching at Swarthmore College since 1990 in broad areas of engineering and was a co-founder of the Environmental Studies program in 1992. Carr and students built on College property the first strawbale house east of the Mississippi and north of the Mason-Dixon line that stood from 1994-1998, when it was disassembled and recycled. Carr was the co-chair of the Green Team that pioneered the LEED-certified Science Center in 2004 and was a founder of the Macalester-Pomona-Swarthmore Consortium that sends students to the University of Cape Town each year to study human-environment interactions. Carr co-chaired the Sustainability Committee from 2007-2012 and currently serves on the EcoSphere Executive Committee. He is interested in finding ways for people to live well without harming the world for those who come after.
U.S.
Sunday, August 26
Depart the U.S.

St. Petersburg, Russia
Monday, August 27
Arrive in regal St. Petersburg, Peter the Great’s elegant urban achievement and Russia’s cultural capital, and transfer to the centrally located, Five-Star Kempinski Hotel Moika 22. This evening, attend the Welcome Reception in the hotel.

St. Petersburg
Tuesday, August 28
Explore the city’s historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage site where legendary landmarks are scattered across more than 100 islands and linked by three times as many bridges. St. Petersburg’s main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, showcases exquisite examples of Russian Baroque and neoclassical architecture. See the ornate 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 iconic golden spire of the Admiralty; and visit 19th-century St. Isaac’s Cathedral to admire its dazzling interior of malachite and lapis lazuli. The church’s golden dome is one of the glories of the city’s skyline. Tour St. Petersburg’s oldest edifice, the Peter and Paul Fortress, built in 1703 to guard the country’s only outlet to the Baltic Sea.

This afternoon, visit the new halls of the State Hermitage Museum’s General Staff Building to view the priceless collection of 19th- and 20th-century French Impressionist and Post-Impressionist works, including 74 masterpieces “lost” in a storeroom during World War II.

This evening, you may choose to attend an optional Russian ballet performance (schedule to be determined).

St. Petersburg
Wednesday, August 29
This morning, by specially reserved early entrance, return to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated State Hermitage Museum, the former tsarist palace of Catherine the Great to further tour this repository of one of the world’s oldest and most important art collections, rivaled only by the museum’s lavish interior.

Later, visit the imperial compound of Pushkin and Rococo Catherine Palace, an elaborate UNESCO World Heritage site. See the extraordinary Amber Room, laden with six tons of solid amber, deftly carved and framed in gold leaf and said to be the “Eighth Wonder of the World.” Stripped and confiscated by the Nazis in 1941, it was meticulously reconstructed over 25 years to honor of the 300th anniversary of the city of St. Petersburg.

This evening, you may choose to attend an optional Russian folklore performance in Nicholas Palace (schedule to be determined).

St. Petersburg
Thursday, August 30
This morning, visit the UNESCO World Heritage site of Peterhof Palace and Gardens, also known as the “Russian Versailles.”

Cover photo: Stroll along the majestic Grand Cascade at Petrodvorets, a UNESCO World Heritage site often referred to as the “Russian Versailles.”

Photo this page: One of the most recognized symbols of Moscow, the colorful domes of St. Basil’s Cathedral scintillate over iconic Red Square.
as Petrodvorets, the grand summer palace and splendid parklands commissioned by Peter the Great to rival Versailles.

Embark the deluxe, small ship Volga Dream this afternoon and attend the Captain's Welcome Reception as the ship departs St. Petersburg.

Neva River/Lake Ladoga/Svir River/Svirstroy
Friday, August 31
Admire the passing wilderness of serene meadows, virgin pine and birch forests lining the banks of the mighty Neva River and the shores of Lake Ladoga, the largest lake in Europe. This afternoon, the ship calls at Svirstroy, a charming riverside village evoking the peaceful, traditional ways of rural life. See the historic Lodeynoe Pole, where Peter the Great established the Olonets Shipyard, birthplace of the Baltic Fleet.

Visit the home of a local villager and enjoy tea and Russian cakes before continuing along the sparkling Svir River between Lake Ladoga and Lake Onega.

Lake Onega/Kizhi Island
Saturday, September 1
Early this morning, be on deck for the unforgettable approach to picturesque Kizhi Island, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Tour this remarkable open-air museum, 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, dotted with over 1600 small islands, in view of the beautifully untouched, pastoral Karelian countryside, home to both ethnic Finns and Russians.

Lake Beloye/Goritsy/Sheksna River
Sunday, September 2
Along the shores of Lake Beloye, admire rural communities continuing the long-standing traditions of Old Russia. From the tranquil village of Goritsy, visit the Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery, founded in 1397, and see its collection of paintings, early printed books and pictorial embroidery. 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 tsar of Russia.

Further along the Sheksna River, catch glimpses of a bygone era as you pass by rustic family farms and quaint dachas, traditional Russian wooden cottages.
This evening, enjoy a dinner of Russian delicacies followed by a specially arranged sampling of Russian vodkas.

**Lake Rybinskoye/Volga River/Yaroslavl**

**Monday, September 3**

Cruise Lake Rybinskoye, surrounded by scenic wilderness. Dock in Yaroslavl, the oldest city on the Volga River and one of the “Golden Ring” of fortified 11th- to 15th-century cities and villages built to encircle Moscow. This UNESCO World Heritage site, known as the “Florence of Russia,” is renowned for its 17th-century stone churches crowned with painted onion domes and soaring turrets.

Stroll along the river to the Church of Elijah the Prophet, an exquisite architectural masterpiece located in the heart of the Old Town and filled with well-preserved frescoes. See the magnificent Monastery of the Transfiguration, founded in the 12th century.

**Moscow**

**Wednesday, September 5**

Arrive in Russia’s illustrious capital city, which has embodied the heart and soul of the country for over 850 years. Disembark the ship and enjoy a panoramic tour of Moscow featuring the Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer, the monument of Peter the Great, the renowned Bolshoi Theatre and expansive views of the city from University Square.

Explore Moscow’s cultural and historical treasures beginning with a visit to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Kremlin, the imposing “Citadel of the Tsars.” See magisterial Red Square, a UNESCO World Heritage site where both Romanov tsars and Soviet commissars have flexed their power, and admire the multicolored grandeur of the 16th-century St. Basil’s Cathedral, one of the country’s most striking Orthodox monuments.

Check into the Five-Star Marriott Royal Aurora Hotel and enjoy dinner in the hotel this evening.

**Uglich/Volga River**

**Tuesday, September 4**

Arrive in the “Golden Ring” city of Uglich and walk to the 17th-century Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood, built on the site where Ivan the Terrible’s young son met his tragic demise. Admire its cluster of red turrets capped with shimmering blue onion domes and the elegant frescoes that adorn the interior. Continue on to see 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 provides Moscow access to the White, Baltic, Caspian, Azov and Black Seas.

Attend the Captain’s Farewell Reception on board the ship this evening.

**Moscow/U.S.**

**Thursday, September 6**

Continue on the Iconic Moscow Post-Program Option, or transfer to the airport for your flight to the U.S.

Post-Program Options and Optional Excursions are available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
The deluxe Volga Dream sets the standard for ships cruising the waterways of Russia. Its meticulous design, elegant appointments and richly deserved reputation for impeccable service provide you with an unprecedented level of comfort on Russia’s waterways.

Each Suite and Stateroom features a wood- and marble-accented private bathroom, one queen bed, one double bed or two twin beds, individual climate control, telephone, satellite television, minibar, safe, radio and plush robes.

Onboard chefs specialize in the preparation of savory continental and local Russian cuisine for breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. Complimentary house wine and soft drinks are included with lunch and dinner. Coffee and tea are available 24 hours a day. You will also experience an authentic Russian tea ceremony on board.

While cruising Russia’s tranquil rivers and lakes, you may enjoy the ship’s inviting lounge offering live music, a bar and panoramic windows; the library with Internet access; or the full-length Sun Deck, which recreates the ambiance of an oceangoing yacht with teak planking and deck chairs. The ship also has a boutique, fitness room, sauna and laundry service. There is a doctor on board.

Further explore the jewels of Russia’s capital and delve deep into its Cold War and pre-revolutionary past. Ride the Moscow Metro, where train stations are museums in their own right. Tour the fascinating Cold War Museum at the Bunker-42 on Taganka, a former secret military complex. Visit the acclaimed State Tretyakov Gallery; the Armoury Museum—the oldest museum in Russia—to see the world’s largest collection of Imperial Fabergé eggs; and the Tolstoy House Museum, where author Leo Tolstoy lived in 1882. Spend two nights in the Five-Star Marriott Royal Aurora Hotel.
Included Features

In St. Petersburg and Moscow
◆ Three nights in the centrally located, Five-Star Kempinski Hotel Moika 22 in St. Petersburg.
◆ One night in the Five-Star Marriott Royal Aurora Hotel in Moscow.
◆ Breakfast each morning in the hotels.
◆ Two lunches in St. Petersburg.
◆ One dinner in the hotel in Moscow.
◆ Tours of St. Petersburg’s 18th-century Peter and Paul Fortress and neoclassical St. Isaac’s Cathedral.

On Board the Exclusively Chartered, Deluxe Volga Dream
◆ Six-night cruise from St. Petersburg to Moscow on Russia’s legendary waterways—the Neva River, Lake Ladoga, the Svir River, Lake Onega, Lake Beloye, the Sheksna River, Lake Rybinskoie and the Volga River.
◆ Deluxe, river-view Suite or Stateroom.
◆ Captain’s Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
◆ All meals aboard ship.
◆ Complimentary house wine and soft drinks included with lunch and dinner; coffee and tea available 24 hours.
◆ Specially arranged Russian vodka tasting.
◆ Exclusive traditional Russian tea ceremony.
◆ Visit to the 14th-century Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery near Goritsy.
◆ Walking tour of historic Uglich, with a visit to the Church of Prince Dimitri-on-the-Blood.

UNESCO World Heritage Highlights
◆ Exclusive early entrance and guided tour of the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg.
◆ Visits to the elaborate Peterhof Palace and Gardens and Catherine Palace in Pushkin.
◆ Walking tour of fascinating Kizhi Island.
◆ City tour of medieval Yaroslavl.
◆ Visit to Moscow’s imposing Kremlin.
◆ Tour of Moscow’s city center to see Red Square and brightly hued St. Basil’s Cathedral.

Always Included
◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions.
◆ Two optional cultural performances, available at additional cost.
◆ Complimentary bottled water in your Suite or Stateroom aboard ship and on excursions.
◆ Hospitality desk aboard ship and in the hotels.
◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
◆ Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
◆ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
Russia’s Cultural Capitals

Among the world’s prodigious capitals of culture, the two extraordinary Russian cities of St. Petersburg and Moscow are held in the highest regard.

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 highlighted during a specially reserved early entrance and tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-designated State Hermitage Museum, allowing you to view the incomparable treasures of Catherine the Great’s spectacular art collections. True to Peter the Great’s vision, St. Petersburg, the artistic, literary and musical center of Russia, has engendered universally revered ballets, novels and classical compositions.

An important center of trade long before Ivan the Terrible declared it Russia’s capital in 1547, Moscow is a medieval city in its layout and original architecture. Today, this sophisticated city is a showcase of four UNESCO World Heritage sites and continues to be the heart of Russian finance, commerce, education and research. Here, you will visit the renowned Kremlin Territory and magisterial Red Square to see 16th-century St. Basil’s Cathedral, experiencing firsthand one of the most dynamic cities in the world.

Marvel at the grandiose design, gilding and decor inside St. Petersburg’s renowned State Hermitage Museum.
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## Stateroom Categories and Pricing

### LAND/CRUISE TARIFF excluding taxes

**Per person, based on double occupancy**

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### Junior Suite

Suite with one queen bed, two windows, chair and desk. Sun Deck and Promenade Deck, midship.

- $9495 (Double occupancy) $10495 (Single occupancy)

### Owner’s Suite

Large Suite with one queen bed, eight windows and sitting area with sofa, chair and desk. Promenade Deck, forward. (limited availability)

- $10495 (Double occupancy) $11495 (Single occupancy)

*Singles are available in category 5 at $12395* and in category 4 at $13395 on or before February 5, 2018. Add $1000 for reservations made after February 5, 2018.

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

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## Waterways of Russia Reservation Form

**Send to:** Swarthmore College  
c/o Thomas P. Gohagan & Company  
209 South LaSalle Street, Suite 500  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-1446

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Program reservations require a deposit of $800 per person and $200 per person Iconic Moscow Post-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we agree to the Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement as printed on the outside back cover of this brochure.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $________ to:  
  - Visa  
  - MasterCard

**Card Number**  
**Exp. Date**

Please make my/our reservation(s) in Stateroom Category:

- 1st choice ______  2nd choice ______
  - Double occupancy (two twin beds).
  - Double occupancy (one queen 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):

- Iconic Moscow Post-Program Option  
  - Double at $895 per person.  
  - Single at $1195 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, at additional cost to be advised,* from:  
  - (fill in departure city)
  - Economy Class  
  - Upgraded Economy  
  - Business Class  
  - First Class

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

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by May 23, 2018.
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 cancellation(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, $800 ($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: 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. Trip insurance information will be mailed to you upon receipt of your reservation. Please contact Sarah Doody at Engaging Journeys for insurance information. Email: info@engagingjourneys.com, phone: 904-432-3141.

TRAVELER'S EQUIPMENT: In the event a "discounted" or "special" fare cannot be confirmed a few days before the scheduled departure date, Gohagan reserves the right to charge you for the full cost of the program on that date. The traveler will be responsible for payment of the cost of the trip; if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s), you will be responsible for any increased travel costs due to additional ground transportation and administrative fees. Baggage is entirely at owner's risk. The right to refuse service is reserved to decline to accept as a trip participant, or remove from a trip, without refund, any person Gohagan judges to be incapable of meeting the medical or physical requirements of the trip or who Gohagan determines to be a threat to the safety and well-being of other travelers, or who are using public transportation vehicles, ships or other conveyances in a manner which could constitute a hazard to the ship and hotel personnel; optional sightseeing excursions; baggage charges on aircraft; local departs and/or arrival(s); baggage and associated local taxes, airport facility and security taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the "Included Features" section of the brochure; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel; and departure changes, even if Gohagan makes the flight arrangements or cancels the trip. Gohagan reserves the right to substitute vessels, hotels or attractions of a similar nature without notice.}

LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without notice. PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs require physical independence and the ability to carry your own luggage. Some programs require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing. Travelers must be able to embark or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs and step over raised thresholds without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by February 5, 2018. 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.