

The 2017 Association River Cruise

The Association proposal for 2017 is a river cruise from Moscow to St. Petersburg from **5 to 16 June**. The cruise is open to our members and their families and friends.

THE VESSEL: M/S REPIN****

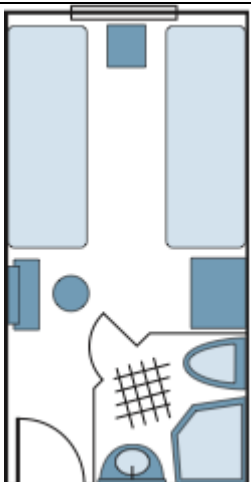
Built in Austria in 1975 and refurbished in 2012. A 4-deck vessel equipped with sophisticated navigation devices and modern facilities..



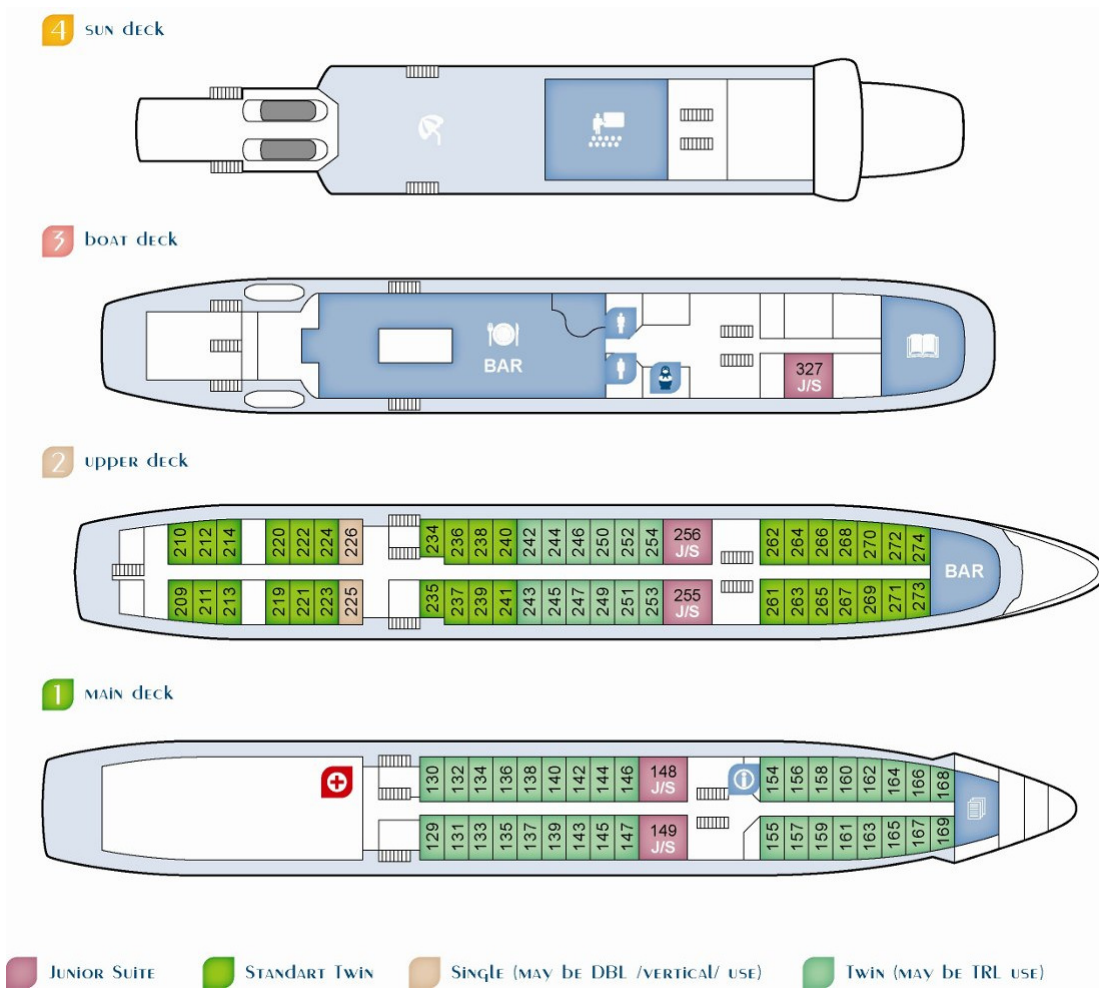
Technical information:

- Length 110,1 m
- Breadth 14,5 m
- Draught 2,2 m
- Cruise speed: 25 km/h:
- Passenger capacity 150

There are 34 twin 9.4 mq cabins with two lower beds, 2 single cabins with one lower bed, 46 triple un 9,4 mq cabins with 2 lower and one upper bed and 5 junior suites. All cabins are outside.

Facilities:		Each cabin is equipped with
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bar-restaurant (150 seats) ▪ Bar (30 seats) ▪ Conference hall (90 pax) ▪ Reading room (24 seats) ▪ Medical office ▪ Souvenir kiosk ▪ Laundry (chargeable) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Air-conditioner ▪ Bathroom (sink, shower, toilet) ▪ Electrical socket (220V) ▪ Built-in wardrobe ▪ Refrigerator ▪ TV ▪ Room-to-room

DECK PLAN



THE ROUTE



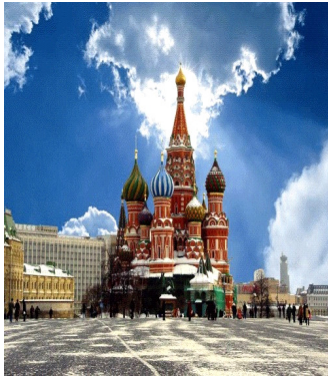
For more information see: <http://www.volgacruise.com/ships/ms-repin>

PROGRAMME

Moscow – St.Petersburg 11 nights

DAY 1 – MONDAY 5: ITALY / MOSCOW

Departure from Genoa at 7.15 by plane. Alitalia flight to Rome and from .Rome to-Moscow. Arrival at Moscow and transfer to the river cruise ship Evening meal on board



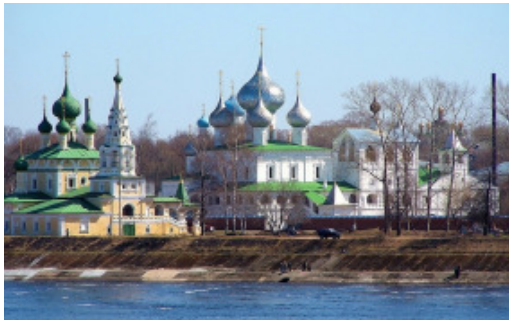
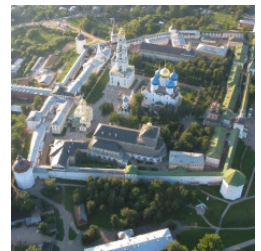
DAY 2 – TUESDAY 6: MOSCOW

Breakfast on board. City sightseeing tour including the Kremlin. and a visit to a Cathedral. Lunch at a restaurant. In the afternoon, the sightseeing tour will include the Red Square and its main sights, St. Basil's Cathedral, the Bolshoy Theatre, the university area, etc. Supper on board

Optional excursion Moscow by night

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY 7: MOSCOW

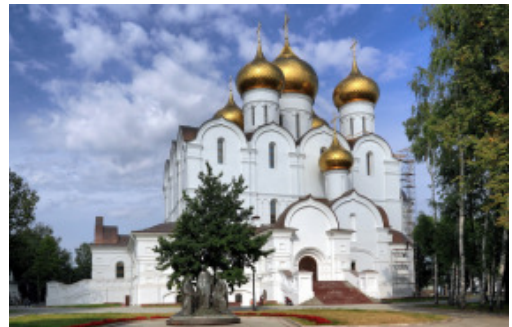
Full board on the vessel. Day free to do what you want or to go on the **optional excursions to Serghjev Posad** .



DAY 4 – THURSDAY 8 - UGLICH

Full board on the vessel

Stop at the picturesque Uglich situated on the right bank of the Volga River. Visit to the renowned Cathedral of Transfiguration Next, visit to the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood,



DAY 5 FRIDAY 9: YAROSLAV

The next port of call is Yaroslavl,. City tour and visit to the 17th century Church of St. Ilya the Prophet and to the Savior-Transfiguration Monastery. Full board

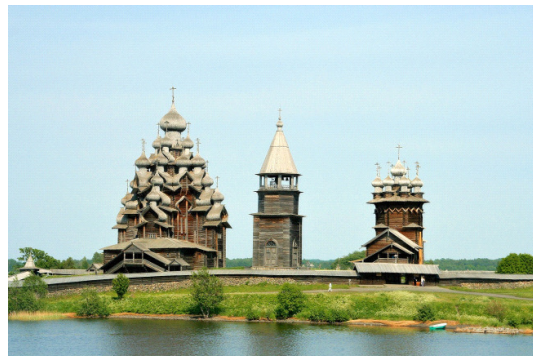


DAY 6 – SATURDAY 10: GORITZY

The ship arrives in Goritsy. Visit to the grounds of the 14th century Cyril-Belozersky Monastery, named in honour of its founder, the monk Cyril. Full board

DAY 7 – SUNDAY 11: KIZHI

The ship stops at the tiny island of Kizhi, located at the northern end of Lake Onega. Visit of the island including the open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture, housing a collection of restored 18th century Russian wooden buildings, and the Church of the Transfiguration. Full board

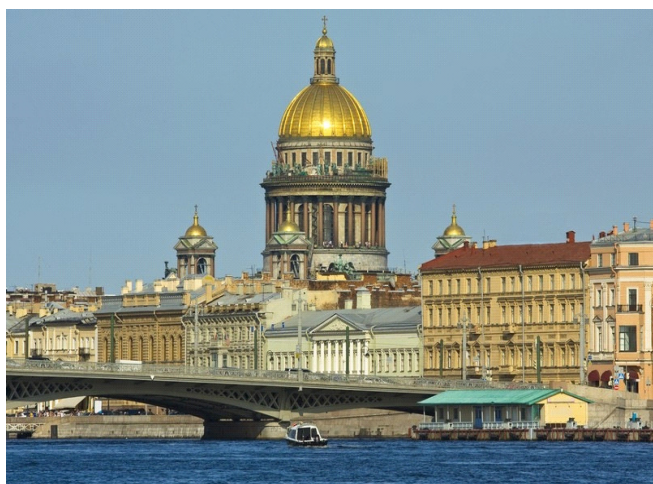
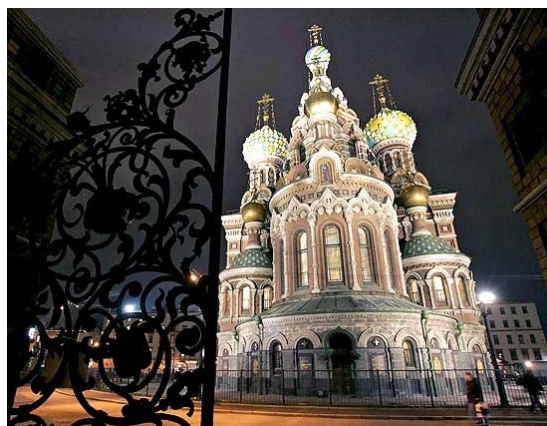


DAY 8 MONDAY 12: MANDROGI

Today takes you to the picturesque village of Mandrogi located on the River Svir. A relaxing stop on the Verdant River Bank to enjoy a picnic lunch. In the evening, the ship's captain farewell dinner.

DAY 9 TUESDAY 1: ST. PETERSBURG

Sightseeing tour in St. Petersburg with its many palaces driving along Nevsky Prospect, the main boulevard of St. Petersburg lined with shops and baroque buildings. Visit to Peter Paus Fortress. Lunch at a restaurant. In the afternoon free time or optional visit to **Petrodvorets** Palace In the evening **optional tour on the canals**.



DAY 10 WEDNESDAY 14: ST. PETERSBURG

Visit to the Hermitage Museum. The rival of the Louvre in Paris, the Hermitage contains three million exhibits and early collections dating back to Catherine II
In the afternoon **optional excursion to Pushkin Palace**

DAY 11 THURSDAY 15 - ST. PETERSBURG

Free for resting or visiting some of the many treasures in St. Petersburg on your own or going on an **optional excursion**

DAY 12 FRIDAY 16 SAINT PETERSBURGH / ITALY

After breakfast transfer by coach from the cruise ship to the airport. Alitalia flight to Rome and from Rome to Milan Linate. Transfer by private coach to Genova.

**OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS
TO BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**

In MOSCOW		In SAINT PETERSBURG	
MOSCOW BY NIGHT	€ 30,00	PETRODVOREC PALACE– Peterhof	€ 55,00
SERGIEV POSAD - Zagorsk	€ 55,00	PUSHKIN PALACE– Tsarskoe Selo	€ 48,00
PUSHKIN MUSEUM	€ 36,00	CANAL CRUISE	€ 33,00
TETRIAKOV GALLERY	€ 38,00	YUSUPOV PALACE	€ 45,00
KOLOMENSKOE	€ 33,00		

FARES

Category	Cabin	Fares
Standard	Upper Deck	Euros 1720,00
Standard	Main Deck	Euros 1670,00
Supplement double cabin for single use		Euros 740,00.

The fares include:

- Alitalia flight Genoa/ Rome/ Moscow and Saint Petersburg /Rome/Milan Linate
- Transfer by private coach Milan Linate/ Genoa
- Transfer by private coach to and from the cruise ship and the airports
- Cruise of 11 nights. Full board from the evening meal of the 1st day to the breakfast of the 12th day
- welcome on board cocktail and Captain's dinner
- Italian-speaking courier for the whole trip
- the visits included in the programme (entrance fees included)
- baggage and health insurance
- trip cancellation insurance (€ 30.00) for certifiable reasons illness or accident involving hospitalization), 15% excluded
- boarding taxes (€ 175.00)
- visa (€ 85,00)

The fares do not include:

- the cost of the optional excursions , to be paid in advance
- service fee (€ 55.00 per participant) to be paid to the Italian courier
- the drinks and the meals not included in the programme.

Booking details

The cruise is open to the Association members and their families and friends.

To secure a place **contact the organizer** as soon as possible:

Armando FIORAVANTI Tel. 010 810637 or cell. 339 7210618

Mail: armandofioravanti@fastwebnet.it

No later than **20 December 2016**, confirm your booking by: paying a **deposit of € 500,00 (per person)** by means of a **non-transferable check in favour of Bubble Viaggi S.p.A.** providing the following data::

- **Full name**
- **Place and date of birth**
- **Full address**
- **Photocopy of the valid passport to be used on the journey (the document must be valid to the end of December 2017)**

By 23 March complete your booking by settling your account with a non-transferable check in favour of Bubble Viaggi S.p.A.

USEFUL INFORMATION

- **DOCUMENTS**

Passport valid for at least 6 months from the date of return and visa issued by the Russian consulates in Italy. The Travel Agency will see to the visas upon presentation, at least 30 days before departure, of the appropriate form, correctly filled in, together with the passport and passport photo, signed at the back

- **WEATHER**

June is the best summer month The sun sets very late (White nights).
Max average temp. 21 degrees - min average temp by night 11 degrees. Little rain.

- **TIME:** One hour more than in Italy.

- **LANGUAGE:** The official language is Russian, and the alphabet is Cyrillic.

- **CURRENCY**

The Russian currency is the ruble, which corresponds to approximately 1/60 euros. At current exchange rates.
€ 1 = about Rub 69 and Rub 100 = about € 1.45 (i.e less than one euro and a half)
Credit cards are accepted almost everywhere in the places frequented by foreign tourists.
The currency declaration for those entering in Russia is compulsory only in case of amounts exceeding 2,000 (two thousand) US Dollars.

- **COINS AND BANK NOTES**

The Ruble (rubl ', rubli- Symbol pyб and R) is divided into 100 kopecks (kopeks, Kopecki).
Coins: 1, 5, 10, 50 kopeks and 1, 2, 5, 10 rubles - Banknotes: 5, 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000, 5000 rubles.

- **ELECTRICITY**

It is supplied at 220V / 50Hz. The sockets are similar to the Italian ones. Type C and Type F. Adapters are not usually necessary.

- **PHONES**

Calls (roaming) are very expensive.
To save money, it is possible to buy a Russian SIM including 400 minutes of calls and 3 Gb Internet connection for about 400 rubles (just over 5 euro, making the change). The SIM are easy to buy (airports, stations, shops), you just need your passport.

- **Local transport**

Fares are similar to the ones here, possibly a little lower. Before taking a taxi, negotiate the fare.