

Russian Waterways

Places you visit



St Petersburg, Catherine's Palace

Moscow

The capital of Russia, Moscow, is an imposing and dynamic city undergoing tremendous changes. It is a city of contrasts – the grandeur and scale of Red Square with St Basil's Cathedral, the Kremlin with its fabulous cathedrals and Novodevichy Monastery, coupled with modern boutiques, world class restaurants and a buzzing nightlife.

Uglich

Founded in 1148, Uglich is one of Russia's favourite old towns. In the 16th century, Ivan the Terrible used Uglich as a base for attacks against the Tatars. His seventh wife was exiled here with his son and heir Dmitry, who was later murdered, sparking a power struggle for the throne and a period of unrest known as the "Time of Troubles".



Kizhi

Myshkin

Myshin (Mouse Town) is a small provincial town situated on the Volga River, 100kms from Yaroslavl. Surrounded by a pine forest, its streets lined with wooden houses, Myshkin has managed to preserve the character of a merchant town. It is an administrative centre, with no factories or plants, and is home to the only Mouse Museum in the world.

Yaroslavl

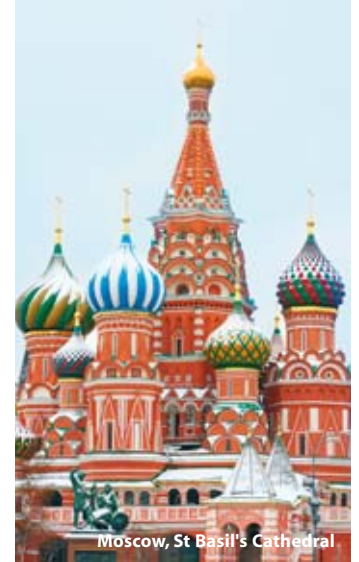
Founded in 1010 by Prince Yaroslav the Wise, Yaroslavl developed as the first port on the Volga, trading with the Middle East and Europe. It stretches along the confluence of the Volga and Kotorosl Rivers. You will see the exquisite Church of Elijah the Prophet, the Governor's Palace and the 12th century Transfiguration Monastery.

Goritsy

Goritsy is a settlement on the banks of the Volga-Baltic Canal. It is best known for its Kirillo-Belozersky monastery, now a museum, founded by Ivan the Terrible.

Kizhi

Tiny Kizhi Island in the wilds of northern Russia, with its open-air Museum of Architecture featuring dozens of houses, churches and windmills, is located at the northern end of Lake Onega, Europe's largest lake. The Transfiguration Church with 22 domes, erected in 1714 at public expense, represents the ultimate in Russian fairytale architecture. The Transfiguration Church, also known as the *summer church*, is about 30m tall, making it one of the tallest log structures in the world. It was built without a single nail being used in the construction.



Moscow, St Basil's Cathedral

Mandrogi

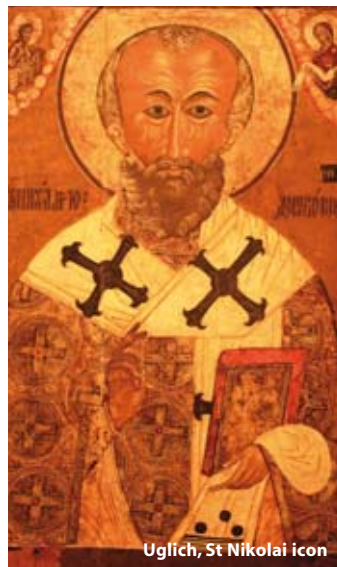
A recreational stop at a village with log cabins where you can stock up on wood-carved souvenirs, visit a Vodka Museum or try some national dishes.

St Petersburg

Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great as his "Window to the West" St Petersburg is the most European of Russian cities and one of Europe's loveliest. Laid out in perfect symmetry with boulevards radiating from the centre, the city contains a unique balance of Russian and Western European architecture. Spread across 101 islands with 66 canals and 365 bridges, it is a magnificent maritime city rivalling Venice. Your city tour includes Nevsky Prospekt, the Summer Gardens and Palace Square, Peter & Paul Fortress and a highlight for art lovers – the Hermitage Museum.



Uglich, Onion domes



Uglich, St Nikolai icon



Goritsy



Kizhi