



*Red Square, Moscow*

## **RUSSIA - BEYOND THE GOLDEN RING**

### ***Welcome to the Real Russia!***

The Golden Ring is a collection of cities northeast of Moscow. This *Premium Class Adventure* features a visit to these popular cities, which are sometimes called “open air museums”. They are picturesque and charming, featuring small, quaint villages, monasteries, kremlins, churches, and cathedrals. But *Beyond the Golden Ring* offers so much more in addition to these delightful cities.

Much of this Adventure takes place in the “Real Russia” - the one “beyond the Golden Ring”. We’ll take the “road less traveled” where you’ll enjoy the natural and architectural beauty found in the heart of Russia. You’ll get to know the Russia of princes, czars and folk tales. Before heading to St. Petersburg we’ll ride to the small town of Sortavala where we’ll stay in a beautiful lodge on Lake Ladoga - Europe’s largest lake. The free day at Sortavala will allow us to take an exclusive cruise to Valaam - one of the most popular islands on the lake, where we’ll also enjoy a shasklik - a classic Russian cookout.

Much of this trip will take place in the beautiful Karelia Region of Russia during the time of “White Nights”. The weather will be warm and pleasant, and it will never really get dark, as the sun does not set until nearly midnight and sunrise is well before 4 am. It’s a delightful time to travel in the Russian wilderness, riding through enchanting forests and among countless lovely lakes and rivers.

One of the most surprising things that our riders on this tour have experienced is the number of places in which locals claim to have never seen a visitor from North America.

After spending two nights in St. Petersburg, we’ll return to Riga via Tallinn, Estonia, where we’ll enjoy a most entertaining evening in this charming, medieval city.

Our choice of accommodations is outstanding and meals are delightful and typically Russian.

**15 days, Begin/ End in: Riga, Latvia**

**May 26 - June 9, 2018 / May 25 - June 8, 2019**

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Riga
- Day 2** - Riga to Izborsk, Russia, 186 miles
- Day 3** - Izborsk to Zapadnaya Dvina, 236 miles
- Day 4** - Zapadnaya Dvina to Moscow, 230 miles
- Day 5** - Free Day Moscow
- Day 6** - Moscow to Suzdal, 136 miles
- Day 7** - Suzdal to Vologda, 242 miles
- Day 8** - Vologda to Tikhvin, 273 miles
- Day 9** - Tikhvin to Sortavala, 248 miles
- Day 10** - Free Day Sortavala
- Day 11** - Sortavala to St. Petersburg, 295 miles
- Day 12** - Free Day St. Petersburg
- Day 13** - St. Petersburg to Tallinn, Estonia, 226 miles
- Day 14** - Tallinn to Riga, 192 miles
- Day 15** - Depart Riga

**Total** ~ 2,250 miles



*Orthodox Church in Suzdal*



*Peterhof Palace, St. Petersburg*



*The Republic of Karelia*

## PRICING

- Rider:** \$9,975
- Co-rider:** \$7,500
- Single Room Supplement:** \$1,575
- Booking Deposit:** \$800 per person
- Includes **BMW F700GS**

Price includes upscale accommodations, Moscow city tour, Lake Ladoga boat ride, Peterhof Palace guided tour, à la carte dining, all breakfasts, 11 dinners, airport transfers, trip booklet.

## MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES

- BMW F800GS, F800R, F800GT:** \$150
- BMW F800GS Adv, R1200R LC:** \$250
- BMW R1200GS LC:** \$550
- BMW R1200GS Adv LC, R1200RT LC:** \$700
- BMW R nineT:** \$820
- BMW S1000R:** \$850
- BMW S1000XR, R1200RS LC, K1300R, K1300S:** \$1,000
- BMW S1000RR, K1600GT, K1600GTL:** \$2,260
- Ducati models available upon request**

## RIDING CONDITIONS

Although approximately 95% of the route is paved, road conditions vary considerably in rural areas. Although most of the roads are lovely, some secondary roads are rough with uneven surfaces, freeze-damaged surfaces, and occasional potholes. This trip is intended for experienced riders