



SMALL GROUP
MAXIMUM OF
28 TRAVELERS



Imperial Splendors of
RUSSIA

MOSCOW | ST. PETERSBURG



JOHNS HOPKINS
UNIVERSITY

July 8-17, 2020



Inspiring Moments

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

This journey will inspire an exciting chapter in your own story as you explore Moscow, St. Petersburg and beyond. From the grandeur of the czars to enchanting nesting dolls and steamy black tea, your memories of Russia will enrich your life for years to come.

Above: Catherine Palace, Pushkin | Cover photo: Peterhof

- ▶ Admire **Russia's cultural treasures**, from folk songs and handmade collectibles to priceless masterpieces.
- ▶ Stand in awe in historic, monumental **Red Square**.
- ▶ Escape the crowds with early access to the must-see **Hermitage Museum**.
- ▶ Feel the mist from the fountains as you stroll the grand promenades of **Peter the Great's opulent palace**.
- ▶ Be dazzled by the Russian baroque **Catherine Palace** and the mystery of the Amber Room.
- ▶ Take in sweeping vistas on the **Sapsan**, the high-speed train from Moscow to St. Petersburg.

Dear Johns Hopkins Alumni and Friends,

Experience the opulence, humanity and drama of Russia on this thoughtfully designed 10-day journey. From its golden spires and onion domes to its gingerbread cottages and babushkas, get to know a vast, intriguing land that can feel like a world away.

Carefully curated for your convenience and pleasure, the Imperial Splendors of Russia program delivers an insider's look at the world's largest country and still one of its most enigmatic. Daily discoveries introduce you to Russia's grandeur while local guides and enrichment opportunities shed light on Russia's history, secrets, humor and day-to-day life.

Our fascinating program delivers a seamless Russian adventure and an unparalleled travel value — including all excursions, illuminating lectures, friendly local guides and much more. Limited space is sure to go quickly on this small-group program, so we urge you to reserve your place today!

Sincerely,



Marguerite I. Jones, A&S '74, Bus '88

Travel Program Director,

Office of Alumni Relations

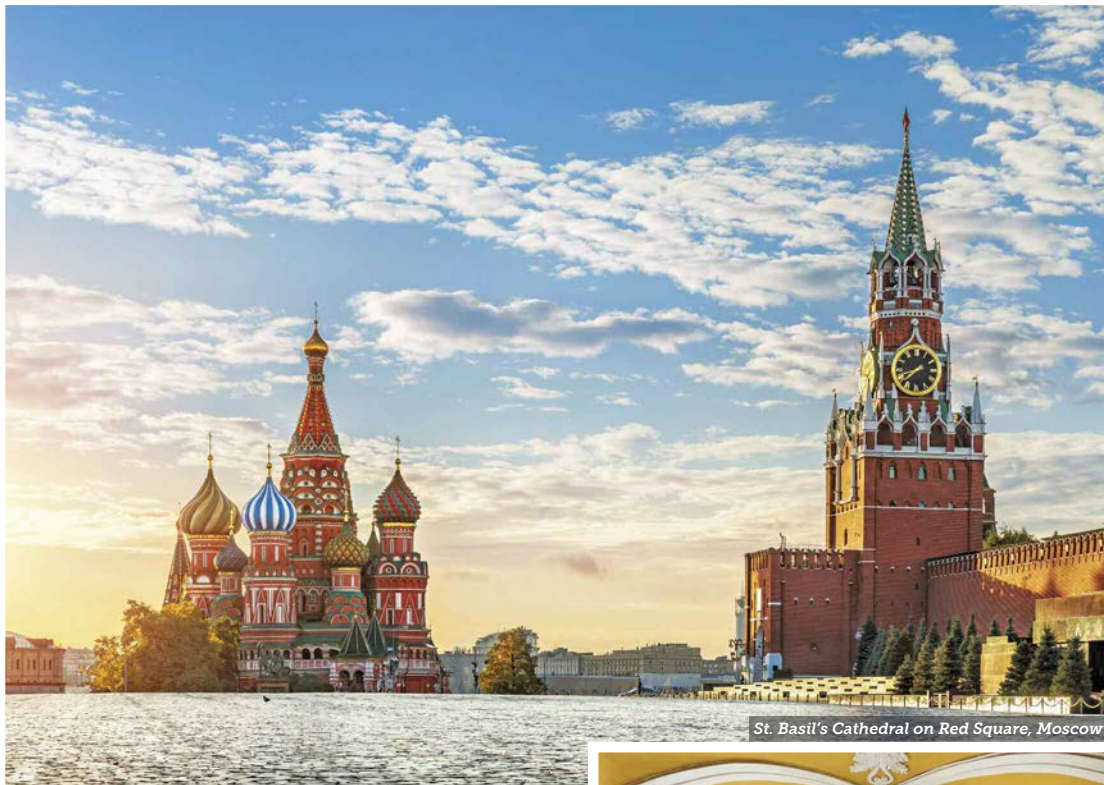
The Johns Hopkins University

AHI: 800-323-7373

www.alumni.jhu.edu

Russian folk performers





St. Basil's Cathedral on Red Square, Moscow

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Moscow, Russia. 🌐

Day 2 | Moscow, Russia

Upon arrival in Moscow, transfer 🚗 to the InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya.

This evening, get to know your fellow travelers at a Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Moscow

Enrichment: Russian Art. Examine diverse historical trends, including Byzantine-influenced icons, neoclassical paintings and the modern art movement, pioneered by Kandinsky and Chagall.

Discovery: Moscow Highlights. With more than 12.1 million residents, Moscow is Russia's most populous city, as well as the largest one on the European continent. Become acquainted with its notable landmarks on a panoramic tour. See the vast fortifications of the Kremlin, bustling Tverskaya Street, Red Square, Manezhnaya Square and the Arbat, a pedestrian-friendly area and one of the city's oldest streets. Other highlights include the "Seven Sisters," known as Stalinskie Vyotki by Muscovites, a collection of skyscrapers commissioned by Stalin and constructed from 1947–1953. Visit the copper-domed Orthodox Cathedral of Christ the Savior, a 20th-century creation.

Free Time: Enjoy lunch on your own.



Moscow Metro

Discovery: Tretyakov Gallery. Witness the evolution of Russian sculptures and paintings in a striking collection that spans a thousand years.

Free Time: The evening is at leisure.

Day 4 | Moscow

Discovery: The Kremlin and Red Square.

Travel inside the red-walled Kremlin, a self-contained 15th-century city that includes palaces, gold-domed cathedrals and a medieval fortress. At the Armoury Chamber, marvel at the glittering treasures of Russian emperors and empresses, including Fabergé eggs, gold and silver works of art, royal carriages and armor. Cross Red Square, visit the ornate GUM department store and then stroll to St. Basil's Cathedral to admire its wildly colorful onion domes.

Savor lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Free Time: Pursue your own interests for the rest of the day.



Day 5 | Moscow

Discovery: Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery and Moscow Metro.

Founded in 1524 on the Moskva River, this beautiful convent complex was part of a defensive ring of monastery fortresses that once guarded Moscow. Inside the walls, explore this peaceful oasis, an ensemble of churches, bell towers and buildings that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage site. The gorgeous frescoes in the gold-and-silver-domed Cathedral of Our Lady of Smolensk are a special standout and among the best in Moscow. The adjacent cemetery is the burial site of many prominent authors, composers and political leaders, including Nikolai Gogol, Dmitri Shostakovich, Anton Chekhov, Nikita Khrushchev and Boris Yeltsin. Then go underground to discover Moscow's uniquely beautiful Soviet-era Metro stations, featuring marble floors, chandeliers, mosaics, sculptures and decorative artwork.

Free Time: Explore on your own during your final afternoon in Moscow.

Gather for a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 6 | St. Petersburg

After an early breakfast, transfer to the Leningradsкая rail station for your high-speed



Sapsan train ride to St. Petersburg. Sapsan is the Russian word for the peregrine falcon, and like its namesake, this train is incredibly fast, zipping between cities at speeds of up to 155 miles per hour.

Transfer to the Angleterre Hotel, and enjoy time for lunch on your own.

Discovery: St. Petersburg Highlights. Marvel at this picturesque city, founded in 1703 and filled with canals and hundreds of bridges, due to its location across numerous islands in the delta of the Neva River. Admire the Bronze Horseman, the famous statue of Peter the Great on a rearing horse; the neoclassical gold-spined Admiralty; the Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood; as well as other historic



State Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg



Sapsan high-speed train

monuments, palaces and churches that make St. Petersburg one of Europe's most dazzling cities. Visit lavish St. Isaac's Cathedral and the Peter and Paul Fortress, home to some of the city's oldest buildings. Its cathedral holds the tombs of the most famous Russian czars.

Tonight, delight in a delicious dinner at a restaurant in St. Petersburg.

Day 7 | St. Petersburg

Enrichment: Russian Music and Ballet. The country's composers, choreographers and ballet dancers have reached the highest echelons of the classical arts. Learn how Russia's passion for music and dance fostered these talents.

AHI Connects: St. Petersburg Classic Ballet School. Delight in an intimate look at the artistry of this ballet company, founded in 1996. After an introduction from the ballet group's director, observe the dancers' intense warm-up exercises at the barre from your seat in the practice room. Then watch as costumed dancers gracefully leap, pirouette and glide en pointe during an exclusive performance of selected pieces from famous ballets.

Relax over lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Free Time: Enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

Enrichment: Czarist Russia. Czar, the Russian word for emperor, was the title given to the rulers of the Romanov Dynasty who determined Russia's destiny from 1613 to the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. Delve into the riveting story of how they dictated the history of the Russian Empire from St. Petersburg.

Day 8 | Peterhof | Catherine Palace

Discovery: Peterhof. Be transported back in time to the reign of Peter the Great at his spectacular palace, Peterhof. Overlooking the Gulf of Finland, the estate delights visitors with expansive formal gardens, landscaped parkland, grottoes, statues and a remarkable collection of magnificent fountains. Feel the cool mist as you stroll near the breathtaking Grand Cascade, which alone comprises 64 decorative fountains.

Discovery: Russian Folk Traditions. At a country house, savor lunch and sample vodka, then celebrate folk traditions during a show featuring live music and dancing. Listen to classic Russian songs being played on traditional instruments.

Discovery: The Catherine Palace. This afternoon, visit this splendid baroque imperial residence, built by Empress Elizabeth for her mother, Empress Catherine I, which was inspired by the palace at Versailles. Step inside the famed Amber Room, an exquisite chamber adorned with gold leaf and intricate inlaid amber panels. The original priceless decorations were stolen by the Nazis during World War II and later recreated through a joint German-Russian effort.

Day 9 | St. Petersburg

Discovery: State Hermitage Museum.

This acclaimed museum, which began as the private gallery for the acquisitions of Catherine



"Lady In Blue," Paul Cézanne, State Hermitage Museum



Day 10 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains
- ▶ walking through train corridors whether the train is in motion or stopped

the Great, showcases one of the world's finest and broadest collections of art, including paintings by French Impressionists and Dutch and Italian masters; fine Asian art; Greek and Roman antiquities; Egyptian mummies and much more. On your half-day visit, enjoy early entry, which allows you to view the most popular exhibits before the museum opens to the public. The Hermitage is located within the opulent Winter Palace. It served as the main residence for Russian czars from the mid-18th century and was commissioned by empress Elizabeth Petrovna, daughter of Peter the Great.

Free Time: Your afternoon is at leisure.

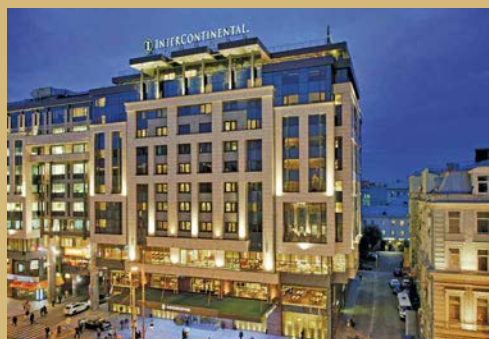
This evening, gather for a Farewell Dinner with your fellow travelers to share stories of your Russian adventures and celebrate your journey.



Peter and Paul Fortress, St. Petersburg, Gulf of Finland

ACCOMMODATIONS

Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations in the heart of each city. They are ideally situated for exploring Moscow and St. Petersburg's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.



INTERCONTINENTAL MOSCOW TVERSKAYA | MOSCOW



ANGLETERRE HOTEL | ST. PETERSBURG



Reserve your trip to Russia today!

Trip #:0A-25717W

Send to Imperial Splendors of Russia
The Johns Hopkins University
c/o AHI Travel
International Tower-Suite 600
8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631

Please contact AHI Travel at **800-323-7373** with questions regarding this tour. For questions regarding Johns Hopkins, please call **800-JHU-JHU1(548-5481)** or Email: **travel@jhu.edu**.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

1) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home: (_____) _____ Cell: (_____) _____

Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately)

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the AHI FlexAir to Moscow, Russia, with a return from St. Petersburg, to depart from:

Departure City _____

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$755 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **April 24, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Note: A small portion of the cost of your trip supports the Johns Hopkins Alumni Travel Program.

Eligibility: At least one member of the traveling party is required to make a sustaining financial contribution of \$50 or more to the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association within the fiscal year. Please visit alumni.jhu.edu/support.

I understand the conditions stated in this brochure and submit my reservation as indicated.

Signature _____ Date _____

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

- Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.
- Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Card # _____

Expires _____/_____/_____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY-The AHI Travel Passenger Protection Plan offers an **Any Reason Cancellation** feature. Don't worry! Travel happy!

NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas, entry/departure fees, personal gratuities, laundry and dry cleaning, excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; airport transfer costs for those not participating in AHI's FlexAir; all items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL-The right is retained to decline, to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded. Passengers requiring special assistance, including without limitation those who permanently or periodically use a wheelchair, must be accompanied by someone who is fit and able to assist them, and who will be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

AIR TRANSPORTATION-The price of air transportation offered by AHI Travel is based on Advance Purchase Excursion fares. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all year Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for arrival and departure transfers, and any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

BAGGAGE-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

AUTHORITY TO USE IMAGES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS-On occasion, AHI Travel obtains, from its staff, or from trip participants, photographic or video images of passengers and trip activities. By participating in this travel program, you authorize AHI Travel, without providing compensation to you, or obtaining additional approvals from you, to include photographic and video recordings of you, as well as voice recordings including with any videos, in AHI Travel's sales, marketing, advertising, publicity and/or training activities.

RESPONSIBILITY AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association do not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for this program, and act only as agents for the independent suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodations or other services. All such persons or entities are independent contractors. As a result, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not liable for any negligence or willful act of any such person or entity or any third person. In addition and without limitation, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not responsible for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature whatsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, transportation or other services or for any substitution of hotels or of any common carrier equipment, with or without notice, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Dates, Program Details and Tour costs, although given in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, the right is reserved to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary, with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual passenger. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. If the entire program is canceled for any reason, participants shall have no claim other than for a full refund. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers and accepts the terms of this contract set out herein and in more specific pre-departure passenger information. The airlines and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The passage contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the passenger and/or purchaser of this trip.

CANCELLATION-All cancellations for any reason will be subject to a \$300 per person administrative fee. You may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following. The credit will be applied to the final billing and may not be used as part of the initial deposit. It is non-transferable and is not valid toward the purchase of an AHI Cruises independent cruise. Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 15% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI Travel. **CANCELLATION OF TRIP OPTIONS-**Purchases of optional excursions, trip extensions and additional hotel nights become fully non-refundable 45 days prior to departure. Air transportation and private transfer purchases are subject only to penalties assessed by the airlines and transfer suppliers.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: July 8-17, 2020

Land Program dates: July 9-17, 2020

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$4,045	\$250	\$3,795

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$755 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.
- ▶ **flight insurance** worth up to \$250,000, subject to policy terms.

**Travel stress-free with
AHI FlexAir.**



Admiralty, St. Petersburg

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Kremlin and Red Square
2. Ensemble of the Novodevichy Convent
3. Historic Center of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments



Novodevichy Convent

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in Moscow, Russia, at the first-class InterContinental Moscow Tverskaya.
- **4 nights** in St. Petersburg at the first-class Angleterre Hotel.


Transfers

- All transfers in the Land Program: high-speed train and deluxe motor coaches, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Enjoy a panoramic tour of Moscow's highlights.
 - View the art of the Tretyakov Gallery.
 - See the Kremlin and Red Square.
 - Explore Novodevichy Convent and Cemetery, and admire the Metro stations.
 - Delight in St. Petersburg's elegant ambience.
 - Witness ballet dancers in action up close.
 - Marvel at Peter the Great's majestic palace.
 - Feel like royalty at lavish Catherine Palace.
 - Revel in a live performance of Russian folk singing and dancing.
 - Benefit from early access to the Hermitage Museum.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- A Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

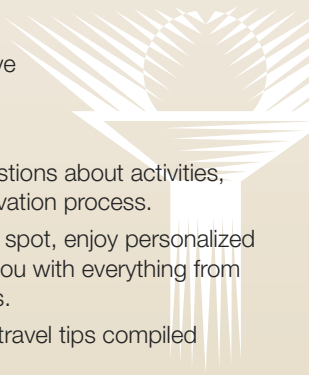
Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.





Office of Alumni Relations
 San Martin Center, 2nd Floor
 3400 North Charles Street
 Baltimore, MD 21218

RUSSIA20 102

800-323-7373
www.alumni.jhu.edu



Church of Our Savior on the Spilled Blood, St. Petersburg



Red Square, Moscow

Discover the history, humanity and mystique of Russia!

Please call or refer to our website for the most current program information, discounts and pricing.

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



Presorted Std.
 U.S. Postage
 Paid
 AHI Travel