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*For Alumni, Parents and Friends*

**Moscow and St. Petersburg**  
*With Professor Larry Goedde*  
**August 12-20, 2010**



Dear Cavalier Traveler,

Moscow and St. Petersburg are two of the most fascinating cities in Eurasia. Steeped in history and intrigue, they are the symbols of Russia's glorious imperial past and its modern history. Relics of both are evident as you stroll through Red Square with the Kremlin on one side and the whimsical onion-domed cathedral, St. Basil's, on the other.

Visit the finest collection of historic Russian icons in the Tretyakov Gallery, and on the same day tour Stalin's bunker with portraits of Engels, Marx and Lenin. It is delightfully paradoxical. Tour the world-famous Hermitage Museum with U.Va.'s Chair of

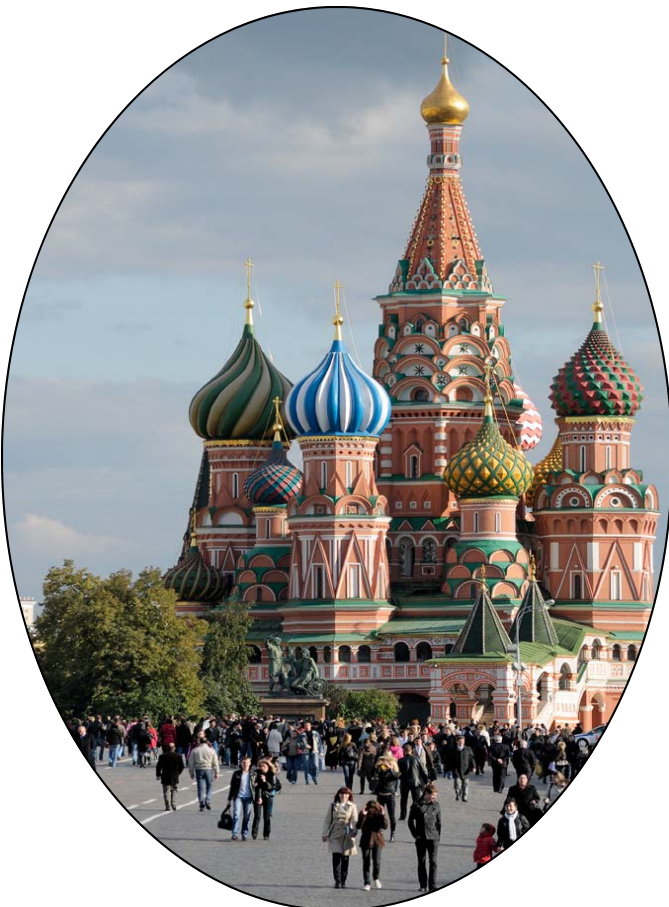
the McIntire Department of Art and professor of art history, Larry Goedde.

Our days of touring include the most iconic Russian sights yet also provide free time to explore and discover on your own. A leisurely train ride between Moscow and St. Petersburg reveals a rich landscape of rivers, forests, farms and quaint villages.

Call us at 866-765-2646 to reserve your spot.

*Kevin*

Kevin Conley  
Director, Cavalier Travels



**Highlights of what you will see ...**

- Stroll through **Red Square** and visit ornate **St. Basil's Cathedral**;
- Explore the **Kremlin**, including its elaborate 15th century architecture and museum with a rich collection of jewels and other artifacts;
- Enjoy a **daylight train trip** through the Russian countryside from Moscow to St. Petersburg;
- Tour famous **palaces of the Tsars** including Peterhof, Yusupov and Tsarskoe Selo;
- Visit the **Hermitage**, the largest museum in the world, possessing over three million pieces within its four buildings;
- Cruise the canals of **St. Petersburg**.

## Itinerary ~ Moscow and St. Petersburg

### Day 1—Thursday, August 12 U.S. / Moscow

Depart U.S. en route to Moscow.

### Day 2—Friday, August 13 Moscow

Arrive in Moscow and transfer to the Marriott Tverskaya Hotel. Tonight, we gather for a welcome dinner.



### Day 3—Saturday, August 14 Moscow

Stroll the architecturally rich and varied Kremlin, its bell tower, palaces and 15th-century cathedrals before visiting the Armory's collection of insignia of Imperial power and admire the famous Fabergé eggs. Tour Red Square, a gathering place for public events, markets, fairs and festivals. Take in the exceptional architecture of St. Basil's Cathedral, its whimsical asymmetrical helmet and onion domes situated over nine chapels. Continue towards Sparrow Hills to take in a breathtaking view of the city before concluding the day at New Maiden Convent.

### Day 4—Sunday, August 15 Moscow

Visit the Tretyakov Gallery, the world's finest collection of Russian icons and pre-Revolutionary Russian art. Later in the day, visit one of the secret shelters built on the eve of World War II and see Stalin's bunker and his study. Continue to the nearby Izmaylovo open-air market and peruse

private shops and booths for traditional Russian craft items.

### Day 5—Monday, August 16 St. Petersburg

Visit a Cosmonaut Training Center, located about one hour's drive from Moscow in "Star City." Usually only the museum is open to the public, but on our special tour of the center, we see life-sized models of the space-ships Mir and Soyuz and we will have a unique opportunity to view their interiors. Take an evening train to St. Petersburg and settle in to the Ambassador Hotel, our base for the next four nights.

### Day 6—Tuesday, August 17 St. Petersburg / The Hermitage

Begin your tour of the city at Peter and Paul's Fortress. See the gold-spined Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul at the heart of the fortress, the burial place of pre-Revolutionary Russian leaders. Spend the afternoon in the stunning Hermitage museum, with over three million pieces in its collection by such artists as Da Vinci, Raphael, Rembrandt and Titian.

### Day 7—Wednesday, August 18 St. Petersburg

Visit the famous Peterhof, the former summer residence of the Russian tsars. We will enjoy a special early opening of the Grand Palace before touring more of the spectacular buildings on the Peterhof grounds. Next, visit Yusupov Palace, the site where Prince Felix Yusupov planned and carried out the murder of Rasputin. Admire the art that fills the walls of this charming, well-preserved palace and

visit its exquisite private theatre, where renowned artists such as Pavlova and Shaliapin have performed. In the evening, enjoy a private canal boat ride through St. Petersburg.



The Kremlin Palace and its Water Pump Tower

### Day 8—Thursday, August 19 St. Petersburg

Drive to Pushkin and explore the "royal village," the estate originally given by Peter the Great to his wife Catherine. Tour the beautiful gardens, canals and pavilions and admire the exterior of the elaborate baroque and rococo Catherine Palace, a vision in white, gold and blue. Enjoy a lunch of Russian national cuisine at Podvorye, a restaurant designed to resemble a traditional Russian wood-carved *terem* (wooden palace). The meal is accompanied by a folk singing group and Russian vodka and wine will be served.

### Day 9—Friday, August 20 St. Petersburg / U.S.

Check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for flights back to the U.S.

## Program Fees

**\$3,995 per person, double occupancy, land program\***

**\$425 single supplement**

\*We can arrange international air travel for you at an additional cost.

## Accommodations

- Three nights at Marriott Tverskaya Hotel in Moscow, centrally located near Red Square and the Kremlin
- Four nights at Ambassador Hotel, St. Petersburg, located in the historic center of St. Petersburg

## Meals

Breakfast daily, one lunch, and welcome and farewell dinners

### **Price Includes:**

Seven nights accommodations at four-star hotels; all sightseeing and activities as outlined in the itinerary, including entrance fees; all transfers with luggage handling for those coordinating with group airport transfers and at the hotels for those traveling with the group; gratuities to local drivers and guides; transportation by air-conditioned coach, by train and by boat; a tour manager and



local guides throughout the trip; pre-trip service, suggested reading list and pre-departure information.

### **Price Does Not Include:**

International airfare, airport and departure taxes; airport/hotel transfers for those not traveling on coordinated group transfers or program dates; meals not listed as included; charges for items of a personal nature including laundry, beverages and excess baggage charges; independent travel arrangements; travel and accident insurance; visa and passport fees.

## CONTACT US!

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## U.Va. Faculty

**Larry Goedde**  
**Professor of Art History**



Professor Larry Goedde has taught art history in the McIntire Department of Art since 1981, and has served the department as

Chair since 1996. Larry was last in Russia in 2000 when he studied at several of the museums we will visit. He has lectured and written extensively on the topics of seascape, landscape and still life, with publications including his book *Tempest and Shipwreck in Dutch and Flemish Art: Convention, Rhetoric and Interpretation* and various exhibition catalogues and essays. Larry has previously led trips to Holland/Belgium, the Danube River, the Mediterranean: Rome to Lisbon and the Rhine/Moselle Rivers.

## Terms & Conditions

**HEALTH:** All participants must be in good health. This program is moderately active and involves walking over uneven surfaces and climbing stairs. All locations may not be handicapped accessible. Any condition that may require special medical attention or other accommodation must be reported at the time of your reservation.

**DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:** Reservations will be accepted in order of receipt if accompanied by a completed reservation form and a deposit of \$500 per person. Final payment is due by **June 12, 2010**, and must be paid by check. A significant change in fuel costs, the value of the dollar or group size could result in a slightly higher trip price.

**TOUR SIZE:** The program cost is based on a minimum of 15 participants.  
**CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:** Refunds, less a cancellation fee of \$300 per person, will be made if Siemer & Hand is notified on or before June 12, 2010. No refunds will be granted after that date. All cancellations must be in writing.

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The Hermitage Museum  
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