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23 DAY SOLO TOUR: JUNE - JULY 2020

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This epic combination of cruising and land travel from Moscow to Prague is an adventure that you have been dreaming of all your life.

**RUSSIA**, the world's largest country offers it all, from historic cities and idyllic countryside to artistic riches, and royal opulence. Whilst Moscow and St Petersburg are the must-see destinations, abound with national treasures and contemporary creativity, within easy reach of these cities are charming historical towns and villages, such as Veliky Novgorod, Pskov and Suzdal; and all are dotted with the colourful, onion domed buildings.

In addition to the several days spent exploring the magnificent imperial Russian cities of Moscow and St. Petersburg, your itinerary

includes picturesque and ancient Volga River cities of the "Golden Ring" and mysterious Kizhi Island. Two's a Crowd has secured 23 solo-occupancy cabins for our travelers, yet there will be other travellers on tour with you for the cruise portion of this epic journey. The perfect cruise to see all the highlights of Russia from Moscow to St. Petersburg! Visit sites like the formidable Kremlin in Moscow and the Red Square; the famous Monastery of St. Cyril on the White Lake in Goritzky; impressive imperial palaces and stunning cathedrals in St. Petersburg. These and more sights await on this fantastic Russian cruise!

**EASTERN EUROPE** is a region that encompasses many different cultures, ethnicities, languages, and histories. Despite a wide range of vistas and cultural diversity, from soaring mountains to golden sands, we will journey through this enthralling region, revealing a tapestry of quaint and contemporary cultures – always with enough rough edges to keep you intrigued. With spectacular scenery and an overload of history, it's a heartland of touristic energy offering up an eclectic arts scene and cuisine, as well as captivating folklore events and festivals throughout the year.

As with all of our tours, you will be accompanied by an experienced Two's a Crowd Host from the start of the cruising journey in Moscow, to the end of the land tour in Prague.

### Will you join us?



**ABOUT THE MS SERGEI RACHMANINOV**

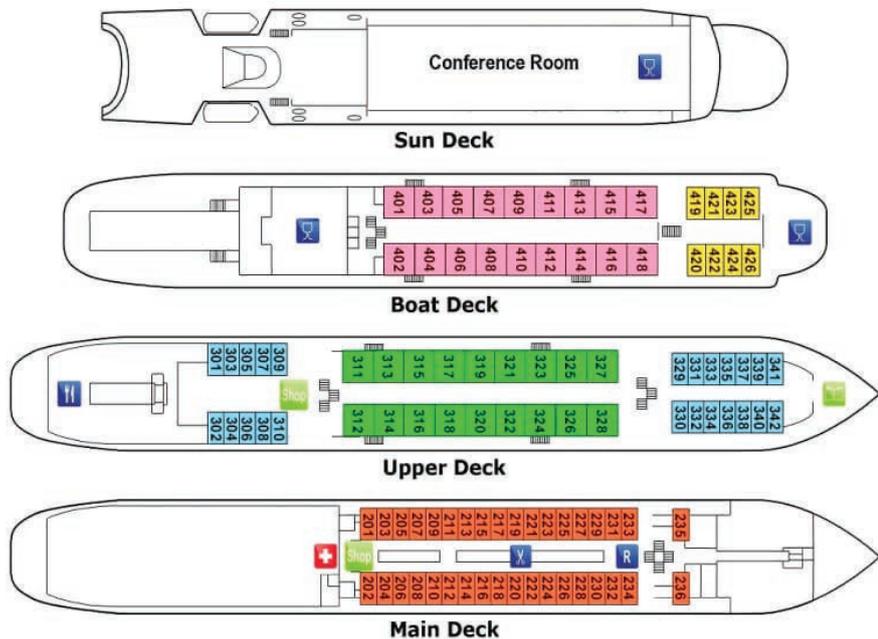


The 4-star MS Rachmaninov was built in 1984, renovated in 2000 and completely modernized in 2014. There are 72 cabins and 36 suites on board this ship. The maximum number of passengers is 188, with 90 crew members at their side. The restaurant and reading lounge on the upper deck, two bars on the boat deck, souvenir shop, hairdressing salon, conference hall, laundry service and a large sundeck. Medical care is provided by the on-board doctor. There are daily lectures about Russian history, culture, language lessons and local food, as well as nightly entertainment which includes music, dancing and singing.

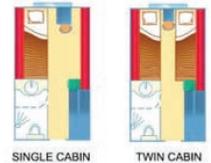
**Cabins:**

There are 72 cabins and 36 suites on board this 4\* ship. All cabins are exterior facing with large panoramic windows to open, individually controlled air conditioning / heating, shower / WC, satellite TV, safe and closet.

- 2-bed cabins approx. 9 m<sup>2</sup>
- Suite approx. 20 m<sup>2</sup>



- BOAT DECK JUNIOR SUITE • 18 sq.m / 194 sq.ft
- UPPER DECK JUNIOR SUITE • 18 sq.m / 194 sq.ft
- UPPER DECK TWIN STANDARD • 9 sq.m / 97 sq.ft
- MAIN DECK TWIN STANDARD • 9 sq.m / 97 sq.ft



## MS SERGEI RACHMANINOV CABIN OPTIONS



### Boat Deck/Upper Deck - Junior Suite size: 18m<sup>2</sup>.

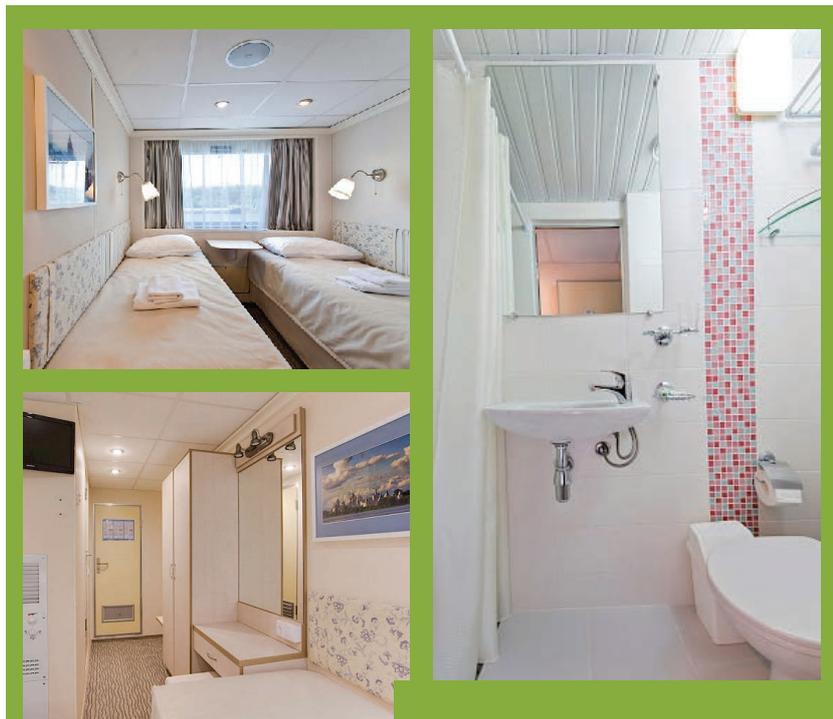
These are the best cabins of the ship. Half of them are located on Boat Deck and the other half are on Upper Deck, offering excellent views of passing scenery. All are elegantly decorated in pastel colors. Furnishings: fine dressing table with large mirror and padded stool; sitting area with sofa; Queen Size bed can convert to two single beds. All staterooms are outside and have large picture windows that can be opened. Every cabin has a private bathroom, radio, tv, individual air conditioning/heating control, and wardrobe.

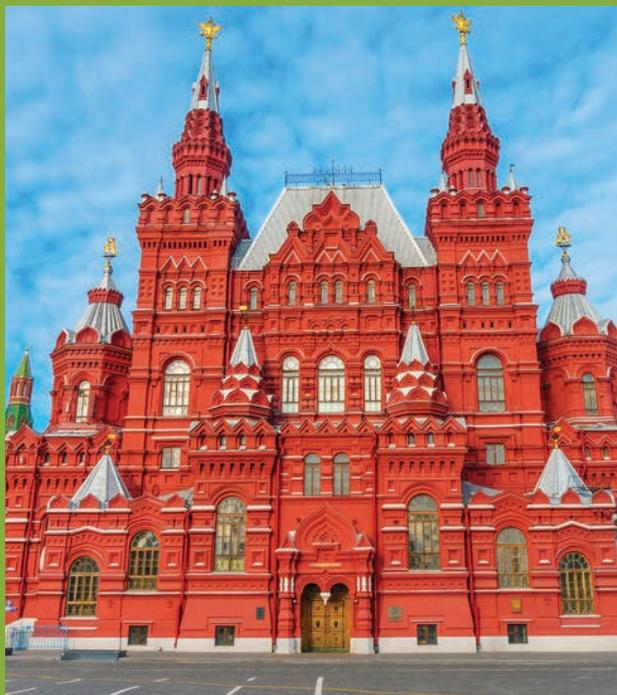
- Boat Deck – Junior Suite (5 available)  
A\$13,592
- Upper Deck – Junior Suite (4 available)  
A\$12,892

### Upper Deck/Main Deck- Standard twin-bed room (for solo use) size: 9m<sup>2</sup>.

Twin Standards are comfortable cabins that are most common on the ship: they are located on Upper Deck and Main Deck. All staterooms are outside and have large picture windows that can be opened. Every cabin has a private bathroom, radio, tv, individual air conditioning/heating control, wardrobe, bedside table; mirror with small dressing table and padded stool.

- Upper Deck- Standard Twin beds for solo use (6 available) A\$11,552
- Main Deck – Standard Twin beds for solo use (9 available) A\$10,992





### **DAY 1 - Friday 12th June 2020** **MOSCOW ARRIVAL AND EMBARK (D)**

Welcome to Moscow! This city has been the capital of Russia since the late 15th century. You will meet your Two's a Crowd Host and fellow travellers prior to boarding the MS Sergei Rakhmaninov - your floating hotel and home for the next 10 nights. Following embarkation and checking in to your cabin, there will be an evening cocktail reception and welcome dinner.

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**

### **DAY 2 - Saturday 13th June 2020** **MOSCOW CITY TOUR (B,L,D)**

After our breakfast on board, we will head off to discover the highlights of Moscow on a morning city tour which includes Red Square, The Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral. The remainder of the day is free, or join optional tours to Tretyakov Gallery and Moscow by Night.

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**

### **DAY 3 - Sunday 14th June 2020** **MOSCOW KREMLIN TOUR (B,L,D)**

Today we take a tour of the Kremlin and its Cathedrals with the option to visit the magnificent Armoury Museum, an opulent collection of the famous Faberge Eggs, royal artefacts, carriages, coronation robes and dresses. The former residence of Russian czars, the Kremlin is an architectural ensemble of unique beauty, which took shape between the 15th and 20th centuries. Cathedral Square - the center of the Kremlin with the 15th century Assumption Cathedral, the main church of Russia, the 15th century Annunciation Cathedral, the private church of Russian czars and the 16th century Cathedral of the Archangel, the burial place of the czars. On the ground of the Kremlin there are famous Czar Cannon of the 16th century and Czar Bell of the 18th century.

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**

### **DAY 4 - Monday 15th June 2020** **UGLICH: WALKING CITY TOUR (B,L,D)**

Enjoy a morning cruise along the Moscow Canal to Uglich, where you will visit the Church of St. Dmitry on the Blood and the Cathedral of Resurrection. Uglich is one of the oldest, and probably one of the most beloved Russian towns, and a place of pilgrimage of Russian Czars. According to a local legend its origin goes back to 937. Do not miss its fantastic view while your ship is approaching the pier! The ancient Church of St. Dmitri on the Blood is one of great sites visited on our guided walking tour. Uglich also has a fabulous flea market.

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**

### DAY 5 - Tuesday 16th June 2020 YAROSLAVL: CITY TOUR (B,L,D)

Arrive early in Yaroslavl for a city tour and visit to the Church of Elijah the Prophet and the magnificent 13th century Spaso-Preobrazhensky Monastery. The frescoes on the walls inside the church make it a museum of old Russian paintings. Today the city of Yaroslavl is an important Volga River port with a population of 600,000 that stretches for 18 miles on both its banks. The city was founded in the 11th century by legendary Prince Yaroslav the Wise.

- **Accommodation:** Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov

### Day 6 - Wednesday 17th June 2020 GORITSY & KIRILLOV TOURING (B,L,D)

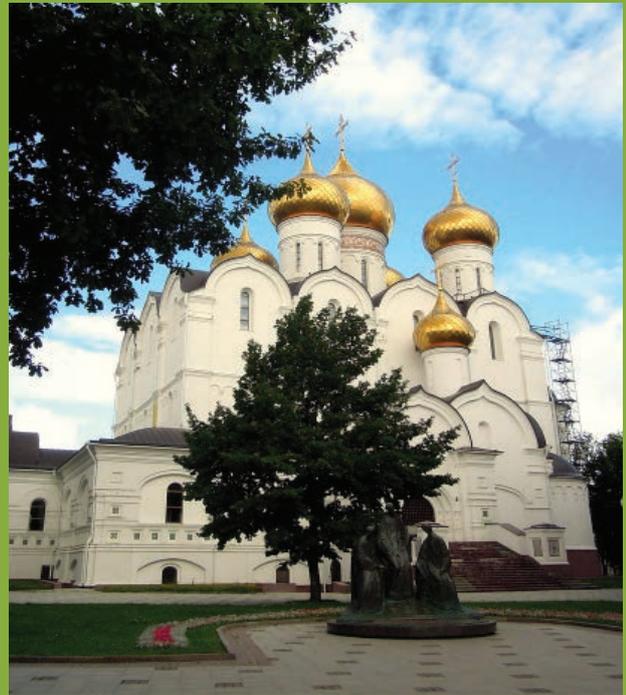
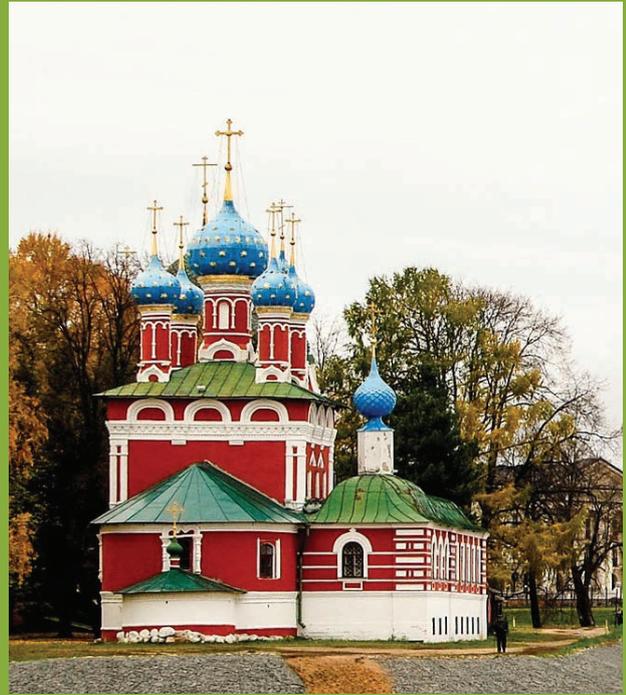
We continue along the Volga- Baltic Waterway to the small village of Goritzky. Visit the renowned Kirillo-Belozersky Monastery on a bus tour to nearby Kirillov. While touring here, visitors seem to forget reality under the influence of the medieval atmosphere of this town. It is the place of deep spiritual life of monks and of numerous ancient monasteries.

- **Accommodation:** Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov

### Day 7 - Thursday 18th June 2020 LAKE ONEGA & KHIZHI ISLAND TOURING (B,L,D)

Cruise on the scenic Lake Onega to Kizhi Island for a tour of its world-famous Museum of Wooden Architecture with the Church of the Transfiguration. The island of Kizhi is an architectural gem within Lake Onega, the second largest lake in Europe. It is famous for its splendid Northern nature and for 18th century wooden buildings, restored to their original state. The magnificent Church of Transfiguration is among them. It has 22 onion domes and was built entirely without a single nail. Kizhi is one of the real Russian wonders and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- **Accommodation:** Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov





### Day 8 - Friday 19th June 2020

#### MANDROGI: LOCAL VILLAGE TOURING (B,L,D)

Spend the day enjoying the views of rural Russia as you cruise along the Svir River, before a short stop at the village of Mandrogi to view some fine examples of wooden architecture and the Vodka Museum. This small river village with ginger-bread houses is a living fairy tale. Destroyed during WWII, Mandrogi was restored to its former glory at the end of the 20th century. Today this cozy little toy-like village is a pearl! The buildings in the village are made in Russian traditional village style. Travellers will get an up close look at old craftsmanship here. The Museum of Russian Vodka is also a highlight.

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**

### Day 9 - Saturday 20th June 2020

#### ST PETERSBURG: CITY TOUR (B,L,D)

We will cruise in to St. Petersburg in time for a morning tour of this incredible city. The royal opulence, imperial palaces, overflowing museums and manicured gardens enjoy worldwide fame! Enjoy the extravagant baroque architecture of the city center, Nevsky Prospect, Palace Square and Smolny Convent. Your guided tour also includes the Admiralty Building, Peter and Paul Fortress, and many more places of interest. In the afternoon we will tour to Catherine Palace, with its stunning Amber Room. This extraordinary city, founded by Peter the Great in 1703, will most likely be the highlight of your Russian River adventure!

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**

### Day 10 - Sunday 21st June 2020

#### ST PETERSBURG: HERMITAGE TOUR (B,L,D)

This morning we will visit the many wonders of the elegant Winter Palace, which today houses the Hermitage Museum, one of the largest art and cultural museums in the world. The Hermitage is also one of the world's most prestigious museums, and is a must-see for all first-time travellers to the city. With over 3 million items in its collection, it also definitely rewards repeat visits, and newcomers can only hope to get a brief taste of the riches on offer here, from Impressionist masterpieces to fascinating Oriental treasures. In the afternoon you will be offered an optional tour of the Yusupov Palace before an evening farewell dinner on board our boat.

- **Accommodation: Your own cabin onboard the MS Sergei Rachmaninov**



**Day 11 - Monday 22nd June 2020**  
**ST PETERSBURG: DISEMBARK THE MS SERGEI RACHMANINOV (B)**

After breakfast it is time to bid farewell and disembark from our cruise boat. We will be transferred from the cruise pier to Peterhof Gardens on the gulf of Finland. We will see the Grand Cascade of fountains and gold statues on a guided walk through the spectacular gardens. After the tour, we will travel into St Petersburg's historic centre and check in at your hotel.

- **Accommodation: Your own room at 'Hotel Dostoyevsky,' in St Petersburg (4 star)**

**Day 12 - Tuesday 23rd June 2020**  
**ST PETERSBURG - TALLINN (B,D)**

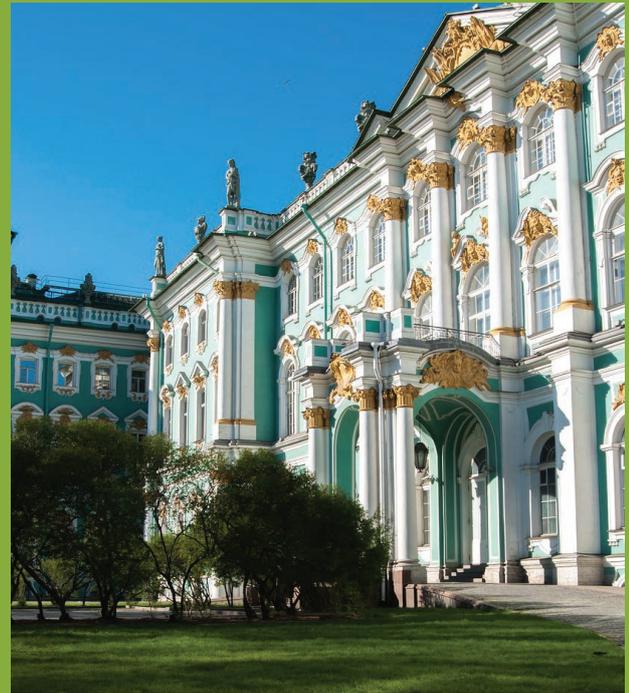
After breakfast we will depart elegant St Petersburg and travel across the Russian countryside to neighbouring Estonia. We will stop in Narva before reaching Tallinn this afternoon. Check into your hotel before enjoying a group dinner.

- **Accommodation: Your own room at 'Hestia Europa,' in Tallinn (4 star)**

**Day 13 - Wednesday 24th June 2020**  
**TALLINN – RIGA (B,D)**

Tallinn boasts the best-preserved medieval town in Northern Europe. Your walking tour of this charming walled city, with its distinctive architecture, will take you to Tallinn's Dome Cathedral, Toompea Castle, Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the medieval 13th century Town Hall. In the afternoon, enjoy views of the countryside as you travel south to neighbouring Latvia and its bustling capital Riga. Check into your hotel before enjoying a group dinner.

- **Accommodation: Your own room at 'Hotel Wellton Riga,' Riga (4 star)**





### Day 14 - Thursday 25th June 2020

#### RIGA (B)

Riga, founded in 1201, is often referred to as the Paris of the Baltics. After breakfast, explore Riga's fascinating mix of German, Latvian and Russian heritage. Your walking tour will include the wonderful Art Nouveau district and notable sights including the Freedom Monument, Swedish Gate and Dome Cathedral. The remainder of the day is your own to enjoy at leisure.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at 'Hotel Wellton Riga,' in Riga (4 star)

### Day 15 - Friday 26th June 2020

#### RIGA – HILL OF CROSSES- VILNIUS (B,D)

Depart on a scenic journey through the Baltic countryside to Vilnius, capital of Lithuania. We will stop on many occasions for you to stretch your legs and take photos. We also stop en route at Siauliai to see the evocative Hill of Crosses. Upon arrival we will check in to our hotel. The afternoon is then your own to enjoy at leisure, before meeting up with the group for a local dinner.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at 'Hotel Courtyard,' in Vilnius (4 star)

### Day 16 - Saturday 27th June 2020

#### VILNIUS (B)

After breakfast we will set off to enjoy a panoramic walking tour of Vilnius, one of Europe's most charming Old Towns with its maze of baroque inspired architecture and cobblestone streets. We will see such sights as St. Stanislav's Cathedral, Gediminas Tower, the baroque Peter and Paul Church and ruins of Vilnius Castle. The evening is your own.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at 'Hotel Courtyard,' in Vilnius (4 star)

### Day 17 - Sunday 28th June 2020

#### VILNIUS – MAZURY LAKES- WARSAW (B,L,D)

Today we depart the former Soviet Union through the picturesque countryside of Lithuania and northern Poland, to Warsaw. We will stop often for the group to stretch their legs, take some photos and enjoy a group lunch. We will also stop en route in the very picturesque Mazury Lakes District in northern Poland to enjoy a lovely boat cruise. Upon arrival in to Warsaw we will check in to our hotel before enjoying a group dinner.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at 'Hotel Polonia Palace,' in Warsaw (4 star)

### Day 18 - Monday 29th June 2020

#### WARSAW (B)

On a morning tour of Warsaw, a city with over 700 years of history, you will drive along the Royal Route from Castle Square to Lazienki Park and Palace, the summer residence of Poland's last king. Continue with a walk through the Old Town, which has been beautifully restored after World War II, to see its Market Square and St. John's Cathedral. Continue to the area of the former Warsaw Ghetto and to various historic monuments of this great city. The remainder of the day is your own to enjoy at leisure.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at 'Hotel Polonia Palace,' in Warsaw (4 star)

### Day 19 - Tuesday 30th June 2020 WARSAW – KRAKOW (B,D)

Travel to Czestochowa, to visit the Yasna Gora Monastery with its famous portrait of the Black Madonna. In the afternoon you will tour Auschwitz-Birkenau, the notorious World War II concentration camps and now a sombre memorial to the Holocaust. Continue onto Krakow, where we will check in to our hotel before enjoying a group dinner.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at ‘Hotel Andel’s,’ in Krakow (4 star)

### Day 20 - Wednesday 1st July 2020 KRAKOW (B)

Krakow is Poland’s second largest city that is epitomised by its medieval castles, Jewish quarter and turbulent past. Today, it makes for a fascinating travel destination and it is also one of Eastern Europe’s most beautiful cities. After breakfast, your sightseeing tour of the culture-packed city of Krakow will start at Wawel Hill to see the Royal Castle and Cathedral. Walk through the magical Old Town and visit the Main Market Square, the largest medieval square in Europe with its Cloth Hall and St. Mary’s Church. The afternoon is free to wander the city at your own pace.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at ‘Hotel Andel’s,’ in Krakow (4 star)

### Day 21 - Thursday 2nd July 2020 KRAKOW – PRAGUE (B)

After breakfast we will drive south crossing through neighbouring Slovakia and finally into the Czech Republic. Today’s destination is the magnificent capital city of Prague, with its baroque churches, promenades, parks and medieval Old Town.

- **Accommodation:** Your own room at ‘Hotel Leonardo,’ Prague (4 star)





### Day 22 - Friday 3rd July 2020 PRAGUE (B,D)

Your city tour of Prague starts with a drive to Wenceslas Square and then across the Vltava River. Here we will experience a guided tour of the Hradcany district which overlooks the river and city beyond. Hradcany is Prague's main attraction and here you will visit St. Vitus Cathedral, the resting place of Czech kings, and the Royal Castle of Hradcany which dominates Prague's beautiful skyline. Continue with a walk to see St. George's Basilica, the Golden Lane and Daliborka Tower.

Continue your sightseeing including the famous Charles Bridge, medieval Old Town Square and the Astronomical Clock. You will then have a few hours at leisure to wander around Prague- marvelling at just how beautiful it really is!

Tonight the group will gather for a farewell meal together- we will feast on many local delicacies and reminisce about what has, no doubt, been a truly spectacular journey through Russia and Eastern Europe.

- **Accommodation: Your own room at 'Hotel Leonardo,' Prague (4 star)**

### Day 23 - Saturday 4th July 2020 PRAGUE DEPARTURE (B)

After breakfast our tour ends as we transfer to the airport for our flight home or onto further adventures. Alternately, you can continue to travel further south with Two's a Crowd.

We are offering a solos extension tour from Prague, to Czeky Krumlov, on to Vienna and finishing in Budapest. A short 1 week journey where you will experience a whole lot more of what Eastern Europe has to offer.



**PRICES: cruise & land tour package prices**

- Main Deck-Standard twin-bed room (solo use) \$10,992
- Upper Deck-Standard twin-bed room (solo use) \$11,552
- Upper Deck - Junior Suite (solo use) \$12,892
- Boat Deck - Junior Suite (solo use) \$13,592

**TOUR DATES: 12TH JUNE - 4TH JULY 2020****Tour Inclusions:****RUSSIAN CRUISE**

- 11 day cruise in your own river view cabin
- Full board meals – breakfast, lunch and dinner
- House wines and soft drinks included with lunch and dinner (cruise only)
- Welcome and farewell cocktails on the cruise
- Captain's 'Welcome Reception'
- Cruise director on board
- Port charges, local taxes & fuel surcharges
- Daily supply of bottled water
- Free tea & coffee station
- On-board lectures and cultural highlights
- Cultural Russian workshops, including vodka tastings
- Daily cabin service
- Luggage handling
- City tours: Moscow and St Petersburg
- Shore Excursions: Uglich, Goritzky and Kizhi
- Tour of the ships bridge
- Russian classical music concert, Russian cooking classes & Russian tea ceremony

**EASTERN EUROPE LAND TOURING**

- Accommodation in solo occupancy rooms at the hotels listed
- Meals as per itinerary (B=breakfasts, L=lunches,

D=dinners) (buffet breakfast will be served at hotels and other meals where included are generally 2/3 course and without drinks.

- Transport: touring with modern air-conditioned motorcoach as per program and in compliance with valid EU regulations.
- All sightseeing, guided tours and entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary.
- Airport departure transfer in Prague
- Two's a Crowd Tour Host from Australia- from Moscow to Prague
- Porterage at hotels
- Tips & gratuities
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance with CHI Travel Insurance (Underwritten by Allianz). Additional premium may be payable if over 69 years, have an existing medical condition or wish to extend your travel dates. Refer to the CHI PDS for more information on policy terms and conditions.

**Tour Exclusions:**

- International airfares and taxes
- Pre and post tour accommodation
- Visas (required- Two's a Crowd can assist with required documentation)
- Expenses of a personal nature, such as laundry, souvenirs and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary

**NEED MORE INFORMATION? CONTACT THE TEAM:**

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Our commitment is to make solo travel more enjoyable and affordable.

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