Join the sixth Among Women trip on a carefully designed itinerary through St. Petersburg, Moscow and the Golden Ring. During Soviet times the cult of the “strong” woman, emphasized by propaganda, became a deep part of the national psyche and the principal of equal pay for equal work is recognized in the Russian constitution. Today, Russian women are struggling to find their role in an increasingly male dominated society. With the beautiful architectural landscape of Russia as a backdrop, meet with women from all walks of life as we seek to understand the complexities of this country which is often in the news lately.

Dr. Marjorie Senechal
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SEPTEMBER 15: SATURDAY. DEPART.
Depart the US today.

SEPTEMBER 16: SUNDAY. ST. PETERSBURG. R,D.
Arrive in St. Petersburg and transfer directly to the Belmond Grand Hotel Europe.

In 1703, St. Petersburg was founded by Peter the Great as a European capital and today the city features architecture that exudes refined, Western European charm.

This evening, enjoy a welcome dinner at the Tsar Restaurant just a few minutes’ walk from the hotel.

SEPTEMBER 17: MONDAY. ST. PETERSBURG. B,L,D.
Meet this morning for a discussion with Dr. Nina Philippova, the retired academic director of the Center of Russian Language and Culture at St. Petersburg University. Review the unique role of Catherine the Great in Russian history. Catherine the Great became the Russian empress in 1762 and once securing control attempted several reforms to support education, disband serfdom, and extend political rights of the common people.

From here drive to the banks of the Neva where Peter the Great had a wooden cabin built from where he could preside over the building of St. Petersburg—a city built from nothing that would give Russia vital access to Europe.

After lunch meet with Svetlana Zakharova who is the coordinator of the Girl-talk-Girl Russia Project. To promote cross-cultural dialogue on the important topic of gender-based violence facing both Russian and American young women, Girl-talk-Girl began in 2014 and it aims to build connections between women at risk of gender-based violence in New York and St. Petersburg.

Before dinner enjoy a private concert with the Rimsky-Korsakov String Quartet at the Palace of the Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich.

Dinner at the Cococo Restaurant to enjoy one of Janet’s favorite desserts, “My Mother’s Favorite Flower”.

SEPTEMBER 18: TUESDAY. ST. PETERSBURG. B,L.
Visit the Hermitage Museum, where an early entrance has been arranged. Located in the lavishly decorated Winter Palace, the Hermitage was originally commissioned by Catherine the Great in the 1760s as a small building to house her growing art collection. Today it occupies four buildings and its extraordinary collection of European art numbers over 2 million pieces. Also visit the spectacular Gold Room.

Mid-morning meeting with Julia Godunova, the Executive Director of the NGO “E.V.A.”, a network of women living with HIV. Russia is among the top 10 countries in the world with the fastest-growing incidence of HIV/AIDS.

After lunch at a local restaurant, participate in a specially designed walk through some of the most important scenes from Crime and Punishment. Fyodor Dostoevsky (1821-1881) is one of Russia’s most important writers and Crime and Punishment, in which a tormented young intellectual murders an elderly pawnbroker, is one of his most riveting works.

Optional traditional banya, or bath house, experience.

Tonight there will be a chance to attend an optional performance.

Dinner is at leisure this evening.
SEPTEMBER 19: WEDNESDAY. ST. PETERSBURG.  B,L,D.
Meet with one of the most acclaimed writers in modern Russian literature, Elena Chizhova. A former economist, teacher and entrepreneur, Elena turned to writing in 1996. Her work highlights the difficult social, historical and religious problems in Soviet and Russian history.

From here drive to the stunning treasures at the Fabergé Museum. Founded by entrepreneur Viktor Vekselberg, the museum displays a glittering collection of Fabergé eggs and objects d’art created by Peter Carl Fabergé.

After lunch at the museum board a boat for a one-hour journey on the city’s canals. St. Petersburg comprises 42 islands which are joined by the more than 90 waterways and canals of the Neva River estuary. Gliding beneath ornate bridges enjoy a different perspective of the city.

End the day meeting with Russian politician, Valentina Matviyenko, who was Governor of St. Petersburg from 2003 to 2011 and most recently, served as Chairman of the Federation Council, considered the third most powerful position in the Russian political system.

Dinner at a local restaurant.

SEPTEMBER 20: THURSDAY. MOSCOW.  B,L.
Depart the hotel after breakfast in time to take a morning high-speed Sapsan train to Moscow.

Upon arrival visit the State Central Museum of Contemporary History of Russia. Housed in a 1780s mansion this museum covers all aspects of Russia’s recent history.

Check into the Intercontinental Hotel (Superior Club).

This evening meet for a discussion with independent journalist Dr. Nadezhda Azgikhin, who once worked at Ogonyok (The Flame), the ground-breaking magazine of the glasnost era, and is now deputy general secretary for creative issues at the Union of Journalists.

Dinner at leisure tonight.

SEPTEMBER 21: FRIDAY. MOSCOW.  B,L,D.
Depart the hotel to begin exploring Moscow at the Kremlin. We will depart early to enjoy a visit free of crowds. The Kremlin has always been perceived as a symbol of power and might of the Russian land.

A short distance away is Red Square, the main square in Moscow and a symbol of great emotion for the Russians. Admire its vastness and beauty.

Drive to Gorky Park and the Moscow River, southwest of the Kremlin. Only five years ago, the park was an unkempt, weed-strewn expanse with pothole-filled roads. But now, with the waterfront newly redeveloped and the park remodeled, families stroll in the summer sunshine or skate in the frozen winters.

Close by is the Muzeon Park of Arts, formerly known as the Park of Fallen Heroes. The park gained prominence in August 1991 when, a day before the Communist Party was banned, a statue of Felix Dzerzhinsky, a Soviet official, was dismantled and discarded in the park. In the days that followed, statues and busts of Lenin, Mikhail Kalinin, Yakov Sverdlov and Stalin from across Moscow started to pile up on the grass.

Continue on to tour the Metro, one of the busiest and largest transit systems in the world. The stations aren’t just transit hubs—they’re artistic exhibits that tell the history of the city with their designs and decorations, intended to inspire workers on their way to dreary jobs under Soviet rule. Return to the hotel via the Metro.

Meet in the hotel for a discussion on women and entrepreneurship led by Olga Gryadovaya, Transcapitalbank’s CEO and part-owner, who was recently named Russia’s Most Successful Woman Banker by the magazine Bank Review.

Dine this evening at the wonderful Akademiya Restaurant,
where chef Danis Calmis serves locally produced meats and vegetables in an innovative take on old favorites.

SEPTEMBER 22: SATURDAY. MOSCOW. B,L,D.
Morning meeting with Margarita Simonyan, editor-in-chief of RT (formerly Russia Today), Russia’s first 24/7 English-language news channel which was founded in 2005 by Putin with a budget of about $30 million. The RT television network now consists of three round-the-clock news channels broadcasting in English, Arabic and Spanish.

Drive to the newly opened Gulag Museum, dedicated to the millions who were persecuted in Soviet labor camps from 1930-1950 in the so-called Gulag system. The Gulag Labor Camps were a network of labor, detention and transit camps that epitomize Soviet brutality. The Gulag Museum’s exhibition describes the system of camps, as well as their legacy in modern Russia, with artifacts gathered from all over the country. “A visitor sees the exhibits on their own level and then ascends and sees the same thing from above. The idea is that we should climb up and look down from above on this history, which is painful and unrecognized in our country,” says museum director Roman Romanov.

After lunch meet with Olga Sviblova, director and founder of the Multimedia Art Museum, Moscow. Before the fall of the Soviet Union she was deeply involved in Moscow’s underground avant-garde scene, releasing an award-winning documentary and organizing independent contemporary visual art and photography shows.

This evening learn some of the secrets of Russian cuisine in a private cooking class with a group of women entrepreneurs.

SEPTEMBER 23: SUNDAY. MOSCOW. B,L,D.
This morning we have requested a meeting with Valentina Tereshkova. In 1963, she became the first woman to go into space. She was only 26 when she made her one and only space flight, but that feat has defined the rest of her life. Enjoy a chance to hear her story.

Drive to the Jewish Museum and Tolerance Center to explore this sprawling state-of-the-art complex underwritten by oligarchs close to President Putin. The project is meant to convey a powerful message to Jews whose ancestors fled or emigrated: Russia wants you back.

Meet with Irina Antonova former director of the renowned Pushkin Museum from 1961 to 2013. As a strong voice to unify the collection of the State Museum of New Western Art destroyed by Stalin in 1948 she was at odds with the director of the Hermitage which led to a major disagreement in the Russian art world.

After the discussion depart for Sergiev Posad to admire the Holy Trinity Lavra of St. Sergius, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the destination of spiritual and nationalist pilgrimages.

Later there will be an opportunity to learn about matryoshka doll-making which originated in Sergiev Posad.

Lunch at Russky Dvorik, a local restaurant.

Drive north entering a land of ancient monasteries and ancient towns which preserve the memory of the most important and significant events in Russian history. The Golden Ring was a necklace of thriving settlements built between the 11th and 15th centuries on the eastern edge of the Kievan Rus empire.

Stop at Suzdal, the
most beautiful and best preserved town of the Golden Ring. After a decline in political importance, the town of Suzdal rose in prominence as a religious center with numerous monasteries and a remarkable ratio of churches to citizens.

Transfer to the Art Hotel Nikolaevskiy Posad.

Dinner this evening is a home-cooked meal at a local farmhouse.

SEPTEMBER 25: TUESDAY. SUZDAL. B,L,D.
After breakfast visit the Museum of Wooden Architecture & Peasant Life. Located on the bank of the Kamenka River on the site of the former St. Demetrius monastery, this museum represents a village street with houses, churches and household buildings placed in the outskirts of the village. Two churches of the 18th century, the Transfiguration Church and the Resurrection Church, are the compositional center of the museum. Houses in the museum have been reconstructed to depict the social status and lifestyles of a variety of rural residents.

Stop in at the St. Euthymius Monastery to enjoy an incredible choral performance by the resident monks. There will also be a chance to hear a bell-ringing performance in which bells are divided amongst the ringers who manipulate them by means of strings and wooden pedals.

Walk through the town crossing a wooden footbridge to Suzdal’s 16th century Intercession Convent. The old convent refectory is now a restaurant (Restoran Trapeznaya) with whitewashed Romanesque arches and heavy iron candle sconces on the walls.

After lunch enjoy a trip debrief.

End the trip with a wonderful farewell dinner tonight.

SEPTEMBER 26: WEDNESDAY.
Return to Moscow and connect with international flights.

Please note that it is highly likely that briefings may be changed or substituted to accommodate the schedules of our speakers.

Trip Price: $7,390 per person
Single room supplement: $1,980

Trip price includes accommodations in hotels as outlined in the itinerary based on double occupancy, all meals listed, arrival and departure transfers if arriving on the group flights, all sightseeing and entrance fees, all special events, briefings and receptions as listed and the services of local guides. Dr. Marjorie Senechal Sutton and Janet Moore from Distant Horizons will accompany the trip.

Trip price does not include international airfare to St. Petersburg and from Moscow; transfers at the beginning and end of the trip unless on designated group flights, airport departure taxes, passports and visa fees; drinks other than water with meals, personal insurance for health, baggage, and trip cancellation; and items of a purely personal nature.

For additional information, a more detailed itinerary or any questions, contact
Julie Scott at Distant Horizons at 1-800-333-1240 or JulieS@distant-horizons.com

PLEASE NOTE: We plan on accepting the first 30 applications (fifteen from each of the two participating schools) on a first come, first served basis. Additional applications will be accepted on a wait list specific for each individual school. A spot can only be held by completing the enclosed application form and returning it with a $1,000 deposit payable by check (credit cards are not accepted) and a legible copy of the first two pages of your passport.
FURTHER INFORMATION

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In this packet you will find an application form and a copy of our Terms and Conditions. In order to register for a trip, you should complete the application and return it with a check for $1,000 per person made payable to the Distant Horizons Escrow Account. Please note that it is not possible to use a credit card to pay for the deposit or any other payments. This applies to all air and land services. Payment will only be accepted in the form of a check, money order, cashier’s check or can be wired into our account. Please let us know if you would like our wiring information.

Required Documents for United States Citizens

Your passport must be valid for 6 months past the last day of your planned trip. Therefore, if a trip you are considering returns to the United States on September 26, 2018, your passport must be valid until March 27, 2019.

Recommended Immunizations

Very few countries actually require immunizations these days. However, there are a number of recommended immunizations. We will send you further information on this about 2 months before your departure date. In addition, we do recommend that you check with your personal physician or call the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta at (404) 639-3311.

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*All requests to cancel must be received in writing and dated accordingly. The date on your cancellation letter will determine the time period your refund will fall under.

Do feel free to call us at 1-800- 333-1240 if you have a question we have not answered!
Please read and carefully complete this form and mail it along with a $1,000 deposit and a COPY of the first two pages of your passport.

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