

## Pilgrimage Center of the Patriarchal Parishes in USA

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### «Orthodox Shrines of North-West Russia»

#### Pilgrimage Itinerary

July 2-12, 2020

Date	Program
<b>Day 1</b> ST. PETERSBURG <b>July 2</b> <i>Thursday</i>	Meeting in the Arrivals Hall of Pulkovo-1 Airport Transfer from airport Accommodation at the Andersen Hotel Lunch / dinner (depending on arrival). Free time
<b>Day 2</b> ST. PETERSBURG <b>July 3</b> <i>Friday</i>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. Sightseeing bus tour of St. Petersburg. Peter and Paul Fortress and Peter and Paul Cathedral. Dinner. Tour of the Holy Trinity Alexander Nevsky Lavra, participation in the evening services. Tour of the Theological Seminary. Free time
<b>Day 3</b> ST. PETERSBURG <b>July 4</b> <i>Saturday</i>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. Tour "Churches and Cathedrals of the Northern Capital": Kazan Cathedral, St. Nicholas Cathedral, Transfiguration Cathedral. Liturgy in one of these cathedrals. Dinner. Excursion to St. Isaac's Cathedral. Excursion to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood. Bus and boat excursion "Bridges over the waters" (for extra fee) Free time.
<b>Day 4</b> KRONSTADT <b>July 5</b> <i>Sunday</i>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. A visit to St. John of Kronstadt (bus tour to the fortified city of Kronstadt) Sightseeing tour of Kronstadt with a visit to the St. Nicholas Naval Cathedral in Kronstadt and a tour of the Memorial Museum-apartment of St. John of Kronstadt Lunch (refectory) Return to St. Petersburg
<b>Day 5</b> PETERHOF <b>July 6</b> <i>Monday</i>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. The bus trip "Along the Old Peterhof Road". Excursion to the Grand Peterhof Palace, Lower Park Tour Excursion to one of the small palaces. Dinner. Visit to the Cathedral of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul in Peterhof. Return to St. Petersburg. Free time. River and canal excursion (for extra fee).
<b>Day 6</b> ST. PETERSBURG <b>July 7</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. Bus tour "Monasteries and shrines of St. Petersburg": A tour of the Smolensk cemetery with a visit to the chapel of St. Blessed Xenia of St. Petersburg, Liturgy in the Church of the Smolensk Icon of the Mother of God. The Ioannovsky Stauropegial Convent. Lunch at the refectory of the monastery. Continuation of the excursion: Feodorovsky Cathedral and Novodevichy Resurrection Convent (Voskresénskij Novodévičij monastery). Free time

<b>Day 7</b> <b>TIKHVIN</b> <b>July 8</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. Bus trip "To venerate the Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God" (220 km) Excursion to the Anthony-Dymsky monastery. Lunch at the monastery. Excursion to the Tikhvin Virgin Dormition Monastery. Return to St. Petersburg
<b>Day 8</b> <b>ST. PETERSBURG</b> <b>July 9</b> <b>Thursday</b>	Breakfast in the hotel restaurant. Excursion to the Russian Museum. Dinner. Transfer to the pier (Utkina backwater). 17:00 Boarding the four-deck cruise ship "Yuri Andropov". Participation in a special pilgrimage cruise to Valaam, dedicated to the feast of St. Sergius and Herman of Valaam. 20:00 Departure of the ship Accommodation and meals for pilgrims takes place on board the ship. Three meals a day in the restaurant (in accordance with the calendar of the Russian Orthodox Church).
<b>Day 9</b> <b>VALAAM</b> <b>July 10</b> <b>Friday</b>	Upon arrival at Valaam at 8.00 the ship moored in the Big Nikon Bay. All pilgrims wishing to participate in the festive services are escorted to the Central Estate of the monastery and back on the motor ship. Walking tour with a visit to the monastery of Valaam, Mount Eleon, inland lakes; excursion to the Central estate of the Valaam monastery with a trip on the monastery ship along the picturesque coast of the Valaam archipelago with an overview tour of island sketes.
<b>Day 10</b> <b>VALAAM</b> <b>July 11</b> <b>Saturday</b>	Festive Divine Liturgy in the Transfiguration Cathedral of the Valaam Monastery, dedicated to the feast day of St. Sergius and Herman of Valaam, Miracle Workers. Special dinner on the boat. Optional excursion to one of the sketes.
<b>Day 11</b> <b>ST. PETERSBURG</b> <b>July 12</b> <b>Sunday</b>	Breakfast on the ship (morning tea / coffee) 08:00 Group meeting on the pier (Utkina backwater). Breakfast Bus trip to Vyritsa A visit to the Kazan Church with national architecture and a rich iconostasis The main shrines of the temple are the ark-reliquary, the image of the Kazan Icon of the Mother of God. Chapel over the grave of the elder (relic) Seraphim Vyritsky, grave of the elder-woman (staritsa) Natalia, Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. Dinner Transfer to Pulkovo-1 Airport

### The cost of the trip

The cost of the trip for group of 38 people - 140,000.00 rubles each for double occupancy (approx. \$2,190\*)  
 187,000 rubles – single room occupancy (approx. \$2,925\*)

*\*Depending on the exchange rate*

The cost of the trip includes transport and excursion service, hotels – 8 days/7 nights with breakfast, 8 dinners, Valaam cruise cost, tickets to museums, English and Russian speaking guides.

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