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# RUSSIA 2010

## USA Tennis Exchange

May 29 -June 11, 2010

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference No.: RU1A10

### ASD Tennis Travelers

#### DAILY ITINERARY

##### **DAY 1 SATURDAY MAY 29**

##### **USA to MOSCOW**

3:00 PM we meet at the airport for check-in at the Finnair ticket counter. 5:20 PM depart on your overnight flight to Russia. Enjoy your in-flight meals and entertainment including movies! (D, S on flight)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

##### **DAY 2 SUNDAY MAY 30**

##### **ARRIVE MOSCOW, RUSSIA**

Evening arrival in Moscow. Upon your arrival in Moscow, please proceed through customs. In the arrivals hall you will be met by one of our local representatives. Transfer to your hotel. Balance of the day at leisure. (B, S on flights)

Accommodation in Moscow: Cosmos Hotel (4-star First Class)

##### **DAY 3 MONDAY MAY 31 MOSCOW**

##### **AM TENNIS, MOVE TO CRUISE SHIP**

Breakfast at your hotel. Mid-morning checkout from our hotel and departure to your local host club for a mid-day and afternoon of friendship tennis. Following our tennis, we transfer to the harbor and embarkation of the ship. Early dinner on board will be followed with the opportunity to enjoy an optional Moscow Circus performance – a treat not to be missed! Your first overnight stay on the M.S. Korotkov (D)

Accommodation in Moscow: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)



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**DAY 4 TUESDAY JUNE 1****MOSCOW - AM SIGHTSEEING / PM TENNIS**

After breakfast, you will begin a fascinating introductory tour through Russia's capital. You will see all of the major attractions such as the Kremlin, St. Basil's Cathedral and Red Square.

After a break for lunch (*lunch packs provided*) enjoy some free time for strolling and shopping.

We continue to our local host tennis club for an afternoon and evening of tennis matches, followed by a social get-together with dinner. Following our tennis and dinner, we return to the ship for overnight.

(B, Lunch pack, D)

Accommodation in Moscow: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 5 WEDNESDAY JUNE 2****MOSCOW TO ST. PETERSBURG****CRUISE BEGIN: Moscow-Uglich**

After breakfast, you are taken on an organized tour of the famous Moscow Metro and the famous pedestrian street of Old Arbat. The early afternoon is free for individual pursuits or other optional excursions offered on board. Back on board, enjoy the romantic sunset as you bid Moscow goodbye and sail on to Uglich. (B, Lunch pack, D)

Accommodation: M.S. Mayakovski (cruise ship)

**DAY 6 THURSDAY JUNE 3****CRUISE - Uglich**

On arrival enjoy a guided walking tour of Uglich, one of the most beloved towns of old Russia. The view of the place is especially lovely when you approach it from the Volga River. The Cathedral of Resurrection and St. John's Church belong to its major attractions. Visit the Church of St. Demetrius of the Blood and the Palace of Tsarevich Dmitri. Return to the ship for lunch and sail on. In the afternoon delight in a concert of classical music, performed by the well-known Russian violinist Boris Gamus.

(B, L, D)

Accommodation: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 7 FRIDAY JUNE 4****CRUISE - Yaroslavl**

Today, you are taken on a sightseeing tour of the important Volga port town Yaroslavl. You will visit the beautiful Transfiguration Cathedral, where you will attend a private Choir concert. Also visited will be the church of St. Elijah the Prophet with its famous 13-century fresco paintings. Return to the ship for lunch and sail on. In the afternoon enjoy a variety of on board activities that may include lectures, dance lessons and a performance of our on board folklore group. Tonight, you will be served a traditional Russian dinner, consisting of typical Russian national cuisine, served by staff dressed in national costumes and accompanied by live Russian folklore music. (B, L, D)

Accommodation M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 8 SATURDAY JUNE 5****CRUISE - Goritza**

After breakfast you are scheduled to arrive at Goritza, a typical Russian village. Enjoy the relaxing rural atmosphere as you visit homes of the local farmers. In the afternoon, its time for our "caviar & champagne party" where you will be served traditional Russian "blini" pancakes with red caviar and champagne. Dinner is served on board. (B, L, D)



Accommodation: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 9 SUNDAY JUNE 6**

**CRUISE - Island of Kizhi**

In the morning you have opportunity to relax on board or to participate in our on board entertainment program. Lunch is served on board. In the afternoon, you arrive at the tiny fairy-tale island of Kizhi, located on the northern end of Lake Onega, which is the second largest in Europe and one of the worlds purest. The highlight will be a visit to the Transfiguration Church, erected without a single nail or piece of iron. (B, L, D)

Accommodation: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 10 MONDAY JUNE 7**

**CRUISE - Mondraga (Green Station Stop)**

Morning at leisure. Around noon you will arrive at the green station of Mondraga. Instead of lunch onboard, enjoy a shashlik barbecue picnic riverside, with wine and entertainment. Followed by a taste of Russian sweet piroggi served with tea prepared in the traditional Russian way. Be sure to explore the village including the unique Vodka Museum featuring over 250 varieties of Russia's national drink! Sail on in the afternoon and prepare for your Farewell Captain's Gala Dinner scheduled for tonight! (B, L, D)

Accommodation: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 11 TUESDAY JUNE 8**

**CRUISE, ARRIVE ST. PETERSBURG  
AM CITY SIGHTSEEING, PM HERMITAGE  
MUSEUM VISIT**

Today you arrive in St. Petersburg, which celebrates its 300<sup>th</sup> birthday this year! Your guided tour will include highlights such as the Nevski Prospect, Kazan's Assembly Church, the Admiralty Building, the Royal Square, the Smolny Monastery, Isakievski Church, Peter and Paul's Fortress (burial ground of the Romanov Czars) and many more. After a break for lunch (lunch packs provided), visit the world-famous Hermitage Museum, featuring more than three million exhibits, including works by famous artists such as Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Titian, Michelangelo and Monet.

After visiting the Hermitage, the evening is free to relax and enjoy your time in St Petersburg. Return to the ship for overnight. (B, L, D)

Accommodation in St. Petersburg: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 12 WEDNESDAY JUNE 9**

**ST. PETERSBURG  
AM PETRODVORETS SIGHTSEEING - TENNIS  
(ONE WAY COACH, ONE WAY BOAT - IF POSSIBLE)**

Morning tour of Petrodvorets, Peter the Greats' Summer Palace, where we will see the magnificent and unique fountains and gardens. After our visit to Petrodvorets we continue to our local tennis host for another afternoon and early evening of tennis. After our tennis we return to the ship. In the evening,



relax with our on board band or enjoy a final Gala Folklore show performed by one of St. Petersburg's best know ensembles. (B, L, D)

Accommodation in St. Petersburg: M.S. Korotkov (cruise ship)

**DAY 13 THURSDAY JUNE 10**

**ST. PETERSBURG - AM DISEMBARK CRUISE SHIP, MOVE TO HOTEL, TIME AT LEISURE PM/EVENING TENNIS**

Bid your crew and fellow passengers goodbye as you disembark around 9 AM and transfer from your cruise ship to a hotel in St. Petersburg – where we will spend the last night. Time at leisure in St. Petersburg. Today we also enjoy tennis at a local host club – early afternoon. Evening free for dinner on own in St. Petersburg or optional program. (B)

Accommodation in St. Petersburg: Moskva Hotel (4-star First Class)

**DAY 14 FRIDAY JUNE 11**

**ST. PETERSBURG, RETURN TO USA**

Early morning transfer to the airport for your flights home. Bid farewell to St. Petersburg and Russia as we depart at 6:55 AM on our return flights to USA. We fly from St. Petersburg on Finnair for our transatlantic flight departing for the USA. Mid-afternoon arrival home. (B and L, S on flight)

Transatlantic flight

End of tour

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## **USA Tennis Exchange**

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#### **TOUR PRICE, INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS**

**ASD TOUR PRICE: \$3,895.00 PER PERSON**  
**PAYMENT INFO: DEPOSIT OF \$1,000 DUE WITH BOOKING**  
**PAYMENT OF \$2,000 DUE BY FEB. 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**NOT INCLUDED:** Russian Port Charges; \$140 (subject to change)  
Russian Visas est. \$150  
Single room cost is \$1,000.00  
Deck Upgrade on the Cruise;  
• Upper Deck + \$ 150 per person

#### **ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:**

- Transatlantic air in economy class from the USA to Moscow and return from St. Petersburg to the USA on Finnair (or other airline via USA and or European connecting gateway or both, subject to change)
- Twelve nights of accommodations in twin/double rooms in named hotels and river cruise ship, *or similar*, all with private bath & continental breakfast as follows:
  - 1 night accommodation in Moscow, conveniently/centrally located Russian First Class hotel; Cosmos Hotel
  - 10 nights accommodation in twin cabins on Main Deck, or Middle Deck Cabins (deck upgrade from Main and Middle Deck to all outside facing cabins on the Upper Deck apply – cabin allotment will be split over several decks and supplement apply for Upper Decks)
  - 1 night accommodation in St. Petersburg, conveniently/centrally located Russian First Class hotel; Moskva Hotel

#### **MORE MEALS!**

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- Meals as outlined on your itinerary:

**MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING !**

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary, including:
  - Moscow Panorama City Sightseeing
  - See famous Red Square in Moscow
  - See St. Basils Cathedral in Moscow
  - See Kremlin in Moscow
  - Tour of the Kremlin in Moscow
  - Visit to Novodivechy Convent in Moscow
  - Visit and tour Moscow Metro
  - Visit pedestrian Arbat Street in Moscow
  - Optional visit to the Armory at Kremlin in Moscow
  - Optional Moscow Circus Performance
  - Enjoy free time to explore and sightsee in Moscow on your own
  - Sightseeing and tours during Russian Waterways River Cruise
  - Cruise the Volga River in Russia
  - Walking tour of Uglich
  - See the Cathedral of Resurrection in Uglich
  - See St. John's Church in Uglich
  - Visit the Church of St. Demetrius of the Blood in Uglich
  - Visit the Palace of Tsarevich Dmitri in Uglich
  - Enjoy a classical music concert by Russian violinist
  - Yaroslavl City Tour
  - Visit the Transfiguration Cathedral in Yaroslavl
  - Visit the church of St. Elijah the Prophet in Yaroslavl
  - See famous 13-th century fresco paintings in Yaroslavl
  - Enjoy a "caviar, blini and champagne" party
  - Tour the typical Russian village Goritza
  - Visit homes of local farmers in the village of Goritza
  - Relax on-board Russian River Cruise
  - Walking tour of the unique fairy-tale island Kizhi
  - Visit the Transfiguration Church in Kizhi
  - Stop at the green station of Mondraga
  - Enjoy a shashlik barbecue picnic riverside in Mondraga
  - Tour Vodka Museum in Mondraga
  - Enjoy Captain's Farewell Dinner on-board cruise
  - St. Petersburg Panorama City Sightseeing
  - See Nevski Prospect in St. Petersburg
  - See Kazan's Assembly Church in St. Petersburg
  - See the Admiralty Building in St. Petersburg
  - See Smolny Monastery in St. Petersburg
  - Se the Royal Square in St. Petersburg
  - See Isakievski Church in St. Petersburg



- See Peter and Paul Fortress in St. Petersburg
- Visit to famous Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg
- See paintings by famous artists such as Da Vinci, Rembrandt, Michelangelo and Monet at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg
- Excursion to Petrodvorets, the Summer Palace of the Czars
- See the magnificent gardens and fountains at Peter the Great's Summer Palace
- Optional Ballet or Folklore evening Show in St. Petersburg
- Enjoy free time to explore and sightsee in St. Petersburg on your own  
*(please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees)*

#### **MORE UNIQUE FEATURES DURING THE SAILING!**

- Enjoy many unique special features during the Russian Waterways River Cruise:
  - Welcome drink and information meeting
  - Choir Concert in Yaroslavl
  - Piroshki and Tea Party (Goritzka)
  - Shashlik barbecue riverside (Mondrago)
  - Champagne, blini and caviar tasting (on board)
  - On board Folklore concert
  - On board Classical concert
  - On board lectures, games and entertainment
  - Live band each evening
  - English speaking Cruise Directors throughout

#### **MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS!**

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
  - Visit Kremlin in Moscow
  - Visit Novodivechy Convent in Moscow
  - Entrances as included during the Russian Waterways Cruise during tours and shore excursions (as outlined – except those listed as optional)
  - Visit to famous Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg
  - Visit to Petrodvorets, the Summer Palace of the Czars (Peter the Great's Summer Palace)

#### **MORE FRIENDLY SPORT EXCHANGES!**

- Friendly Sport Exchanges per itinerary:
  - 2 x Friendly Tennis Exchange/matches in Moscow area
  - 2 x Friendly Tennis Exchanges/matches in St. Petersburg area*(Please note that all Friendly Tennis Exchanges and Intra-Group Play are subject to change as well as the host teams confirmations, one event may be an intra-group play)*



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### **MORE QUALITY SERVICES!**

- All transfers per itinerary
  - Transfer from Moscow airport to Moscow hotel
  - Transfer from St. Petersburg hotel to St. Petersburg airport
- All land transportation throughout tour, from arrival to Moscow and departure from St. Petersburg, by private motor coach; varies local and long-distance coaches
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange contracted local driver and guide services throughout tour; as well as local step-on guides when needed
- Baggage handling at all hotels (where available, not offered/included at airports) (one piece per person)
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- *Mandatory* Government and Airline taxes, US air taxes and Security fees are included up to \$250.00 per person, should these fees increase the additional fee would be billed at the time of ticketing.
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters, as well as on-board tipping are not included
  - **Please note:** Tipping of Tour Manager, Guides and Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is \$ 2.00-3.00 per person per day for the Guide and \$ 1.00-2.00 per full day for the driver. Tipping during River Cruise is also additional.  
(Tipping examples: Guide - 12 days on tour x \$ 2.00, for tipping of the driver/guide \$ 24.00 per person)
- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange Russia Travel Information Kit

### **End of services**

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## APPLICATION FOR ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE RUSSIA FRIENDSHIP TENNIS PROGRAM

**TOUR CODE: RU1A10**

**CLIENT CODE:**

**TOUR PRICE: \$3,895.00 plus visa fee & port taxes**

**TOUR DATE: May 29-June 11, 2010**

**TENNIS PLAYER: YES NO**

**ASD Client No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**N.T.R.P. Rating: \_\_\_\_\_**

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE, FIRST & LAST)

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_  
FIRST LAST

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **BIRTH DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

**TENNIS SHIRT SIZE**      **M**      **L**      **XL**      **XXL**

### **Tour Deposit & Cancellation Schedule**

Application and deposits should be sent to ASD Cultural Exchange or given to your group leader as soon as possible. Because of your group booking, airline and hotel cancellation fees are substantial. \$500.00 of your deposit is not refundable. Cancellation fees from 90 to 60 days before departure is \$1,000.00 plus any airline or hotel/cruise line penalties, 59 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline or hotel/cruise line penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds. ASD strongly suggests that you purchase travel insurance.

### **Medical Release**

I hereby authorize the staff of ASD Cultural exchange to act for me according to their best judgment regarding medical attention and I hereby waive and release ASD Cultural Exchange from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while abroad. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment, which would adversely affect the named participant.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

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