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Emerald Waterways Opens Books on 2021 Russian River Cruise Season

Itineraries Feature Newly Chartered Ship and an Extra Day in St. Petersburg

Vancouver, BC (July 2020) – The award-winning [Emerald Waterways](#) cruise line has opened its books on the 2021 Russian river cruise season. Sailings will feature a newly chartered river-ship, the recently refurbished *MS Nizhny Novgorod*, built specifically to sail Russia's waterways including Europe's longest river, the Volga. Featuring two itineraries, sailings onboard the *MS Nizhny Novgorod* begin in May 2021 and are available for booking now. [Details and pricing are available in the newly launched brochure available for download.](#)

The 11-day Imperial Charms of Russia river cruise allows guests to discover both traditional villages and vibrant cities as they sail from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Highlights include a guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed city of St. Petersburg, a Shashlik lunch in the picturesque village of Mandrogi, a visit to the Monastery of St. Cyril on the White Lake, and a guided tour of Moscow exploring the iconic Kremlin Grounds. New for 2021, guests can choose the reverse 12-day itinerary for an extra day in St. Petersburg at the end of the sailing, which allows for a visit to Peterhof to take in its jaw-dropping collection of gilded fountains and picturesque canals.

The *MS Nizhny Novgorod*, which was refurbished in 2019, offers a selection of on-board amenities including the Volga restaurant serving Russian-influenced dining and the Panorama Bar offering stunning views of the passing scenery. Guests have the choice of three cabin styles—Suite, Double Deluxe Cabin and Twin Cabin—all equipped with large windows for enjoying the view at any time of the day.

Prices for the 11-day itinerary start at \$6,695 CAD per person (based on the August 21, 2021 departure) and includes all on-board meals, wine and beer with lunch and dinner, all tipping and gratuities, shore excursions and exclusive events and experiences. Guests booking any 2021 departure of either Volga itinerary will receive free, round-trip flights to Russia. In lieu of flights, guests can opt to receive a discount of \$2,200 CAD per couple on the cost of the sailing.

Emerald Cruises is the parent brand of Emerald Waterways and the newly formed Emerald Yacht Cruises. The *Emerald Azzurra*, the first yacht to launch under the Emerald Yacht Cruises brand, is a 100-guest super yacht that will ply the warm waters of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Red seas. Emerald Waterways features nine branded Star-Ships offering river sailings in Europe and on the Mekong, as well as the chartered river ship along the Volga River in Russia (MS *Nizhny Novgorod*). The brand offers contemporary deluxe ships, outstanding service and an incredibly inclusive pricing plan that has won them the honour of being named Best River Cruise Line for Value by the Cruise Critic Editors' Choice Awards for five years running.

Additional information can be found by contacting your local travel agent; on Emerald Cruises' website, www.emeraldcruses.ca in Canada, or by calling the consumer/travel agent reservations line at 855-444-0161 in Canada. Digital versions of all Emerald Cruises brochures are available for download on the website.

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