THE MUSEUM OF RUSSIAN ART

Baltic Cruise

AUGUST 8-22, 2024
SAILING FROM COPENHAGEN TO STOCKHOLM
Join us!

Join Mark J. Meister, TMORA’s Executive Director & President, Dr. Maria Zavialova, Chief Curator, and Michelle Massey, Director of Public Programs and Marketing, on a Baltic Cruise experience that includes the three former Russian held countries of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Think cobbled streets filled with jumbles of bicycles, ornate palaces that date back centuries and untamed beauty as far as the eye can see. Think long white nights that spill into languid summer days. Think melting pot: equal parts language, gastronomy, tradition and diversity. But more than anything, think of a region where the countries may be close but the cultures are miles apart. Whether you want cathedrals or countryside, this Baltic sea cruise will captivate you.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

» Pre-cruise two-night stay in Copenhagen including transfers, hotel accommodations, and breakfast
» Morning tour of Copenhagen including Amalienborg Castle, Tivoli Gardens, and the Little Mermaid
» 12 day Baltic Cruise onboard Azamara Onward in the cabin of your choice
» All meals featuring gourmet dining
» All beverages including standard alcoholic beverages
» Bottled water, soft drinks, specialty coffee and teas
» All onboard gratuities
» Self service complimentary laundry
» Cabin amenities for all categories – 24-hour room service, daily news bulletin, shoeshine services at no charge, umbrellas
» Private Welcome Reception on sailing day from Copenhagen
» TMORA seminars in advance of port visits in Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia
» Access to special private shore TMORA excursions in several ports
» Complimentary AzAmazing Evening during the cruise
» Scheduled group dinners on two evenings onboard the ship
» Pre-trip gathering to meet other group guests and receive your final documents
» The services of a Carrousel Travel host to take care of all of the details from start to finish
» All taxes for included services

PRICING

VERANDA CABIN  $6,545  per person, based on double occupancy
OCEANVIEW CABIN  $5,845  per person, based on double occupancy
INSIDE CABIN  $5,345  per person, based on double occupancy

All prices are per person, based on double occupancy, and based on cash/check payment. Payments by credit card will incur an additional 3.5% fee. Single occupancy rooms/cabins available upon request.
MARIA ZAVIALOVA, PhD, TMORA Curator
Born on the shores of the Baltic Sea, in the city then known as Leningrad, Zavialova worked as a professional museum guide at Leningrad’s museums, including the Hermitage, prior to her graduation from the Leningrad State University. She taught at a drama school, worked as an editor at a publishing house, and translated Black women’s literature before she enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Minnesota. She received a PhD in Cultural Studies and English in 2008 and since then has been Curator at The Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis, where she has curated approximately eighty exhibitions. She is an award-winning translator of African American women writing into Russian, a co-director of a folk performance group, and a board member of the American Siberian Educational Foundation.

MARK J. MEISTER is the Executive Director and President of The Museum of Russian Art (TMORA) in Minneapolis, a position he has held since July 2019.

From 2018-2019, he was the first Executive Director of the Dayton Literary Peace Prize Foundation, an organization that he helped found in 2006, and from 2000 through 2017, he was the President & CEO of the Dayton Society of Natural History.

Before his tenure in Dayton, from 1989 through 1999, he was the Executive Director of the Archaeological Institute of America (AIA), headquartered in Boston, the largest archaeological organization in North America. Prior to working at the AIA, he served as the executive director of museums in Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, and Connecticut over a period of 12 years, including the Minnesota Children’s Museum, where he was the founding director from 1981-1986. His museum experience also includes work at the Minneapolis Institute of Art (1975-1977), where he was a National Endowment for the Humanities Museology Fellow, and the St. Louis Art Museum (1974).

He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Art History and Archaeology from Washington University in St. Louis, a Master’s degree in Art History/Museology from the University of Minnesota, a certificate from the Museum Leadership Institute at Claremont Graduate University, and he is a Bush Foundation Fellow.

MICHELLE MASSEY is the Director of Public Programs & Marketing at The Museum of Russian Art (TMORA), a position she has held since 2016. With an extensive background as an international entertainment producer, professional performer, and food and wine specialist, she has established a prolific and dynamic array of programming at the Museum through a wide range of artistic mediums, including visual arts, music, theater, dance, and literature. She has forged both international and local collaborations, fostering cultural understanding and building community through the mission of TMORA.

Michelle holds a Bachelor of Arts in Music and Theater from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota.
DAY 1 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 8
DEPART USA
Depart home for your overnight flight to Copenhagen.

DAY 2 | FRIDAY, AUGUST 9
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
Welcome to Copenhagen! Relax and recharge at your hotel after arriving in the Danish capital, or get a headstart on discovering this effortlessly cool city.

DAY 3 | SATURDAY, AUGUST 10
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
Enjoy a morning tour of Copenhagen and experience its old world charm. Pass by Ny Carlsberg Glyptotek, Tivoli Gardens, the world’s oldest Royal Stock Exchange, and Christianborg Palace, which today houses the Danish Parliament and the Supreme Court. Next you’ll visit the charming harbor, Nyhavn, before reaching Amalienborg Castle, the prime residence of the Danish Royal family. You’ll also pass by Rosenborg Castle where the Royal collections, including the Crown Jewels, are protected by the Royal Guard. And of course, no tour of Copenhagen would be complete without visiting The Little Mermaid, inspired by Hans Christian Andersen’s fairytale.

DAY 4 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 11
COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
EMBARK - DEPART 6:00 PM
Copenhagen is known as a city of spires: The skyline of its medieval core is punctuated by the steeples of churches and towers of palaces, though a modern building boom has overtaken other parts of the city. Spend the day admiring the city’s opulent castles and stroll along the colorful waterfront district of Nyhavn. Don’t forget to try a Danish brew and sample local eats at a food hall while you’re here.
DAY 5 | MONDAY, AUGUST 12
GDANSK, POLAND
ARRIVE 2:00 PM - OVERNIGHT IN PORT
Gdansk is a 1,000-year-old port city on the Baltic coast of Poland, which, together with the city of Gdynia and the town of Sopot, makes up the metropolitan area Trojmiasto, otherwise known as “the Tricity”. Gdansk, one of Poland’s oldest and most beautiful cities, sits on the edge of the Baltic Sea. Looking around today, it’s difficult to imagine that during World War II, much of the city was reduced to rubble. Painstakingly reconstructed with great skill, the Hanseatic architecture and historical treasures rose like a phoenix from the ruins.

DAY 6 | TUESDAY, AUGUST 13
GDANSK, POLAND
DEPART 8:00 PM
Discover even more with a second day in Gdansk. See the ornate row houses in the Old City (Stare Miasto) and visit the port with its landmark, the medieval port crane (called Zuraw) over the Motlawa river. Don’t miss the beautifully restored 14th-century Town Hall, which contains the Gdansk History Museum; the magnificent houses along the Royal Way; the city’s gates; the prison tower (and its torture museum); and the huge St. Mary’s Church (the largest brick church in Poland).

DAY 7 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14
KLAIPEDA, LITHUANIA
ARRIVE 7:30 AM - DEPART 2:00 PM
Walk the cobblestoned Old Town in Klaipeda and you’ll see its German heritage in the half-timbered architecture, beginning at Theatre Square. When thinking of countries of legends, tumult and fabulous architecture, Lithuania does not immediately spring to mind. And yet, it should – particularly Klaipeda, Lithuania’s third largest city (and only seaport). As one of the few eastern ports to not freeze during the cold Baltic Sea winters, Klaipeda has always been a coveted spot.
DAY 8 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 15
RIGA, LATVIA
ARRIVE 8:00 AM - DEPART 10:00 PM
Riga’s Old Town is a charming UNESCO World Heritage site - its winding, wobbly lanes are beautiful to wander through. Latvia’s capital is a quirky and artistic place - with an extensive collection of gleaming art-deco architecture. Trolleybuses trundle the streets, while the Old Town harbors 800 years of Hanseatic history. Church spires rocket up across the skyline, combining with sleek new architecture and spruced up Soviet-era remnants. With a quirky underbelly and beautifully preserved fairytale architecture, it’s no wonder Riga is affectionately known as the Baltic Berlin.

DAY 9 | FRIDAY, AUGUST 16
DAY AT SEA
Spend the day sailing in style aboard your boutique hotel at sea. Indulge in a treatment at Sanctum Spa, stay ship shape with a class at our fitness center, or lounge the day away on our sunny pool deck. In the evening, savor inspired Italian cuisine at Aqualina, or relish in a classic steakhouse experience at Price C. Plus, you’ll find plenty of exciting evening entertainment, from thrilling shows at Cabaret Lounge to intimate performances in the Living Room.

DAY 10 | SATURDAY, AUGUST 17
TALLINN, ESTONIA
ARRIVE 8:00 AM - DEPART 10:00 PM
While in Tallinn, visit St. Olav’s Church, once the tallest building in the world (at least until 1625); then pull up a chair at one of the cafés in the charming town square, heart of the city for 800 years. Tallinn is one of the best-preserved medieval cities in northern Europe. The city’s Old Town is filled with medieval houses and cobblestone alleyways still protected by the remnants of the city wall. Aside from Tallinn’s charming city, you can venture to the countryside to sip vodka among the ruins of Rakvere Castle, or sample cheese at a local dairy farm.
DAY 11 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
KOTKA, FINLAND
ARRIVE 8:00 AM - DEPART 8:00 PM
Tucked on the world’s largest archipelago, Kotka, Finland, delivers an island lifestyle unlike anywhere else. Famous for its architecturally stunning museums, numerous attractions, and many award-winning parks, beautiful Kotka delivers so much more. Kotka has a rich history and played an important role in the many struggles between Sweden and Russia down the years, especially in maritime battles. The town’s identity is in part defined by the Kymijoki River, the Baltic Sea, and the archipelago around it, and most of its area is in fact water.

DAY 12 | MONDAY, AUGUST 19
HELSINKI, FINLAND
ARRIVE 8:00 AM - DEPART 8:00 PM
Helsinki is a blend of traditional and modern architecture and design, interwoven with the beauty of nature and a few quirky, purely Finnish touches – such as a church built inside a giant chunk of granite. Occupying a peninsula and several islands, this capital city’s stunning structures surround some of the most spectacular bays you could ever hope to find. Stroll down broad, tree-lined streets, or take in the amazing neo-classically designed architecture in Senate Square.

DAY 13 | TUESDAY, AUGUST 20
MARIEHAMN, FINLAND
ARRIVE 9:00 AM - DEPART 5:00 PM
Mariehamn’s scenic harbors, marinas, dense greeneries, charming wooden houses, and wide, straight streets make it the perfect place to explore on foot and step back centuries through Finnish, Russian, and Swedish history. The capital of Åland, Mariehamn was named by Alexander II after the Empress Maria, and its broad streets lined with linden trees recall its Russian heritage. Nowadays it’s a bustling place – home to parks, museums, minigolf, hotels, restaurants, bars, clubs, shops, galleries and more.
DAY 14 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
ARRIVE 8:00 AM - OVERNIGHT IN PORT
Lively, cosmopolitan Stockholm sports an appealing mix of modern Scandinavian architecture and trendy restaurants with fairytale palaces watched over by a Board of Beauty, responsible for preserving the city. Discover Stockholm, the trend-setting capital of Sweden known as “Beauty on the Water”. Get a glimpse of a time before industrialization at Skansen, an open-air museum and zoo that showcases Sweden’s traditional way of life and exotic wildlife. Spend an afternoon at the Nationalmuseum or the Vasa Museum for a crash course in Viking history and Swedish art. No trip to the city is complete without spending a few hours in Gamla Stan, Stockholm’s Old Town.

DAY 15 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 22
STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
DISEMBARK
Bid a fond farewell to Stockholm and your Baltic adventure. Disembark the ship and prepare for your return flight home.

Hans Christian Andersen
The Fairy Tale of My Life: An Autobiography

To move, to breathe, to fly, to float,
To gain all while you give,
To roam the roads of lands remote,
To travel is to live.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN
Built to cross oceans, cruise along scenic waterways and dock at locations larger ships can’t access – this small ship cruising experience is unlike any other. Seven restaurants, cafes, and lounges, a refreshing pool, sun-drenched decks, a revitalizing spa... the list of amazing spaces goes on. The Azamara experience doesn’t pause when you depart a destination, it continues onboard with top-tier dining, world-class entertainment and relaxing spa experiences. Your boutique hotel at sea, the Azamara Onward® is a mid-sized ship with a deck plan that’s intimate but never crowded, and offers everything modern voyagers are looking for—plus some unexpected extras.

**VERANDA STATEROOM V3**  
**DECKS 6 & 7**  
Refreshling sea breezes and stunning destination views come standard in these staterooms that offer your own private veranda. Greet the day with room service on your balcony, or toast to another stunning sunset. Polished touches and professional service perfectly compliment the warm, friendly attention you’ll receive from our staff and crew.

**OCEANVIEW STATEROOM 8**  
**DECKS 4, 6 & 7**  
Revel in the polished style and stellar service of your own private retreat, boasting a modern and contemporary décor. Enjoy picturesque ocean views outside your window, and all the finer touches included in every stateroom.

**INSIDE STATEROOM 10**  
**DECKS 4, 6, 7 & 8**  
Explore the world in comfort and luxury in this stylish, elegant stateroom featuring all the amenities of a boutique hotel at sea. Relax with plush cotton robes and slippers, 24-hour room service, and more.
GUESTS CAPACITY: 692  |  CREW CAPACITY: 408  |  REFURBISHED: 2022  |  TONNAGE: 30,277 TONS

Deck plans are not drawn to scale and are subject to change.
PLEASE NOTE A valid passport with 6 months validity from your scheduled return is required for U.S. citizens.

NOT INCLUDED Airfare, air taxes and fees, passport fees, visa fees, airline baggage fees, meals (unless otherwise indicated in the itinerary), optional sightseeing, phone calls, travel insurance, tips to driver/guide, or any other items not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary.

SPECIAL GROUP AIRFARE A special group airfare will be offered from Minneapolis/St. Paul and will be available to book approximately 330 days prior to sailing. More details will follow.

RESERVATIONS All reservations will be handled directly with Carrousel Travel.

TRAVEL INSURANCE Trip cancellation and medical insurance is highly recommended and details are available upon request.

DEPOSIT $2,500 per person due at time of booking

FINAL PAYMENT Due by March 29, 2024

CANCELLATIONS Cancellations must be received in writing and are effective upon receipt by Carrousel Travel. The following cancellation fees will apply:

- From 1st deposit through March 29, 2024: $1,000 per person
- From March 30, 2024 through April 30, 2024: 25% of total cruise and land cost
- From May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024: 50% of total cruise and land cost
- From June 1, 2024 through departure: 100% of total cruise and land cost

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