

DAILY PROGRAMME

m/s Rakhmaninov Group 8 KRIM REJSER



July 25, Wednesday

Uglich

- 7:30 AM** Radio **wake up** melody
- 7:35 AM** Morning Exercises for enthusiasts! (deck 5)
- 7:30-9:00 AM** **Breakfast in the Restaurant, deck 3**
- 9:15 AM** **Radio Rout Information**
- 9:15 AM** **Lecture on Russian History with Thomas**
in the Concert bar, deck 4 (aft)
- 10:30 AM** Souvenir Shop Lecture "Russian way of life & traditional handicraft" in the Concert bar, deck 4 (aft)
- 12:00** **Emergency Drill**
- We are going to perform an Emergency Drill in order to familiarize you with the safety procedures onboard the ship. When you hear special signals you are to return to your cabin immediately. Please put on and secure your life jacket which you can find under your bed (or in your closet) and stand outside your cabin, until we have been cleared from the drill. During this time, the members of the ship crew will walk through the passageways to ensure that your life jacket is done properly. Please, wait for instructions before taking it off.
- Straight after the emergency drill is over all the guests are kindly requested to proceed to the deck 5 for information briefing with the captain on Safety Rules.
- 13:00** **Lunch** is served in the Restaurant, deck 3
- 15:00** Russian Language Class with Valeria, in the Concert bar, deck 4 (aft)
- 16:30** **Arrival at Uglich**
- Upon arrival we begin our Uglich Walking Tour. Make sure you wear comfortable shoes! We visit the historical Transfiguration Cathedral and the blue-domed church of Prince Dimitry On The Spilled Blood.*
- 18:45** **ALL ONBOARD!!**
- 19:00** **m/s Rakhmaninov sets sail for Yaroslavl**
- 19:00** Live music with Nikolay (balalaika) in the Panorama bar, deck 4 (fore)
- 19:30** **Dinner is served** in the Restaurant, deck 3
- 21:30** **Concert of onboard Kalinka band, Sky Bar, deck 5**
- 22:30** Music in the Sky Bar, deck 5

Cocktail of the day "Cosmopolitan"

HAVE A NICE DAY IN UGLICH!

Your onboard guide
Valeria

UGLICH



Archaeological excavations indicate that a village already existed in the Iron Age, some 6 centuries before the time of Christ. In the 10th and 11th centuries the high bank of the Volga was settled by Slavs from Smolensk and Novgorod who were attracted by the fertile soil of the region.

Uglich is said to have been officially founded in 937. The name "Uglich" is thought to derive from the fact that it lay on a bend ("ugol" in Russian) of the Volga.

It was in 1591 that Uglich was the scene of the most well-known event in its history: the mysterious death of Dmitri, a small boy of 9 years, the youngest son of Ivan the Terrible. Agents of Boris Godunov, who ruled Russia in the name of Fyodor, older brother of Dmitri, were immediately accused of murdering the young prince. Several of Boris' men were in their turn killed by the enraged people of Uglich.

However, according to an official enquiry set up by Boris Godunov, Dmitri was judged to have cut his own throat when he suffered an epileptic fit and accidentally fell on a knife with which he was playing. The tribunal condemned and punished the people of Uglich for killing Boris' agents. Many were executed and hundreds exiled to Siberia. Even the church bell, which had sounded the alarm at the time of Dmitri's death, was punished. It was whipped and had its tongue cut out before being exiled to Siberia.

In 1611 the Poles burned the town and massacred the inhabitants. Little by little the town was rebuilt and regained its prosperity. From the 17th century many stone churches were built, including the magnificent church of Saint Dmitri on Blood with its blue, star-spangled domes, built in memory of the tragic death of the small prince. In the 18th century the town was further embellished with the construction of the Church of the Transfiguration with its green dome.

In the 19th century the town experienced economic decline and became a quiet provincial backwater.

Today Uglich has some 40,000 inhabitants. The principle industries of the town - in addition to mechanical engineering and tending the hydroelectric power station - are the production of cheese and the manufacture of the well-known Chaika watches. These watches with their distinctive enamelled bracelets are on sale everywhere.

But, above all, Uglich is an important tourist destination, primarily because of its connection with the sad death of Dmitri.