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**m/s Rakhmaninov
Group 8
KRIM REJSER**



July 26, 2018

Yaroslavl

Weather forecast: +24+26, partly cloudy

- 6:30 AM** Radio wake up melody
- 6:30-8:00 AM** Breakfast is served in the Restaurant
- 8:00 AM** Arrival in Yaroslavl
- 8:00 AM** **Bus city tour of Yaroslavl**
- 11:45** **ALL ONBOARD !!**
- 12:00 AM** m/s Rakhmaninov sets sail for Goritsy
- 12:00 AM** **Lecture on Russian history with Thomas in the Sky bar, deck 5**
- Approximately at 12:30 great photo opportunity: Tolga monastery*
- 12:45** **Lunch is served in the Restaurant**
- 15:00** Russian Singing class, Concert bar, deck 4, aft
Approximately at 16:00 - Rybinsk town
- 16:30** **Russian Tea Party** is served in the Restaurant
Approximately at 17:00 we'll pass through the Rybinsk lock (great photo opportunity: monument of Volga Mother on the left side)
- 17:30** **Russian Language class** with Valeria in the Concert bar, deck 4, aft
- 19:00** Live music by Grigoriy (accordion), Panorama bar, deck 3, fore
- 19:00** Dance class with Julia and Sara, Sky bar, deck 5
- 19:30** **Dinner is served in the Restaurant**
- 21:30** **Instrumental Concert** of onboard Kalinka Band in the Sky bar, deck 5
- 22:30-00:00** Music in the Sky Bar, deck 5

HAVE A NICE DAY ONBOARD M/S RAKHMANINOV!

Cocktail of the day – Absolut stress

*Your onboard guide
Valeria*

YAROSLAVL



Yaroslavl is some 128 kms (80 miles) from the town Kostroma. The English writer Robert Byron noted that the great monuments of Yaroslavl represent "the expansion of commerce that marked the 17th century". During those great years the British, Dutch, Germans and French came to Yaroslavl and it was the height of prosperity. At that time there were more than 30 churches and the foreign community was large. A common sight then were the barge haulers (burlaki), made famous in Repin's portrait "Barge Haulers on the Volga". Some of the churches with their rich decoration have no rivals in Russia.

Today's population is about 1 million and the city occupies both banks of the Volga River. Yaroslavl is the oldest city on the Volga - it was founded in 1010! The oldest section is at the confluence of the two rivers, the Volga and the Kotorosl. The heraldic symbol is the bear - an animal that pagans worshipped as sacred. The original settlement was known as Bear Corner. The name changed after the visit (in 1010) of the Kievan Grand-Prince Yaroslavl the Wise. By the 13th c. it was the capital of it's own principality and remained politically independent for the next 250years until annexed to the Moscovy principality in 1463. And the sights? The oldest is the Transfiguration of our Saviour Monastery (1180). The monks were strong and even had their own garrison of musketeers (streltsy). The kremlin walls were 9 ft thick. The monastery was one of the richest in the whole Russia. All the Yaroslavl princes are buried here. The 19th c. Central Bazaar is at the end of the Pervomaiskaya Street and is a busy shopping district. On Ushnikov Street is the Yaroslavl Hotel - a good spot for tea or a light meal in the Bear (Medvyed) Restaurant. Just by the water is the lovely Vakhrameyev Mansion built in 1783 in the baroque style. The noble family was active patron of the arts and music.

