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VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS

## ST. PETERSBURG & THE BALTIC CAPITALS

July 3-16, 2018

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(\$4,395 air & land inclusive plus \$503 airline taxes and fees)



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Dear VMFA Members,

Travel with us on a special 14-day adventure through four distinct nations to explore some of Europe's most hidden gems. You'll be delighted by the fascinating heritage of this diverse region.

Your odyssey begins with a tour of the Lithuanian capital, Vilnius, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Travel on to Trakai, Lithuania's medieval capital, and 15<sup>th</sup>-century Trakai Castle. Passing through the Latvian countryside, you reach Rundale, the grand 18<sup>th</sup>-century Baroque palace. Stop next in Riga, the largest of the Baltic capitals, and visit Gauja National Park, Latvia's premier nature reserve. From here, make your way to the charming Estonian capital of Tallinn and the Rocca-al-Mare village museum. Your trip concludes in beautiful St. Petersburg with a tour that includes Peterhof and the Hermitage Museum.

Space on this program is limited to 24 VMFA members. We expect it will fill quickly; your early reservations are encouraged.

Sincerely,



Adele "Hutch" Livingston  
Coordinator of Member Travel

## VMFA RESERVATION FORM: ST. PETERSBURG & THE BALTIC CAPITALS

Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 per person) for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on **St. Petersburg & the Baltic Capitals** departing **July 3, 2018**. I/We understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, VISA, or by personal check. **Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., and send, with completed reservation form, to: Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., Attn: Special Interest Groups, One Newton Place, 275 Washington Street, Suite 300, Newton, MA 02458. Or you may call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765, or fax your reservation to 617-454-9199.**

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Please book my/our air from \_\_\_\_\_ I/We request an air upgrade to \_\_\_\_\_

I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_ I request a single room (limited availability)

**Post-Tour "St. Petersburg – On Your Own" Extension:** Please sign me/us up

**Please Note:** The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for **St. Petersburg & the Baltic Capitals, July 3-16, 2018**, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms & Conditions.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of Payment**  Check  American Express  Discover  MasterCard  VISA

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure, and is payable by check or credit card.

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The curtain opened, and finally we could see what lay behind ... now, sophisticated travelers are drawn to witness a world transformed. Visiting four distinct nations, four thriving capitals and their provincial outskirts, we discover for ourselves the fascinating heritage and stimulating contemporary life of this remarkable and diverse region.



## Day 1: Depart U.S. for Vilnius, Lithuania

**Day 2: Arrive Vilnius** After connecting in Europe, a short flight this morning brings us to Vilnius, the attractive Lithuanian capital with Baroque architecture, numerous churches, medieval towers and fortifications, and one of Eastern Europe's oldest "Old Towns." Our afternoon in this historic city is at leisure before tonight's dinner at our hotel. *D*

**Day 3: Vilnius** We see the highlights of the city, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on this morning's tour, including Cathedral Square, Gediminas' Tower, Vilnius University, and the President's Palace. We also tour the fascinating KGB Museum. The remainder of the day is at leisure, perhaps to relax at one of the many outdoor cafés; explore the old Jewish Quarter and ghetto; or admire the city's architectural diversity. *B*

**Day 4: Vilnius/Trakai** Today we travel about 20 miles outside Vilnius to Trakai, the medieval capital of Lithuania set in a resort village surrounded by five lakes. Here we tour 15<sup>th</sup>-century Trakai Castle, with exhibits commemorating the days when the Grand Duchy of Lithuania stretched all the way from the Baltic to the Black Sea. After a turbulent history of Russian rule, in 1991 Lithuania became one of the first of the Soviet Union's breakaway republics and today, again, is a sovereign democratic nation. *B,D*

**Day 5: Vilnius/Riga** We leave this morning for Riga, the Latvian capital. En route we stop for lunch in Šiauliai where we visit the Hill of Crosses, a pilgrimage site and symbol of Lithuanian nationalism. After crossing the border into Latvia, we travel through gentle countryside to the restored 18<sup>th</sup>-century Baroque palace of Rundale. Designed by Bartolomeo Rastrelli who also designed St. Petersburg's Hermitage, Rundale's construction took more than 30 years and 1,500 workers. From here we continue on to surprisingly sophisticated Riga, once known as the "little Paris of the North." We dine tonight at our hotel. *B,L,D*

**Day 6: Riga** This morning's city tour reveals the special treasures of this Baltic gem, once Russia's coveted warm-water port and the largest of the

Avg. High (°F)	Jul	Aug
Riga	71	70
Tallinn	70	68
St. Petersburg	70	69

## Small Group Tour Highlights

Comprehensive tour of a fascinating region • Visit to KGB Museum in Vilnius • Trakai, medieval capital of Lithuania • Rundale Palace, architectural highlight of provincial Latvia • Sigulda National Park, the "Switzerland of Latvia" • Estonia's open air Rocca-al-Mare village museum • Historic Tallinn • Tour of St. Petersburg's Hermitage, one of the world's greatest museums • Lunch with a St. Petersburg family • Peterhof, royal estate of czar Peter the Great

Day	Itinerary	Hotel	Rating
1	Depart U.S. for Vilnius		
2-4	Vilnius	Radisson Blu Astoria Hotel	First Class
5-7	Riga	Radisson Blu Elizabete Hotel	Sup. First Class
8-10	Tallinn	Radisson Blu Sky Hotel	Sup. First Class
11-13	St. Petersburg	Belmond Grand Hotel Europe	Deluxe
14	Depart St. Petersburg for U.S.		

Ratings are based on the Hotel & Travel Index, the travel industry standard reference.

Cover photo: On Day 13, we tour Peterhof, former summer palace of the czars.



We visit beautiful 15<sup>th</sup>-century Trakai Castle on Day 4.

Baltic capitals. Riga boasts lovingly restored architecture ranging from medieval to art nouveau; a well-preserved Old Town; magnificent churches, including St. Mary's Cathedral (the Dom), with its 6,789-pipe organ; and a lively arts scene. The afternoon is free; our well-located hotel offers easy access to Riga's attractions. *B*

**Day 7: Riga/Sigulda** Today we travel east of Riga to Sigulda to visit Gauja National Park, Latvia's premier nature preserve. Our excursion includes a visit to Gutmanis' Cave, a 35-foot cavern bubbling with fresh spring water believed to have curative powers; and the ruins of Turaida Castle, whose round red brick tower rises above the forest canopy. We return to Riga mid-day and dine together tonight. *B,D*

**Day 8: Riga/Parnu/Tallinn** En route to the Estonian capital of Tallinn, we stop for lunch in seaside Parnu, Estonia's "summer capital." We reach Tallinn late this afternoon; dinner is at a local restaurant. *B,L,D*

**Day 9: Tallinn** This northernmost Baltic capital has endured a history similar to that of its cousins: a favored port location often coveted by its more powerful neighbors; centuries of war with brief periods of independence; 20<sup>th</sup>-century annexing by Russia; and finally, again, independence. We see layers of Tallinn's tumultuous history on this morning's city tour featuring the surprisingly well-preserved medieval Old Town. Then the remainder of the day is free to enjoy this 800-year-old city as we wish. Green spaces abound, including vast Kadriorg Park, surrounding the palace and featuring a Japanese tea garden. *B*

**Day 10: Tallinn** This morning we visit the Estonian Open-Air Museum at Rocca-al-Mare, where 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century life is recreated with authentic wooden

farm houses, churches, and other structures from rural Estonia. We enjoy lunch together then have an afternoon at leisure to explore Tallinn independently. This evening is at leisure to dine on our own in this city with restaurants ranging from "nouveau Estonian" to American. *B,L*

**Day 11: Tallinn/St. Petersburg** We depart this morning by coach for St. Petersburg, stopping for lunch in Narva, Estonia. After arriving late this afternoon we enjoy dinner together tonight. *B,L,D*

**Day 12: St. Petersburg** Czar Peter the Great's "window on the West," St. Petersburg was built in

## Post-Tour Extension

July 16-18, 2018

### ST. PETERSBURG – ON YOUR OWN

**3 days/2 nights  
for \$425 total price**

Single Supplement: \$295

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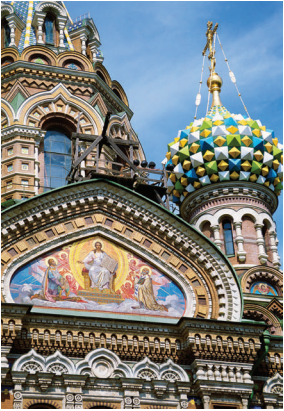
### Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights' accommodations at Belmond Grand Hotel Europe (Deluxe)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

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– JOSEPH BRODSKY

the early 1700s on 44 islands, mostly swampland. Today it's a beautiful city, laced with canals, graceful bridges, and Empire-style buildings. Our day-long tour includes a visit to awe-inspiring St. Isaac's Cathedral, whose construction took more than 40 years. We see the Peter & Paul Fortress, the Bronze Horseman statue of city founder Peter the Great, and the main thoroughfare of Nevsky Prospekt. Then for a fascinating window on Russian life, we join a local family for lunch and conversation. This afternoon we take a guided tour of the world-renowned Hermitage Museum, housing one of the world's greatest fine arts collections. *B,L*



*Cathedral of the Resurrection,  
St. Petersburg*

later rebuilt to their original designs, complete with gilding. Known for its elaborate fountains with gold statues and 142 jets, Peterhof sits in a huge park with a formal 18<sup>th</sup>-century garden. Our tour includes both the Grand Royal Palace and the Upper and Lower gardens. Tonight we gather for dinner to bid “*da sviidniya*” to St. Petersburg. *B,D*

**Day 14: Depart for U.S.** We depart this morning for our connecting flight to the United States. *B*

**Day 13: St. Petersburg/ Peterhof/**

**Peterhof** This morning we travel to Peterhof, one of the many royal “summer” palaces built by the Romanovs during the last two centuries of their rule. Most of these palaces were virtually destroyed by retreating Germans during World War II and



*Tallinn's historic and lively Town Hall Square*

**Tour Departs: July 3, 2018**

*Prices include int'l airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees.*

<b>Boston, New York</b>	<b>\$4,698</b>
<b>Philadelphia, Washington, DC</b>	<b>\$4,898</b>
<b>Atlanta, Charlotte, Chicago, Cincinnati, Miami, Orlando, Tampa</b>	<b>\$4,998</b>
<b>Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Minneapolis</b>	<b>\$5,098</b>
<b>Los Angeles, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle</b>	<b>\$5,198</b>
<b>Land Only (transfers not included)</b>	<b>\$3,595</b>

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of \$503, which are subject to change until final payment is made.

Single travelers please add \$895. All tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, surcharges, and fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: Business Class – \$3,595 per person; Premium Economy – \$895 per person (upgrades are subject to availability and pricing is subject to change). Upgrade costs are in addition to the costs above.

**For reservations and information, please call Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. toll-free at 888-370-6765**

**Monday–Friday, 9:00 AM–7:00 PM, Eastern Time**  
**For further information, contact VMFA Member Travel at 804-340-1519**

**Your Tour Price Includes**

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 12 nights' accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class, and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 12 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

*Please read this information carefully, as payment of a \$500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.*

**Not Included in Tour Price:** Airfare when purchasing a Land Only package; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; airport transfers when purchasing a Land Only package; communication charges; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities: \$10-\$15 per traveler, per day); optional sightseeing; and travel protection insurance. Additional baggage fees may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

**Cancellations, Refunds, and Changes:** If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon Odysseys Unlimited, Inc.'s receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: **cancel 95 days or more before departure: \$200 charge; cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; cancel 29-0 days before departure: no refund.** If you make any changes to your reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a \$100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. **No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure. Upon reservation, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, as well as your date of birth and gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket's reissue.**

**Responsibility:** The liability of the VMFA, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, and restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, or of their employees, agents, servants, or representatives. The VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including, without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise lines, and other independent suppliers. We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality.

**Health and Medical Issues:** We request that you be in good health to participate in this tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot offer individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that many of our tour itineraries, for reasons beyond our control, do not accommodate wheelchairs. Please call or e-mail us to inquire and we will do our best to answer any questions you may have. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, the VMFA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

**Air Transportation – Important Information:** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round-trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown, and contracts with those airlines the company feels provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2½ months prior to departure. **Please note that seat assignment on your international flight is usually done at airport check-in.** Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including, but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, Land Only is available on most tours. **Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.**



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