ES/RU s20 – Short Term 2014

• April 21 – May 21
• Three days in Moscow; three and a half weeks in Orel; three days in Petersburg
• Intended for students with an interest in contemporary Russia, environmental issues, and the intersections between culture, ecology, and politics.
• No previous language experience required.
• Program cost: $4,425
• Daily classes and conversations (historical, cultural, political contexts; conversational Russian)
• Homestays in Russian families in Orel
• Excursions & field trips
• Cultural events
• Classes in folk art
Classical St. Petersburg

Red Square – St. Basil’s

Birch Park in St. Petersburg

Classical St. Petersburg
Oryol [OREL]
Classrooms – traditional and not
Homestays in Russian Apartments
Russian food!

Shashlyk (shish-kabob)

Tort (cake)

Myod (honey)
Conversations with activists, Ecologists, NGO’s

WWF headquarters, Moscow

“liquidator” veteran of Chernobyl

Ecologist at Tolstoy’s Estate

Nuclear whistle blower Nikitin (Bellona)
Excursions & Activities

Roof-top garden, St. Petersburg

Folk art classes

Community clean-up
Canals of St. Petersburg

Country estate of Leo Tolstoy

Overnight Bus Trips

Optyna pustyn monastery
What’s included in the Program Cost?

• round-trip airfare from Boston/Logan to Russia
• hotels in Moscow & Petersburg
• visa expenses
• homestays in Orel
• all food
  – in Orel: breakfast and dinner provided by homestay families while, with group lunches and excursion meals in pre-arranged sites
  – in Moscow and Petersburg: breakfast in the hotel, a daily stipend for lunch and dinner
• group cultural activities, museum entrance fees, etc.
What’s required for the course?

• No Russian is required, but if you already have some Russian there will be a more “advanced” language group.

• No previous knowledge of environmental studies is required – just a willingness to get your feet wet (bring warm socks and good shoes!).

• Flexibility, good humor, stamina, respect for other cultural traditions, a willingness to try new things.

• A valid passport!!! Students on the Short Term will apply for visas in order to enter Russia; you will need a passport valid through the end of 2014.
**HOW DO I APPLY?**

- By completing a course application, and submitting it by January 13, 2014.
- Applications are available from me (at the information session or from the box on my office door, Hedge 112).
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