

Faculty Seminar Abroad Itinerary
St Petersburg, Almaty, Bishkek (May 8-23, 2009)

Thursday, May 7

1650 United Flight 964 departs for Moscow

Friday, May 8

1045 Arrival to Moscow

1605 Transaero flight 121 departs from Moscow to St Petersburg

1730 Arrival to St Petersburg

Saturday, May 9

0830-1145 City excursion – historical and architectural overview of St Petersburg, and tour to Peter & Paul Fortress

1315-1415 Tour of Church of the Spilled Blood

1415-1515 Free time at the artist market outside Church of Spilled Blood

Sunday, May 10

0830-1100 Drive to Novgorod – short lecture on history of Novgorod on the way

1100-1200 Lecture: Russian Christianity and Icons

1200-1330 Tour of Yuriev Monastery & Vitoslavitsy

1430-1515 Tour of the Kremlin & St Sophia's Cathedral

1530-1630 Free time

Monday, May 11

0945 Departure to Russian Museum

1000-1130 Tour of the Russian Museum

1240 Van departs for the European University of St Petersburg, Faculty of Economics

1300-1700 Lectures and meetings at European University

- Welcome
- Lecture 1: Media & Journalism in Russia (Sergei Erofeev – Director of International Programs)
- Tour of European University
- Lecture 2: Gender Issues in Contemporary Russia (Anna Temkina, Co-Director of Gender Studies Center)

1730 Dinner with European University Colleagues

Tuesday, May 12

1030-1200 Tour of the State Hermitage Museum

1300-1630 Meetings and lectures at the Faculty of Economics, St Petersburg State University

- Tour of Faculty of Economics (Nikita Lomagin, Professor of Economics & Vjacheslav Shavshukov, Dean for International Programs)
- Lecture 1: Russian Economy in the Global Context (Prof Sergei Sutyurin, Head of World Economy Department)

- Lecture 2: Doing Business in St Petersburg: Challenges and Opportunities (Assoc. Prof Nikita Lysitsin)
- 1700 Dinner with St Petersburg State University colleagues

Wednesday, May 13

0900-1100 Visit to Uliana's photographer friend Dmitry (location TBA)

- 1100 Departure for Peterhof
- 1200-1300 Tour of the Main Palace of Peterhof
- 1345-1600 Tour of Famous Fountain Park and free time in the park
- 1900 "The Tsar's Bride" at the Mikhailovsky Theater

Thursday, May 14

- 0840 Van departs for Smolny College
- 0915-1215 Visit/lectures at Smolny College
- Introduction talk on Smolny College (Bryan Billings, Associate program manager for international students)
 - Talk on the Bard/Smolny Program (Bryan Billings and Darya Pushkina, Associate Dean of International students)
 - Meeting with Dana Geraghty and Eunice Kim (UR students studying abroad at Smolny)
 - Lecture: Human Rights & Academic Freedom in Russia (Dr. Dmitry Dubrovsky, Executive Director, Ethnic Studies Program, European University; Associate Professor in International Relations, Political Science, and Human Rights, Smolny College)
 - Coffee-break with Smolny professors
- 1215-1330 Lunch with Smolny colleagues
- 1345-1445 Lecture: Russian Literature's Role in National Consciousness Past and Present (Jonathan Platt)
- 1445-1830 Free time

Friday, May 15

- 1000 Drive to Ethnography museum
- 1030-1230 Visit to Ethnography Museum
- 1445 Group transfer to airport
- 1820 Transaero Flight 122 from St Petersburg to Moscow
- 1945 Arrival to Moscow
- 2245 Transaero Flight 205 from Moscow to Almaty

Saturday, May 16

- 0515 Transaero Flight 205 arrives Almaty Int'l Airport
- 1430-1830 Walking tour of Green Market, Park Panfilovtsev, Arasan Baths, and Zenkov Cathedral (tour led by Laura Smiley, Richmond alumna, class of 1986)
- 1830 Group dinner with alumna Laura Smiley

Sunday, May 17

- 0900-1300 Travel to Chymbulak/Medeu (mountains), chairlift and hiking, lunch in outdoor café

1400-1630 Souvenir shopping at TsUM, artists on Zhibek Zholy (Silk Road)
1630-1745 Lecture: Human Rights in Central Asia (Nazgul Yergalieva, UR alumna, class of 1997)

Monday, May 18

0830 Breakfast/coffee at hotel with John Sasser, Peace Corps Country Director
1045 Drive to KIMEP University
1115 Visit to KIMEP

- Welcome and tour of campus (Ronald Voogdt, Head of International Office)
- Lecture: The role of higher education in the economy and politics of Kazakhstan (Dr. Dana Stevens, Vice President for Academic Affairs)

1300 Lunch with KIMEP folks (Ronald Voogdt, Dana Stevens, and Dr. Zharmukhamed Zardykhan, Assistant Professor of Political Science, KIMEP)

1430 Drive to KISI

1500 Visit to KISI Presidential Think Tank (Abby & Gabrielle will arrange)

Tuesday, May 19

1000 Tour the National Museum
1530 Visit to Bilim/Education USA Center

- Meeting with students who are interested in studying in the U.S. and are interested in learning about the University of Richmond
- Meeting with Education USA Staff

Wednesday, May 20

830 Breakfast at hotel with Stu Schaag, US Commercial Officer
1030 Depart for Bishkek
1400 Arrive Bishkek, check into hotel
1500 Walking tour of city center (tour guide is Cholpon Kasymalieva – former scholar at UR)
1630-1830 Free time in the city center
1900 Group dinner with US Ambassador to Kyrgyzstan, Tatiana Gfoeller

Thursday, May 21

0830 Drive to Ber-Bulak
0900 Visit to Ber-Bulak Secondary School

- Sit in on English language class
- Tour of school
- Meeting with Director of School and teachers

1130 Visit Osh Market accompanied by Peace Corps volunteers
1330 Lunch with Peace Corps volunteers/staff (Francis Smith, Kathleen Petersen, Laura Hancock – all PC Volunteers, Mahabat Sultanbekova – PC staff)

1500 Visit to Arabev Kyrgyz State University

- Meeting with Mr. Askarbek Bekboev, Rector of AKSU and department heads
- Demonstrating diploma works of graduate students from the Faculty of Fine Arts & Culture (ethnographic, musical, etc)
- Lecture 1: Kyrgyzstan's environmental problems: consequences and perspectives
- Lecture 2: Radioactive reservoirs in Kyrgyzstan
- Lecture 2: Problems for the development of ethnic culture in Kyrgyzstan

1730 Drive to National Kyrgyz State University

1800-1900 Meetings with Rector, faculty & administrators
1900 Group dinner with university colleagues

Friday, May 22

0800 Depart for Almaty via Tamgaly
1030 Arrive Tamgaly petroglyphs
1200 Depart for Almaty
1600 Arrive Almaty
1600-1830 Free time
1900 Gala farewell feast at Tao Dastarkhan mountain village

Saturday, May 23

0630 Transaero flight 206 departs for Moscow
0925 Arrive Moscow
1235 United flight 965 departs for Dulles/DC
1530 Arrive Dulles
1530 Pickup by Groome Transport, drive to Richmond
1830 Approximate arrival time to University of Richmond campus