

TRAVEL with Bates

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Discover Russia and experience some of the most magnificent unspoiled natural scenic beauty in the world. A fantastic travel adventure through colorful, historic and intriguing waterways of old Russia. Your grand cruise includes: the Moscow Canal, the upper Volga Region, cities of the Golden Ring and the "Waterways of the Czars. Visit the Russian far east with it's great wilderness, charm, and extraordinary cities.

Traveling in Russia will give you an opportunity to experience people and a culture unlike any other in the world. The Russia people are ready and willing to reach out to American visitors to share in each others cultures, history and lifestyles.

Few historical events during this past century have been as monumental as the disintegration of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

This "History in the making" is one of numerous reasons for you to visit this areas. With the recent political changes, there is a genuine vitality and excitement

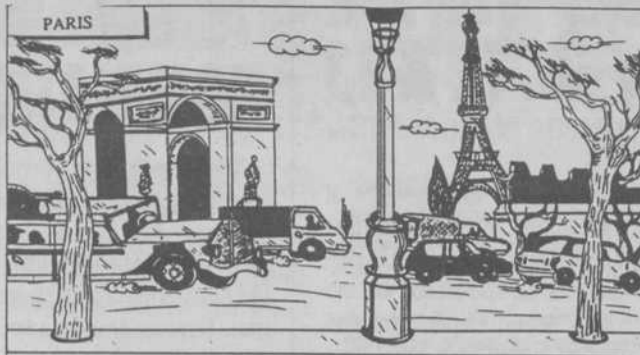
among the people. The multitude of cultures, traditions and "old world" charm are sure to mesmerize even the most sophisticated traveler.

There is no better and more convenient way to travel through the picturesque Russian countryside than abroad a comfortable cruise ship. A floating hotel which travels with you. This unique travel experience on a chartered cruise ship, catering exclusively to American travelers.

Explore historic Russia rarely seen by outsiders. Visit Moscow and St. Petersburg, using a comfortable ship as a floating hotel, and cruise the waterways between these two great cities. The fascinating Moscow Canal, the spectacular upper Volga Region and it's medieval "Golden Ring" cities. Enjoy the lakes, rivers and canals that connect the Volga with the Baltic. Experience the countryside and the scenery that has inspired generations of poets, artists and musicians.

In 1991, western tourists

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were allowed to cruise on the rivers for the first time. Lakes and canals connect two Russian imperial cities - Moscow and St. Petersburg. Czars used these waterways for centuries and now you can sail along them in comfort and style.

The scenery along the way is spectacular, with birch tree forests and onion-domed churches dotting the colorful landscape. The summer days are long, because you are traveling through the "Land of the midnight sun" where in midsummer the sun barely sets and "White nights" (June 20-26) are spent

enjoying almost 24 hours of daylight. You will see a Russia rarely seen by outsiders.

Moscow is the grand capital of Russia. It's emotional heart, will keep you enthralled and busy. Tour the city and see it's most famous landmarks. Marvel at the imposing Red Square and the spectacular rainbow colored St. Basil's Cathedral.

Visit Arbat, a pedestrian-only street lined with souvenir and other interesting shops. Tour the famous Moscow metro where each station is a living museum or marble statuary, mosaics and crystal chandeliers.

Walk inside the Kremlin walls and marvel at it's lavish palaces and splendid cathedral. Visit the incomparable Armory Palace and view it's priceless collection of imperial treasures. A spectacular performance of the world-famous Moscow State Circus will highlight one of your evenings.

Discover Khabarovsk, the cultural center of the Russian far east, perched on giant hills overlooking the Amur and Ussuri rivers. It's multitude of parks and river walks will invite exploration on foot.

Experience a two-day journey aboard the legendary Trans-Siberian Railway which will unveil some of the most breathtaking beauty and fascinating

culture imaginable. Sit back and watch a whole different world pass by.

The ambiance is austere, the amenities rudimentary. Nonetheless, to travel the Trans-Siberian Railway is indisputably one of the world's great journeys. For some foreigners, it is the realization of a lifelong dream, for others, an unexpected and unforgettable travel adventure to be treasured. For the Russian people, it is simply a way of life. The passage of the train is an event. Each tiny town awaits it's arrival, yearning to see the travelers, watching for visitors from foreign lands, waiting to sell or see or speak to any of those who stop.

Visit historic Irkutsk, known for decades as the "Paris of Siberia." Once a crossroad for

trade among Mongols, Chinese and Russians, the city reflects these diverse cultures from it's architecture to the faces of it's people. The city has rich history as the center of trade connecting the far east with Europe.

The city has seen caravans laden with furs, silk, and gold pass through it's ports on long journeys across the continent. The city holds a conglomeration of Moorish and Neoclassical architecture, along with some of the original wooden houses typical of old Siberia. It has an array of museums and art galleries, many of which are housed in buildings which themselves qualify as museum pieces.

Cruise tours are a great travel experience and a fantastic value offered at prices which you will (See Travel with Bates, Pg 22)

MY POINT OF VIEW

BLINK

By Jacqueline R. Walker
A MICHAEL APTED FILM
NEW LINE CINEMA
PRODUCTION

Starring Madeleine Stowe,
Aidan Quinn and
Bruce A. Young

Blink, it's there, blink it's gone. What you see isn't always what's there! Madeleine Stowe's character is a talented musician that happens to be blind and get's her sight back after a cornea eye transplant. The after effects of the transplant delays her viewing conception. In the shadows of her apartment complex there's murder and she is the only witness. Lieutenant (Bruce A. Young) Aidan Quinn's character, a cocky police detective with a bad rep for being a womanizer, is assigned to the case. There has been three murders, what is the connection?

Bruce A. Young, a talented character actor, plays the hard nose Lieutenant over the precinct. He is assigned to the murder cases, that's smelling like

serial killing. The lieutenant wants this case solved before murder number four.

SPOTLIGHTED AFRO-AMERICAN: The character Bruce A. Young, who has appeared in a number of motion pictures, T.V. movies and the theater: Trespass, An Innocent Man, In the House, Three on a Match, and Elliot Loves.

RECOMMENDATION: For seventeen and older. A provocative suspenseful romantic thriller, sexually elicit and violent.

COMING TO THE SILVER SCREEN: CROOKLYN, Spike Lee film; SUGAR HILL, starring Wesley Snipes, BLUE CHIP, starring Shaquille O'Neal; THE INKWELL with Larenz Tate of Menace II Society.

OUT ON VIDEO: (SPOT LIGHTING): Spike Lee film, MALCOLM X, starring Denzel Washington. Excellent Black History Month film.

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