

m/s Rakhmaninov Group 8 KRIM REJSER



July 29, 2018, Sunday
Mandrog

- 7:30 AM Radio wake up melody
- 7:35 AM Morning Exercises on the Sun Deck
- 7:30 - 9:00 AM **Breakfast** is served in the Restaurant
- 8:00-11:00 AM **Settling the bar bills** in the Sky Bar, deck 5
- 8:00-11:00 AM Duty free shop in the Sky Bar, deck 5
- 9:15 AM Radio Route Information
- 9:15 AM **Russian Language Class** with Valeria in the Concert bar, deck 4, aft
- 10:00 AM Workshop "Rattle play" in the Concert bar, deck 4, aft
- 11:00 AM **Arrival in Mandrog**. Explore the settlement on your own!

The ship makes the so-called "green stop" so you can enjoy nature and admire typical Russian countryside. If you would like to visit Fairy Tale Island with wooden figures of main characters of Russian folk tales and mini zoo, you may get the fairy tale ferry with wooden wheel operated manually to get the island. *Enjoy!*

- 12:30 **LUNCH - RUSSIAN BARBECUE ON SHORE IN TENT №3**
(Please, take your tickets with you!)
- 14:15 **ALL ONBOARD!**
- 14:20 **Lecture on Russian history with Thomas** in the Sky Bar, deck 5
- 14:30 m/s Rakhmaninov sets sail for St.Petersburg (295 km)
- 15:30 **Tombola All-Tickets-Win Lottery**, Concert Bar, deck 4 aft
**You can buy tickets in the Souvenir shop (deck 2) and Art salon (deck 3)*
- 16:00 **Rehearsal for the Talent Show, Concert bar, deck 4, aft**
- 19:30 **Captain's Farewell Dinner** is served in the Restaurant
- 21:30 **Talent Show** in the Sky Bar, deck 5
- 22:30-00:00 **Music** in the Sky Bar, deck 5

HAVE A NICE DAY!

Cocktail of the day "Kalinka"

Your onboard guide
Valeria

Mandrog



The small village of Mandrog is a romantic vision from the past. The village was recently created as a tourist attraction by men of enterprise with artistic taste. Their cosy log cabins were designed in the old Russian style to attract visitors who can enjoy fanciful wood-carvings, visit a museum of samovars, buy souvenirs made by local craftsmen and have a good meal with Russian vodka or tea.



The history of Mandrog is not so romantic. It used to be a settlement of Veps (Karelian people). In the days of the last World War it was occupied by the Germans, the population was interned never to return and the place became desolate. In the 1960s sand was processed here but the workers left the village when the quarries were closed. Today the population is small, yet industrious and enterprising. The head of the community says that there are some Veps (descendants of the natives) that have returned. Mandrog means "pine-trees on the bog" in the Veps language. The local people are not cast down; they are working hard and feel hopeful about their future here.

A major attraction at Mandrog is the Museum of Vodka. This traditional alcoholic drink is made of grain. Many dishes of Russian cuisine can be washed down with vodka, like pan cakes and caviar. The museum exhibitions show the history of the drink and how it is produced. There is a tasting bar where visitors can taste the best sorts of Russian vodka.



Mandrog is a lovely green stop and an open-air museum representing part of a Russian village. There are no churches, no monasteries, no organized tours. Instead tourists usually have a typical Russian barbecue/ picnic with shashlik as the main course. Either before or after lunch time the tourists are free to wander around the village. They can enter the houses, listen to Russian folk music and songs and visit a small zoo with a bear, geese, ducks and other animals and birds. For some additional price tourists are offered to have a ride on a carriage harnessed with horses. In the cafes on the shore you can try some traditional Russian dishes: meat dumplings, pancakes with caviar, jam, berries, sour cream, fried meat and trout and, of course, vodka.