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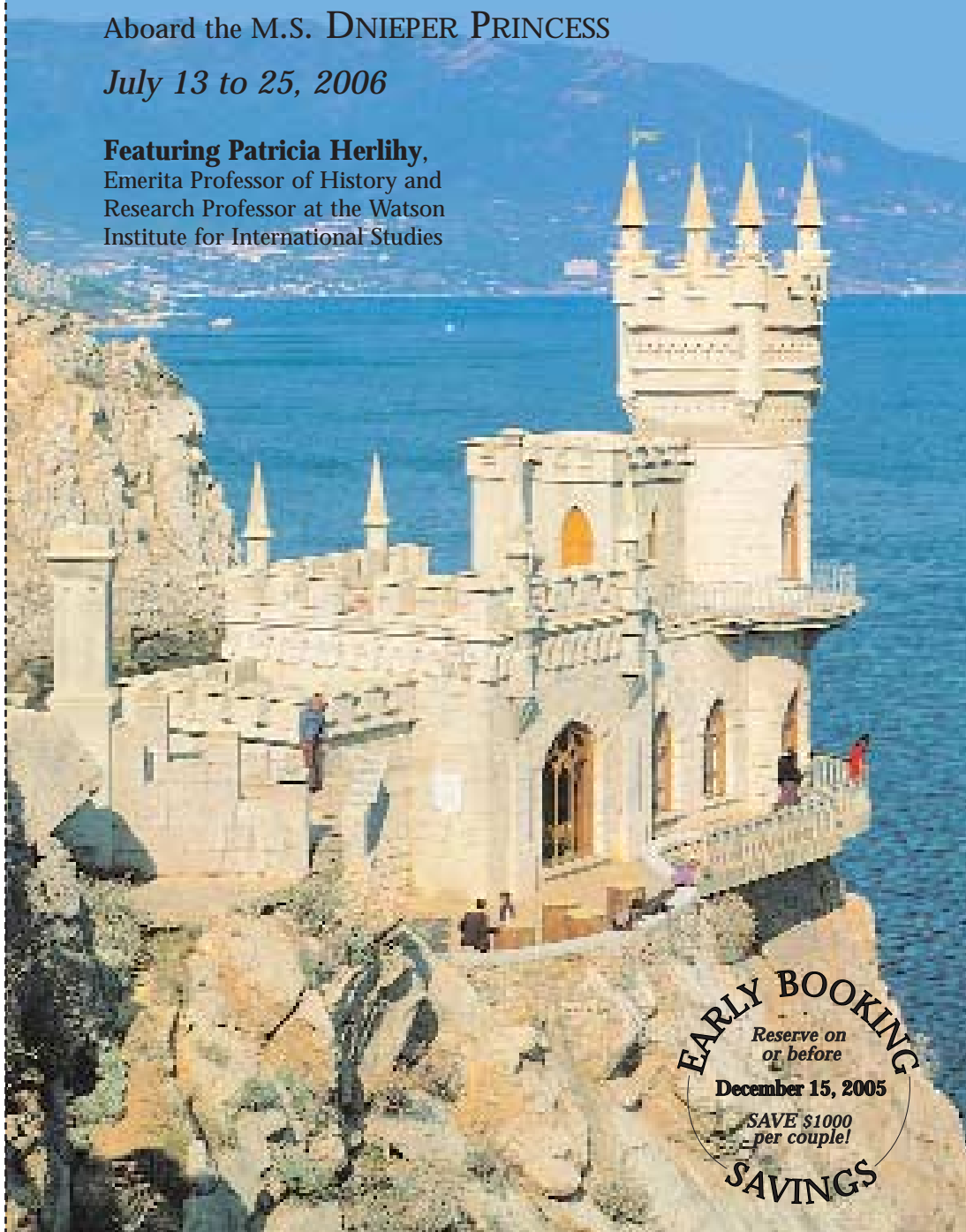
CRUISING THE NEW EUROPE ALONG UKRAINE'S DNIEPER RIVER

KIEV TO ODESSA
CRIMEAN PENINSULA ♦ BLACK SEA

Aboard the M.S. DNIEPER PRINCESS

July 13 to 25, 2006

Featuring Patricia Herlihy,
Emerita Professor of History and
Research Professor at the Watson
Institute for International Studies



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Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown:

Like America's Mississippi River or Germany's Rhine, Ukraine's Dnieper River has defined a nation. Sweeping across the Ukrainian countryside, it has traced a broad course through Ukrainian history. Intrepid Viking warrior-merchants once plied its waters, seeking trade routes to the Black Sea and Constantinople. Along its banks rose the stately city of Kiev, and across the Dnieper's fertile plains Cossack horsemen once rode.

Join us on an 11-night voyage on the Dnieper River and the Black Sea aboard the M.S. DNEPER PRINCESS, the finest ship cruising Ukrainian waterways. From ancient Kiev, a thriving political, religious, cultural and commercial center when Moscow was little more than a village, sail south along the Dnieper through a landscape of tranquil beauty, passing through wooded hills, endless steppes and lush farmlands. Cross the Black Sea to the Crimean Peninsula, a popular retreat since the days of the czars, and to the cosmopolitan seaport of Odessa, Ukraine's gateway to Turkey and the lands of the Eastern Mediterranean.

This unique itinerary introduces you to the seldom-seen treasures of a nation reasserting its identity and reclaiming its roots as it rises from seven decades of Soviet domination. With comfortable accommodations aboard ship throughout the trip, all meals and a comprehensive schedule of exclusive excursions, you can explore the cultural and natural riches of Ukraine at an unhurried pace. Specially arranged optional excursions will introduce you to the timeless legacy of the Cossacks and the Tatars, whose cultures have left an indelible mark on Ukraine's history. And perhaps best of all, you will be accompanied throughout this journey by Pat Herlihy, one of the Brown Travelers' favorite professors. Pat specifically asked me to find this itinerary for her, as she knows firsthand the cultural richness of the areas to be visited.

We will share this departure with alumni and friends from Harvard, Tufts and Johns Hopkins, and space is limited. We encourage you to make your reservations today, as Early Booking Savings are available only through December 15, 2005.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer '88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

Faculty Lecturer - Patricia Herlihy

Pat received her B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and her Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and taught Russian and Soviet history at Brown for 16 years. Currently she is a Research Professor at Brown's Watson Institute for International Studies. Pat has been going to Russia regularly since 1970 and recently was made an honorary member of the International Club of Odessans (the only native-born American so honored). She first became interested in the city of Odessa when she wrote her doctoral dissertation on the Black Sea trade to the Mediterranean in the 19th century. She first visited Odessa in 1974 and at the time was the first American exchange professor to go to Odessa State University. Among her publications are *The Alcoholic Empire: Vodka and Politics in Late Imperial Russia*; *Odessa: A History, 1794-1914*; and *Odessa Memories*. Having published more than a dozen articles on Odessa, she is currently working on another one. Pat is one of the Brown Travelers' very favorite professors, and this trip will be her 11th with the program.



U.S.

Thursday, July 13

Depart for Kiev.

KIEV, UKRAINE

Friday, July 14

On arrival in Kiev, embark the ship.

KIEV

Saturday, July 15

Legend holds that Kiev was founded in A.D. 482 on the hilly western bank of the Dnieper River. In the ninth century it became the nucleus of Kievan Rus, the first Eastern Slavic state and later the focal point for the spread of Christianity throughout the Dnieper and Volga regions. Begin your exploration of Kiev in its hilly Upper Town on the west bank of the Dnieper. Walk down *Andriyivsky Uzviz* ("Andrew's Descent"), a colorful street where local artists and craftsmen display their wares. View the Golden Gate, a remnant of Kiev's medieval city walls and once the ceremonial entrance to the city, and the Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine's glass-domed, Neoclassical Parliament.

This afternoon, visit the 11th-century Kievo-Pechersky Lavra, or Caves Monastery, one of the earliest and most extraordinary Eastern Orthodox religious centers. Monks once lived in the underground labyrinth of its caves, which

were later turned into catacombs, and where mummified bodies of monks can still be seen. This monastic complex, located on a wooded slope overlooking the Dnieper, is the spiritual heart of Ukraine. Enter the shrine through Trinity Gate Church, renowned for its 17th- to 19th-century icons. The Dormition Cathedral, destroyed once by fire and once by war, now stands rebuilt, its seven gold turrets symbolizing the nation's rebirth. The Ukrainian Museum of Historical Treasures houses a marvelous treasure-trove of beautifully wrought Scythian gold artifacts from the fourth century B.C., and the Church of All Saints represents the finest example of Ukrainian Baroque architecture.

Join your traveling companions this evening at the captain's welcome reception.

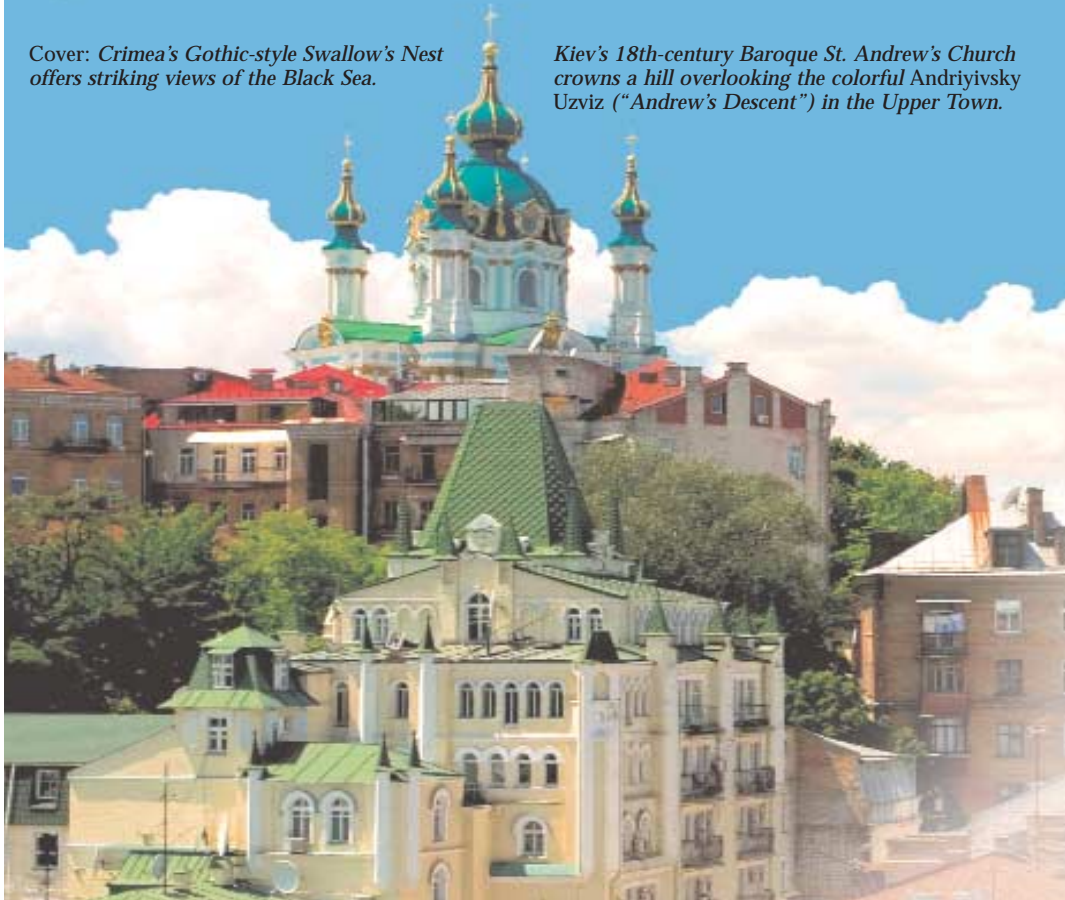
KIEV

Sunday, July 16

Drive to the nearby Pirogovo Open-Air Museum, a lovely collection of 300 wooden cottages, mills and churches. Here artisans pursue such traditional crafts as blacksmithing and pottery making. View the 400-year-old Church of St. Michael, which glitters in gold both inside and out. This afternoon visit Kiev's magnificent Cathedral of St. Sophia. Built early in the 11th century by Prince Yaroslav the Wise to commemorate a

Cover: *Crimea's Gothic-style Swallow's Nest offers striking views of the Black Sea.*

Kiev's 18th-century Baroque St. Andrew's Church crowns a hill overlooking the colorful Andriyivsky Uzviz ("Andrew's Descent") in the Upper Town.





military victory, this enchanting edifice was modeled on Constantinople's Hagia Sophia. Within the cathedral, you can admire original frescoes and well-preserved Byzantine mosaics and view the sarcophagus of Yaroslav, honored to this day by Ukrainians and Russians. St. Sophia was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1990.

Depart Kiev late this evening and cruise south on the Dnieper River.

KANIV

Monday, July 17

Dock this morning in the picturesque town of Kaniv, the burial site of Taras Shevchenko, Ukraine's greatest poet and a national hero. Born into serfdom in the early 19th century, he rose to fame as an artist, poet and political activist. View his tomb and its memorial obelisk, set atop an oak- and chestnut-shaded bluff overlooking the Dnieper River, and tour the adjacent Literary Museum, which houses paintings, photographs and Shevchenko's artifacts. Enjoy free time in Kaniv before resuming your cruise. This afternoon attend a shipboard tasting of hearty local wines.

KREMENCHUK

Tuesday, July 18

Set out on a walking tour of Kremenchuk, a provincial town on the left bank of the Dnieper River. Founded in 1571, it grew prosperous on trade between Moscow and the Black Sea and was once a stronghold of the Cossacks. On the walking tour, see Kremenchuk's lovely parks and sandy beaches and visit a typical Ukrainian farm. Spend the afternoon cruising.

Right: Pirogovo's Open-Air Museum preserves Ukraine's legacy of traditional wooden architecture.

ZAPORIZHZHYA

Wednesday, July 19

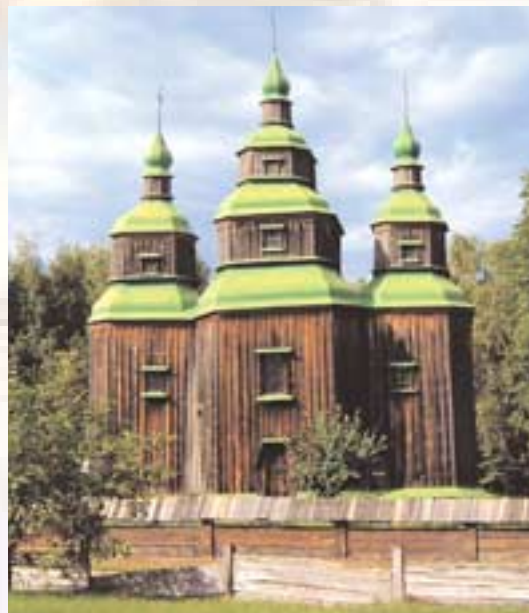
To any Ukrainian, Zaporizhzhya calls to mind images of the Cossacks, the proud, free-spirited horsemen who governed themselves according to their own laws and dominated the steppes of Ukraine and southern Russia in the 16th and 17th centuries. On nearby Khortytsya, largest of the Dnieper's islands, they established a stronghold around 1550 and lived their lives unfettered by outside control. After a brief city tour of Zaporizhzhya, drive to Khortytsya to visit the Museum of Cossack Glory, where you can view weaponry, clothing and portraits of the Cossacks and art and artifacts of the Scythian warriors, who ruled Ukraine in the 4th century B.C.

You have the afternoon free to explore Zaporizhzhya on your own or to attend an optional Cossack horse show and see stirring feats of horsemanship and lively folk dances accompanied by traditional Ukrainian music. Depart for Kherson early this evening.

KHERSON/DNIEPER DELTA

Thursday, July 20

Founded by Empress Catherine the Great of Russia in 1778, Kherson occupies a strategic site overlooking the Dnieper Delta and commands a panoramic view of the Black Sea. Embark small boats and sail into the heart of the delta, a watery wilderness renowned for its wealth of bird life. Watch for great white pelicans, black-winged stilts, bright pink flamingos and countless year-round and migratory species you might not expect to find at this latitude. Call at a traditional fishing settlement whose residents still live attuned to the rhythms of nature. Return to the ship and cruise throughout the night.



SEVASTOPOL

Friday, July 21

Sail into the Crimean port of Sevastopol, built in tiers upon hills overlooking a magnificent natural harbor. The headquarters of the Black Sea Fleet under the czars and the Soviets, it remained closed to the outside world until 1990. Begin your morning with a visit to nearby Khersones, the ruins of a Greek trading settlement established in 421 B.C. From the Sevastopol Panorama, enjoy a sweeping view of the city and harbor and learn more about the Battle of Sevastopol in 1855, a key engagement in the Crimean War; you will also view monuments to the city's heroic resistance to German forces during World War II.

The afternoon is free for independent pursuits. Alternatively, you may join the optional excursion to Bakhchisarai — Garden Palace — the opulent seat of the Tatar *Khans* who ruled Crimea from 1427 to 1783. Walk through the Khan's Palace, noted for its harmonious blend of Persian, Turkish and Italian architectural elements, and view the legendary Fountain of Tears, which inspired one of Aleksandr Pushkin's greatest poems.

SEVASTOPOL/YALTA

Saturday, July 22

Although the Crimean Peninsula occupies the same latitude as northern Maine, its mountainous southern coast enjoys an unusually mild climate, with flowers blooming year-round. Here stark, jagged 5,000-foot peaks plunge dramatically into the Black Sea, their lower slopes cloaked in a mantle of Mediterranean vegetation — oak, pistachio and juniper. Head east on a



Explore Crimea's 19th-century Alupka Palace and its beautifully landscaped grounds.

full-day excursion to Yalta, a favorite seaside retreat for both czars and commissars. During the late 19th century, the Russian nobility flocked here to bask in Yalta's abundant sunshine and breathe its invigorating sea air. In 1911, Czar Nicholas II, the last of the Romanovs, built Livadia Palace, a Renaissance-style mansion of white granite, as a summer residence for his family. Livadia achieved international renown in February 1945, when it served as the setting for the historic Yalta Conference, where Franklin D. Roosevelt, Winston Churchill and Josef Stalin determined the post-World War II status of Germany and Eastern Europe.

SEVASTOPOL/ALUPKA

Sunday, July 23

Nestled beneath the rugged Ai-Petri mountain range is the tranquil hamlet of Alupka. Here, Count Vorontsov, a 19th-century governor-general of Crimea, spent 18 years and 9,000,000 pieces of silver building and furnishing a summer retreat overlooking the Black Sea — the Alupka Palace — that remained unoccupied during his lifetime. On your morning tour of the palace, a fanciful blend of Scottish and Moorish architecture, see where Churchill and the British delegation stayed during the Yalta Conference and walk through the beautifully landscaped gardens, known for their palm trees and colorful floral plantings.

Depart Sevastopol early this afternoon and cruise the Black Sea.

Left: 1945, Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin (inset) met for the historic Yalta Conference in Livadia Palace, originally built as a summer home for the Romanovs.



M.S. DNEPER PRINCESS

German-built and completely renovated in 2002, the M.S. DNEPER PRINCESS is both a river- and a seagoing ship, equipped with state-of-the-art navigational aids for cruising the Dnieper River and the Black Sea. Its inviting, informal ambiance sets the tone for a journey through the New Europe.

Each of the 152 comfortable cabins is outside and features a private bathroom, climate control, minibar and picture window that opens.

The ship's Kyiv and Odessa Restaurants accommodate all guests in single, unassigned seatings. Continental cuisine is prepared to Western tastes but also includes Eastern European specialties. Panoramic windows give participants scenic views of the countryside while they dine. Afternoon tea is served daily.

Public areas include two tastefully appointed lounges, boutique, hair salon, sun deck and massage facilities. A daily program of entertainment will introduce participants to the lively cultural heritage of Ukraine. A professionally trained, English-speaking Ukrainian crew provides attentive and friendly service. The ship has a qualified physician on board.



Cabin Category 4



Lounge

ODESSA

Monday, July 24

Arrive in Odessa, founded by Catherine the Great in 1789 to guard the southern approaches to her empire. On your morning tour, walk along its tree-lined avenues, admire its graceful Franco-Italian architecture and see the majestic Potemkin Stairs, immortalized in Sergei Eisenstein's cinema classic, *The Battleship Potemkin*. This afternoon, enjoy time at leisure to explore Odessa independently. You may choose to stroll down Deribasovskaya Street, the city's lively commercial heart; relax in a café in the glass-vaulted Passazh Corridor; or visit the ornate Odessa Opera House and Ballet, rebuilt by Austrian architects in 1887. Conclude your cruise program this evening with an optional performance at the Opera House.

ODESSA/U.S.

Tuesday, July 25

Transfer to the airport and return to the U.S., arriving later today.

For nearly 120 years, Odessa's elegant Opera House has hosted stellar performances.





UKRAINE—THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA AND A NEW EUROPE

A rising tide of freedom and democracy has spread across the lands once ruled from the Kremlin, now known as the New Europe. Beginning with the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia in 1989, a wave of renewal and reform swept away the last vestiges of the old order and introduced a new era of peace and stability — the Baltic States regained their independence in 1991; Georgia's Rose Revolution of 2003 brought about the restoration of democratic government; and, in 2004, in an unprecedented outpouring of popular support, Ukraine's Orange Revolution upheld the sovereignty of the people in a nation proud of its ancient traditions of liberty.

Ukraine has come full circle with its recent democratic triumph and has reclaimed its historic position in the arena of international affairs. Today, as in medieval times, it serves as a conduit and crossroads for commerce and ideas, a link between the Baltic and Black Seas, between the heartland of Europe and the steppes of Central Asia. Kiev, "the Mother of Eastern Slavic Civilizations," once again ranks among the world's great capitals; churches and monasteries have been restored; traditional culture flourishes anew; and, as in ages past, a gracious and hospitable people extend a warm welcome to visitors from all quarters of the globe.

Kiev's golden-domed churches glitter in the sun along the Dnieper River.



INCLUDED FEATURES

Air transportation from New York to Kiev with return from Odessa to New York.

Educational program of advance readings, lectures and discussions with Brown Professor Pat Herlihy.

ABOARD THE M.S. DNIEPER PRINCESS

- ◆ 11-night cruise from Kiev to Odessa, with calls at Kaniv, Kremenchuk, Zaporizhzhya, Kherson and Sevastopol (for Yalta and Alupka).
- ◆ Accommodations in an outside cabin with private bathroom facilities.
- ◆ Captain's welcome and farewell cocktail receptions.
- ◆ All meals throughout the cruise, served at a single unassigned seating.
- ◆ Kiev city tour, featuring the artists' and craftsmen's street of *Andriyivsky Uzviz*.
- ◆ Excursions to Kiev's 11th-century **Caves Monastery**, the rustic Pirogovo Open-Air Museum and the majestic **Cathedral of St. Sophia**.
- ◆ Tour of Kaniv's Taras Shevchenko Tomb and Literary Museum.
- ◆ Walking tour of Kremenchuk.
- ◆ Overview tour of Zaporizhzhya, the center of Cossack culture, featuring a visit to Khortytsya Island's Museum of Cossack Glory.
- ◆ Brief nature-watching cruise through the wetlands of the Dnieper River Delta by small boat from Kherson.
- ◆ Orientation tour of the historic port of Sevastopol.
- ◆ From Sevastopol, excursions to **Yalta, Livadia Palace and Alupka Palace** on the Crimean Peninsula's temperate southern coast.
- ◆ City tour of cosmopolitan Odessa, featuring the **Potemkin Stairs**.

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Odessa's majestic Potemkin Stairs link tree-lined Primorsky Boulevard to the Black Sea.



The ancient Greek trading settlement of Khersones rises above the Black Sea near Sevastopol.

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