

Our Royal Princess Baltic Cruise 2014

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Overview

- We took this cruise in 2014.
- Our itinerary: Copenhagen, Oslo, Aarhus, Berlin (Warnemunde), Tallinn, 2-Day St. Petersburg Experience (includes two days & overnight), Helsinki, Stockholm (Nynashamn), Copenhagen.
- It was a wonderful trip. Besides the great ports, it was even more exciting as all wondered if the future king of England would be born during our voyage by the godmother of the Royal Princess, Kate.
- George was actually born about a month later.

The Royal Princess

- This Princess Cruise ship measures 141,000 tons and has a capacity of 3,600 passengers.
- Her amenities include a pair of public areas cantilevered over the side of the ship on the top deck—a walkway on the starboard side and a bar on the port side.
- She features expanded public areas and a wonderful central Piazza atrium.
- The ship has more dining options than previous Princess vessels and they all are very good.
- Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Cambridge, Kate, is the godmother of the ship. They showcase her dress from the launching ceremony & display fresh flowers every day by her portrait.

The Royal Princess

cantilevered walkway over the side of the ship on the top deck

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In port in Oslo, Norway

Mosaic of the Royal Princess

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The Royal Princess

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Our Cabin

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Great Pub at Sea—the WheelHouse Bar & Grill



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Alfredo's

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International Café & the Coffee Bar



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Sabitinis--
Princess'
signature
Tuscan-inspired
specialty
restaurant



Chef's Table Lumiere



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Atrium Area

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Godmother of the Ship Catherine (Kate)



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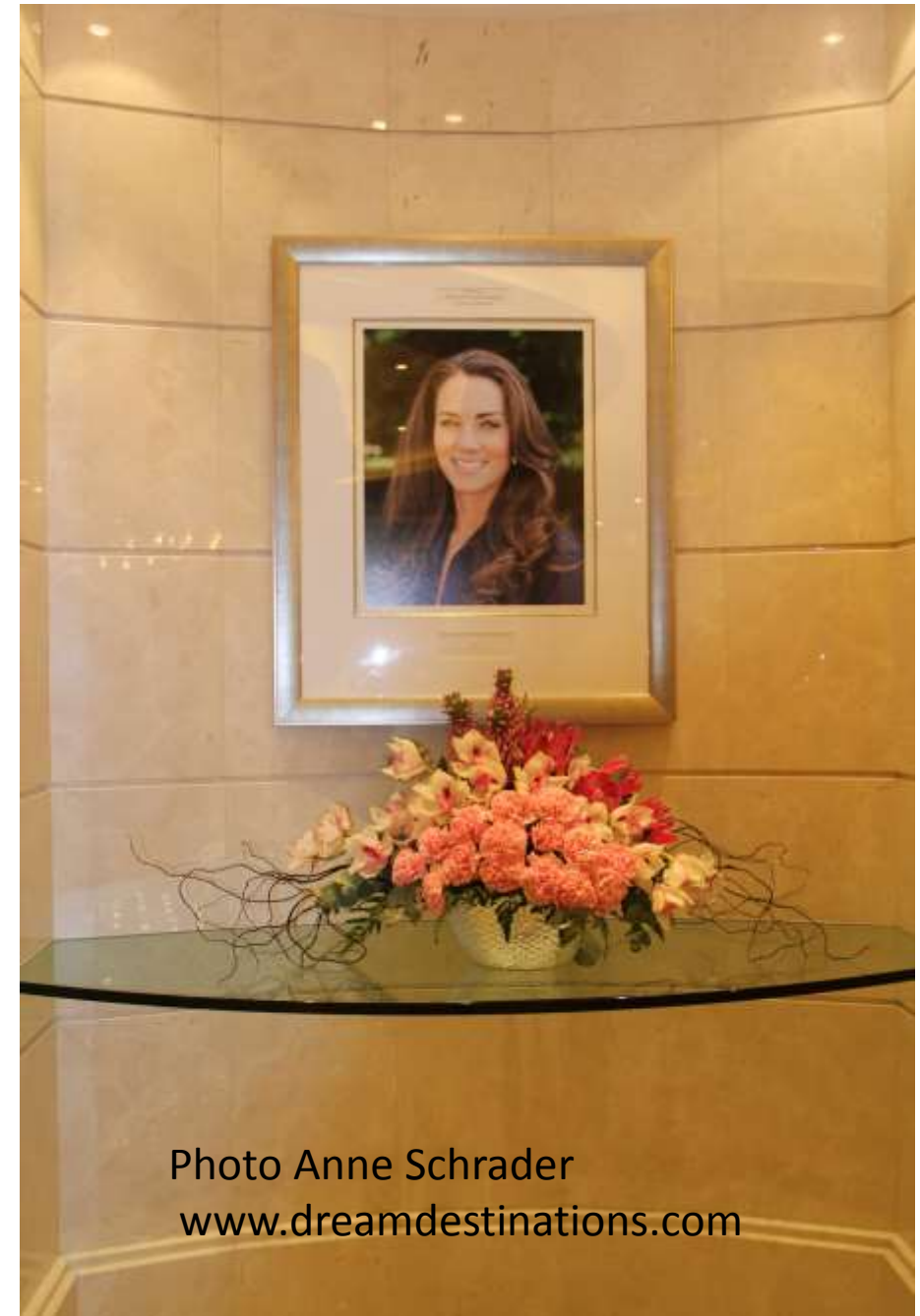


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Departing Copenhagen—the city skyline in the background

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Kronborg Castle--Immortalized as Elsinore in Shakespeare's play Hamlet while departing Copenhagen

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Oslo, Norway

- Oslo is the capital of Norway.
- It is located on the country's southern coast at the head of the Oslo fjord.
- The city of Oslo is known for its citywide green spaces and museums.
- The harbor area is a great place to walk around.

Akershus Fortress Oslo, Norway



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Guard at Akershus Fortress Oslo, Norway



Akershus Fortress Oslo, Norway

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Trolls for sale Oslo, Norway



Street performer on stilts in the Oslo harbor front, Oslo, Norway

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Town Hall Oslo, Norway

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Aarhus, Denmark

- Aarhus is the second-largest city in Denmark.
- It is located on the east coast of the Jutland peninsula, in the geographical center of Denmark.
- It's chief attraction is the Old Town called Den Gamle By. It is an open-air town museum of 75 old buildings collected from all over Denmark and reassembled here in the museum

Aarhus, Denmark

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The Coin Master's Mansion Dem Gamle By. Dem Gamle By is an open air museum

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Dem Gamle By



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Old Water Mill Dem Gamle By

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Dem Gamle By

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Berlin (Warnemunde)

- Berlin is Germany's capital and cultural center. The city was founded in the 13th century.
- Berlin was divided after WW II and during the Cold War became a symbol of the conflict between East and West.
- Today it's known for its art scene, nightlife and modern architecture.
- Reminders of the city's turbulent 20th-century history include its Holocaust Memorial and the Berlin Wall's graffitied remains.
- Its 18th-century Brandenburg Gate has become an iconic symbol of German reunification.

The Hauptbahnhof--Berlin's Central Train Station Berlin, Germany

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Cruise boat on the Spree River, Berlin, Germany

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The Alexanderplatz TV Tower Berlin, Germany

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The Reichstag Berlin, Germany



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These stones in the road show where the Berlin Wall once stood.



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Brandenburger Tor (Gate) Berlin, Germany

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Quadriga statue sits atop the Brandenburger Tor (gate) Berlin, Germany

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Russian Embassy Gate
Unter den Linden
Berlin, Germany



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Old German money on display in Nante Eck Restaurant Berlin, Germany



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Berlin, Germany



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Bar at the Nante Eck Restaurant Berlin, Germany



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Anne's meatballs at our lunch in the Nante Eck Restaurant Berlin, Germany



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My meal in the Nante Eck Restaurant Berlin, Germany



Monument to the Murdered Jews

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The Goethe Monument in Berlin Tiergarten Berlin, Germany



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Tallinn

- Tallinn is Estonia's capital. It is the country's cultural hub.
- The walled, cobblestoned Old Town is one of the best remaining walled cities in all of Europe.
- Inside the Old Town there are many cafes and shops.
- The gothic, towering Town Hall is among the Baltic region's oldest. It is a wonderful old stone building with a lot of interesting details
- Tallinn is among our all time favorite places in Europe.

Tallinn City Walls



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Old Town Square, Tallinn Estonia

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Town Hall Detail



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Estonia is famous for Amber

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Cool Old Shop signs



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The Alexander Nevsky Russian Orthodox Cathedral Tallinn, Estonia



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2-Day St. Petersburg Experience

- We ported in St. Petersburg included two days & an overnight stay.
- Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, it was the imperial capital for 2 centuries. It is the country's cultural center.
- Since Russia requires visas, the only way to visit the many sights of St. Petersburg is by a ships tour. Since it was our second visit, we took the subway tour—it was really cool!

St. Petersburg, Russia

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The tall spire of the
Cathedral of Peter
& Paul, Peter &
Paul Fortress, St.
Petersburg, Russia

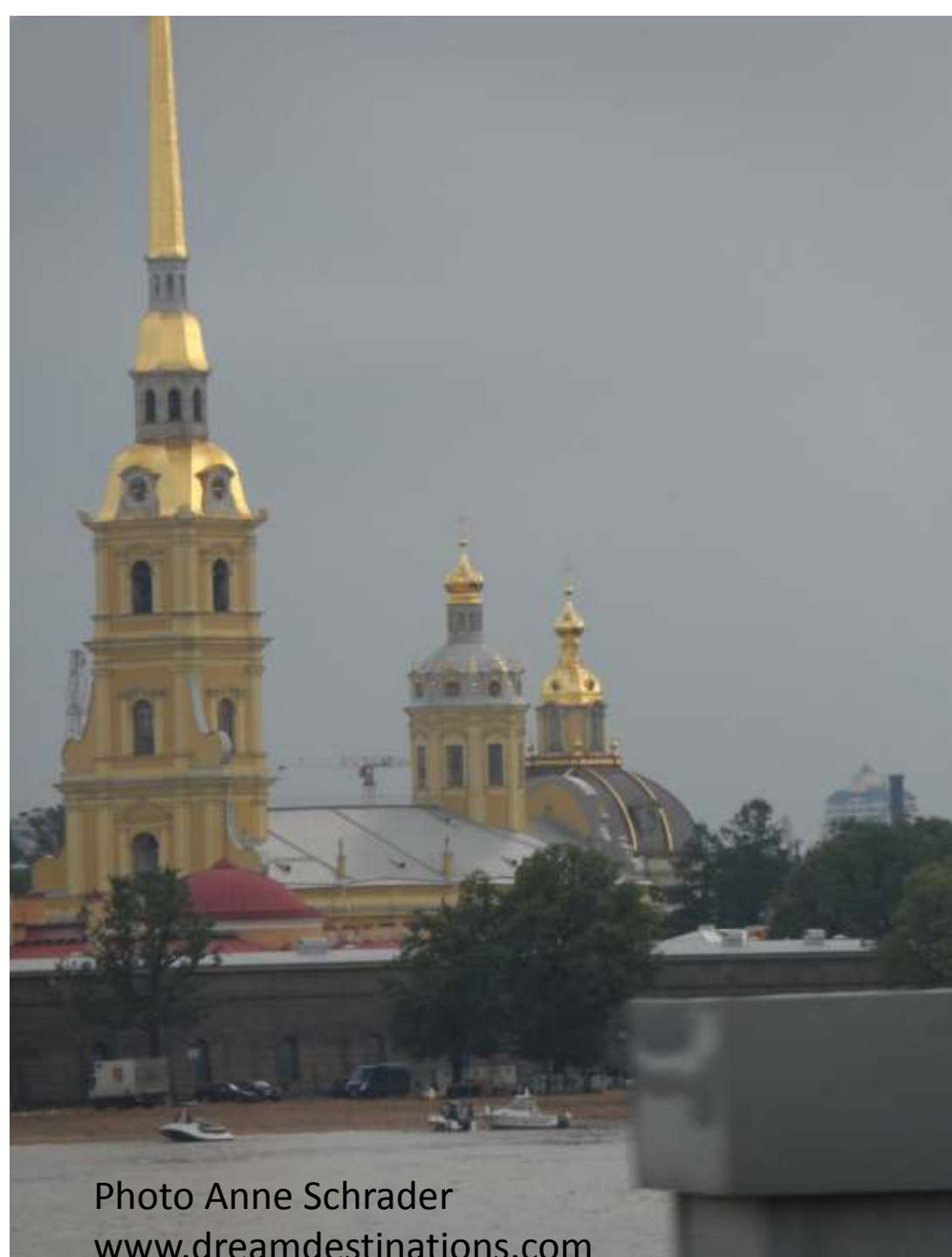
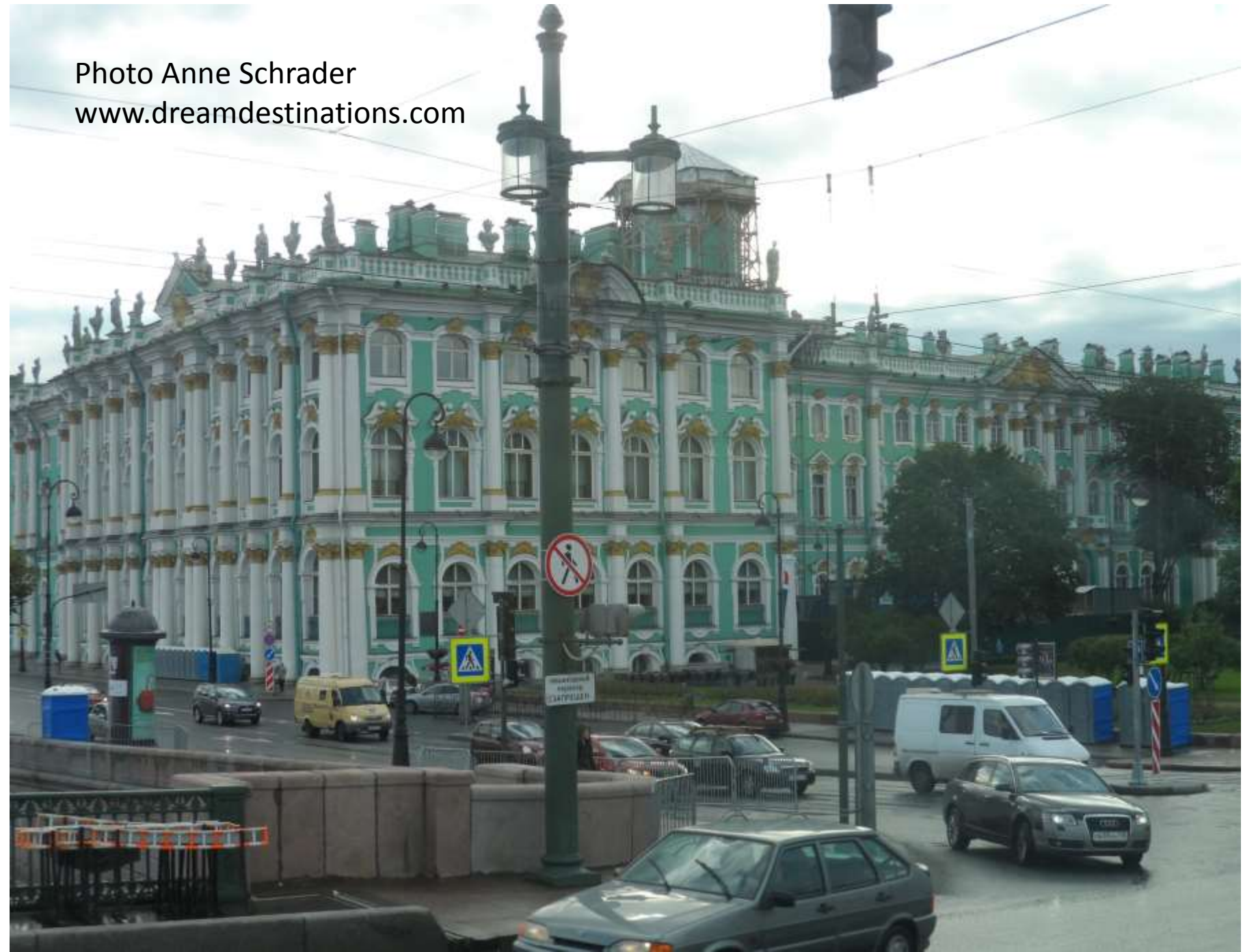


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The Winter Palace, which now houses the Hermitage Museum, St. Petersburg, Russia



"Neva River" mosaic, Admiralteyskaya Metro Station, St. Petersburg, Russia

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Soldiers of the
Semyonovsky
Regiment mosaic,
Zvenigorodskaya
Metro Station, St.
Petersburg, Russia



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Market St. Petersburg, Russia

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Vladimirskaya
Cathedral, St.
Petersburg,
Russia

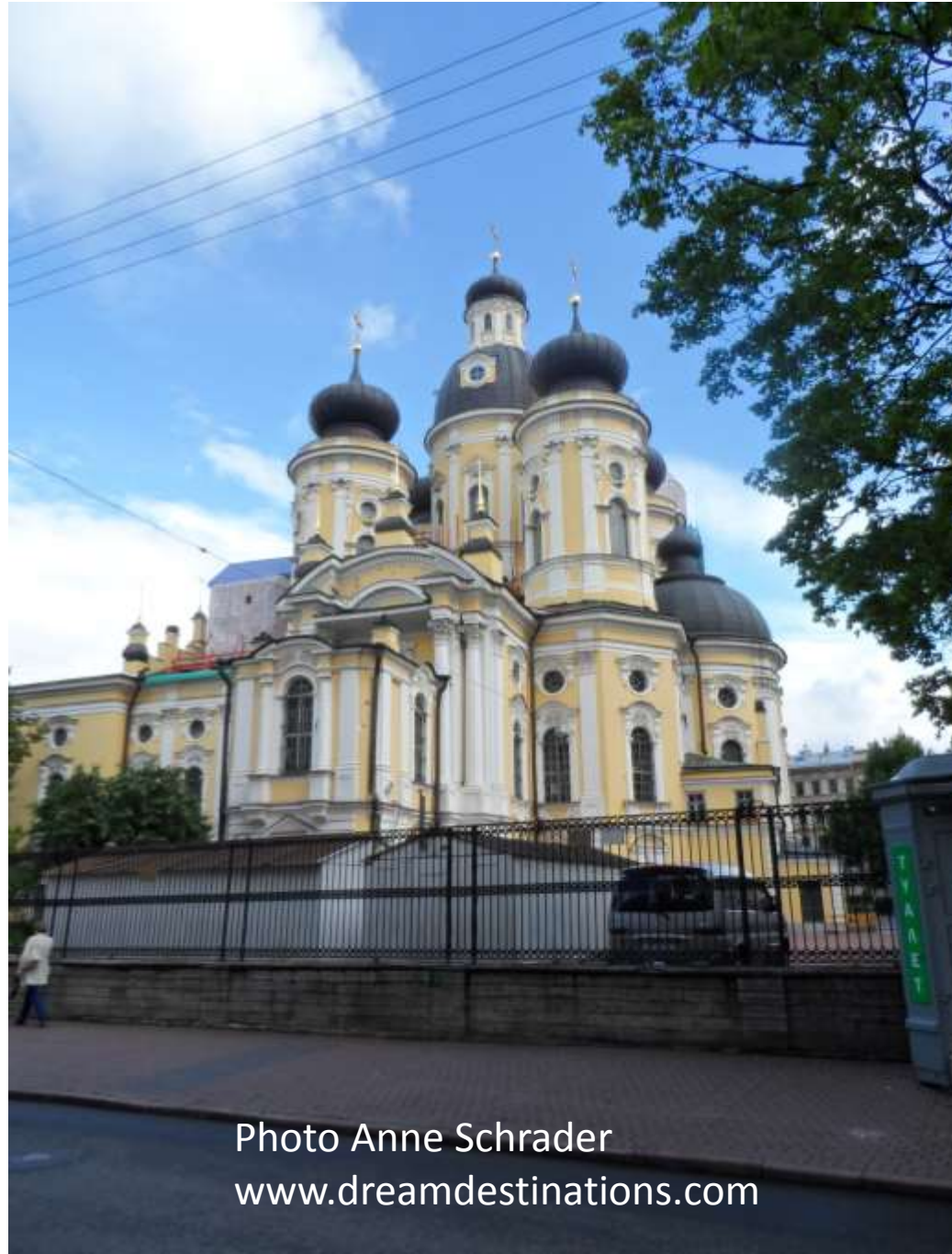


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Helsinki, Finland

- Helsinki is Finland's capital. It is located on a southern peninsula in the Gulf of Finland.
- Finland is a nordic country that became independent in 1917-- throughout its history it was ruled by either Russia or Sweden.
- It has one of the world's highest standards of living.

Esplanade Helsinki Finland

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Esplanade
Helsinki,
Finland



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Cafe Kappeli Helsinki, Finland



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"Sculpture of a Woman" Fountain Helsinki Finland



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Harbor side markets, Helsinki Finland



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Market Hall Helsinki Finland,



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Uspensky Cathedral Helsinki, Finland



Helsinki Finland



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Stockholm

- We visited Stockholm, Sweden in 2014 on this cruise.
- Stockholm is the largest city in Scandinavia. The city is defined by its location on a large archipelago, and it is spread over 14 islands.
- We took a shore excursion that included a trip to an Ice Bar and a visit to the old town.

Stockholm

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Old town

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Gamla Stan (Old Town) is the historic heart of Stockholm.

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Old town Stockholm



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Parliament Stockholm, Sweden

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Anne & Hank at the Ice Bar Stockholm

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Royal Palace



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