



CONTACTING THE COMMITTEE

Use this form to receive a formal application in addition to more information about the Archangel/Greater-Portland High School Exchange. Please complete the requested information below and mail to:

Archangel High School Exchange Committee
P.O. Box 105, Portland ME 04112

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____

Grade: _____

Age: _____



Please visit the Archangel Committee website at www.arkhangelsk.org



A NOTE TO PARENTS

The price of the 4-week trip includes comprehensive health insurance, Russian visa, experienced Russian-speaking chaperones, all air and in-country travel to and from Portland, all necessary hotel and meal accommodations, tour guides and admissions to all sightseeing attractions. The only expenses not covered are passports and personal spending money.

Because of our unique relationship with our sister city of Archangel, we are able to offer this exciting opportunity to your high school student at a fraction of the cost of comparable programs.

OVERVIEW

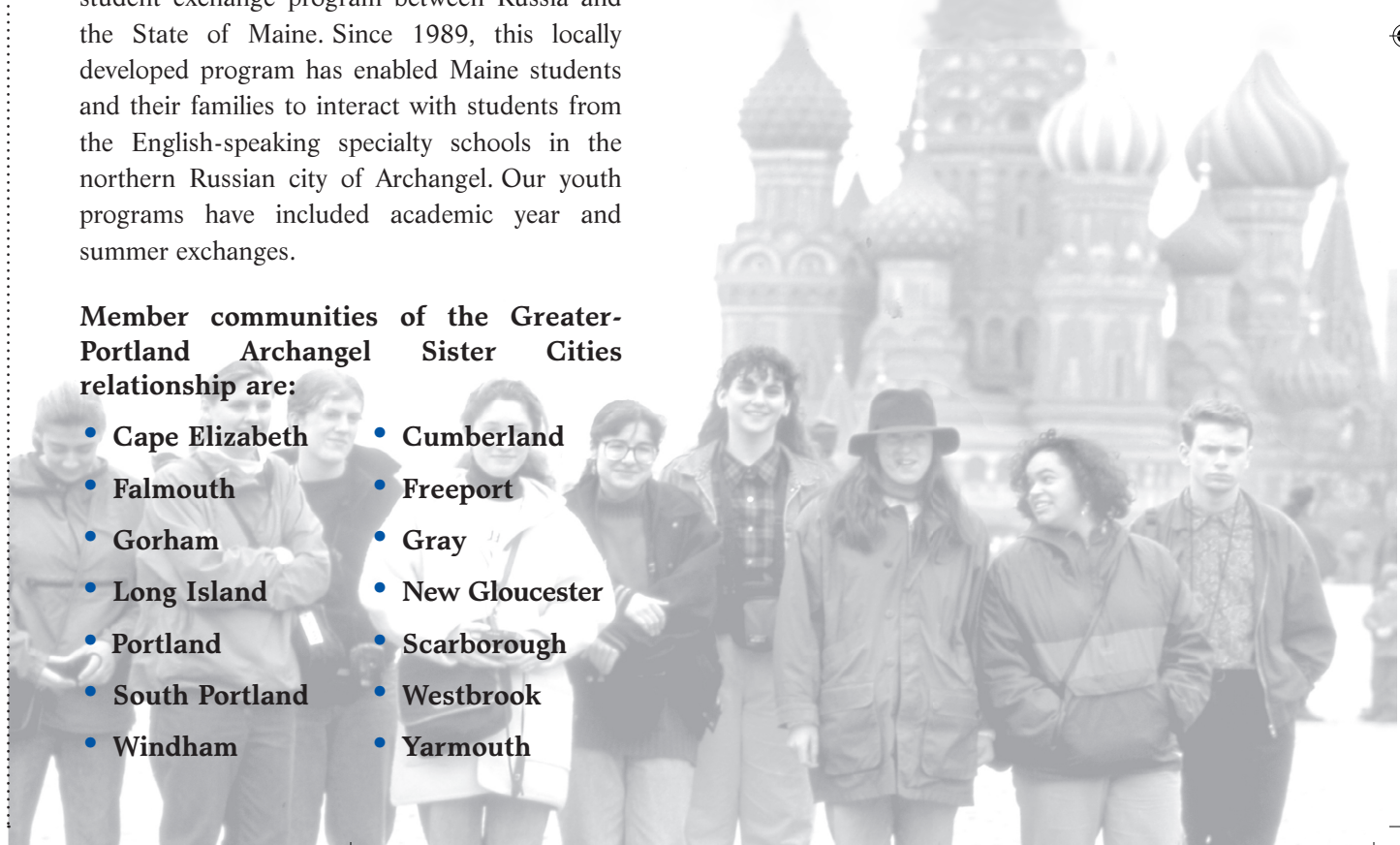
The Greater-Portland Archangel High School Exchange Program is the first and largest student exchange program between Russia and the State of Maine. Since 1989, this locally developed program has enabled Maine students and their families to interact with students from the English-speaking specialty schools in the northern Russian city of Archangel. Our youth programs have included academic year and summer exchanges.

Member communities of the Greater-Portland Archangel Sister Cities relationship are:

- Cape Elizabeth
- Cumberland
- Falmouth
- Freeport
- Gorham
- Gray
- Long Island
- New Gloucester
- Portland
- Scarborough
- South Portland
- Westbrook
- Windham
- Yarmouth

ARCHANGEL RUSSIA

GREATER-PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE





PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Your Russian adventure includes study modules and a 4-week trip. This exciting 12-week program incorporates 6 weeks of evening study, 4 weeks in Russia and 2 post-travel sessions. You will learn about the history, geography, and language of Russia, as well as folk art, music, and major Russian authors.

Pre-travel study modules will prepare you for your home stay with a Russian family and your school exchange which will take place in April. Additional orientation meetings will cover customs, currency, insurance, and other practical aspects of the trip abroad. While your group studies and travels to Archangel, Russian students will stay with families here in Greater-Portland and attend our schools.

Our one-month exchange program includes:

- *Two weeks of study in a Russian high school*
- *Travels to popular cultural and historical sites*
- *Homestay with an Archangel family*
- *Russian history, culture, language and literature studies*
- *Cross-cultural perspective and awareness*
- *The opportunity to make new Russian and American friends*

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THIS PROGRAM

Trips such as this offer the college-bound student a competitive edge in college admissions. Admissions officers generally notice those students who have participated in unique cultural or international programs.

Students who have participated in these exchanges have gone on to prestigious language schools and international programs at the university level. Through their colleges and in other programs, Archangel Alumni have studied not only in Russian cities such as St. Petersburg and Krasnodar but also in many other European cities. Most would not have participated in these programs without their Archangel experience.

Our program has received grants from USIA and Sister Cities International and has served as a national model for both of these agencies. The Greater-Portland Archangel High School Exchange has had successful programs since 1989. On the leading edge of travel to Russia, we were among the first to give high school students the opportunity to learn about a part of the world formerly closed to westerners.

Experience international travel on a unique exotic level. See parts of the world so many other have never seen. In addition to living in Archangel, you will tour Moscow and St. Petersburg, see Red Square and St. Basil's Cathedral as well as the Hermitage.



PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS

"My Archangel experience has been one of the most significant influences in shaping my early adult life. Through both hosting a student and traveling to Archangel, I began to discover myself, my passions and my aspirations. Not only did I major in Russian Studies in college, but I also completed two years of Peace Corps service in Russia. I now have a much broader perspective of our world, yet I realize the profound impact each person can have. Both my personal and professional interests and endeavors will always involve Russia, cross-cultural exploration and a commitment to building upon the friendship between our countries."

Alison Fiser, Archangel Exchange Alumna.

"Foreign travel along with home and academic stays in Russia provide the participating students with a powerful combination of motivators for academic, social and personal growth."

Jean Souliere, Archangel Exchange Chaperone and Teacher.

"As both a host family and a sending family, the Archangel Student Exchange was the single most valuable cultural experience in our lives. It broadened all of our horizons, strengthened our daughters' faith in their own independence, and gave them that unusual experience necessary for college acceptance today. Most importantly, we gained lifelong friends!"

Claire P. Smith, parent and former member of Portland School Committee.

