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Peter the Great statue

St. Petersburg locals are fiercely proud of the city and visitors will soon see why. The 'Venice of the North' is brimming with history and culture.

St. Petersburg was

founded in 1703 by Peter the Great. The city's beginnings were humble: only the Peter and Paul Fortress, designed by

Swiss-Italian architect Domenico Trezzini, on the swampy land of Zayachy (Hare) Island near the mouth of the Neva River. The tsar himself helped to build the fortress.

As any Russian textbook would have you know, Peter the Great wanted to "hack a window to Europe," which meant not just a port and a navy on the Baltic Sea, but also a city that looked European and lived in accordance with European standards. The area around St. Petersburg was previously known as Ingria or Ingermanland and was largely populated by Finns. >



Moika River



Kazan Cathedral



Interior of State Hermitage

There was never an official decree about moving the capital to St. Petersburg, but by 1713 the court settled there and Peter himself started spending all of his time in the new city. Building a new capital turned out to be the most costly of Peter the Great's many initiatives. Between 20,000 to 40,000 people worked on the construction of the city; many of them died there. Peter called St. Petersburg "paradise," but for many it became a cemetery.

A number of people were forced to move to St. Petersburg and each Russian province had to supply future residents to the new city. By 1725 the population reached 40,000, which made St. Petersburg the second-largest city in the country.

In the late 1720s under Peter II, Peter the Great's grandson, the court moved back to Moscow. But the teenage tsar died at the age of 14. By the time new empress Anna Ioannovna

decided to move the capital back to St. Petersburg, the main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt, was already overgrown with grass.

During the reign of Catherine the Great, who famously said, "I do not like Moscow at all, but I do not have any prejudice against Petersburg," St. Petersburg's population grew to 160,000. More palaces were built in

Russian President Vladimir Putin hails from St. Petersburg and pays special attention to his hometown. Its many mansions and palaces are constantly being lovingly restored.

the city and its suburbs, and the empress started an art collection, which would later turn into the Hermitage Museum.

Under Catherine the Great, St. Petersburg's embankments were all clad in granite, although this unfortunately did not prevent regular flooding. In 1824 St. Petersburg suffered an enormous flood — the largest in the history of the city — which caused enormous damage and was depicted in the well-known poem "The Bronze Horseman," by Alexander Pushkin.

St. Petersburg saw its fair share of revolutions, starting with the failed Decembrist revolt in 1825 and ending with the February and October revolutions of 1917, the first of which overthrew the monarchy, while the second handed power to the Bolsheviks.

St. Petersburg enjoyed the status of capital for a little over 200 years. In 1918, Vladimir Lenin moved the capital back to Moscow. After his death in 1924, the city was renamed Leningrad.

During World War II, Leningrad withstood a 900-day Nazi blockade, which decimated the city's population and greatly damaged the buildings and infrastructure. Leningrad managed to recover and rebuild quite quickly and became unofficially known as "the northern capital" or "the cultural capital" of the USSR.

After the Soviet Union's collapse it was once again renamed St. Petersburg. Current Russian President Vladimir Putin hails from St. Petersburg and pays special attention to his hometown.

The city got a complete facelift for its 300th anniversary in 2003 and its many mansions and palaces are constantly being restored. St. Petersburg today spans 44 islands and is connected by over 300 bridges. With a population of over 5 million people, it remains the second-largest city in Russia.

Even if your team is not playing in St. Petersburg, consider working a trip into the city into your itinerary. Walking along the city's beautiful embankments on warm summer nights is truly an unforgettable experience.

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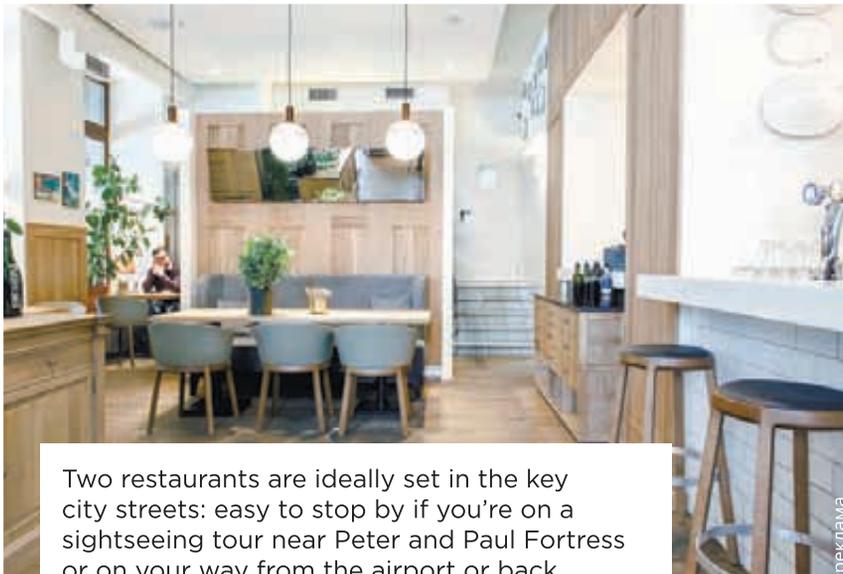
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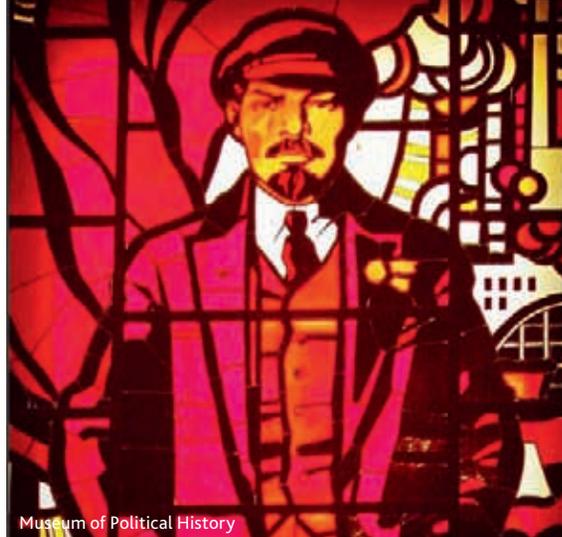
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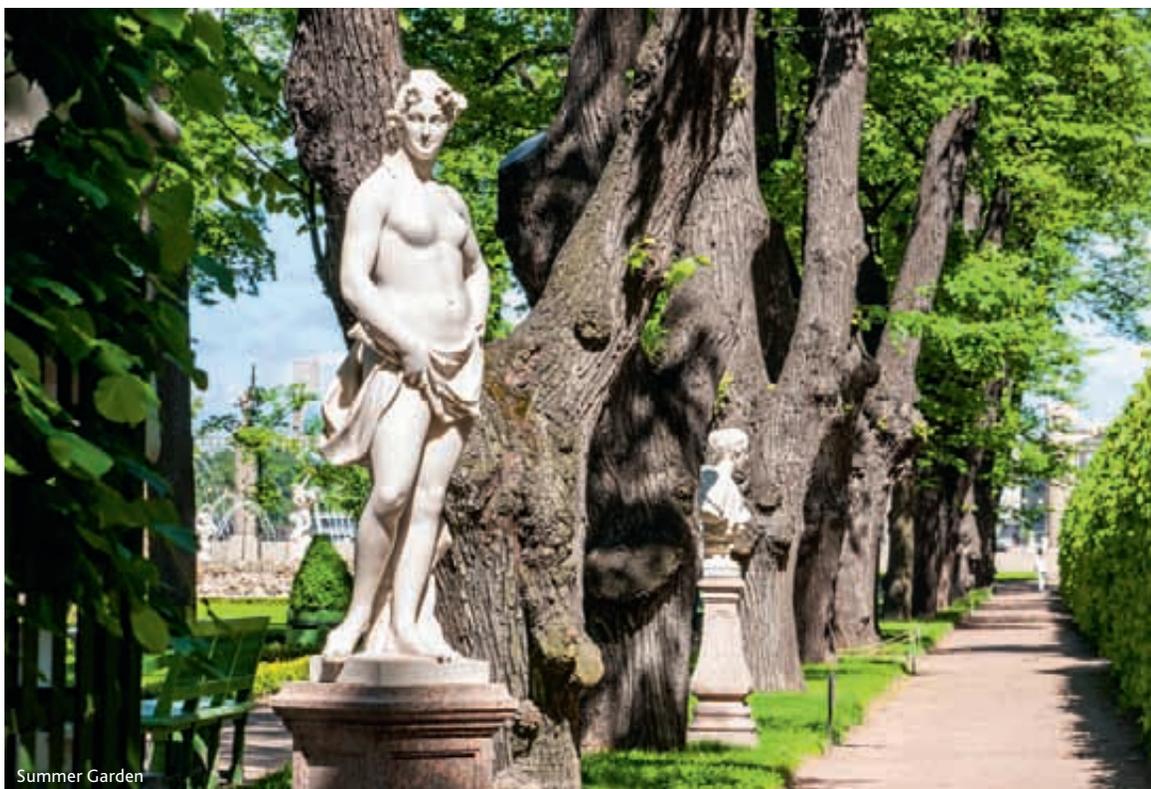
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ST. PETERSBURG'S TOP SIGHTS



Museum of Political History



Summer Garden

St. Petersburg's "cultural capital of Russia" moniker is well-earned. A lifetime isn't enough to discover all the cultural gems on offer.

Summer Garden

RELAXATION SPOT

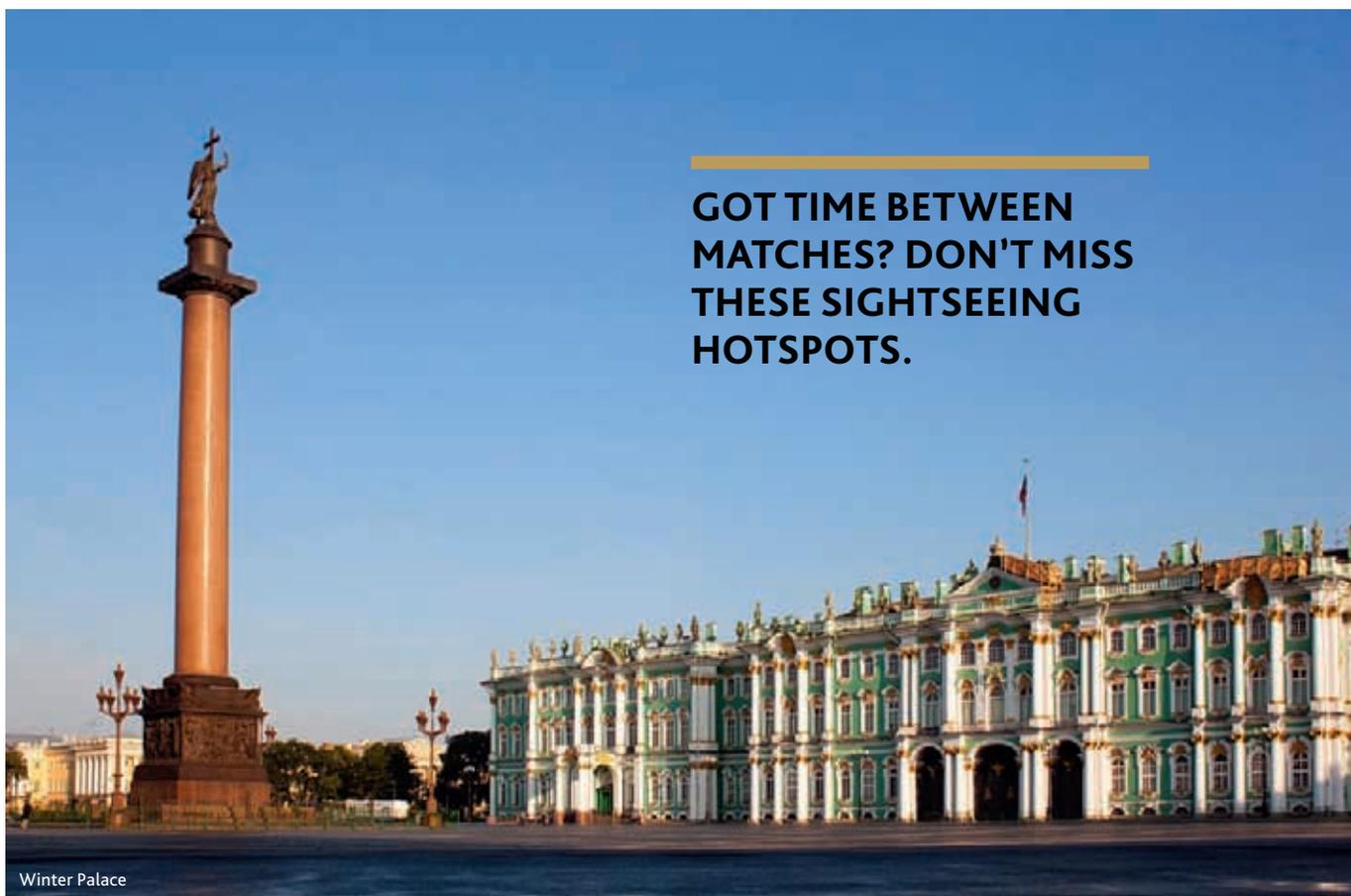
At walking distance from the Hermitage Museum, the Summer Garden is the most famous green spot in St. Petersburg and is an ideal place for meditation after a long day of sightseeing and exploring. The garden was personally designed by Peter the Great, who ordered the construction of his summer house to be adorned with 250 marble statues and majestic fountains. In the summer, the garden is regularly visited by local street musicians who will serenade you as you stroll through nature.

OPEN Daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays

TICKETS Free



Mariinsky Theater



Winter Palace

GOT TIME BETWEEN MATCHES? DON'T MISS THESE SIGHTSEEING HOTSPOTS.

Russian Museum

ALL THE RUSSIAN ART YOU NEED

Located at the sumptuous Mikhailovsky Palace, the Russian Museum boasts one of the largest collections of Russian art in the world. It is divided into two floors documenting different periods of Russian art, from early icons of the 12th and 14th centuries to the 20th-century art movement of socialist realism. You can admire renowned portraits by Dmitry Levitsky, the seascapes of Ivan Aivazovsky, avant-garde art works by Natalia Goncharova and Kazimir Malevich, and explore Russian history guided by the works of Vasily Surikov.

OPEN Mon. from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wed. to Sun. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thurs. from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Closed: Tuesday
TICKETS 450 rubles; students 200 rubles

Hermitage Museum

THE PRIDE OF THE CITY

Visiting the Hermitage Museum is not just a recommendation — it is a must for all visitors to the city. Its collection includes over 3 million items and is the largest collection of paintings in the world. Although it is impossible to see the entire museum in just one day, you can choose from a vast selection of different art periods and art forms based on your interests: from prehistoric art,



Russian Museum

Egyptian antiquities and mummies to Russian and European fine art.

OPEN Tues. to Sun. from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Wed. and Fri. from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

TICKETS Free admission the first Thursday of the month; 700 rubles (adults) or 400 rubles (schoolchildren, students and Russian pensioners)

Mariinsky Theater

THEATER TIME

Designed by the Russian-Italian architect Alberto Cavos, the Mariinsky Theater is the center of classical performanc-

es in the city. This is where masterpieces by Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakov once premiered. Every summer the theater hosts the “Stars of the White Nights” festival, featuring the best performers from Russia and beyond.

OPEN Box office open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
TICKETS Varies

Museum of Political History

PERFECT SPOT FOR HISTORY GEEKS

Russophiles and history lovers can't miss this fascinating museum with artifacts from Russia's political history. Located in the former mansion of the ballerina Mathilde Kschessinska, famous for her alleged affair with the last tsar, Nicholas II, the house was subsequently seized by Lenin during the 1917 Revolution. Today the building displays Lenin's study as well as numerous political artifacts, photographs and posters that document Russia's history.

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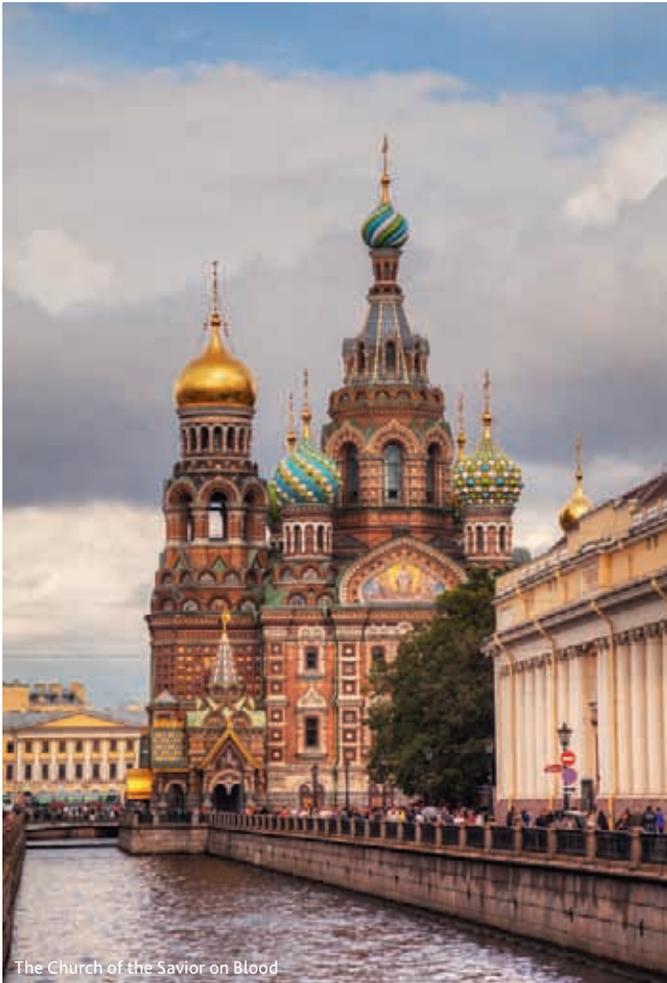
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TICKETS 250 rubles for adults, free for children

Peter and Paul Fortress

A BEACH, A FORTRESS, A PRISON

Just a 10-minute walk from the Hermitage, another unmissable sight is the Peter and Paul fortress. This is where the foundations of the city were laid by Peter the Great. Constructed to withstand an attack from the Swedes, the fortress never served its original purpose but over the ages was used as a prison, a mint, a rocket engine laboratory, and as the resting place of the imperial family. Today the fortress is part of the museum of St. Petersburg's history, with various museums documenting the history of the city and of the fortress. It also encompasses a fascinating cathedral and a small beach where you can catch the city's rare sun rays.

OPEN Open all day. The museums are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed on Wednesdays

ST. PETERSBURG'S 44 ISLANDS ARE CONNECTED BY OVER 300 BRIDGES.



The Church of the Savior on Blood

TICKETS Free, although all the museums charge admission

OPEN from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., evening admission from April 27-Sept. 30 from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Closed Wednesdays

TICKETS 250 rubles

The Church of the

Savior on Blood

EYE-CATCHING CHURCH

Built on the site where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated in 1881, the church, with its striking colored domes, is the most prominent building on Nevsky Prospekt. If the exterior of the church looks stunning with its bright colors and patterned cupolas, the interior, entirely covered with mosaics, is an even more outstanding sight and definitely worth the entrance fee.

OPEN Daily from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Evening openings of the cathedral in the summer only (May 1-September 30): 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Closed Wednesdays

TICKETS adults 250 rubles, children 50 rubles

St Isaac's Cathedral

BREATHTAKING VIEWS

Dominating St. Petersburg's skyline, St Isaac's Cathedral is the fourth-largest cathedral in the world. Designed by Auguste de Montferrand, it took 40 years for construction to be completed. Today, there is also a museum inside the cathedral but don't leave before climbing to the dome's top and enjoying the panoramic view over the city.

Planetarium

STARRY, STARRY NIGHT

The Planetarium's dome, with a diameter of 37 meters, makes it the largest planetarium in the world. Besides offering visitors the chance to check out the starry skies, the planetarium offers exhibits dedicated to virtual reality, space exploration and various modern entertainment facilities.

OPEN Mon. to Sun. from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

TICKETS 450- 550 rubles for adults

Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography: Kunstkamera

A MUSEUM OF CURIOSITIES

It wasn't only fortresses and palaces that Peter the Great built in and around St. Petersburg; his limitless curiosity and fascination with science also led to the creation of one of the most curious museums in the city: the Kunstkamera. Originally designed to host Peter's Cabinet of Curiosities, it was meant to help counter people's superstitions about physical abnormalities and natural phenomena. Today there is a vast array of natural and human rarities, as well as artifacts from all over the world and a photography collection.

OPEN Tues. to Sun. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TICKETS 300 rubles, students 100 rubles



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The sign of a real man



Annenkirche

ST. PETERSBURG'S

HIDDEN TREASURES

ANNENKIRCHE

SPOOKY CHURCH WITH A DIFFERENCE

Though it doesn't attract much attraction from the outside, Annenkirche is an Evangelical Lutheran church with a very peculiar history. After serving as a movie theater during Soviet times and as a club in the early 1990s, the church was heavily damaged by a fire in 2002 that left the interior of the building virtually destroyed. Although the exterior was subsequently renovated, the interior was left almost completely untouched, stoically revealing the scars of the flames. Nowadays, the church offers a rather gloomy spectacle that could easily function as the background of a horror movie or gothic concert. Instead, the venue hosts various art exhibitions, religious concerts, as well as an

Already seen St. Petersburg's tourist hotspots? Craving something a little more off the beaten track? Here are some hidden treasures that only the locals know about.

English-language service every Sunday morning and a Russian one in the afternoon.

OPEN Sun., from 9.30 a.m. to 8 p.m.,
Wed. to Sat. from noon to 8 p.m.

TICKET By donation

📍 Ulitsa Kirochnaya, 8
vk.com/annenkirche

PUSHKINSKAYA 10

ULTRA-COOL ART CENTER

Pushkinskaya 10 can hardly be called a tourist attraction, despite its central location. Unknown even to many locals, this is where St. Petersburg's unconventional art originated. Born as a squat after city authorities relocated the original inhabitants of the building for renovation work — which never happened, thanks to the economic crisis of the 1990s — Pushkinskaya 10 quickly became a confluence of local artists >

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📍 Naberezhnaya Reki Fontanki, 5
facebook.com/PIG.SNOU.T.art.
gallery.Saint.Petersburg

FFTN

A SMALL GALLERY THAT'S FULL OF HEART

St. Petersburg is full of all sorts of art galleries, and if there is one thing they all have in common, it is their enormous collections. FFTN, on the other hand, is the smallest art gallery in the city and one of the rare places where you can give the exhibited artwork all the

time it deserves. Favoring quality over quantity, the gallery (which is described by its curators as a place for creative experiments) gathers in its 4 1/2 square meters some excellent exhibitions which are constantly being updated; they will certainly not leave you indifferent.

The gallery is managed by artist Ilya Grishaev and art curator Irina Aksenova, and since opening in 2017 it has become a much-desired venue for local and international artists. The gallery hosts a new exhibition every two weeks, and at the discretion of the artist you can either visit it on your own by getting in touch with the curators, pick up the key at a designed location, or visit it in the presence of the artist.

OPEN Open at the discretion of the artist; book your appointment on Facebook

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who did not adhere to the art conventions of the Soviet Union and wanted to be free to pursue their own concepts and ideas. Today, the building preserves that initial ideology — as well as many of the original occupants who found in Pushkinskaya 10 a home, a studio, and a venue for their art. Among the main attractions of the art center is the studio of Kolya Vasin, a huge Beatles fan; inside, you will find a collection of souvenirs, gadgets, and an exhaustive discography of the Liverpool band. But be aware, access to the studio might depend on your Beatles knowledge, which may be tested on the spot, depending on Vasin's mood. A perfect occasion to visit Pushkinskaya 10 this summer would be the last Saturday of June, when the center will celebrate its anniversary with concerts and special exhibitions.

OPEN Wed. to Sun., 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TICKET Free

📍 Pushkinskaya Ulitsa, 10
p-10.ru

PIGSNOUT

EDGY GALLERY ON THE EMBANKMENT

Pigsnout is one of the most ironic galleries in the city. Located just on the embankment of the Fontanka River, on the top floor of an anonymous-looking building, this art gallery exhibits a colorful and unconventional collection of paintings and artifacts aimed at debunking taboos and satirizing political figures and symbols; lovers of tradition and good manners would do best to avoid it. The gallery hosts a mix of contemporary, narrative, ironic, art-brut and naive art, and features edgy portraits of historical and political figures such as Karl Marx, Peter the Great, Lenin, Trotsky, and even Putin. Pigsnout also sells a wide variety of souvenirs, pictures and T-shirts based on the artwork on display.



Street Art Museum

STREET ART MUSEUM

GET A HANDLE ON GRAFFITI

It's a running joke among the staff of the museum that St. Petersburg, a city with virtually no graffiti, was a natural location to open the first museum in the world entirely dedicated to street art. Located in one of St. Petersburg's industrial areas far

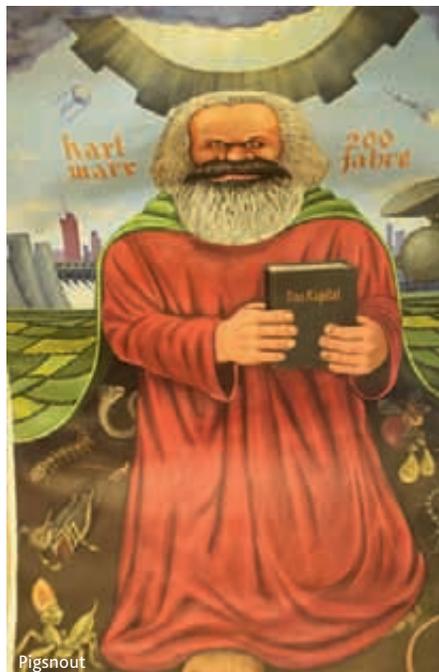
from the city center, the museum is where Andrei Zaitsev, son of the owner of the factory complex, used to party with his friends and decorate the gray facades of the factories with graffiti. Today, Zaitsev is the director at the museum and his project has been gaining fame.

Since opening in 2014, the museum has transformed from a street art museum into a place that now exhibits a mixture of contemporary, public and street art, and attracts artists from all over the world. This summer, the spot will be hosting a special exhibition dedicated to the theme of football, as well as an audiovisual festival in June and two rap festivals in August.

OPEN Tours of the permanent exhibition: Sat. 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Sun. at noon (in English), 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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BEST WORLD CUP BARS

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As the World Cup approaches, you might want to plan ahead and find the perfect spot to watch the most important sporting event of the year. In a city crawling with sports bars, each bar has its own peculiarities and atmosphere. Whether you are looking for big screens, a pleasant vibe, good music, or a vast selection of beers, St. Petersburg has a lot to offer for every taste.

1 БАЗАРА НЕТ (BAZARA NYET)

Although there are many bars and cafes on St. Petersburg's Ulitsa Rubinshteyna party street, the World Cup will not be shown in most of them. The street food cafe Bazara Nyet is one of the few exceptions. Named after a typical Russian expression, "no bazaar" ("no problem"), this cafe can offer sports fans a great atmosphere and tasty meals with both vegetarian and vegan options.

📍 **Ulitsa Rubinshteyna, 21.**
Metro Dostoyevskaya
vk.com/bazaranetbar

2 LIVERPOOL

The name says it all. Named after the pub owner's favorite football



team and the birthplace of his favorite band, the Beatles, Liverpool is the perfect place to watch a football game and listen to some great live music. The pub is divided into two rooms, so it's no problem if there are sports fans who would like to watch two different games. The spot also hosts local bands

that perform classic rock covers. The bar offers a range of over 20 beer brands and a selection of 13 different tap beers, including a local lager and APA.

📍 **Ulitsa Mayakovskogo, 16.**
Metro Mayakovskaya
liverpool.ru



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3 O'HOOLIGANS

One of the most famous Irish pub chains in St. Petersburg, O'Hooligans is the city's most authentic attempt at a real Irish pub, with friendly staff and a very green wooden interior. Here you will find not only a good selection of beers, but also a fine choice of stronger drinks, which might come in handy in case of unexpected victories (or losses)!

Bolshaya Konyushennaya Ulitsa, 14.
Metro Nevsky Prospekt
konn.ohooligans.ru

4 MAD MAX

If you are a beer lover and eager to try local brews, Mad Max is your spot. With its modern factory-like interior, Mad Max is a spacious brewery, half hidden in the city center. Besides a wide variety of local and foreign beers, the bar offers



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snacks and meals. The presence of big screens on the walls and the vast dimensions of the place (it seats 320 people) make it the perfect place to watch the games.

Sadovaya Ulitsa, 12.
Metro Gostiny Dvor
mad-m.ru

5 BREAKING BAD

If the crowded streets of Nevsky have already got you tired and you want to move to the comfort and serenity of Petrogradskaya Island just a few metro stops away, there are plenty of places you can watch the matches. In close proximity to Petrovsky Stadium, Breaking Bad is notorious for its low prices and fun atmosphere. The bar boasts a selection of 600 different beers, featuring 20 varieties of draft beer.

Ulitsa Yablochkova, 2/10.
Metro Sportivnaya
facebook.com/breakingbadbeercafe

6 BRASSERIE DE METROPOLE

If you are looking for a slightly more upmarket place to watch the games, then the gastropub Brasserie de Metropole is the place for you. Located just outside the Gostiny Dvor metro station, Metropole was the first pub in the city to open a Belgian brewery. The restaurant complex has an interesting history, and before the 1917 revolution, poets and bohemians spent much of their time there. Today, the same building hosts a luxurious restaurant and a refined gastropub with a vast choice of drinks and food options.

Sadovaya Ulitsa, 22.
Metro Gostiny Dvor
demetropole.ru

7 SHAMROCK

Fancy a visit to St. Petersburg's most famous theater just before the game? Then make sure you stop off at Shamrock. Located just

in front of the Marinsky Theater, Shamrock is a cozy Irish pub that offers a perfect mix of international beers and Russian snacks. If you are new to Russia, you must try the locals' favorite beer snack, grenki: deep-fried, garlicky bread sticks with cheese.

Ulitsa Dekabristov, 27.
Bus stop Teatralnaya Ploshchad
shamrock.spb.ru

8 OH SPORTS

Strictly local and rather Soviet in appearance, Oh Sports differentiates itself from most of St. Petersburg's sports bars by preserving an authentic and unique atmosphere. You won't find Belgian beers or hamburgers here, but exclusively local drinks and snacks. It's a perfect fit for diehards who want to immerse themselves in a fully Russian experience.

Bolshaya Pushkarskaya Ulitsa, 5.
Metro Chkalovskaya
vk.com/osportbar

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ST. PETERSBURG GOOD EATS



Probka

PROBKA

Probka on Dobrolyubova is one of six restaurants in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Berlin owned by famous chef and entrepreneur Aram Mnatsakanov. This restaurant offers a traditional Italian menu and is well-



Khachapuri | Vino

known for its large open kitchen. You can choose between more than 100 wines and every day the restaurant bakes fresh bread in its antique oven. If you want to have a unique experience, we recommend you book the "chef's table," located in the first hall of the restaurant. Italian chef Antonio Fresa will cook directly in front of the lucky diners, explaining his dishes, the ingredients and his creative decisions.

📍 Prospekt Dobrolyubova, 6
probka.org

KHACHAPURI | VINO

Kachapuri | Vino serves traditional Georgian fare in a welcoming and warm atmosphere. You'll find a wide range of khachapuri — there are a dozen varieties — the traditional adzhika spiced paste, fresh herbs and beans, pkhali

INSTAGRAM



Goose Goose

(the beetroot/spinach/green beans paste balls) and pomegranate wine. The restaurant has a simple but contemporary design: sun-bleached walls, bronze accents and woven patterns. .

📍 **Ulitsa Pravdy, 9**
+7 (952) 232 2543

BEKITZER

Everybody in the city knows Bekitzer, the Israeli restaurant on trendy Ulitsa Rubinshteina. The atmosphere is unfailingly festive and guests crowd the shared tables and bar. The service is quick and the bartenders can give you suggestions on the best cocktails and Israeli wine to get while you're waiting to be seated. The menu includes hummus, falafel, shawarma with kosher meat and sahib — a pita with a vegetable filling.

📍 **Ulitsa Rubinshteina, 40/11**
bekitzer.ru/en

GOOSE GOOSE

Goose Goose is in the very heart of St. Petersburg on upscale Bolshaya Konushennaya Ulitsa; it is an elegant



Bekitzer

place to recharge your batteries during a hectic day of shopping. Italian chef Valentino Bontempi brought with him to St. Petersburg a unique pizza recipe — reminiscent of traditional pizza, and prepared from a special mixture of flour from three cereals: wheat, soy and rice. And the



Taqueria Don Garcia

restaurant doesn't just offer Italy's most famous dish — it also has salads, soups, pasta, meat and fish.

📍 **Bolshaya Konyushennaya Ulitsa, 27**
+7 (812) 928 3727

TAQUERIA DON GARCIA

If you've got a craving for some authentic Mexican food, Taqueria Don Garcia is what you are looking for. Mexican chef Gerardo Garcia serves up real Mexican tacos, quesadillas, as well as soups and churros. This place has become hugely popular among the city's expats, who enjoy the authentic fare in a cozy and



Mezonin

friendly atmosphere. You'll find Taqueria Don Garcia inside the Gorizont Shopping Mall, located in front of the new Zenit Arena. Chef Garcia also organizes workshops on Mexican cooking, in both English and Russian.

Prospekt Aviakonstruktorov, 2A
Gorizont Shopping Mall
vk.com/el_taquito

MEZONIN

Located in the Belmond Grand Hotel Europe on main thoroughfare Nevsky Prospekt, the cafe will welcome hungry sports fans during the World Cup. Watch the match on TV, sample the cafe's signature crab burger, and try your best to choose just one dessert from the enormous choice on offer. The cafe is really getting into the football spirit — the waiting staff will have a special uniform to suit the occasion and will be on hand to serve classic burgers, hot dogs and pretzels to football fanatics.

Belmond Grand Hotel Europe Nevsky Prospekt, Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa 1/7
belmond.com

KORUSHKA

Among the numerous restaurants owned by the successful Ginza Project (there are more than 40 in St. Petersburg alone) Korushka is without a doubt one of the most beautiful in the city center. It is in fact the only restaurant on Zayachy Island, best known for the Peter and Paul Fortress. From the two spacious halls you can look out the big windows at the Neva River, with a view of the Winter Palace, the Palace Bridge and Vasilevsky Island. Guests in the summer can eat on the terrace with a view of the beach, where locals sometimes sunbathe. The menu varies from Georgian to European food and is known for offering a diverse selection of fresh fish, especially at the



Korushka

end of spring and in the summer, including the eponymous korushka (smelt fish).

Petropavlovskaya Krepost, 3
en.ginza.ru/spb/restaurant/korushka

TEPLO

Opened in 2008, Teplo ("warmth") is an affordable spot to have breakfast, a quick lunch or a relaxing dinner. The interior has been lovingly designed, and is full of books in different languages, while the patio becomes a bright garden inside a small yard. The menu offers options for every palate. Diners can choose from a traditional borshch soup, beef Stroganoff and Napoleon cake or Asian-style rice noodles with shrimp, all washed down with Georgian or Italian wine. In addition to the fixed menu, there are daily specials.

Bolshaya Morskaya Ulitsa, 45
v-teple.ru/eng



MICKEY & MONKEYS

One of the best burger places in the city, Mickey & Monkeys is open from morning 'til night serving American-style breakfasts, hamburgers, cocktails and salads. Bicycles hung on the walls and cool music create a hip atmosphere. For those with large appetites, Mickey & Monkeys is also known for its over-the-top milkshakes with different ingredients, including every kind of marshmallow you could ever imagine.

The restaurant is part of the Coffee Room project, which includes another small burger place located in front of Mickey & Monkeys on the central and popular Gorokhovaya Ulitsa. The coolest place to hang out if you're feeling seriously hungry — they'll take good care of you here. Reservations are essential if you want to beat the usual crowd to their tables, especially on weekends.

Gorokhovaya Ulitsa, 27
coffeeroomspb.com/mickey-and-monkeys



INGREDIENTS

FOR THE SALAD

- 1 cup (240 ml) sour cream
- 1/2 cup (120 ml) Greek yogurt
- 2 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tsp sea salt
- Several grinds black pepper
- 2 cups (500 ml) pickled herring
- 1 lb (500 g) new potatoes (the smaller the better!)
- 3 tbsp freshly chopped dill
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper

FOR THE MUSTARD SEEDS

- 1/2 cup (120 ml) whole mustard seeds
- 1 cup (240 ml) apple cider vinegar
- 3 tbsp coarse sea salt
- 2 tbsp brown sugar

GARNISH

- 1 lemon, cut into wedges

HERRING AND NEW POTATO SALAD

ST. PETERSBURG CUISINE

This recipe includes northern Russia's premier players: sour cream, herring and new potatoes, the jewels of the short northern growing season.

When Peter the Great pitted his nascent naval prowess against Charles XII of Sweden, his stated aim was to win for Russia a "window on the west." But the hidden agenda might just have been to secure Russia a reliable supply of herring.

The cuisine of Peter's dream city, St. Petersburg, developed differently from that of the rest of Russia. Each aristocratic St. Petersburg palace boasted a French or Belgian chef. These talented men brought new ingredients and cooking methods to Russia.

From that time to this, herring has remained an essential part of the St. Petersburg — and Russian — diet. Herring is a favorite player in the extensive hors-d'oeuvre course that precedes Russian dinners, and no New Year's Eve table is complete without "herring under fur coat," a molded salad of herring, beets, potatoes, egg, mayonnaise and cheese.

INSTRUCTIONS

MAKE THE PICKLED MUSTARD SEEDS

1. Place the mustard seeds, vinegar, brown sugar and coarse sea salt into a saucepan with a lid.
2. Bring to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer for one hour until the seeds have doubled in size.
3. Decant the seeds with the remaining liquid into a clean glass jar and let sit until it comes to room temperature before refrigerating.

MAKE THE SALAD

4. Bring a pot of salted water to a boil, then add the potatoes. Simmer for 6-7 minutes until the tip of a sharp knife goes in smoothly.
5. While the potatoes are cooking, whisk together the sour cream, olive oil, yogurt and lemon juice.
6. Tip the potatoes into a large bowl,

then add three-quarters of the sour cream mixture, setting aside the remainder. Toss gently to combine and set aside. The potatoes will absorb the sauce as they come to room temperature. Let them sit for at least 45 minutes.

7. Drain the herring and toss with the potatoes. Taste and adjust the salt and pepper as needed (the herring is very salty, so don't add the salt until all the ingredients are combined).

8. Add the remaining sour cream mixture, if needed.

9. Arrange on a platter. Spoon the pickled mustard seeds on top and garnish with freshly chopped dill. Arrange the lemon wedges and serve at room temperature.

10. This salad makes an excellent starter and is the perfect accompaniment to chilled Russian vodka.

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Associate professor Ruslan Bekurov, who works at the department of international journalism at St. Petersburg State University, moved to the city from Vladikavkaz 20 years ago. He originally moved north for his studies, became captivated by the dynamic “Venice of the north” and is now waiting impatiently for World Cup visitors to love the city as much as he does.

RUSLAN BEKUROV,
JOURNALISM
PROFESSOR, ST.
PETERSBURG STATE
UNIVERSITY

ST. PETERSBURG, THE CITY THAT NEVER STOPS

Born in Vladikavkaz, the capital city of the Russian Republic of North Ossetia-Alania, Bekurov moved to St. Petersburg in 1998 to write his doctoral thesis in journalism. In 2000, he received his Ph.D. in political science after writing on the role of international political institutions in regulating local and regional conflicts, and began working in the journalism faculty. He said, “I didn’t particularly want to work in academia, but I was too lazy to discuss alternatives with my parents.”

Music has always played a big part in his life and in his student days he played in a rock band. “Of course, I would have preferred to be a rock ‘n’ roll star or a war correspondent, but unfortunately I did not have the talent. That didn’t stop me drinking like a rock ‘n’ roll star in my student days!”

To be honest, when choosing where to complete my Ph.D. back in the 1990s, I only had two choices: Rostov-on-Don or St. Petersburg. I decided to go to St. Petersburg because at that time this city was much more fashionable.”

Another huge factor in my decision to move here was the city’s music scene. Traditionally, St. Petersburg is famous for its music and has many exciting and different bands. The Leningrad Rock Club was much better than the equivalent in Moscow. My childhood bands all played here: Kino, Akvarium, Zoopark, Strannie Igri.”

When I came here, the first place I wanted to visit was Cafe Saigon, the place to be among the city’s hipsters at that time.” Cafe Saigon was a cult rock ‘n’ roll club in the city, where bohemian kids and artists alike gathered to share their musical interests and listen to their favorite bands.

To be honest, I was quite disappointed that it turned out to be a total black hole; it did not live up to my expectations. But I quickly fell in love with new Petersburg bands: Tequilajazzz, Dva samoleta, Nozh Dlya Frau Muller. And a huge number of cool new places began to appear all over the city: Moloko, Fish Fabrique, Tam-Tam, Griboedov Club.”

The majority of these places do not exist anymore, and neither do most of the legendary bands that I enjoyed listening to. But the thing about St. Petersburg is that it is constantly changing and reinventing itself. This city never gets stuck in a rut — it moves and follows the trends, but retains its fascinating history and traditions. That’s why everybody loves it.”

What do I like about St. Petersburg? My favorite thing about the city is the water. Water is everywhere here — and it’s great, I like it a lot. We also have lots of cheap bars and cafes with great atmospheres. You’d never find places like that in Moscow. And, of course, the people; I mean, people from St. Petersburg are special!”

The city and its residents are waiting impatiently to welcome football fans and tourists for the championship — the World Cup will be lots of fun, I’m absolutely sure of it. I hope the weather will be good this year; we need a hot, hot summer!”



FIFA WORLD CUP
RUSSIA 2018

MATCHES

MOROCCO : IRAN
JUNE 15

RUSSIA : EGYPT
JUNE 19

BRAZIL : COSTA RICA
JUNE 22

NIGERIA : ARGENTINA
JUNE 26

X ROUND OF 16
JULY 3

X SEMI-FINAL
JULY 10

X THIRD PLACE PLAYOFF
JULY 14



ST. PETERSBURG'S STADIUM

BESET BY PROBLEMS, IT WILL DELIVER

HISTORY

While it might not be obvious from looking at the finished product, the brand-new **St. Petersburg Stadium** was, in many ways, a disaster. It ran more than five times over budget and was 514% late. At a rumored cost of \$1.5 billion, it is likely the most expensive football stadium ever built. Like the 2014 Olympics in Sochi, the construction was viewed as a symbol of the corruption and incompetence that has flourished under Vladimir Putin's rule.

A former St. Petersburg vice-governor admitted to accepting a bribe of over \$300,000. The project was also the subject of an extensive investigative report by the Norwegian magazine *Josimar*, which documented the 110 North Koreans working on the stadium essentially as slaves.

Even when the stadium was completed, there were problems with the result. The ground under the pitch vibrated, the roof leaked, and it is far from public transportation. Stadium representatives had to fix a mini PR crisis after Portugal's star player Cristiano Ronaldo described the grass as "somewhat too long."

Russia has had time to iron out these problems. The 2017 Confederation Cup passed without major incidents, and hopefully this year's spectators will be able to enjoy the admittedly beautiful stadium. Zenit fans have certainly learned to love their new home since 2017, when it was leased to the team for the next 49 years, at the cost of one ruble (less than two cents).

ARCHITECTURE AND LOCATION

The structure itself is a marvel. It was designed by Japanese architect Kisho Kurokawa, and is affectionately called the "spaceship." Indeed, this 67,000-seat arena looks ready to rocket off into space.

The location could not offer better views. It is perched on the tip of Krestovsky Island, which is surrounded by the Neva River and the Gulf of Finland. Much of the rest of the island is dominated by a large park. Here you will find a petting zoo for post-traumatic goat feeding in case your team loses, and scream-inducing roller coasters, if you haven't lost your voice shouting from the stadium stands.



GETTING THERE

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

One of the main gripes from spectators about the arena is its lack of nearby public transportation. The nearest **metro station is Krestovsky Ostrov**, easily a 20-minute walk away. The authorities have promised shuttle buses on game days, but they won't stop any closer to the stadium. The **shuttles** will run from the **airport**, and the **metro stations Ploshchad Vosstaniya, Petrogradskaya and Vyborgskaya**.

ZENIT ARENA

Ulitsa Izi Chajkina

ГОРКОВЕНАЯ

Petrovskaya Naberezhnaya

Trakhtovskiy most

SPORTIVNAYA



Prospekt Dobrelyubova

PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS



KUNSTKAMERA

Dvortsovaya Naberezhnaya



Universitetskaya Naberezhnaya

BRONZE HORSEMAN



MARIINSKY THEATER

Bolwaya Morakaya Ulitsa

SAINT ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL

NEVSKY PROSPEKT



Ulitsa Decabristov

FONTANKA RIVER

PUSHKINSKAYA

NEVA RIVER

RUSSIAN CRUISER AURORA

Voskresenskaya naberezhnaya



Ulitsa Gajkovskogo

Ulitsa Zaharevskaya

Ulitsa Shpalernaya

THE LOBBY BAR

LEEUPE RESTAURANT

Mezzanine Cafe

caviar BAR & RESTAURANT

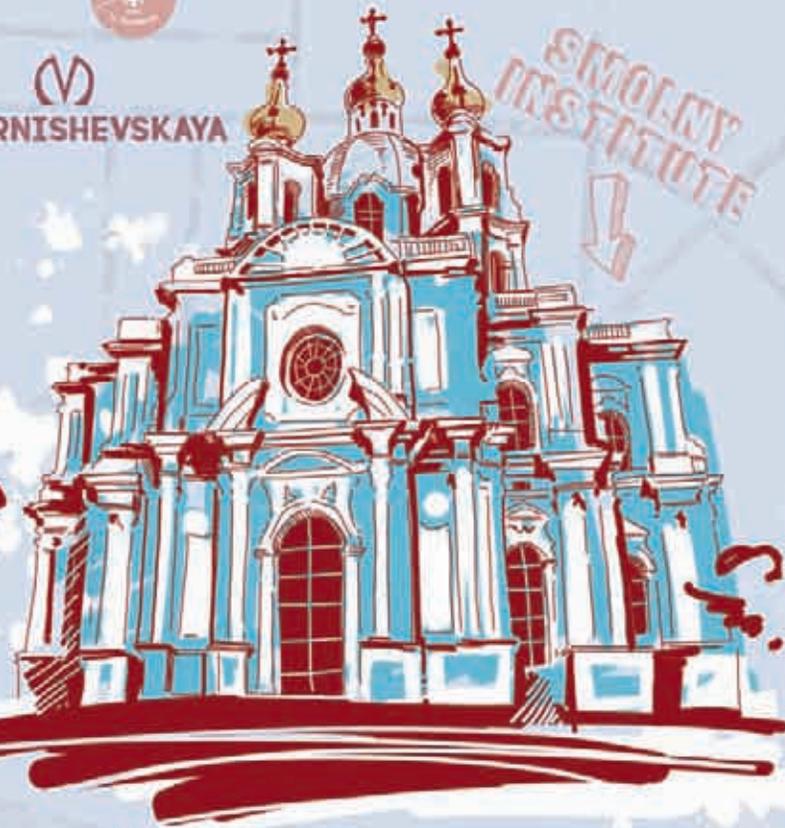
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PLOSHCHAD ALEKSANDRA NEVSKOGO



Peterhof



Shlisselburg

The beauty of the Leningrad region goes far beyond the streets of St. Petersburg. The capital is in fact surrounded by fascinating towns, each of which has its own unique history and landscape, and most of which can be visited in just a one-day trip.

Peterhof

Peterhof is the Russian imperial family's most well-known suburban estate. The palace was built by Peter the Great and was greatly inspired by the tsar's visit to Versailles. The estate quickly became Peter's favorite retreat.

Most of the palace was destroyed during World War II and what is visible today was largely reconstructed after the war. Apart from the damage caused by the Germans, the palace also suffered from Soviet bombing raids between December 1941 and January 1942, when Stalin ordered an attack on the estate to prevent Hitler from hosting a New Year's victory celebration there.

Peterhof's masterpiece and main attraction is the Grand Cascade, a complex of 64 fountains, 142 water jets and 37 golden stat-

ST. PETERSBURG

DAY TRIPS



Vyborg

ues. A must-see is also the Grand Palace, with its majestic rooms, each of which has a unique theme and is filled with art and decorations.

Peterhof can be reached during the summer by hydrofoil, which goes from the Gulf of Finland into the city; by marshrutka minibuses from Baltiyskaya, Avtovo, and Leninsky Prospekt metro stations; or by commuter train from Baltiysky Station.

OPEN daily, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
TICKETS from 900 rubles

Razvodnaya Ulitsa, 2
peterhofmuseum.ru

Shlisselburg

Strategically located by the shore of Lake Ladoga, just 22 miles east of St. Petersburg, the town was from its beginning a source of rivalry between the rulers of Novgorod and Sweden. Highly contended, the small island adjacent to the town was fortified in 1323 by Novgorod Prince Yury Danilovich and took the name of Oreshek (little nut). After being ruled by different sovereigns, the island was finally recaptured in 1702 by Peter the Great, who changed its name to Schlüsselburg ("key fortress" in German).

The stronghold was transformed into a prison for opponents of the tsar. Famous inmates included Peter the Great's half-sister Maria, the boy Tsar Ivan VI, members of the Decembrist Uprising, and Lenin's brother Alexander Ulyanov, who was hanged for attempted regicide.

The island regained its original function as a fortress during World War II, fulfilling



Peterhof grand palace



Kronstadt

an emblematic role during the blockade of Leningrad and for supplying food to the city. Although most buildings on the island were destroyed during the war, the fortress was never captured, and its ruins can still be visited today. The town center and the fortress are UNESCO World Heritage sites.

The direct 575 bus runs every 20 minutes from Ulitsa Dybenko and reaches the town in approximately 40 minutes.

 Shlisselburg, Leningrad region

Kronstadt

The city of Kronstadt, just a one-hour ride from St. Petersburg, is an unmissable stop for Russian history enthusiasts.

Built on Kotlin Island in the Gulf of Finland, the town consists of a complex of naval forts dating back several centuries. The city was founded by Peter the Great shortly after St. Petersburg, and was meant to safeguard the northern capital from the Swedish navy.



Kronstadt

The city owes its historical importance to its having been the cradle of the 18-day Kronstadt Rebellion, when Soviet sailors protested against the revolutionary regime. The revolt culminated in over 30,000 deaths.

Another important milestone in Kronstadt's history was World War II, during which the artillery and naval forces of the city played a major role in the defense of besieged Leningrad. A unique memorial of the times of the siege can be found on one of the canals in front of Petrovsky Park, featuring a stickleback fish, which during the war represented

one of the few nutritional resources that prevented people from starving.

The town is reachable by bus from St. Petersburg, with buses regularly departing from the Staraya Derevnaya and Chyornaya Rechka metro stations.

 Kronstadt, Leningrad region

Vyborg

Somewhat more distant than the above destinations, but still an ideal place for a day trip from St. Petersburg, Vyborg is an enchanting town just on the border between Finland and Russia. The town, lined with cobblestone streets, is filled with small gems: antique shops, medieval architecture, picturesque stone houses, and the Hermitage-Vyborg Center.

The main attraction of the town, the castle, dates back to the 13th century. Today, it serves as a local history museum. The castle's only remaining tower, St. Olaf, offers a stunning view across the city.

After a 15-minute walk from the central station, you can immerse yourself in the woodlands and take a hike through Batarynaya mountain park, where you can find defensive fortifications from the 19th century, and an abandoned amusement park.

The town can be reached both by train and by bus. Buses are available every half-hour from Parnas metro station; trains depart 10 times a day from Finlyandsky Station.

 Vyborg, Leningrad region



Salvador Dalí

CULTURAL AGENDA

ART

COSMOS. HISTORY OF PEOPLE

RUNS UNTIL AUG. 26

The exhibition "Cosmos. History of People" is designed to bring together artists who contributed to Russian cosmonautics. Visitors can learn about the Soviet space program and see the unique documents and objects cosmonauts used during their launches. Part of the exhibition's format is interactive. Among the artists featured are Arseny Zhilyaev, Alexander Dzhikia, Sergei Shutov, Alexander Povzner, and the MishMash art group. The cultural project was created in cooperation with the Memorial Museum of Cosmonautics in Moscow.

WHERE K Gallery**OPEN** Mon. to Fri. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sat. 12 p.m.-6 p.m.

Sun. 12 p.m.-3 p.m.

TICKETS 200 rubles

📍 Fontanka River Embankment, 24
kgallery.ru

SALVADOR DALÍ: SCULPTURES

RUNS UNTIL SEPT. 23

The Erarta contemporary art museum presents "Salvador Dalí: Sculptures," a collection of the Surrealist artist's most iconic images, cast in monumental bronze sculptures. The show includes some of Dalí's iconic paintings, reimagined: there is "The Space Elephant," which stands almost 3 meters high in bronze and recalls the painting "The Temptation of St. Anthony," as well as "Nobility of Time," the sculptural equivalent of Dalí's melting clock. The exhibition is part of the Dalí Collection, which was assembled by Beniamino Levi.

WHERE Erarta Museum**OPEN** daily 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; closed Tuesday**TICKETS** 500 rubles

📍 29 Liniya Vasilyevskogo Ostrova, 2
erarta.com/en

SPORT IN SOVIET PORCELAIN, GRAPHIC ARTS, AND SCULPTURE

RUNS UNTIL JULY 30

Around 350 porcelain, faience and maiolica objects made in the Soviet Union and Russia between the 1920s and the 1990s are exhibited in the Benois Wing of the State Russian Museum. Ceramic works



Cosmos. History of People



Soviet porcelain

PETERSBURG 2103

RUNS UNTIL JULY 15

To celebrate St. Petersburg's 400th anniversary, the Manege central exhibition hall's new "Petersburg 2103" show is an attempt to look at the city from a different angle. The exhibition explains all the stages of the modern city's construction, emphasizing the past events that still have relevance in the present. Through four different sections and interactive multimedia installations, the visitor can see the St. Petersburg of the past, present and future.

WHERE Manege.**OPEN** daily 10 a.m.-8 p.m.**TICKETS** 300 rubles

📍 Isaakiyevskaya Ploshchad, 1
manege.spb.ru/en

made by more than 90 artists collected in the exhibition "Sport in Soviet Porcelain, Graphic Arts, and Sculpture" come from the Russian Museum, State Hermitage and private collections. This project provides insight into sport and healthy lifestyle as reflected in Russian 20th century ceramic art, explaining what artistic motifs and methods were introduced into ceramics.

WHERE: State Russian Museum.**OPEN** Mon.-Sun. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 1 p.m.-9 p.m.;

closed Tuesday

TICKETS 450 rubles

📍 Inzhenernaya Ulitsa, 4
en.rusmuseum.ru

GIUSEPPE PENONE. IDEAS OF STONE — 1372 KG OF LIGHT

RUNS UNTIL OCT. 7

"Ideas of Stone — 1372 kg of Light," the bronze sculpture designed by Italian artist Giuseppe Penone, is on display in the Winter Palace's grand courtyard. The sculpture was created in 2010 and employs the main artistic image in Penone's oeuvre — the tree. The exhibition was organized by the Hermitage Museum as part of the "Sculpture in the Great Courtyard" project.

WHERE Hermitage Museum**OPEN** Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun. 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Wed.-Fri.

10:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Monday

TICKETS 700 rubles

📍 Palace Square, 2
hermitagemuseum.org

SWAN LAKE

MULTIPLE PRODUCTIONS IN JUNE AND JULY, 8 P.M.

The St. Petersburg Ballet Theater in June and July will perform Pyotr Tchaikovsky's famous "Swan Lake." The eternal love story will be performed on the main stage of the theater in four scenes and three acts.

WHERE Alexandrinsky Theater

TICKETS 900-6,500 rubles

📍 **Ploshchad Ostrovskogo, 6**

Metro Gostiny Dvor

en.alexandrinsky.ru



Swan Lake

THE GAMBLER

JUNE 14 AND 15 AT 7 P.M.

Theater director Roman Marholia brings an independent interpretation of Dostoyevsky's "The Gambler" to the Tovstonogov Bolshoi Drama Theater's stage. The characters do



The Gambler

not only act, but also sing Italian and German songs. Among the unusual features of the production are the fact that one actress plays a number of different roles.

WHERE Tovstonogov Bolshoi

TICKETS 500-3,000 rubles

📍 **Theater. Naberezhnaya Reki**

Fontanki, 65

Metro Sennaya Ploshchad

but.spb.ru

FAUST

JUNE 17 AT 7 P.M.

In its 13th season, the St. Petersburg Chamber Opera has for the first time turned to the works of Charles Gounod and will perform his famous opera "Faust." Director Yury Alexandrov's modern and expressive version of the classical opera deals with the philosophical issues of being, man's vocation, and the confrontation of heaven and hell, responding vividly and passionately to today's world events. The opera is performed in French.

WHERE The St. Petersburg Chamber Opera.

TICKETS 700-1,800 rubles

📍 **Galernaya Ulitsa, 33**

Metro Admiralteyskaya

spbopera.ru/en

STARS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

JUNE 30 AT 8 P.M.

For the first time in what locals consider the international capital of ballet, St. Petersburg's Oktyabrsky Big Concert Hall will host dancers and ballerinas from different countries. For its 25th anniversary, the unique "Stars of

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THEATER

the 21st Century" event, which has played already in Canada, the U.S., Hungary and France, will bring together talented and unique dancers from leading theaters of the world for classical ballet and modern choreography.

WHERE Oktyabrsky Big Concert Hall (BKZ)

TICKETS 2,400-8,500 rubles

📍 **Ligovsky Prospekt, 6**

Metro Ploshchad Vosstaniya
bkz.ru

UNCLE VANYA

JULY 10 AT 7 P.M.

"Uncle Vanya," the well-known play by Russian playwright Anton Chekhov, will be performed at the Maly Drama Theater. The lyrical performance is a rare example of

Russian psychological theater, staged by Lev Dodin, with the lead role played by David Borovsky. The performance is divided into four acts with one intermission.

WHERE Maly Drama Theater

TICKETS 800-2,000 rubles

📍 **Ulitsa**

Rubinshteina, 18

Metro Dostoyevskaya

mdt-dodin.ru



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There's plenty to keep music fans happy in St. Petersburg this summer, so check out our picks of the best.

CULTURAL AGENDA

MUSIC



leon Bridges

ARASH

JUNE 15 AT 9 P.M.

The Iranian-Swedish singer, entertainer and producer Arash Labaf (known as Arash) is stopping off in St. Petersburg as part of his European tour. His style ranges from Persian pop to hip-hop, R&B, dance music and house, and he sings in Persian and English. He has collaborated with a number of international artists, including French singer Helena, who sang with him on "Dooset Daram," released at the end of 2017. Don't miss his St. Petersburg concert.

WHERE A2 Green Concert

TICKETS from 2000 rubles

📍 **Prospekt Medikov, 3**
a2.fm

TANTSY MINUS

JUNE 21 AT 8 P.M.

This year will mark the seventh time that the Roof Music Fest will host concerts of different musical styles on its open-air stage every week. On June 21, Russian band Tantsy Minus, founded in 1995, will play in the beautiful venue overlooking the Gulf of Finland. In addition to its last EP "Tri," released one year ago, Vyacheslav Petkun's band will perform their greatest hits, including "Gorod" — an ode to St. Petersburg.

WHERE Roof Music Group

TICKETS 1600 rubles

📍 **Kozhevnnaya Liniya, 30**
roofmusicgroup.ru

BRACAMONTE FOOTBALL BLUES BAND

JUNE 27 AT 8 P.M.

If you like music to be combined with sport, this is for you. The former Argentine football player Hector Andres Bracamonte — who played for teams like FC Moscow, Terek Grozny and Rostov — is back in Russia as a football commentator for Argentinian television. He also founded the Bracamonte Football Blues Band, a music project created by athlete and blues guitarist Omar Itcovici. On June 27 the band will perform at Aurora Concert Hall and during the World Cup it will play in the cities where the Argentine team is slated to play.

WHERE Aurora Concert Hall

TICKETS 700 rubles

📍 **Pirogovskaya Naberezhnaya, 5/2**
+7 (812) 907 1917

STEEL PANTHER

JUNE 28 AT 8 P.M.

The American comedic glam metal band from Los Angeles will perform at the popular St. Petersburg club Cosmonavt. The summer tour will bring their irreverent rock music to the United States, Australia, Britain, Ukraine and Russia, where they will be performing in both Moscow and St. Petersburg.

WHERE Club Cosmonavt

TICKETS 2000-4000 rubles

📍 **Bronnitskaya Ulitsa, 24**
cosmonavt.su

SOLOISTS FROM THE ACADEMY OF YOUNG SINGERS

JULY 3 AT 7 P.M.

Mikhail Golikov, the conductor of the St. Petersburg Voices youth chamber choir, will conduct soloists

from the Academy of Young Singers of the Mariinsky Theater and Tauric Symphony Orchestra. Both the academy and the orchestra include musicians and up-and-coming young singers from Russia, Europe and the United States. The concert will consist of music by Tchaikovsky, Puccini, Donizetti and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

WHERE St. Petersburg Academic Philharmonia (Small Hall)

TICKETS 600-1000 rubles

📍 **Nevsky Prospekt, 30**
philharmonia.spb.ru/en

LEON BRIDGES

JULY 8 AT 8 P.M.

Texan singer-songwriter Leon Bridges arrives to the main stage on New Holland Island with his vintage melodies, laid-back rhythm and soft voice, bringing to mind R&B and soul music, and stepping back into the American 1960s. Bridges grew up on the radio pop of the 1990s, but he brings high-waisted trousers and 1950s-style boots to the stage. The concert is part of a special program of events that reflect on the museum building on New Holland Island and its architecture, and feature performances and lectures.

WHERE St. Petersburg Academic Philharmonia (Small Hall)

TICKETS 1200 rubles

📍 **Naberezhnaya Admiralteyskogo Kanala, 2/4**
newhollandsp.com



Academy of Young Singers

No matter what kind of music you like — Russian rock, American indie, classical or jazz, this summer you can enjoy the city's endless summer nights to the beat of your favorite music genre.



TINKOFF STEREOLETO 2018

JUNE 10-11

StereoLeto celebrates its 17th event in a new venue: the ARTPLAY design center, the largest creative cluster in the city. The festival this year boasts a lineup of local and international artists: from the St. Petersburg bands Great Revivers, Electroforez and Kirpichi to the Scottish indie-rock band Franz Ferdinand and the German group Milky Chance, who gained international fame with their first single "Stolen Dance." Among the international guests are British band HMLTD, Squarepusher, the American ambient pop band Cigarettes After Sex, the Danish electronic composer Lydmor, the Swedish singer Jonna Lee, the Latvian band Brainstorm, Estonian rapper Tommy Cash, the Finnish duet Jori Hulkkonen & Jimi Tenor, and the Ukrainian Poshlaya Molly.

TICKETS bestfest.ru

THE STARS OF THE WHITE NIGHTS

FROM MAY 24-JULY 22

For lovers of classical music and theater, the Mariinsky Theater will host an unmissable festival: a two-month celebration that will bring together the best

performers from the Russian and international theater scene. The festival, which started in 1993, will be directed by its founder, Valery Gergiev. This year, on its 26th anniversary, it will encompass a total of 190 events, including the long-awaited premiere of Giuseppe Verdi's "Falstaff."

TICKETS mariinsky.ru

PRESENT PERFECT

FROM JULY 27-29

Celebrating its third anniversary, this year's Present Perfect festival will be dedicated to electronic music and contemporary art. In spite of its short history, the festival has



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already affirmed itself as one of the most-awaited events dedicated to contemporary music culture; every year it attracts big names from the Russian and international electronic music scenes.

TICKETS runited.ru/ppf/2018

VK FEST

JULY 28-29

Imagine what would happen if an algorithm analyzed your social media behavior, hobbies and interests, then created a festival based on the information collected. In St. Petersburg, such a festival has existed for four years. VK FEST is one of the most famous festivals in Russia. Located at the 300 Years of St. Petersburg Park on the shore of the Gulf of Finland, it has over 300 interactive sites, with music, workshops, games, competitions, lectures, food, and much more. This is a must for every Russophile who wants to explore all the nooks and crannies of contemporary Russian culture.

TICKETS vk.cc/tickets

USADBA JAZZ FESTIVAL

JULY 28

The annual Usadba Jazz Festival is dedicated exclusively to jazz. Among the big names this year will be the Belgian artist Zap Mama, the French blues



harmonica player Jean-Jacques Milteau, Israeli jazz bassist Avishai Cohen, the Chicago-based brass group Hypnotic Brass Ensemble, the Brooklyn-based jam band Snarky Puppy, the legendary funk group Earth Wind & Fire Experience, the jazz-hip-hop band The Herbaliser, and the Cuban jazz star Chucho Valdes.

This year the festival will have an environmental theme: there will be designers and restaurateurs working with natural materials and healthy ingredients and eco-friendly artists.

TICKETS usadba-jazz.ru/sankt-peterburg-tickets

GETTING AROUND IN RUSSIAN



Russian is not the easiest language to learn quickly — even the alphabet takes a few days to master. But the good news is that Russians tolerate mistakes and bad pronunciation. To understand the reply, show a map, give the person pen and paper, or point in a direction so the person will either nod “yes” or correct you.

BASICS

Hello!

Здравствуйте!
Zdrastvuite!

Good morning/day/ evening

Доброе утро/добрый день
добрый вечер
**Dobroye utro/dobry den/
dobry vecher**

Goodbye

До свидания.
Do svidaniya

Please!

Пожалуйста!
Pozhaloosta!

Thank you!

Спасибо!
Spaseebo!

Help!

Помогите!
Pomogeete!

I don't understand

Я не понимаю
Ya ne ponimayu

Open/Closed

Открыто/Закрыто
Otkryto/Zakryto

Entrance/Exit

Вход/Выход
Vkhod/Vykhod

BASICS

Here/There

Здесь/Там
Zdes/Tam

Cashier/Ticket desk

Касса
Kassa

Toilet

Туалет
Tualet (M = men Ж = women)

I feel ill

Мне плохо
Mne plokho

Where is ...

Где ...
Gde ...

... hotel (Name)?

... гостиница (Name)?
... gostinitsa (Name)?

... a pharmacy?

... аптека?
... apteka?

... a grocery store?

... продуктовый магазин?
... produktovy magazeen

... a mall?

... торговый центр?
... torgovy tsender?

BASICS

... the museum (Name)?

... музей (Name)?
... muzei (Name)?

... a café?

... кафе?
... kafe?

... the restaurant (Name)?

... ресторан (Name)?
... restoran (Name)?

MONEY

How much does it cost?

Сколько стоит?
Skolko stoet?

Write down the cost, please

Напишите цену, пожалуйста
Napeesheete tsenu, pozhaloosta

Can I pay with a credit card?

Можно платить картой?
Mozhno plateet kartoi?

I'd like to exchange money

Я хочу обменять деньги
Ya khochu obmenyat dengee

Where is the exchange office?

Где обменный пункт?
Gde obmenny poonkt?

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SOUVENIRS

This former capital is abundant with kitschy memorabilia of its former glory, beautiful porcelain worthy of a tsar and trendy fashion items.



Russian porcelain

FABERGE

For someone special, show your love like royalty and get them a Faberge egg. After you've seen the originals in the Hermitage and Faberge museums, exit through the gift shop to buy one of your own.

AMBER

Another more wearable option for jewelry is amber. The Baltic Sea is home to huge deposits, and St. Petersburg jewelers have been turning it into bracelets, necklaces and earrings for centuries.

PORCELAIN

There might be nothing better to test the sturdiness of your suitcase (and your nerves) than to take back porcelain from the Imperial Porcelain Factory. It was from here that the tsars ordered their finest tableware.

WATCHES

The Petrodvorets Watch Factory was founded by Peter the Great in 1721, and since 1961 has been manufacturing Raketa watches. The company has made models for the Red Army, the navy, and even polar expedi-



tions. You can pick one up at the Babochka department store.

SAILOR CHIC

St. Petersburg hosts a naval base for the Baltic Fleet. Walking along Nevsky Prospekt, you are sure to run into sailors on leave. Many of them will be wearing a teln'yashka, a blue and white striped under-shirt. These shirts are also popular souvenirs.

COINS

As the center of imperial power, St. Petersburg was home to the empire's largest mint. Founded by Peter

the Great, it stands in the Peter and Paul Fortress. Here you can buy both antique and contemporary coins and medals.

FOR THE SWEET TOOTH

Why not get some candy from the Krupskaya Candy Factory? Look for the Mishka na Severe or "Northern Bear," with a polar bear on the front. Fun fact: The factory is named after the revolutionary wife of Vladimir Lenin, Nadezhda Krupskaya.

FASHION

The former capital is also home to some of Russia's trendiest fashion outlets. At New Holland Island you can pick up some glitzy items. Fashionistas should also visit DLT, St. Petersburg's oldest department store, and now the flagship store of TsUM Moscow. DLT carries more than 700 international brands and is located in a beautiful Art Nouveau building.

FOR FOOTBALL FANS

Don't forget to visit the Zenit flagship store and show your support for St. Petersburg's home team.



GETTING THERE

HERMITAGE MUSEUM

Dvortsovaya
Ploshchad, 2
Metro Admiralteyskaya
hermitagemuseum.org

FABERGE MUSEUM

Fontanka
Embankment, 21
Metro Gostiny Dvor
fabergemuseum.ru

AMBERKOT

Sadovaya Ulitsa, 32
Metro Sennaya
Ploshchad
amberkot.ru

IMPERIAL
PORCELAIN FACTORY

Nevsky Prospekt, 35
Metro Gostiny Dvor
ipm.ru

BABOCHKA

Nevsky Prospekt, 153
Metro Ploshchad
Alexandra Nevskogo
babochka.ru

MINT

Petropavlovskaya
Krepost, 6
Metro Gorkovskaya
spmd.goznak.ru

KRUPSKAYA
CANDY FACTORY

Ulitsa Pravyd, 6
Metro Dostoyevskaya
krupskaya-shop.ru

NEW HOLLAND ISLAND

Admiralteysky Canal
Embankment, 2
Metro Admiralteyskaya
newhollandsp.ru

ZENIT FLAGSHIP STORE

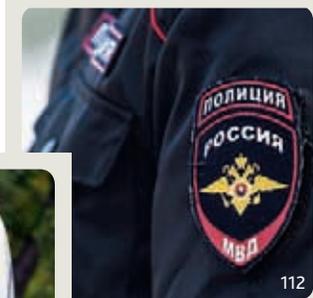
Petrovsky Ostrov, 2-G
Metro Sportivnaya
shop.fc-zenit.ru

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Ulitsa Bolshaya
Konyushennaya, 21-23a
Metro Nevsky Prospekt
dlt.ru



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Galereya shopping mall

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CITY SURVIVAL GUIDE

As you plan to fuse your cultural and sports itineraries in St. Petersburg, here are some tips to get you started.

THE METRO

Though it is not as extensive as the Moscow metro, St. Petersburg's underground network is the best choice for getting around the city. Some stations open as early as 5:30 a.m. and most stations close around midnight.

The ticket system for the metro of Russia's second city is rather complex. Special metro coins will get you through the turnstiles at **45 rubles** apiece.

You can also buy a plastic card that can be topped up with numerous combinations of tickets and rides.

Ten rides will cost you 355 rubles. Unlimited daily tickets are also available for **180 rubles** for **1 day**. Putting money on a daily card will bring the cost of the ticket down to 36 rubles if you take up to 10 trips. The more rides you take with a daily card, the cheaper the ride will be.

You can get Mastercard Contactless cards anywhere in the city for 45 rubles a ride.

TROLLEYBUSES, BUSES AND TRAMS

Where public transportation is concerned, the metro has the most reliable English-language signage. However, taking trams and trolleybuses will allow for a more enjoyable sightseeing ride around the city. To really take in the view, take the **No. 1** trolleybus starting from the Petrogradskaya side.

Alternatively, the 3a tram will whizz you through the tourist hotspots of Nevsky Prospekt, Sadovaya Ulitsa and the summer gardens. Ground transportation costs **40 rubles** per ride, or **31 rubles** with a travel card or daily card.

TAXIS

Uber and **Gett** provide reliable taxi services in St. Petersburg. Double-check your destination address when using the apps as drivers don't usually speak English. The oldest taxi service in St. Petersburg can be called at **+7 (812) 312 0022**; the trip will be cash-only

and will cost around **30 rubles** per kilometer.

OPENING OF THE BRIDGES

Getting around St. Petersburg is easy as long as you don't stay out late. This is due to the opening of the **bridges** — a daily event that restricts traffic but draws crowds of spectators. Find the schedule online.

SAFETY

Tourism is booming in St. Petersburg and the city attracts millions of visitors. Take care of your belongings and be wary of pickpockets. Don't be surprised if you're stopped on the street by police, who have the right to check your passport, your visa and your registration documents.

PHARMACIES

The two biggest St. Petersburg chains are **Raduga** and **36.6**. The latter is self-service and easy to understand. You'll have to speak

Russian at other places. If you fall ill, certain painkillers, anti-fungal creams and medications are sold over the counter in Russia.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

Three private clinics are known to have English-speaking staff. These are the **American Medical Clinic**, **Euromed**, and the **Meds** international clinic. Go private whenever you can. Russia has free healthcare and a free emergency care system, but state hospitals are as a rule under-funded.

GROCERY SHOPPING

Head to the **Polushka** corner stores to grab basic necessities and essentials. **Perekrestok** — the largest Russian supermarket chain — offers a wider selection of fruits, vegetables, meat and rare species of fish and seafood. The city's favorite, **Stockmann**, boasts aisles filled with delicacies and is frequented by more upscale shoppers.

CLOTHES SHOPPING

The locals usually shop in neighboring Finland, but the city's malls are perfect for a spontaneous shopping trip. The **Galereya shopping mall** is located just outside Moskovsky Station — where **Sapsan** trains arrive from Moscow. A walk along **Bolshoi Prospekt** will accommodate the tastes of travelers looking for a bit more luxury.

REPAIR SERVICES

The **Master Minutka** repair shops can fix your torn coat, restore damaged sneakers and remove serious stains. This will have to be a chance to practice your Russian, as the staff doesn't speak English. One workaround: Call your hotel reception and ask them to translate.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

If you require urgent assistance from medical services, police or the fire department, dial the free **112** emergency number. The number is accessible both from landlines and mobile phones, even if there is no SIM card or if your number has been blocked. Operators speak Russian and English. The staff at each of the 11 Visitor Information Centers are able to provide guidance to tourists in distress.

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