

# SAINT PETERSBURG

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Saint Petersburg is the perfect city for your short trip for a few days. Explore the “Venice of the North” where culture and history takes centre stage. A splendid, colourful city that was home to the imperial royal family for centuries, before bloodshed and revolution. Gilded palaces, museums, canals, bridges and avenues are in abundance. Saint Petersburg is a city that combines privilege and struggle in its dramatic history. Russia’s former capital city includes world famous art, beauty and intrigue.



## TRAVEL ITINERARY



### DAY 1

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

Meeting at the airport. Transfer to the hotel.  
Check-in at your hotel. Night in St. Petersburg.



### DAY 2

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel
- City tour of St. Petersburg by transport with a guide: discover the historic centre and admire from the outside the city’s most famous monuments, such as the Hermitage, cathedrals and the Nevsky perspective. The visit continues with the interior of the Peter and Paul fortress, the historic nucleus of the city and now the city’s history museum.
- Lunch in city.
- Guided tour of the Hermitage: a real jewel of Russian Baroque art, the Hermitage Museum is one of the most important museums in the world. Classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it houses treasures from antiquity and the works of the great masters of the Dutch, Italian, Flemish and Spanish schools. A visit appreciated both for the richness of the collections and for the magnificence of the buildings.

Return to the hotel. Night in St. Petersburg.



## TRAVEL ITINERARY (2)



### DAY 3

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Departure by transport for the guided tour of Peterhof: very impressed by the splendour of the French court, Peter the Great installed his "Russian Versailles" on the Baltic Sea to celebrate his victory against the Swedes. A long canal connected to the Gulf of Finland allowed guests to reach the palace by boat, admiring the Grande Cascade, this formidable ensemble of fountains, water jets and sculptures that still operates from mid-May to September.

#### Lunch

Boat trip along the canals.

In winter:

Departure by transport for a guided tour of the palaces of Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin) and Pavlovsk: the city of Tsarskoye Selo (imperial village) was founded in the 18th century to host the tsars' summer residence. Renamed "Pushkin" after the Revolution, it houses the splendid Catherine Palace, built by Rastrelli on the order of Elizabeth I, and the Alexander Palace built by Catherine II. Pavlovsk Palace is built in a Palladian style, inspired by Roman temples with white columns. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Pavlovsk is renowned for the splendour of its interiors, housing many 18th century furniture, sculptures and paintings, but also for the beauty of its English-style park. Lunch in the city.

Return to the hotel. Night in St. Petersburg.



### DAY 4

📍 ST. PETERSBURG

- Breakfast at the hotel
- Free time according to your flight schedule. Transfer to the airport. Departure flight.