

# Simply St Petes 4 days



A very European city in a very Russian setting. With beautiful scenery, fascinating history and stunning architecture, St Pete's - or Piter to the locals - offers a plethora of things to see and do.

## TOUR DETAILS:

- Starts in: St Petersburg / Ends in: St Petersburg
- Departs: Saturdays - February to December
- No local payment required
- Breakfast:3, Lunch: 0, Dinner: 0
- Hotel Rating: 3 star
- Tour Guide: Yes

## ONLINE RESOURCES:

- For a detailed GO GUIDE - [click here](#)
- To book this trip - [click here](#)
- To enquire about this trip - [click here](#)

## TOUR MAP:



## QUICK WEB LINKS

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## Day 1: St Petersburg

Saturday. Welcome to St Petersburg and the start of your long weekend! Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in. Tonight, our welcome meeting takes place where you will meet the rest of your group and tour leader. Spend the remainder of the evening at leisure, consider a beer and getting to know your fellow travellers. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

## Day 2: Hermitage

First thing this morning we will embark on a driving tour of the city, offering an ideal introduction to all that St Petersburg has to offer. Travelling by mini bus we will drive along Nevsky Prospekt - the main stretch of the city centre, making plenty of stops for photo opportunities along the way. We will then visit the Peter and Paul Fortress, one of the oldest buildings in St Petersburg dating back to 1703. This fortress was once used as a political prison - containing the likes of Dostoevsky and Lenin's older brother, Alexander.

Later we will enjoy a guided tour of the amazing Hermitage Museum, located in majestic Winter Palace. When you've had your fill of Matisse, Picasso, Cezanne, Monet and more, the rest of the day is free for you to explore. Why not visit some of the many impressive buildings or investigate the city's buzzing bar scene.

During our time in St Petersburg there will be the chance to join some optional evening excursions, such as a canal cruise (May to September), a traditional Cossacks performance or a night at the Russian Ballet. There may even be the chance to try your hand at preparing Russian cuisine with a cooking class.

\*Note: During winter months the tour of Paul Fortress may fall on day 3 due to logistical reasons. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



## Day 3: Pukka Pass

Enjoy a free day of exploration in St Petersburg. Alternatively, there is the option to purchase our Pukka Pass for a full day of additional sightseeing - inclusive of transport, entrance fees and

lunch.

Touring will include either a visit to the beautifully landscaped gardens of Peterhof on the Gulf of Finland in the summer or a tour of Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo in winter (or Pavlosk Palace if Catherine Palace is closed). Often referred to as Russia's 'Versailles', the gardens of Peterhof are a wonderland of greenery and flowers, sweeping vistas and ornate architectural decorations. The real highlight are the spectacular gold fountains. At Catherine Palace its the exterior and the interiors of this lavishly decorated building that really catch the eye - and the lavish Amber room is a real highlight.

Back in St Petersburg we will stop for a hearty lunch at a traditional Russian restaurant, followed by a guided tour of the interior of The Church of Spilled Blood. While the exterior is impressive, the interiors are something else, with incredible mosaics covering almost every inch of the walls and ceiling. Later there will be time to shop in the souvenir market located alongside the church.

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## Day 4: Explore St Pete's

Tuesday. Today gives the opportunity to shop for some last minute souvenirs, or time to take a leisurely walk around the city. Our city stay concludes after breakfast and hotel check-out.

### WHAT YOU SEE AND WHAT YOU GET:

Below is a list of key highlights and what is included on this tour. Further, where appropriate, we have listed the items that are not included in the tour price.

### Trip Highlights

- **St Petersburg** - UNESCO-listed city area including: Nevsky Prospekt, Museum and University districts, Peter and Paul Fortress, Church on Spilled Blood, The Bronze Horseman and Admiralty End
- Guided tour of the Hermitage at the Winter Palace

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- Day 3 is a free day for you to explore on your own. Optional tours are available on this day at an additional cost. Try our full day Pukka Pass or half day morning tour of Catherines Palace or if closed (Pavlosk Palace) or Peterhof.

## What's Included

- 3 breakfasts
- 3 nights 3 star hotel
- Airport arrival transfer on day 1
- Guided sightseeing day 2 - St Petersburg city, Peter and Paul Fortress and the Hermitage at Winter Palace
- Services of an English speaking Russian tour leader during your stay
- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles

## What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tipping - an entirely personal gesture
- Entrance Fees: \$25-30 USD

### BOLT-ONS:

Make the most of your time away! Listed below are the optional activities that are available on this trip. Please note that you will need to book these prior to travel as we cannot always guarantee availability of these activities once you are on holiday.

### Catherine Palace or Peterhof - USD \$119

Take a step back in time - enjoy a guided tour of the stunning Royal Residences of the Russian Tsars, located in the outskirts of St Pete's and admire the beautiful Russian countryside on the way. Our Catherine Palace (winter) or Peterhof Gardens (summer) bolt on is available on all tours visiting St Petersburg.

### Novgorod Countryside Stay - USD \$679

Escape the bustling city of St Petersburg with an overnight stay in ancient Novgorod. Your visit begins with a tour of the historic Kremlin (Fortress) grounds and the open air museum of Russian wooden architecture, then there's free time to independently explore Novgorod - listed by UNESCO as one of the top 100 cities of the world. Why not soak up the views from a leisurely walk along the Volkhov river, visit one of the great medieval abbeys, or wander round the quaint shops and bars.

### PRICES AND DATES: from USD \$799

Prices shown are per person travelling. 'Twin/Double' prices per person apply when there are 2 people travelling, sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require

their own room and needs to be added to the 'Twin/Double' price. If you are happy to be paired up with another single traveller of the same sex on your tour, this can be arranged, thus avoiding the single person supplement. All our group tours are guaranteed to depart subject to a minimum of 2 travellers.

### 2015

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
07 FEB - 10 FEB	USD \$799	USD \$429
21 MAR - 24 MAR	USD \$799	USD \$429
04 APR - 07 APR	USD \$899	USD \$579
02 MAY - 05 MAY	USD \$899	USD \$579
15 MAY - 18 MAY	USD \$979	USD \$589
06 JUN - 09 JUN	USD \$899	USD \$579
11 JUL - 14 JUL	USD \$899	USD \$579
25 JUL - 28 JUL	USD \$899	USD \$579
15 AUG - 18 AUG	USD \$899	USD \$579
05 SEP - 08 SEP	USD \$899	USD \$579
03 OCT - 06 OCT	USD \$899	USD \$579
07 NOV - 10 NOV	USD \$799	USD \$429

### HOTELS:

The hotels listed below are ones which we frequently use on this tour. We reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard when necessary.

### Hotel Moscow - St Petersburg

The spacious rooms at Hotel Moscow are simply furnished, with modern amenities and en suite facilities. Many of the rooms boast wonderful views of the Neva River and Alexander Nevsky monastery. Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and there are five restaurants on site to enjoy delicious International and Russian cuisine. While the Panorama Bar on the 8th floor offers tasty beverages and incredible views of St Petersburg's historic centre. The Hotel Moscow is centrally located just off Nevsky Prospekt. The hotel is just 2 minutes walk from Alexander Nevsky Square Metro Station.



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## POSTCARDS:

Here's what some of our past travellers have written in to us and said about their experiences on this trip.

*Thank you for the priceless memories. I'm very glad we did this tour at the start of our Russia trip as we now have a better understanding of your beautiful country and our holiday will be better. Our guide dedicated all her time to us, to enrich our experience and I really loved how we used the metro and trolleys as we would not have done this on our own.*

Zoe Cairns , Mar 2014

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*Excellent tour. Thank you. Very knowledgeable guide and efficient service. Enjoyed the museum of St. Petersburg history.*

Peter Bansgrove , Aug 2012

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