

Simply St Pete's 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 Pete's and the start of your long weekend! Arrival transfer from St Petersburg Airport, transfer to hotel and check in. Tonight, our Welcome Meeting takes place where you can meet other group members also staying in St Pete's for the weekend. Remainder of the evening at leisure, consider a beer and a chat with newly met friends. Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

Day 2: Hermitage

Today we take a city tour that takes us to the main sights. We drive along colourful Nevsky Prospekt, the main avenue of St Pete's from which most main attractions can be easily reached. There'll be a stop at the famous Church on Spilled Blood (viewed from outside from the Nevsky prospect side for photo opportunities) and Peter and Paul Fortress, the oldest building in St Petersburg, which was built in 1703. This fortress was once used as a political prison - containing the likes of Dostoevsky and Lenin's older brother, Alexander. Later we enjoy a guided tour of the amazing Hermitage art collection, located in the grand sky blue 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 take a boat ride along the canals. Later you can investigate St Pete's buzzing bar and jazz club scene, watch the world famous Russian ballet or enjoy the energetic Cossacks cultural performance show (book and pay locally). Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)

Day 3: Peterhof or Catherine Palace

A free day to explore on your own. Alternatively, opt to join one of our optional group excursions.

Pukka Pass - Enjoy a full day of guided sightseeing Touring will include, dependent upon opening hours and availability, either a visit to the gardens of Peter the Great's palatial Peterhof which overlooks the Gulf of Finland (in summer) or a visit to Catherine Palace at Tsarskoe Selo in winter (or Pavlosk Palace if Catherine Palace is closed). We then stop for lunch overlooking Groboyedov Canal where we enjoy a hearty meal. After lunch we continue with a guided tour of the interior of The Church on Spilled Blood with time to shop in the souvenir market located alongside the church. Entrance fees, lunch and transport are all included, payable at time of booking.

Peterhof Summer Gardens (summer) or Catherine Palace or Pavlosk Palace (winter) - Take our morning tour to one of these sights dependant upon the time of year. In the summer, immerse yourself in the wonderland of Peterhof Park and gardens with its beautiful lakes, shaded glades and elaborate fountains, overlooked by the Grand Palace. In the winter be dazzled by Catherine Palace, with the famous Amber room and Catherine Park as highlights. Pavlosk Palace is also sumptuously decorated

and you will be enchanted by the lakes, rivers and classical statues and temples of its woodland park. Payable at time of booking.

Overnight - [St Petersburg](#)



Day 4: Explore St Pete's

Tuesday. Today gives the opportunity to shop for souvenirs, or time to take a leisurely walk around the city. Our city stay concludes after breakfast and hotel check out at 12 noon.

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
- 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 Catherine's 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

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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 \$89

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 \$549

Escape the bustling city of St Petersburg with an overnight stay in a country house in ancient Novgorod. Your visit begins with a tour of the historic Kremlin (Fortress) grounds and the open air museum of Russian wooden architecture. You've free time to admire 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 \$599

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.

2012

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
02 JUN - 05 JUN	USD \$729	USD \$489
30 JUN - 03 JUL	USD \$729	USD \$489
14 JUL - 17 JUL	USD \$729	USD \$489
28 JUL - 31 JUL	USD \$729	USD \$489
18 AUG - 21 AUG	USD \$729	USD \$489
08 SEP - 11 SEP	USD \$729	USD \$489

06 OCT - 09 OCT	USD \$729	USD \$489
10 NOV - 13 NOV	USD \$599	USD \$369
01 DEC - 04 DEC	USD \$599	USD \$369

2013

Date	Price/Person	Single Supp.
09 FEB - 12 FEB	USD \$599	USD \$369
09 MAR - 12 MAR	USD \$599	USD \$369
23 MAR - 26 MAR	USD \$599	USD \$369
06 APR - 09 APR	USD \$729	USD \$489
04 MAY - 07 MAY	USD \$729	USD \$489
01 JUN - 04 JUN	USD \$729	USD \$489
29 JUN - 02 JUL	USD \$729	USD \$489
13 JUL - 16 JUL	USD \$729	USD \$489
27 JUL - 30 JUL	USD \$729	USD \$489
17 AUG - 20 AUG	USD \$729	USD \$489
07 SEP - 10 SEP	USD \$729	USD \$489
05 OCT - 08 OCT	USD \$729	USD \$489
09 NOV - 12 NOV	USD \$599	USD \$369
30 NOV - 03 DEC	USD \$599	USD \$369

Supplementary Prices

	Price/Person	Single Supp.
4 star upgrade Simply St Petes	USD \$499	USD \$279