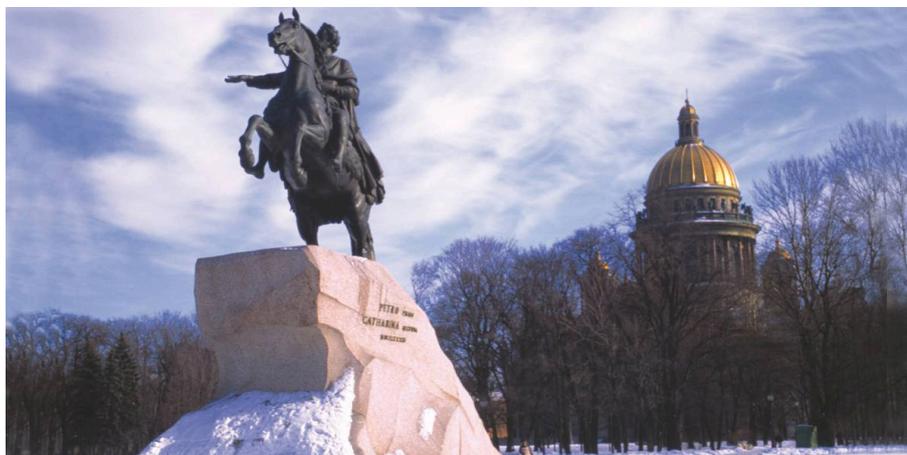


# St Petes Explored

## 4 Days | Starts/Ends: St Petersburg



*PRIVATE TOUR: Art and design abounds in this northern city, with opulent palaces, fortresses and galleries; but its not just for culture buffs, as the shopping, restaurants and nightlife are exceptional too.*

### HIGHLIGHTS AND INCLUSIONS

#### Trip Highlights

- St Petersburg - the Hermitage at the Winter Palace
- Peter and Paul Fortress and Peter and Paul Cathedral
- The River Neva
- Optional touring arrangements on day 3: Summer Gardens of Peterhof and Catherine Palace

#### What's Included

- All relevant transfers and transportation in private air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees for all included sightseeing
- 3 nights standard or superior or deluxe hotels (specific to your chosen itinerary)
- Breakfast daily
- Airport arrival with English speaking guide and departure transfer with driver.
- Guided tour of The Hermitage and Peter and Paul Fortress
- Professional English speaking guide

#### What's Not Included

- International flights and visa
- Tip for your tour guide. We recommend you allow USD\$5 - 10 per day, per traveller. Tipping your guide is an entirely personal gesture
- Laundry, drinks and items of a personal nature

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 : St Petersburg

Welcome to St Petersburg and the start of your city break! Upon arrival you will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel for check-in with an English speaking guide. The rest of the evening is free for you to do as you please - why not consider making arrangements to visit the ballet or theatre?

#### Overnight - St Petersburg

#### Day 2 : The Hermitage Collection



An enchanting city with a rich and fascinating history, St Petersburg is the Jewel in Russia's Imperial Crown. It was from here that the aristocrat tsars ruled over Russia for two centuries until the Russian Revolution in 1917. First thing this morning we will visit Peter and Paul Fortress, which was once used as a political prison housing the likes of Dostoevsky and Lenin's older brother, Alexander. Here you will also find the SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, the final resting place of the Romanov family.

Situated on the banks of the River Neva and partly housed in the breathtaking Winter Palace, is the world famous Hermitage collection - one of the world's largest art collections. The collection offers a broad range of exhibits including Asian and European art, prehistoric art and the awe inspiring treasury collection. There are also countless works from the Masters such as Van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the Hermitage, where you will be taken to see the highlights of this incredible collection. **Overnight - St Petersburg (B)**

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## Day 3 : Free Time or Optional Arrangements



Today you can enjoy a day at leisure exploring St Petersburg independently. Wander down Nevsky Prospekt, see the Bronze Horseman, visit the brightly coloured Church on Spilled Blood or perhaps climb the steps of St Isaacs, one of the world's largest cathedrals. You can also head to Yusupov's Palace on the banks of the Moika River and enjoy an audio guide. This beautiful 18th century palace was once the residence of the Yusupov's, the richest family in Russia and the site of the most legendary and mysterious episodes in Russian history occurred - the murder of Rasputin in 1916. Follow the story of this self-proclaimed holy man with alleged super natural powers, who ruined the reputation of the Romanov family. You can also visit the hidden room where after numerous attempts, he was eventually murdered. All of these attractions are easily accessible from the city centre.

Alternatively you can book on to the below excursion today, available at an additional cost. Reservations can be made at time of booking.

### Peterhof, Tsarskoye Selo & Catherine Palace

Visit the amazing royal residences of the Russian Tsars, located on the outskirts of St Petersburg and enjoy views of the Russian countryside en route. Take a guided tour around the beautiful summer gardens at Peterhof in summer and Catherine Palace at Tsarkoe Selo in winter.

Both palaces were destroyed during the war and have been recently restored to their former glory. Peterhof boasts one of the largest fountains in the world and the amazing geometrical design of the gardens was inspired by the park at Versailles. Whilst the

sumptuous Catherine Palace, has a stunning baroque facade and is home to the lavish Amber Room, made from several tonnes of amber.

### Overnight - St Petersburg (B)

## Day 4 : Morning at Leisure

Our tour comes to an end after breakfast and hotel check-out at 12 noon. You will be transferred to the airport for your onward travel. (B)

### HOTELS

Highlighted below are some of the hotels which we frequently use on this tour, though we reserve the right to substitute these hotels to ones of a similar standard.

**Please refer to your Tour Voucher for your confirmed arrival hotel and further arrival information.**

### Asteria Hotel

Set on the banks of Fontanka River, Asteria Hotel enjoys a prime location in the city centre just a few minutes walk from St Petersburg's famous Nevsky Prospekt. This 3-star hotel features a restaurant and bar, plus free WiFi throughout the property.



### PRICES / DATES INFO

Prices shown are per person when there are 2 persons sharing a room. The 'Single supplement' applies for single travellers who require their own room and needs to be added to the per person price.

### PRICES / DATES 2021

| Date   | Twin Share | Single  |
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| 26 Feb | GBP 595    | GBP 725 |

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