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## St. Petersburg, Russia

### PORT EXPLORER *and* SHOPPING GUIDE

**GENERAL INFORMATION** St. Petersburg is situated on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Finland, in the delta of the River Neva, some 400 miles north-west of Moscow. It is considered the most European of all the great cities of Russia, and a living monument to the opulent days of Imperialism. The City, with a population of over 5 million inhabitants, boasts the largest sea port in the country and is an important maritime center. It is built on a series of islands spread over a wide area, in an attractive plan of large squares, parks, boulevards and broad streets. A network of 60 rivers and canals criss-cross the City and are spanned by about 400 bridges, making it reminiscent of Venice or Amsterdam. The principal waterway is the River Neva which is contained within impressive granite banks, and it was along this river that Russian classicism flourished. The central city is dominated by 18th and 19th century baroque, neo-classical architecture.

St. Petersburg is relatively young for a European city and less than three centuries have passed since the first structure, Peter and Paul Fortress, was built by Peter the Great in 1703. However, it has a rich cultural and political history, being both the home of the Imperial Royal Family and the cradle of the Proletarian Revolution, for it was here that Lenin began his revolutionary activity and laid the foundations of the Communist Party. Today St. Petersburg is the most popular tourist city in the country for both Russian and foreign visitors.

**SHORE EXCURSIONS** To make the most of your visit to St. Petersburg and its surrounding areas we suggest you take one of our organized Shore Excursions. For information concerning tour content and pricing consult your Shore Excursion Order Form or contact the Shore Excursion Desk. When going ashore, be advised to take with you only necessary items and secure any valuables onboard.

**LOCAL CUSTOMS** Bargaining: Bargaining is expected when dealing with street vendors or in markets.

Tipping: Tipping is becoming a widely accepted practice, a good guideline is between 10 and 15% in restaurants where there is no service charge, and for taxi fares.

**LOCAL CUISINE AND DRINK SPECIALITIES** Typical Russian dishes include; Borsht, a beetroot soup, Beef Stroganoff, thin slices of beef braised with mushrooms, onions and sour cream, and perhaps the best-known, Chicken Kiev, chicken breasts wrapped around garlic butter, usually breaded and sauteed. The Russians are also famous for their Caviar (Sturgeon's roe) small, black eggs, slightly salty, served with finely chopped hard-boiled egg and onion with miniature pancakes (blinis).

Vodka is the favorite here, drunk ice cold, as a shot. There are a wide range of Vodkas available, many with subtle flavorings such as pepper

or lemon or some other fruit. There are several quite acceptable wines produced locally and the Russian Brandys are quite comparable. Bottled water is recommended.

Many of the places of interest in and around St. Petersburg may be subject to charges for photography. It is advisable to check on entering if you wish to take photographs or use video equipment.

**LOCAL CURRENCY** The unit of currency in Russia is the Ruble. Notes are available in the following denominations: 10, 50, 100 and 1000. Coins are issued in amounts of 5, 10, 50 Kopecks with 100 Kopecks in a Rouble. Exchange facilities are available at most of the larger hotels and official banks or currency exchange offices found throughout the city. It is not recommended to exchange currency on the street.

**POST OFFICE AND TELEPHONE FACILITIES** The central Post Office is located at Konnogvardejsky bulvar, 4. International calls can be placed from the St. Petersburg International and Domestic Telephone Exchange and Business Centre with pre-purchased phonecards, available in various denominations. It is located at 3/5 Bolshoya Morskaya St. between the Hermitage Museum and Nevsky Prospekt. Some hotels have satellite telephone booths from which international calls can be placed.

**TOURIST INFORMATION** The official Tourist Information Office is located on Nevsky Prospect, 41. Most hotels provide information services for guests or otherwise, although there is generally a fee.

**TRANSPORTATION** Taxis are available at the MAIN gate, however, few drivers will speak English, thus it is advisable to have your destination and the ship's berth written down. It is important to negotiate a fare prior to departing and recommended to travel with a companion and not to hail a cab with more than one person in it.

St. Petersburg has a bus and tram system, but neither are recommended for use by our passengers. Those guests wishing to use taxis must have an independent visa.

#### USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

- Yes • Da
- No • Ne
- Good Day • Dobry Dyen
- Good-bye • Do Svidaniya
- Thank-you • Spasiba
- You're Welcome • Pazhalsta



# The SIGHTS and SHOPPING of ST. PETERSBURG

- 1 PETER AND PAUL FORTRESS** was built in 1703 to protect the area from Swedish invasion, and the first site chosen by Peter the Great to build his new city. Inside the impressive Citadel is the former Royal Mint and the Peter and Paul Cathedral, with its tall slender golden spire which was the City's first monumental building and the burial place of all Russian Czars. In 1924 it became a museum.
- 2 BATTLESHIP AURORA**, moored on the Neva off the Petrovskaya embankment, is a veteran of the Russian-Japanese War and its guns signalled the historic assault by Revolutionaries on the Winter Palace in 1917.
- 3 ST. ISAAC'S CATHEDRAL** is St. Petersburg's largest church, situated on the side of Decemberists Square. Built between 1818 and 1858, it is decorated with 14 kinds of minerals and semi-precious stones as well as mosaic paintings.
- 4 HERMITAGE MUSEUM**, located on Palace Square, is one of the world's greatest treasuries of fine and applied art with over 3 million exhibits. This enormous collection vies for attention with the impressive building and its furnishings.
- 5** The **RUSSIAN MUSEUM**, housed in the former Mikhailovsky Palace, contains a large collection of Russian Art, some 300,000 examples of paintings, sculptures and icons.

## Beyond St. Petersburg

**TSARSKOYE SELO**, once known as the Czar's Village or Pushkin, is approximately 17 miles south of the City and the site of Catherine's Palace. Built between 1719-1723 and restored many times, it has a stunning aqua colored facade, decorated with statues, gold and white ornaments and topped with gold onion domes. Inside is an immense collection of art work and furnishings. This, as with all the palaces in the area, was heavily damaged by retreating German forces, but is now almost completely restored.

**PAVLOVSK**, just two miles from Pushkin, the Palace was a former residence of the Czars, built in the 18th century. A more unassuming structure compared with the lavish facade of Catherine's Palace, its interior is still a beautiful repository of priceless paintings, sculptures and furnishings. The Palace is set in a 1,500 acre park.

**PETERHOF** is situated on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, about 22 miles southwest of St. Petersburg. Also known as Petrodvorets, it was founded in 1710 as a summer residence for Peter the Great. Altered and extended over the years, it was almost completely rebuilt between 1747 and 1754. Inside the Grand Palace are many splendid displays of art, decorative objects and furniture. The Palace over-looks a vista of spreading gardens and fountains.

**A ONEGIN ART STORE - 11 Italianskaya Street**  
This is the exclusive retailer of Mark Henry Alexandrite, one of the rarest gems on earth. They are situated in the cultural center of the city near the Russian Museum and Philharmonic Hall. Their staff is multi-lingual and always friendly and professional. Please ask Nataly, Alina and their team about their rich collection of paintings by well known contemporary artists and their local goods such as furs, amber, Faberge style pendants and boxes, and traditional handicrafts. You'll also find matryoshka dolls ranging from the simple to the more exclusive works. Open daily from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Try a complimentary vodka, liqueur or a cup of tea or coffee while visiting this store.

**B BAZAR ART HALL - 4 Petrovskaya Embankment**  
This store has a little bit of everything that you may be looking for in Russia. They offer everything from genuine Baltic Amber jewelry in sterling silver to Russian delicacies and much more; replica Easter eggs created for the Imperial Family by Carl Faberge which feature miniature models of palaces, trains, figures and flowers; traditional handmade Russian arts and crafts: Matryoshkas, Palekh, Kholui, Fedoskino and Mstera; Fine collection of Russian

watches; Khokhloma kitchenware; military collectibles; dolls in Russian folk costumes; Russian caviar and vodka. Visit Svetlana and Tatiana for special discounts available from 20% to 50% off selected items. Open daily from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Complimentary samples of Russian food and beverage.

**C HERITAGE ART COLLECTION - 37 Moyka River Emb.**  
Situated near the world famous Hermitage Museum, Heritage offers an impressive collection of Russian artworks and jewelry! Their main hall has one of the best collections of lacquer boxes and matryoshka dolls. A great variety of amber jewelry can be found along with Faberge style collectibles, Mark Henry Alexandrite, one of the rarest gemstones in the world, and other semi precious stones. Souvenirs, dolls and kitchenware are also available. Kristina, Inna and their staff are ready to assist you with any questions and will guide you on the perfect gift item. Open daily from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Complimentary Russian beverages and delights are available during your visit. Spend more than \$100 and receive a free Russian gift.

**D MUSEUM ART STORE - 7/5 Mytninskaya emb**  
With lovely views of the Peter and Paul Fortress, this shop is located in the historic center of St. Petersburg. You'll find smaller souvenirs to luxurious collector pieces at this establishment. Their available collections range from; rare paintings from local artists; elegant jewelry made in the Faberge style; amber pieces and crystal eggs; to the colorful matryoshkas, lacquer boxes made of Paper-Maché and wooden eggs. Check with Mariana and Lena for their daily discounts and sales along with complimentary tea, coffee and liqueur samples. Open from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm daily. Spend over \$100 and receive a Russian gift.

**E BABUSHKA ART STORE - 33, Leytenanta Shmidta emb**  
Feel the spirit of Russia in this fabulous shop! Located at 33, Leytenanta Shmidta emb., Babushka invites you to the wonderful world of Russian art. Here you can find everything, associated with Russian culture; Matryoshkas; Amber from the Baltic Sea; lacquer miniatures (Palekh, Fedoskino and Kholuy); Porcelain; a big variety of wooden ware and much more. You can also find watches by Poljet, Molniya, Vostok and Orion. Try complimentary traditional drinks like vodka and specialty liqueurs. Come in and say hello to Nataly and Ilona and meet their wonderful staff. Store is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm daily. Check out their sales zone during the summer for extra savings. Spend more than \$100 to receive a free Russian gift.

**F MATRYOSHKA - 83, Bolshoy Pr., V.O.**  
This local art shop has a wide selection of Russian souvenirs. From lacquer miniatures, Faberge replicas, porcelain, matryoshkas to amber and semi-precious stones, this store has something for everyone. Make sure to say hello to Managers, Maria and Yana, so that they can assist you with all of your purchases. Open daily from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm.

**G RED OCTOBER ART SHOP - 6, Konnogvardeisky bl**  
Red October Art shop is situated close to the marvelous Isaac's Cathedral. Here you'll find a comprehensive range of traditional Russian souvenirs. This is a great place to take a bit of Russian art and culture back home. They are well known for amber and lacquer boxes, khokhloma and matryoshkas, furs and military items, icons and paintings, birch-bark and semiprecious stones. With reasonable prices and items for sale, you'll be sure to find something to remember your trip to Russia here. Open daily from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

**H DYNASTY SOUVENIR BOUTIQUE - Vasilevsky Island 3, 6th line**  
Situated on the bank of the Neva River on Vasilevsky Island, the Dynasty art shop is a brand new souvenir boutique with handmade Russian arts and crafts. You will be pleasantly surprised by the vast selection of traditional Russian items; matryoshkas, khokhloma, lacquer miniature, amber jewelry, Faberge egg replicas, t-shirts, icons, paintings and much, much more. You'll be sure to find the special souvenir for your loved ones back home. Vodka, tea and coffee is available for free during your visit.

**I BERYOZKA - 6/3 Blokhina Street**  
Beryozka is one of the oldest art shops in St. Petersburg and is situated very close to the Peter and Paul Fortress, in the historic heart of the city. Apart from the exquisite designs, you will be impressed by a wide selection of high quality Russian souvenirs. There is a tremendous variety of lacquer miniatures, matryoshkas, amber, porcelains, furs, khokhloma items, crystal, antiques, books, Russian folk music, birch-bark, and other traditional items. Their staff is ready and willing to assist you with your selections and will be delighted to answer any questions. Complimentary Russian vodka, tea or coffee is available during your visit. The store is open daily from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.

