# ELITE GUIDE TO ST PETERSBURG

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HIGHLIGHTS OF ST PETERSBURG

Don’t miss out on St Petersburg’s wealth of attractions, adventures and experiences

As the second largest city in Russia, St Petersburg has a legacy that far exceeds its 300-year history. Founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, the city was originally scorned by many of the Russian aristocracy, but, thanks to its impressive architecture and location, the city soon became the most important city in Imperial Russia.

In the 20th century, the city played an important part in the 1917 revolution, before later becoming a symbol of national pride due to its defiance during the Siege of Leningrad. Today, St Petersburg is still seen by many as the cultural capital of the Russian Federation and is considered by Russians to be the most European of their cities.

St Petersburg has been compared to some of the most beautiful areas in Europe, including Venice and Amsterdam. The grandeur and majesty of the Tsars is everywhere, with a wealth of wonderful palaces, museums, theaters and galleries, all connected by a network of waterways that make traversing St Petersburg an enchanting experience.

STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM
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With a staggering three million different pieces of artwork on display, it is quite easy to understand how the director of the State Hermitage Museum once said that “I can’t say that the Hermitage is the number one museum in the world, but it’s certainly not the second.” Much of the artwork is housed in the Winter Palace, a Baroque-style former residence of Catherine the Great that is generally considered St Petersburg’s finest attraction, while several other imposing buildings complete the museum. Catherine herself started the collection in 1764 when she purchased a large number of paintings from Berlin.

MARIINSKY THEATER
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Website: www.mariinsky.ru/en

Two things spring to mind when you think of classical Russia: ballet and opera. The Mariinsky Theater has been the home of these two great Russian institutions since it opened in 1860. Named in honor of Tsarina Maria Alexandranov, wife of Alexander II, the theater has not only become one of the symbols of St Petersburg, but Russia as a whole. Stopping in for a show is sure to be one of the highlights of your visit, and elite travelers can look forward to a seat in the Tsar’s Box; the best place to view the concerts from. This box is always much sought-after so be sure to book ahead to avoid disappointment.

L’EUROPE RESTAURANT
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Website: www.grandhoteleurope.com

One of the leading restaurants in St Petersburg, L’Europe melds elegant turn-of-the-century décor with impeccable haute cuisine. Located in the lavish Grand Hotel Europe, the restaurant has established a reputation for dining excellence. The sumptuous dishes on offer, blending European and Russian cuisine, combined with the fantastic Art Nouveau interior create a dining experience fit for a Tsar. Live music, including the trademark Tchaikovsky night taking place every Friday, makes for a memorable dining experience. Don’t miss the spectacular Sunday caviar and champagne brunch – this is where the city’s elite come to see and be seen.
AEROBATICS + EDGE OF SPACE IN MIG-29

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For some people, the sky’s the limit, but not with this expedition. Country of Tourism offers a unique experience, and when they say unique, they really do mean it; the chance to jump in the cockpit of a MiG-29 Fighter Jet and head into the stratosphere. The 50 minute flight program starts with a series of aerobatic maneuvers that will get the heart racing and blood pumping. Maneuvers include flying inverted, the hammer head, the roll, a loop, a low level pass and many more. The pilot will then take you on the most exhilarating part of the trip; to the edge of space. The views from such a lofty height are breathtaking; providing a panoramic of the whole world and allowing a view of the shape of the Earth and the distinctive boundary that separates the blue sky from the deep-black of space. The flight may last 50 minutes, but you can rest assured that your memories will last a lifetime.

The flight strip is not located in St Petersburg, and the total trip will take two days and one night; however Country of Tourism will organize all transport, from a limousine ride from your hotel to the airport or a train station, to transfer and a five-star hotel stay.
MUSICAL OLYMPUS INTERNATIONAL BALL
ANNUALLY IN MAY
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Throughout the early modern era, the highlight of the European social calendar was the ball, and these exceptionally opulent events were attended by the cream of society. Russian balls were no exception, and the grandeur and majesty displayed by the Tsars and the Russian aristocracy on such evenings reached dizzying heights. It was in this tradition that the Musical Olympus International Ball was created in 1999. The Musical Olympus International Ball has re-established the ball as the highlight of the modern Russian social scene and many now consider it superior to the Vienna equivalent.

Held in the magnificent Catherine Palace, the former summer residency of the Tsars, the charitable ball attracts the elite from Russian art, business and politics as well as a wealth of prominent guests from all over the world. Previous attendees include actors Liv Tyler and Ralf Fiennes and Princess Jeet Khemka of Nabha. The aim of the ball is not only to showcase Russian culture but also to promote charity amongst the wealthier members of society.

The Musical Olympus Foundation develops cultural projects both within Russia and internationally. As well as the charitable ball, the foundation’s work includes the Express-line St Petersburg–Moscow program, showcasing leading musicians of the world to Russian music-lovers. In Moscow and St. Petersburg it has presented the Lakatos Ensemble (Hungary), fado singer Misia (Portugal), the NHK Symphony Orchestra, the Orchestre National de France, and MOMIX physical dance theater (US).

Described by the New York Times as the “The closest thing we will ever get to royalty”, this fabulous event really will be the jewel in the crown of your trip to St Petersburg. Mixing with the A-list, sipping champagne in a magical atmosphere and watching a fantastic fireworks display illuminate the palace of Catherine the Great will transport you to a world where fairytales do come true.
CONCIERGE RECOMMENDATIONS

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For the perfect weekend:

Friday: During the day, take a private tour of the Russian Museum followed by the Tchaikovsky evening in the Europe Restaurant.

Saturday: Take an extended city tour with a private guide, stopping for lunch in the Noble assembly restaurant. Enjoy a wonderful ballet or opera at the Mikhailovsky Theater and have dinner in the Chopsticks restaurant.

Sunday: Take a guided tour to Pushkin, followed by dinner in the Caviar Bar & Restaurant.

BEST RESTAURANTS

L’Europe Restaurant
Cuisine: Haute
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Address: Nevsky Prospekt, Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa 1/7, 191186
Website: www.grandhoteleurope.com

Chopsticks
Cuisine: Chinese
Phone: +7 812 329 6000
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa 1/7, 191186
Website: www.grandhoteleurope.com

BEST SHOPS

Juvelirtorg (the Yahont shop)
Phone: +7 812 314 4235
Address: Bolshaya Morskaya, 24
Website: www.juvelirtorg.spb.ru

Grand Palace Gallery
Phone: +7 812 449 9344
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, 44
Website: www.grand-palace.ru

BEST TO DO

Visit the Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (also known as the Church on Spilled Blood) to admire the magnificent architecture and Russian Orthodox icons, and learn more about the history of St Petersburg.

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Enjoy a wonderful breakfast at miX, the hotel’s restaurant owned by Alain Ducasse, followed by a private tour around the Hermitage museum or arrange a queue jump pass. Once you have explored the museum take a walk along the beautiful Moika river embankment towards the Church of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Spend an hour or two relaxing in the Park Juzeppe restaurant next to Mikhailovsky Gardens and the Russian Museum, before indulging in a shopping spree in the city’s stylish central avenue Nevsky Prospekt. Head to the colonnade of St Isaac’s Cathedral for a stunning view of the city, and then join the city’s jet set at the miXup terrace to feel the energy of the White Nights or sing karaoke at Music Bar 11 or Jelsomino Café. Feel the cool river breezes with a midnight sail from Palace Bridge, and join the flow of the Neva River at night to experience the night-time magic of St Petersburg.

BEST RESTAURANTS

Russian Empire
Cuisine: Russian
Phone: +7 812 571 2409
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, 17
Website: www.restoran-imperia.ru

Francesco
Cuisine: Italian
Phone: +7 812 275 0552
Address: Suvorovskiy Street, 47
Website: www.restoran-francesco.ru

BEST SHOP

Babochka Gallery
Phone: +7 812 717 4675
Address: Nevsky Prospect, 153
Website: www.babochka.ru

BEST TO DO

In the summertime, take a hydrofoil ride to Peterhof, a former Russian Tsar’s summer residence, to enjoy the fresh air of the Finnish Bay and a walk around the splendid fountain park, before gazing at the gilded beauties of the Grand Palace.

In the winter explore the masterpieces of the Hermitage museum and visit the Treasure galleries, beating the crowds and allowing you to stroll around the sights with complete ease. Alternatively, venture outside the city to see Catherine’s Palace and take a horse and cart ride in Pavlovsk Park, followed by lunch at the charming Russian folk restaurant Podvorie.

PAVLOVSK PARK
CONCIERGE RECOMMENDATIONS

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BEST RESTAURANTS

Russian Empire  
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Address: Nevsky Prospect, 17  
Website: www.restoran-imperia.ru

Russian Vodka Room No1  
Cuisine: Russian  
Phone: +7 812 570 6420  
Address: Konnogvardeiskiy Boulevard, 4  
Website: www.vodkaroom.ru

Tsar  
Cuisine: Russian  
Phone: +7 812 640 1900  
Address: Sadovaya Street, 12  
Website: www.tsar-project.ru

Francesco  
Cuisine: Italian  
Phone: +7 812 275 0552  
Address: Suvorovskiy Street, 47  
Website: www.restoran-francesco.ru

Park Giuseppe  
Cuisine: Italian  
Phone: +7 812 571 7309  
Address: Canal Griboedova, 2  
Website: www.park-restaurant.ru

Entree  
Cuisine: French  
Phone: +7 812 314 8952  
Address: Nikolskaya, 6  
Website: www.lumiere-spb.ru

Lumiere  
Cuisine: French  
Phone: +7 812 449 9482  
Address: Italianskaya Street, 15  
Website: www.lumiere-spb.ru

Palkin  
Cuisine: French  
Phone: +7 812 703 5371  
Address: Nevsky Prospect, 47  
Website: www.palkin.ru

Old Customs House  
Cuisine: French  
Phone: +7 812 327 8980  
Address: Tamozhenny Pereulok, 1  
Website: www.concord-catering.ru

Aragvi  
Cuisine: French  
Phone: +7 812 570 5643  
Address: Emb. Fontanka River, 9  
Website: www.aragvi.restoran.ru

Gastronom  
Cuisine: International  
Phone: +7 812 314 3849  
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Website: www.gastronom.su

TSAR

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Make the perfect start to the day with  
breakfast in Terrace, Schastie or Tsar, before  
taking a private tour of the city. One of the  
fine sights in St Petersburg is St Isaac’s  
Cathedral; make sure that your guide takes  
you there. After lunch in the Russian Vodka  
Room, Stroganoff or Mansard, while away  
the afternoon on a canal ride around the  
delightful waterways of St Petersburg, before  
heading back to the hotel for dinner at the  
fabulous Barbazan restaurant.

BEST RESTAURANTS

Tsar  
Cuisine: Russian  
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Website: www.tsar-project.ru

Il Grappolo  
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Website: www.probka.org

BEST SHOP

Grand Palace Gallery  
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Website: www.grand-palace.ru

BEST TO DO

State Hermitage Museum  
Phone: +7 812 312 1966  
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34, 190000  
Website: www.hermitagemuseum.org

The Church of the Resurrection of  
Jesus Christ  
Phone: +7 812 314 4053  
Address: Griboedov Canal Embankment, 2  
Website: www.eng.cathedral.ru

Mariinsky Theater  
Phone: +7 812 326 4141  
Address: 1 Theatre Square, 196240  
Website: www.mariinsky.ru

Aleksandrinsky Theatre  
Phone: +7 812 710 4103  
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Website: www.alexandrinsky.ru

Maria Preskovskaya
MARIA GOLUBEVA,
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Don’t miss: The best things to do in St Petersburg include a trip to the Hermitage Museum, ballet at the Mariinsky Theater in the evening, a summertime boat trip on the city’s rivers and canals, breakfast at the Hotel Imperial restaurant and lunch at the Podvorye restaurant in Pushkin, a suburb of St Petersburg.

BEST RESTAURANTS
Tsar
Cuisine: Russian
Phone: +7 812 640 1900
Address: Sadovaya Street, 12
Website: www.tsar-project.ru

Terrassa
Cuisine: International
Phone: +7 812 937 6837
Address: 3 Kazanskaya Street, 191186
Website: www.terrassa.ru

BEST SHOP
Grand Palace Gallery
For: Luxury fashion
Phone: +7 812 449 9344
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Website: www.grand-palace.ru

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Fight off the cold afternoons by visiting the cozy Rotonda Lounge, which has exquisite desserts, snacks and hot and cold beverages. During afternoon tea from 3pm to 8pm, guests can taste rich Russian blini pancakes and a chocolate fountain accompanied by a selection of fresh fruit, while gazing at the fabulous views out of the magnificent floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking St Isaac’s Square. If you are in need of a rest after sightseeing or shopping, take a break in the Gallery café in the adjacent Angleterre hotel. The café’s stylish interior and superb views of St Isaac’s Cathedral make it a classic and much-loved corner of St Petersburg. As night falls, relax in the stylish Kandinsky Bar with a selection from the impressive wine list. Choose from a menu of exclusive whiskies and cigars, fine spirits, speciality cocktails and light dishes in an intimate and unique setting.

BEST RESTAURANTS
Borsalino
Cuisine: Italian
Phone: +7 812 494 5115
Address: Angleterre Hotel, St Isaac’s Square, Ul. Malaya Morskaya 24, 190000
Website: www.angleterrehotel.com

Gostiny Dvor
For: Russian porcelain, paintings and souvenirs.
Phone: +7 812 710 5408
Address: Nevsky Propekt, 35
Website: www.bgd.ru

BEST TO DO
Experience the imperial magic of Tsarist Russia with a tour of the powder-blue and gold domed Catherine’s Palace, and delight in the newly restored Amber Room. Be decadent in Davidov with caviar and vodka tasting, sampling a range of caviar with a selection of four different vodkas. Take in the vista from the cupola of St Isaac’s Cathedral and relax in the tsar’s box at the Mariinsky Theater for an evening of opera or ballet. Explore the vastness of the State Hermitage Museum, housed in the Winter Palace, or if the outdoors is your thing, take the hydrofoil to Peterhof for a stroll in the gardens on the edge of the Gulf of Finland, and enjoy the spectacular fountains. Walk across an ice-covered River Neva, or take a troika ride at Pavlosk for the ultimate Dr Zhivago experience. Enjoy the city from another perspective and cruise the canals by boat. For a glimpse of Russian soul, experience a traditional orthodox Sunday service at St Nicholas Cathedral. See the birthplace of the city, the Peter and Paul Fortress, with its amazing cathedral, prison and unrivalled view of the palace embankment and river.
WHERE TO STAY

Whether you want a sumptuous bed, a spectacular view or service beyond compare, choose from our stunning selection

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Website: www.rossihotels.com

Boutique Hotel Rossi is situated beside the Fontanka River amid the impressive architectural ensemble of Zodchego Rossi Street, within five minutes walk of Nevsky Prospekt, the Alexandrinsky Theatre, the Gostinny Dvor shopping mall and the Metro.

Boutique Hotel Rossi differs considerably from other hotels in the city with its homelike atmosphere and personalized service. Exclusive interiors complement the lovely exteriors, with carefully restored 19th century details and every room with its own unique design and everything you need for a comfortable stay – air conditioning, flat-screen TV, safe, minibar and free Wi-Fi internet access.

Restaurant Fiolet offers European, Asian and Japanese cuisine, as well as an extensive drinks menu, and a buffet breakfast is included in the room tariffs. During the warmer months, guests can also enjoy the summer terrace.

The fifth floor Chillout Room features a fireplace, sofas, a library and free internet access – perfect for working, meeting friends or partners, or just indulging yourself in a relaxing atmosphere. From the beginning of 2013, guests can enjoy the renovated SPA complex.

When planning to go out, guests can take advantage of the tours and tickets office to organize city and country excursions, order a taxi or hire a car.
WHERE TO STAY

GRAND HOTEL EUROPE
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Website: www.grandhoteleurope.com

With a list of past guests – among them Sharon Stone and Sir Paul McCartney – that reads like a who’s who of Hollywood, Grand Hotel Europe has a 135-year history of welcoming VIPs from the world over. Peruse the magnificently appointed interiors or sample the cuisine at one of seven onsite eateries and you’ll understand why. An overhaul in 1991 gave new life to the hotel and visitors will find the blend of pre-Revolutionary Russia and modern amenities a welcoming experience.

Arguably one of the finest hotels in the city, Grand Hotel Europe will have you feeling like a Tsar.

TOP SUITE
LIDVAl PRESIDENTIAL SUITE
- Square footage: 968
- Nightly rate: $3,165

Why we love it: French designer Michael Jouannet, known for his restoration work on classic hotels like Rio de Janeiro’s Copacabana Palace, has combined history with high style in this suite’s luxurious interiors. The end result recalls the opulence and elegance of St Petersburg in the era of Emperor Alexander I – without sacrificing an ounce of comfort, thanks to silk fabrics and soft furnishings. This generously-sized suite offers a large living room with an adjoining glass-covered winter garden, a marble and lacquered wood bathroom and an antique-styled bedroom.

Amenities include a minibar, satellite TV with DVD player, wireless internet and a Bose music center. Guests can order dinner service for their room, have clothing laundered and acquire theater tickets, all arranged through the Grand Hotel Europe’s unique butler service at the press of a button.
WHERE TO STAY

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The Kempinski Hotel group has a worldwide reputation for luxury and the St Petersburg branch is no exception. Widely regarded by many critics to be the finest hotel in the city, the Kempinski Hotel Moika 22 has built its reputation on providing an unrivalled level of personal service from the staff. The suites offer wonderful views over the delightful Palace Square, home of the famous Hermitage Museum and Winter Palace, while the old-fashioned Von Witte Lounge and Bar brings back images of aristocratic Russia, with its two original marble fireplaces providing the room with a warm atmosphere.

The hotel also features a top-class spa and several different dining options, and is located near many of St Petersburg’s cultural highlights.

TOP SUITE
EXECUTIVE SUITE

- Square footage: 731
- Nightly rate: $9,000

Why we love it: The owners of the Hotel Mokia 22 Kempinski have a simple philosophy: they believe that a high standard of service and comfort will lead to a better quality of life. The Executive Suite certainly lives up to this philosophy; lavish and opulent, the living room boasts fine antiques, works of art and a magnificent balcony that overlooks the Winter Palace. The view of the Palace, one of the finest in the city, is likely to be one that stays with you for the rest of your life. The suite features a bathroom made of Italian marble, a queen-size bed with goose down pillows and duvets, and a host of modern amenities.
WHERE TO STAY

CORINTHIA HOTEL
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Website: www.corinthia.com

The result of a reconstruction of two 19th century mansions, the Corinthia Hotel is a modern, elegant hotel ideally located in the very heart of St Petersburg. The art and greenery of the Corinthia’s lobby gives you a stylish welcome and sets the tone for the luxury prevalent throughout the hotel. The staff and services on offer are befitting of the finest hotels in Europe, but the real attraction of the Corinthia is the conference facilities: fully equipped rooms with a total capacity of 1,000 people are available and organized for you by the hotel. Highly practical for businessmen and women, the Corinthia is a lavish yet convenient affair that will satisfy elite travelers.

TOP SUITE
ROYAL SUITE
• Square footage: 2,900 • Nightly rate: $6,000

Why we love it: Comfortably one of the largest suites in the city, the Royal Suite is also one of the most luxurious. Relaxing is easy in the spacious living room, where the elegant, creamy décor encourages you to sit back and put your feet up. Alternatively, the living area boasts a study and kitchenette, and the suite can [on request] contain up to three bedrooms, each with a private bathroom. Featuring a butler service exclusive to this suite, along with an impressive range of services that include all-day refreshments in the Executive Club lounge, Wi-Fi internet and breakfast either in-room or at the fantastic Imperial Restaurant, it is hard to think of a reason not to stay in the Royal Suite.
WHERE TO STAY

RADISSON ROYAL HOTEL
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Website: www.radisson.ru

One of the oldest buildings in St Petersburg, the Radisson Royal Hotel dates back to the 1730s, although it was not until 1779 that the building became a hotel. Recently refurbished, the hotel seamlessly blends the history of the building with modern state-of-the-art facilities. Handily located in the fashionable Nevsky Prospect area, the hotel has been the choice of some of Russia’s finest: Alexander Pushkin once stayed here. The staff are known for their politeness and enthusiasm and the highly-rated Barbazan serves creative international food. Services include a fully equipped fitness and health room, and the stylish Canelle Bar is a great place to sit and enjoy views of the city through the large panoramic windows.

TOP SUITE
ROYAL SUITE
- Square footage: 700
- Nightly rate: $1,640

Why we love it: In a hotel with as much history as the Radisson Royal Hotel, it’s no surprise to find that the aptly-named Royal Suite has hosted such distinguished guests as the Queen of Sweden. The spacious living room has several different areas; relaxation, dining and work. The bedroom features a king-size bed and the bathroom comes with heated flooring for those cold St Petersburg winters. Stylishly decorated, the Royal Suite has sumptuous views over the famous Nevsky Prospekt and will have you feeling like royalty.

W ST PETERSBURG
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Website: www.wstpetersburg.com

Designed by renowned architects Antonia Citterio and Patricia Viel Partners S.R.L, the W St Petersburg has provided a breath of fresh air to the hotel scene. Modern, chic and attractive, this hotel is ideally located just a short walk from the Hermitage Museum and St Isaac’s Cathedral, and seamlessly blends the cutting-edge cool of Russia’s cultural capital with the more traditional hotel style of St Petersburg. The restaurant, mIX, is managed by the Alain Ducasse Enterprise and the hotel brings the first Bliss Spa to Eastern Europe. With a wealth of amenities and fantastic service, the W St Petersburg is a modern hotel that fits right in with some of the older, more established hotels in the city.

TOP SUITE
EXTREME WOW SUITE
- Square footage: 1,141
- Nightly rate: $7,140

Why we love it: Located on the top floor of the hotel, this Extreme Wow Suite offers sublime views over the surrounding area, which includes the gorgeous golden domed St Isaac’s Cathedral. Whereas many elite hotels feature suites with décor that reflects 19th century Russia, the W St Petersburg has gone for a contemporary design full of fabulous features. Packed with cutting-edge technology, this one-bedroom suite is a welcome change, and with a bathroom full of Bliss Spa products, it’s the perfect way to prepare for the hectic St Petersburg nightlife.
WHERE TO STAY

SOKOS HOTEL PALACE BRIDGE
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Website: www.sokoshotels.com
Another relatively modern hotel in the city, the Sokos Hotel Palace Bridge is something of a novelty in St Petersburg in that it is a hotel based around a health center. Once a set of warehouses used by the Eliseey brothers, famous food and wine merchants, the 19th century building houses a magnificent spa, the Holiday Club and Spa Wellness. The hotel itself is equally impressive, with rooms packed full of modern amenities, a selection of dining options and a host of conference facilities. The largest of these, the Ball Room, can accommodate up to 300 people. Located on the banks of the Neva River, the hotel is a short walk from many of the major attractions of the city and with the finest spa in the city within its confines, it’s the perfect place to relax after a long day’s sightseeing.

TOP SUITE

COMPOSER SUITES
- Square footage: 1,162
- Nightly rate: $5,950

Why we love it: Most luxurious hotels have one or two outstanding suites; the Hotel Astoria has five, each named for a famous Russian composer – Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev, Rachmaninov, Shostakovich and Stravinsky. Each of the suites feature two bedrooms and a living room, and continue the hotel’s theme of sophistication and elegance, with a décor that includes paintings, sculptures and chandeliers. The main difference between the suites is your choice of view; do you prefer to gaze out over the Statue of Nicholas II and the Mariinsky Palace, or the beautiful St Isaac’s Square and Cathedral?

RAKHMANINOV SUITE, HOTEL ASTORIA

HOTEL ASTORIA
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Website: www.thehotelastoria.com
One of St Petersburg’s most renowned hotels, the Astoria was widely known for its grandeur in the lead up to the October Revolution. Recently restored and renovated, the hotel is a statement in class and luxury, with interiors that reflect the splendor of the city. An array of artwork decorates the lobby and hallway areas, while the rooms combine elegant décor with comfort and tranquility. The on-site Davidoff restaurant is a great place to experience traditional Russian cuisine, and the spa facilities are excellent. Business travelers will find fantastic conference rooms that can accommodate up to 450 people and include state-of-the-art facilities. Located near the wonderful Mariinsky Theatre and with sumptuous views over St Isaac’s Square, the Astoria has once again become world-renowned for its grandeur.

TOP SUITE

EXECUTIVE SUITE
- Square footage: 645
- Nightly rate: $450

Why we love it: The top room at the Sokos Palace Bridge Hotel, the Executive Suite fits in perfectly with the style of the hotel: modern, practical and comfortable, this luxurious suite is an ideal place to unwind after a day out in St Petersburg. The bedroom features a king-size bed and an en suite bathroom, and like the large living room, is decorated in a simple, traditional style. The living room also has a separate work space with a writing desk, a dining area with a table for four, a large television with satellite channels and a fully equipped kitchen.

RAKHMANINOV SUITE, HOTEL ASTORIA
WHERE TO DINE

FRANCESCO
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Website: www.restoran-francesco.ru
Cuisine: Italian

Francesco was the first real Italian family restaurant in St Petersburg. The restaurant’s menu is designed in a peculiar way. It consists of exclusively original home recipes which distinguishes it from other restaurants. It is not only the rare spices but also the spirit of sunny Italia that add to the flavor of each dish.

The heart of the restaurant is its warm atmosphere. The restaurant resembles a cozy dining room perfect for gathering together relatives and family friends. Francesco is first and foremost a large hospitable house with its own well-loved and time-honored traditions. The interior of Francesco was created by the InStudio design studio in Moscow, with furniture brought specially from Italy. Everything represents the concept of the establishment with its unique homelike coziness – large soft couches, beautiful chairs, mirrors in heavy hand-made wooden frames, golden candlesticks and wrought iron lamps.

Francesco is a place where you can find delicious meals, celebrate glorious events and feel part of a big friendly family.

Open from: 12pm until the last guests leave
Cards accepted: MasterCard, Visa, Maestro
You can dispel any unfavorable ideas you may have of Russian cooking; St Petersburg is packed full of interesting and diverse restaurants. The dining scene is a mixture of traditional restaurants recreating the atmosphere of Imperial Russia and modern, trendy establishments appealing to the new generation of affluent Russians.

**L'EUROPE RESTAURANT**

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Cuisine: Haute  
Style / Ambiance: One of the leading restaurants in St Petersburg, L'Europe melds elegant turn-of-the-century décor with impeccable haute cuisine. Located in the lavish Grand Hotel Europe, the restaurant has established a reputation for dining excellence. The sumptuous dishes on offer blend European and Russian cuisine, and combined with the fantastic Art Nouveau interior, create a dining experience fit for a Tsar. Live music, including the trademark Tchaikovsky night which takes place every Friday, makes for a memorable dining experience. Don’t miss the spectacular Sunday caviar and champagne brunch, an event which attracts the city’s elite.

**BEAU RIVAGE**

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Cuisine: French  
Style / Ambiance: Situated in the Hotel Moika 22 Kempinski, Beau Rivage has earned a reputation for flawlessly creating the experience of dining in France. This elegant and sophisticated establishment provides exemplary classical French cuisine to the city’s wealthy patrons, who turn up for the intimate atmosphere and classy décor which perfectly complements the fine food on offer. As you would expect from a top-class eatery, the wine list is excellent and the service impeccable. The restaurant also offers a fantastic breakfast menu for those who like to start their day with some delicious French cuisine. A place for romantics, this restaurant is as popular with critics as it is with the well-to-do Russian society.
**Where to Dine**

**Ginza**
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- **Address**: Aptekarsky Prospekt, 16
- **Website**: www.restoran-ginza.ru
- **Cuisine**: Japanese / Italian
- **Style / Ambiance**: As a popular destination for the city’s social elite, Ginza is one of the trendiest restaurants in St Petersburg. The restaurant offers an eclectic mix of Japanese and Italian food, with a primary emphasis on Japanese culinary influences, although traditional recipes have been tweaked to perfectly suit European tastes. Since it opened in 2003, the restaurant has been the choice of the St Petersburg jet set with a taste for high-quality food. The atmosphere of the restaurant is laid-back, with a simple interior design and friendly staff. It’s not just fine dining on offer at Ginza, however; the restaurant has been known to throw some of the hottest parties in St Petersburg.

**Mix**
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- **Website**: www.wstpetersburg.com
- **Cuisine**: French
- **Style / Ambiance**: The announcement that world-famous chef Alain Ducasse would be opening a Mix restaurant at the W St Petersburg hotel was met with widespread enthusiasm from the city’s food critics. The arrival of a top-class chef meant that the city could be now considered as a center of culinary excellence, which will in turn encourage restaurateurs to establish themselves in St Petersburg. Mix restaurant blends art and contemporary design to create a stylish atmosphere that appeals to a young, trendy crowd, while the large chandelier and open kitchen add to the sense of modern luxury. The food is French Cuisine, and unsurprisingly of a high quality.
WHERE TO DINE

**TOP CHOICE**

**TALEON RESTAURANT**
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Address: Nevsky Prospekt 15, 191186  
Website: www.taleon.ru  
Cuisine: Modern European  
Style / Ambiance: With the reputation of a three-time winner of the most luxurious restaurant in St Petersburg, you could be forgiven for expecting something a little special from the Taleon. After all, in a city well known for its opulence, luxury in St Petersburg has a different meaning to that of other cities. Thankfully, the Taleon club does not disappoint; the rooms are inspired by the reign of Louis XVI and the Russian Empire, and with renaissance paintings hung on the ornate walls, the grandeur of the room would have suited Catherine the Great herself. Chef Alexander Dregolsky provides innovative European fare, presented beautifully by the impecably attentive staff. The wine list is one of the finest in the city, and includes several fine cognacs and cigars. It is worth visiting the restaurant during the day; the Sunday morning caviar, lobster and champagne brunch is famous throughout the city.

**STYLISH**

**TSAR**
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Address: Sadovaya Street, 12  
Website: www.tsar-project.ru  
Cuisine: Traditional Russian  
Style / Ambiance: Naming a lavish, luxurious restaurant in St Petersburg Tsar may be akin to naming a similarly-styled eatery in London Queen Victoria’s, but fortunately this restaurant is not another attempt to recreate the splendor of the Tsarist times. While the décor of the restaurant will bring to mind late 19th and early 20th century Russia, the enthusiasm of the waiting staff and the innovative menu help to transform the restaurant into a welcoming and classy dining facility. Elegant, sophisticated food is on offer with a modern twist, and clientele inside are usually cigar-smoking businessmen completing multi-million dollar deals and stylish women dressed in the latest fashions. The wine list has been expertly concocted by the sommelier, and there’s even the option to try vodka the way Alexander III preferred. The success of the restaurant lies in that it does not make you feel like a Tsar, more like the modern equivalent.

**TRENDY**

**TERRASSA**
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Website: www.terrassa.ru  
Cuisine: Fusion  
Style / Ambiance: Situated in one of the trendier districts of St Petersburg and with a rooftop view to rival Bellevue, the Terrassa is one of the city’s most stylish restaurants. A place to see and be seen, the restaurant is supremely elegant, providing guests the chance to dress to impress, and many other guests will be clad in the latest fashions of Russia’s cultural capital. The food is an exciting blend of fusion cuisine and traditional European, and with the open-plan kitchen, it is possible to watch the dishes being prepared. Popular with locals and visitors alike, it is always best to book ahead at Terrassa; the top seats near the windows provide stunning views over the Kazansky Cathedral, and while sitting on the terrace that the restaurant is named for may not always be possible in the colder months, it provides a delightful option in the summer.

**FAMILY**

**RUSSKAYA RYBALKA**
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Website: www.russian-fishing.ru  
Cuisine: Fish  
Style / Ambiance: Russkaya Rybalka or the ‘Russian Fishing’ restaurant is one of the most charming eateries in St Petersburg. Set in a picturesque wooden hut overlooking a lake teeming with fish, guests catch their own dinner. Trout, sturgeon, carp, crayfish and starlet are among the options, and once caught the chef will prepare it for you in a number of different ways, such as smoked or baked on charcoal. Bait, tackle, rods and expert advice are all provided by the friendly staff, and the restaurant also offers the option of renting small heated wooden huts as well as eating in the main building. Fishing is even possible in the winter due to heated pools, and there are plenty of fish in the restaurant for those unlucky enough not to catch something. The restaurant’s atmosphere is fun and family-oriented, and the food is delicious, home-cooked fare of such a standard that Vladimir Putin and Jacques Chirac have both been guests.
**WHERE TO DINE**

**DAVIDOV RESTAURANT**
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Cuisine: European / Russian
Style / Ambiance: As with many of the top restaurants in St Petersburg, Davidov provides contemporary European fare alongside traditional Russian dishes. What sets the Davidov apart is the culinary attention to detail; traditional European and Russian dishes are transformed into exquisite delicacies worthy of the elite of Russian society. Trendy yet sophisticated, the elegant décor is based around simple, pale colors and comfortable furnishings. With an excellent wine list and wonderful views over the majestic St Isaac’s Square, the Davidov is popular with the St Petersburg elite.

**BELLEVUE**
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Cuisine: Mediterranean / Russian
Style / Ambiance: The Bellevue may just be the most aptly named restaurant in the whole of Russia. Situated at the top of the Hotel Moika 22 Kempinski, the restaurant boasts an unparalleled view over some of the finest buildings in the city; the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, the Hermitage Museum, the golden-dome of St Isaac’s Cathedral and the Church on Spilled Blood are all visible from the breathtaking 360-degree window. The food is just as spectacular as the view; Chef Philippe Boussert mixes classic European fare with Asian influences in addition to more traditional Russian dishes. The wine list is impressive and the décor modern.

**PALKIN**
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Website: www.palkin.ru
Cuisine: Traditional Russia
Style / Ambiance: One of the oldest restaurants in St Petersburg is also easily one of the city’s finest. The modern day Palkin is built on the site of the original, legendary restaurant, a place that became a haven for aristocrats and intellectuals such as Tchaikovsky, Chekhov, and Dostoyevsky, who are all known to have visited the restaurant. Nowadays, the restaurant is still the place to be for the city’s elite. Palkin features sumptuous interior designs that recall the bygone era of Russian decadence under the Tsars and food of the highest quality, with chefs able to re-create opulent dishes from the past. This highly popular establishment is always likely to be busy so it is best to book in advance to avoid disappointment.
WHERE TO BE PAMPERED

Discover a world of relaxation, rejuvenation and beauty at these fabulous spas

HOLIDAY CLUB SPA AND WELLNESS
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Treatment and facilities: A fantastic spa facility located at the Sokos Hotel Palace Bridge, the Holiday Club Spa and Wellness will provide everything for the elite traveler. Each floor of the spa offers something different, and the first floor hosts a beauty salon that has a multitude of facial care programs and includes a cosmetics store and visage studio. The second floor is home to the Aqua Zone, which boasts a stunning swimming pool in the style of an Ancient Roman bath, in addition to three hydro-massage pools, sensation showers and a whirlpool. The impressive size of the Aqua Zone continues with eight saunas, including a Turkish hammam, Finnish Sauna and a Russian Bath. Although skincare is the spa’s forte, the Holiday Club Spa and Wellness also offers a full fitness gym on the top-floor for those looking to keep in shape.
Signature treatment: Deep Blue Bora-Bora Massage. This deep and relaxing massage uses seawater products exclusively created by Algotherm and includes a sugar scrub, massage with seaweed purses and a variety of massage movements from around the world. La Sultan de Saba is also a wonderful treatment in Hammam which includes a soap massage, scrubbing with a Kessa glove, and a sensual massage with a Rassul rose and a body massage.

PLANEt HEALtH CLUB AND BEAUtY rOOM
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Website: www.grandhoteleurope.com
Treatment and facilities: For the ultimate pampering experience, stop in at the Planet Health Club and Beauty Room, located on the hotel’s Mezzanine Café level. Planet Fitness is equipped with the latest exercise equipment, as well as a sauna and plunge pool for unwinding post-workout. The Beauty Room, a full-service salon and spa, boasts a barber; tanning and massage rooms, and a full range of indulgent services. In addition to classic European treatments, you’ll find exotic Balinese offerings such as the Jamu Yava, which uses a volcanic ash body mask to purify and tone the body; a Javanese coffee and coconut scrub and a jasmine and nutmeg bath. The spa provides guests with a stress-free sanctuary to relax and revitalize.
Signature treatment: The Pleasure spa-ceremony.

SAUN CLUB
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Treatment and facilities: The Russian banya is a traditional style of sauna that dates back hundreds of years involving a steam sauna and ‘whisk bathing’, in which guests are lightly stroked with bunches of dried leaves and branches called a venik, a process designed to improve the blood circulation. These uniquely Russian experiences are available at the Saun Club; one of the premier spas in St Petersburg. The club is available for hire for a completely private experience, and the helpful staff will go to great lengths to ensure that everything is to your satisfaction. The club also offers more traditional types of massage and saunas, as well as a large pool and Jacuzzi. In order to secure a private session advanced booking is recommended.
Special treatment: Traditional Russian banya with whisk bathing.

BLISS @ W ST PETERSBURG
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Treatment and facilities: Bliss Spas have established a worldwide reputation for cutting-edge health and beauty treatments. A trip to the Bliss Spa at W St Petersburg promises to be a unique experience; jazz music plays out of the speakers and ‘movie-while-you-mani’ stations provide entertainment while you wait, providing spa guests with an atmosphere that is as fun as it is relaxing. Of course, there are still plenty of ways to relax, with steam rooms, saunas, a Vichy shower and elegant B&B Italia furnishings, as well as indulgent services such as the super-relaxing Blissage 75TM and red carpet Triple Oxygen Treatment.
Signature treatment: Triple Oxygen Treatment, hot salt scrub and the hot cream manicure.

BLISS
WHAT TO DO ➤ DURING THE DAY

Packed with wonderful historical sites, engaging exhibitions and a wealth of must-do activities, visitors to St Petersburg will find themselves thoroughly entertained. With choices as wide-ranging as visiting the largest art museum in the world or heading for a ride in a tank, the only problem is deciding how to fit it all in.

STATE HERMITAGE MUSEUM
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With a staggering three million pieces of artwork on display, it is quite easy to understand how the director of the State Hermitage Museum once said that “I can’t say that the Hermitage is the number one museum in the world, but it’s certainly not the second.” Much of the artwork is housed in the Winter Palace, a Baroque-style former residence of Catherine the Great that is generally considered St Petersburg’s finest attraction, while several other imposing buildings complete the museum. Catherine the Great herself started the collection in 1764 when she purchased a large number of paintings from Berlin. The range of art has now expanded to include works from Ancient Greece, Egypt, Europe and the Orient. The list of notable painters on display is equally impressive, with celebrated works from Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt and Rubens all on show. Private tours are available for those who would like to see the very best works, but with so much on offer it is worth setting aside a good few hours to wander around the Palace.

PETER THE GREAT’S SUMMER PALACE AND GARDENS
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One of the more romantic places to visit in the city, Peter the Great’s Summer Garden and Palace are a haven for couples looking to while away a few hours amid its charming majesty. The palace may not have the grandeur of those of some of the later Russian rulers, but it is one of the most historically significant points of St Petersburg, having been built in the earlier years of the city. The garden was originally intended as a place for the Russian elite, and though it has been opened to the general public for many years, it remains a beautiful place for today’s modern elite to visit.
ADVENTURE

TANK DRIVING
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Visiting St Petersburg’s several military museums is always an interesting and worthwhile experience; but, for elite travelers, going one step further is always possible. Those not content with merely viewing the tanks will find the following tour from Country of Tourism wildly entertaining – this is definitely one for military fans and thrill seekers. The day starts with a journey to a military base, where you will be given an interesting and educational talk on the mechanics and history of the machines. Afterwards, it is time to pick your tank and head out to the battlefield. The tanks provided by Country of Tourism are classic war machines, from military vehicles of the Cold War to legendary Second World War battle tanks such as the T-34, the most-produced tank of the conflict. A professional crew will drive you around in the tank and, at your request, will set up the gun for you for the most exhilarating experience of the tour: this is your chance to shoot one of the large tank guns and see a simulation of the devastating power of the weapon. And if that isn’t enough, then anyone who watched 007 smashing through St Petersburg in Goldeneye will relish the chance to take the tank over a car, completely crushing the vehicle beneath the tank’s tracks. This fantastic day ends with a specially prepared Russian field lunch and a chance to see what the soldiers would have eaten.
WHAT TO DO ➤ DURING THE DAY

CATHARINE PALACE

ST ISAAC’S CATHEDRAL
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The cathedral that dominates the skyline of St Petersburg will have become a familiar sight for many elite travelers by the time they leave Russia; the glorious golden-topped roof is visible from many of the top hotels in the city. Familiarity will not breed contempt here however, as St Isaac’s Cathedral is a visual splendor that you will find yourself drawn to again and again. Originally completed after some 40 years of work in 1858, the cathedral is dedicated to Peter the Great, who was born on St Isaac’s Day. Inside the cathedral is as impressive as the facade, with intricately designed paintings, columns and sculptures adorning the walls. Those who choose to venture to the colonnade will be rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view over the city. Finally, as you step out of the doors onto St Isaac’s Square, you will be greeted by the striking equestrian monument to Nicholas I.

CULTURAL

CATHERINE PALACE
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An expression of imperial Russian grandeur, the Catherine Palace is one of the major attractions of St Petersburg. Located 16 miles to the south of the city in the town of Pushkin, once named the Village of the Tsars (Tsarskoye Selo), the palace was originally built for Catherine I, the wife of Peter the Great. Expanded by the Empress Elizabeth, the palace would go on to be the summer palace for the Russian rulers until the 1917 revolution. One of the many highlights is the infamous Amber Room; originally a masterpiece of the pre-Second World War era, what some have dubbed as the ‘Eighth Wonder of the World’ was dismantled by Nazi soldiers during the war and never recovered. In 2003, the resplendent Amber Room was reopened and vast crowds once again flocked to the palace. The gardens of the palace are equally impressive and perfect for a stroll around, especially for those looking to escape the hustle and bustle of the city. With so much to see, it may be worth taking a private guide and setting aside a large part of the day to enjoy the palace. The on-site museum offers private tours, but it is best to contact them in advance so that they can personalize the tour for you.
WHAT TO DO ➤ DURING THE DAY

ROMANTIC / FAMILY FUN

TROIKA RIDE AT PAVLOVSK PARK
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The sprawling Pavlovsk Park was established in 1780 after Catherine the Great had bequeathed the land to her son, the Grand Duke Paul, in 1777. Much of the grounds represents the trend at the time for English gardens, with the seemingly natural landscape sprinkled with areas to host informal parties and quaint ‘ruins’ designed as romantic scenery. The best way to see the gorgeous park is by troika, the Russian word for a sleigh. The ultimate Dr Zhivago-esque experience, the troika is drawn by three horses, and will delight romantics. Guests will enjoy sliding majestically over the snow-covered grass, with only the sound of sleigh bells mixing with the crunch of sledge runners to disturb their winter peace. If you’re feeling a little cold after your ride, then warm up the way Russians do – with a shot of vodka provided for you by your driver.

ROMANTIC / FAMILY FUN

CANAL RIDE
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Peter the Great admired the city of Amsterdam so much that his own city would go on to rival the Dutch settlement for the title of ‘Venice of the North’. Many of the streams and rivers that originally ran through the foundations of St Petersburg were turned into canals, which not only helped drain the swamp area that the city was to be built on, but also provided a wonderful series of interconnecting waterways. By far the best way to travel around the city is via a canal boat. Hop onboard one of the many fantastic boats, sip champagne and other refreshments, and glide softly through the sun-kissed waters. Without any of the inconvenience of a taxi ride, a canal trip is a wonderful way to see the city exactly as Peter the Great himself intended. Head to the Grand Hotel Europe to board the Katarina, where refreshments are served by your own personal waiter.
What to do ➤ During the Day

**PETERHOF**

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Frequently referred to as the ‘Versailles of the North’, Peterhof is another fine monument to Peter the Great. Construction of the palace and gardens began in 1714, but additions to the grounds by later Russian rulers have given the park its unique features. Despite suffering damage during World War II, Peterhof was immediately restored to its former glory when the Soviet government realized its importance as a national symbol to the people of Russia. The Grand Palace itself is an interesting place to visit, with its commanding view over the Bay of Finland, but the real highlights of Peterhof are the fountains. Erected to celebrate the triumph of Russia over Sweden in the Great Northern War, the Grand Cascade is a collection of bronze statues spewing water in delightful arcs, while elsewhere in the grounds the Adam and Eve fountains give the idea of an earthly paradise. The best way to visit the grounds is to take a 30-minute hydrofoil ride along the Neva River; ask your concierge to arrange this for you.

**THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST**

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It is a sad fact of Russian history that when Alexander II was assassinated on March 13, 1881 by extremists wanting governmental reform, he had already begun to put into place plans to give the people an elected body. Unfortunately, those plans were to be released to the general public on March 14. If things had been different, the people of Russia may have had a constitutional monarchy, instead of suffering a brutal reign of oppression under Alexander III. It is fitting, then, that the spot that marks such a potentially monumental moment in Russia is adorned by such a wonderful church. An architecturally-striking monument, the church was designed using a host of different materials in a riot of colors, and is a stark contrast to the baroque, classical and modernist architecture that can be seen elsewhere in St Petersburg. Created by Alexander III as a tribute to his father, the church was looted and then left to ruin, until a 20-year restoration project saw the church reopen in 1997. Despite the official title of the Church of the Resurrection of the Jesus Christ, St Petersburgers know it as the ‘Church on Spilled Blood’.
St Petersburg is steeped in cultural tradition and has plenty to offer in terms of music and dance, from world-renowned theaters to atmospheric jazz halls. Partygoers and fans of revelry will find plenty to enjoy within the city’s burgeoning night scene, and the constantly evolving nightlife will make every night a unique experience.

Classical Music / Dance

**THEATRE - MARIINSKY THEATER**
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Two things spring to mind when you think of classical Russia: ballet and opera. The Mariinsky Theater has been the home of these two great Russian institutions since it opened in 1860. Named in honor of Tsarina Maria Alexandranov, wife of Alexander II, the theater has not only become one of the symbols of St Petersburg, but Russia as a whole. While the theater is predominantly thought of as a ballet hall, it is equally famous for the stage masterpieces of Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky and Rimsky-Korsakov, the singing of Fyodor Chaliapin, Ivan Yershov, Medea and Nikolai Figner, and Sofia Preobrazhenskaya, as well as ballet dancers such as Anna Pavlova, Vaslav Nijinsky, Galina Ulanova, Rudolf Nureyev and Mikhail Baryshnikov. Stopping in for a show is sure to be one of the highlights of the tour, and elite travelers can look forward to a seat in the Tsar’s Box; the best place to view the concerts from. This box is always highly sought after so call ahead to avoid disappointment.

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There are few clubs in the world set in a former 19th century mansion, but then, this is St Petersburg. The ever changing nightlife means that finding the right clubs is often a case of speaking to your concierge; clubs tend to open for a short period of time before closing down and moving to a new location with a different name, keeping the scene fresh and original. The newest clubs will highlight the direction that the St Petersburg sound is heading in. Nightclubs in St Petersburg tend to range from abandoned bomb shelters to impressive buildings designed by famous Russian architects. Such is the case with Ostrov, designed by Briullov. The interior of the club is understandably classy, with a clientele of wealthy Russians coming here for the exclusive alcohol and erotic shows. There are VIP rooms upstairs available for hire that provide some breathing space from the often hectic dance floor area. Popular with both Russian and international celebrities alike, Ostrov more than lives up to its high-class setting.

Club
WHAT TO DO ➤ DURING THE NIGHT

BAR

TALEON CLUB
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If your idea of Russia involves sitting around a gorgeously decorated bar drinking fine cognac while smoking expensive cigars, and chatting to local and expat millionaires, then the bars at the Taleon Club will be perfect. Beautifully decorated with artwork from the Renaissance, comfortable seating and exquisite antiques, both the Eliseev and the Atlantes are two of the finer bars in St Petersburg. The warm atmosphere is sure to be the perfect tonic for the cold Russian winter days.

KANDINSKY BAR
VIP contact: Walter C. Neumann, General Manager
Phone: +7 812 494 5137
Email: wneumann@roccofortecollection.com
Address: 39 Bolshaya Morskaya, 190000
Website: www.thehotelastoria.com
Located in the delightful Hotel Astoria, the Kandinsky Bar is where the elite of St Petersburg like to wet their whistles. Named after the Russian artist Wassily Kandinsky, famous for being one of the pioneers of the Abstract art movement, the bar abounds with luxury and class, amid a stylish décor. Wealthy patrons come here to enjoy an extravagant cocktail or sample some of the exclusive whiskeys on offer, while leaning back, smoking one of the many fine cigars and conversing with other affluent locals and expats. The bar also has a selection of tantalizing desserts and light meals for those feeling a little peckish. Open 24 hours a day and with live music in the evenings, this is one of the most comfortable and fashionable places in town.

MUSIC

JFC JAZZ CLUB
Phone: +7 812 272 9850
Email: jazz33@yandex.ru
Address: St. Tapestry, 33
Website: www.jfc-club.spb.ru
For those who prefer their jazz a little livelier, there is the JFC Jazz Club, where the hip, young crowd of St Petersburg head for a more energetic and dynamic evening. An intimate affair, the JFC Jazz Club is well known for its innovative approach to jazz; international musicians such as Eddy Gomez and Lenny White have performed here, and it isn’t unusual to find Dixieland, Latino or even Folk music being played. Still, regardless of the genre of music, the crowd is always on its feet and looking to have a good time. Both jazz clubs are likely to be extremely busy, so it’s best to call ahead and book a table to avoid disappointment.

JAZZ PHILHARMONIC HALL
Artistic Director: David Goloshyokin
Phone: +7 812 764 8565
Email: jazz-hall@peterlink.ru
Address: Zagorodnyi prospect, 27, 191180
Website: www.jazz-hall.spb.ru
It may come as a surprise for many visitors to St Petersburg, but jazz music is very popular here. Considering the former Soviet Union’s often disparaging attitude towards Western (specifically American) culture, it is curious to find such an array of jazz establishments in St Petersburg; yet, since the first live Russian jazz concert in 1922, jazz music has managed to thrive and flourish. Opened in 1989 by David Goloshekin, a world-famous and highly regarded musician, the Jazz Philharmonic Hall is where the cream of St Petersburg come to enjoy the music. A classy and highly sophisticated bar, the hall is ideal for those who enjoy their traditional jazz, and a quiet atmosphere is encouraged.
What to do ➤ Featured Events

With an abundance of spectacular theater halls, concert venues and palaces in St Petersburg, it is no surprise to find that many of these locations host cultural festivals that are hugely popular. Spread over the year, music festivals such as the Musical Hermitage and Musical Olympus International, as well as dance festivals like XI International Ballet, and the all encompassing White Nights Festival all draw teeming crowds, including the city’s glitterati.

Musical Hermitage Festival
February & July, Biannually
VIP contact: Sergy Evtushenko, Artistic Director
Phone: +7 921 964 8808
Email: hermitagemusic@hermitage.ru
Address: Nab r. Moiki, 41, 4 floor, 190000
Website: www.hermitagemusic.ru

Established in St Petersburg in 1996, the Musical Hermitage Festival has grown to accommodate festivals in New York, Berlin and Zurich. Nicknamed the ‘festival of winners’, the festival mainly presents young past winners of highly prestigious musical competitions. This is a great chance to see exceptionally talented youngsters, the future of music, in some fantastic settings. The festival also has a reputation for nurturing future classical stars, as previous participants include Nikolaj Znaider and Encric Dindo. The festival is attended by prominent musical figures, as well as the cream of Russian society.

Musical Olympus International Festival
May/June, Annually
Contact: Maria Balakina
Phone: +7 812 356 6104
Email: mol@musicalolympus.ru
Address: Musical Olympus Foundation, Korablestroiteley, 199226
Website: www.musicalolympus.ru

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XIII International Ballet Festival
Annually in April
Phone: +7 812 326 4141
Email: tickets@mariinsky.ru
Address: 1 Theatre Square, 190000
Website: www.mariinsky.ru

Russian ballet has earned a reputation for excellence around the world, and one of the best ways to see this is at the annual XIII International Ballet Festival. Hosted at the famous Mariinsky Theater, the festival was launched in 2001 and continues to attract ballet lovers from all over the globe as well as the very best in modern ballet. Spread over ten days, the festival not only showcases the talents of notable Russian stars, but also features performances by illustrious foreign dancers; famous former participants include Agnes Letestu, Johan Kobborg and Nikolai Tsiskaridze. One of the highlights of the show is the opening ceremony, which features a gala concert performed by the stars of international ballet.

Fireworks at the White Nights

White Nights Festival
May – July, Annually

Summer in St Petersburg features a strange phenomenon: the White Nights, which have had many romantic mentions in poetry and literature. Due to its northern geographical location, from early June to early July the city is almost always in daylight, as the sun never descends low enough beneath the horizon to allow the sky to grow dark. This wonderful spectacle provides the perfect backdrop for the White Nights Festival, which takes place from late May until late July, taking in music and dance performances from a host of Russian stars and internationally famous guests. The festival doesn’t stop here however, with other events taking place across the city. The Mariinsky Theater hosts a number of classical opera, ballet and dance concerts as part of its ‘Stars of White Nights’ program. Tickets are usually snapped up early for this event, so book ahead if you plan on attending one of the many fabulous recitals. There are also a number of carnivals going on, with one of the most spectacular taking place at Peterhof, featuring actors dressed up as figures from 18th and 19th century Russia, with reproductions of key historical events. There are even a number of stellar performances in the Palace Square; artists such as Paul McCartney and the Rolling Stones have performed at previous events.
Fashion has been at the center of Russian culture for centuries, and where the Tsars and imperial courtiers once led the way, now top designers and unique boutiques supply the trends. Nevsky Prospect is the city’s central shopping destination; and the Grand Hotel Europe is home to the most exclusive brands.

**BEST SHOPPING AREAS / DISTRICTS / SHOPS**

**TATYANA PARFIONOVA**
Phone: +7 812 713 3669  
Email: info@parfionova.ru  
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, 51  
Website: www.parfionova.ru

Easily one of the most famous designers in St Petersburg, Tatyana Parfionova’s store on Nevsky Prospekt is one of the highlights of the street. Parfionova has created clothes and accessories that are innovative, original and highly relevant; so much so, that some of her work is on display in the Russian Museum. A trip to the store may even give you the chance to meet the famous designer, who is often to be found in her store sketching new designs. Tatyana Parfionova is ideal for those who want clothes that are uniquely creative, and it is even worth a visit if you are not a fashion fan; but remember to pick up a Tatiana shawl – they are highly regarded around the globe.

**BABOCHKA GALLERY**
Phone: +7 812 717 4675  
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, 153  
Website: www.babochka.ru

Since opening in 1988, Babochka has expanded and opened six multi-brand stores and three brand boutiques, Brioni, Ermenegildo Zegna and Emporio Armani. The finest of these is the Gallery, which can be found on the highly-fasionable Nevsky Prospect. The three-story building features a wealth of internationally renowned brands such as Bottega Veneta, Fendi, Oscar De la Renta, Roberto Cavalli and Michael Kors. However, Babochka has more to offer than shopping, and with tailor services, a bar and VIP fitting rooms, visitors can savour an experience they will never forget. The helpful staff will supply you with complimentary champagne as you browse through the top designers and provide you with tips on the latest fashions and trends.

**DAY NIGHT**  
Contact: Olesia Novichenko  
Address: M. Posadskaya Street, 6, 197046  
Phone: + 7 812 234 2300  
Email: office@daynight.ru  
Website: www.daynight.ru

Regarded as one of the finest fashion stores in St Petersburg, Day Night features a list of brands that includes Stella McCartney, Givenchy, Balmain, Lanvin, Celine, Alexander Wang, Jil Sander, Ann Demeulemeester and Rick Owens. Day Night has two locations in the city, of which the larger flagship store takes up two storeys and is situated over 8,600 square feet of space. This is the place to come to if you want the coolest brands in a chic, trendy environment. Day Night employs a staff of fashion experts who are more than happy to provide advice and select the most innovative designs to suit your taste.

**BABOCHKA**
Phone: +7 812 324 5625  
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, 36  
Website: www.babochka.ru

Opened in 2007, this branch of the Babochka chain can be found in the Grand Hotel Europe. Babochka differs from the larger Babochka Gallery in its highly innovative and modern store format, with an interior created by Italian designers based on mirrors, glass and reflected light. The store features top brands such as Alexander McQueen, Miu Miu and Moncler, and the emphasis of this store is also on more revolutionary and inventive designs.

**ZILLI**
Phone: +7 812 329 6590  
Email: communication@zilli.fr  
Address: Nevsky Prospekt, Mikhailovskaya Ulitsa 1/7, 191011  
Website: www.zilli.fr

For those seeking designer menswear, look no further than Zilli. The French men’s clothing store has been producing luxury clothing for nearly 40 years, innovatively creating trends season after season. The St Petersburg store, located in the Grand Hotel Europe, is no exception, featuring a wide range of menswear items including luxury sportswear and handcrafted items.
## SHOPPING

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### Jewelry & Watches

**CARTIER**
- **Design Club**
  - Phone: +7 812 332 3505
  - Address: Nevsky Prospekt, T 38/4, 191028
  - Website: www.cartier.co.uk

**CHOPARD**
- **Mercury**
  - Phone: +7 812 329 6577
  - Address: Grand Hotel Europe, Mikhailovskaya Street, 1/7, 119011
  - Website: www.chopard.com

**IWC**
- **Eternal**
  - Phone: +7 812 441 3262
  - Address: Moika River Embankment, 59
  - Website: www.iwc.com

**Tag Heuer**
- **Status**
  - Phone: +7 812 232 3978
  - Address: Bolshoi Prospekt, 60

**ConSuL**
- Phone: +7 812 232 9682
- Address: Bolshoi Prospekt, Petrogradskoy Storony, 63
- Website: www.tagheuer.com

### Inside Babochka Gallery

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- **Design Club**
  - Phone: +7 812 363 3252
  - Address: Bolshoi Prospekt 59 197101
  - Website: www.paulsmith.co.uk

#### Prada
- **Babochka Gallery**
  - Website: www.prada.com

#### Ralph Lauren
- **Babochka Gallery**
  - Website: www.ralphlauren.com

#### Rick Owens
- **Day Night**
  - Website: www.rickowens.eu

#### Roberto Cavalli
- **Babochka**
  - Website: www.robertocavalli.com

#### Sonia Rykiel
- **Design Club**
  - Phone: +7 812 443 9423
  - Address: Italianskaya Street 15
  - Website: www.sonarykiel.com

#### Stella McCartney
- **Day Night**
  - Website: www.stellamccartney.com

#### Tod’s
- **Babochka**
  - Website: www.tods.com

#### Trussardi
- **Day Night**
  - Website: www.trussardi.com

#### VALENTINO
- **Babochka Gallery**
  - Website: www.valentino.com

#### Viktor & Rolf
- **Design Club**
  - Website: www.viktor-rolf.com

#### Yves Saint Laurent
- **Babochka Women’s Store**
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  - Address: Nevsky Prospekt, 115
  - Website: www.ysl.com

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- Website: www.laperla.com

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  - Website: www.loropiana.com

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- Phone: +7 812 363 3292
- Address: Bolshaya Konushennaya, 13A
- Website: www.louisvuitton.com

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**MIU MIU**
- **Babochka**
  - Website: www.miumiu.com

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- Address: Bolshoi Prospekt, 59
- Website: www.moschino.com

**Nina Ricci**
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- Address: 44 Nevsky Prospekt, 191011
- Website: www.ninaricci.com

**Oscar de la Renta**
- **Babochka Outlet**
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  - Address: 63 Moskovsky Prospekt
  - Website: www.oscardeilarenta.com

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The idea of Russian billionaires and luxury private yachts go hand in hand; unfortunately, the reality is somewhat different. Regulations regarding foreign vessels entering ports in Russia are very strict and often change; special permission must usually be obtained in order to enter the port of St Petersburg. Many of the delightful waterways of the city and the rest of Russia are considered out of bounds. However, for those that are willing to persevere through the troublesome process of obtaining permission, they will find St Petersburg a delightful place to sail in. The two marinas to offer berths to foreign guests are well equipped, and St Petersburg is ideally located in the Gulf of Finland to allow for sailing to several Scandinavian countries.

**ST PETERSBURG RIVER YACHT CLUB**

VIP contact: Nikolay Nornov  
Phone: +7 812 235 6636  
Email: info@yachtclub.spb.ru  
Address: Petrovskaya Kosa, 9, 197110  
Website: central-yacht-club.ru/en

One of two marinas in St Petersburg to allow foreign visitors, the St Petersburg River Yacht Club has existed in one form or another since 1858. The marina has some 350 berths, with space for yachts up to 40m (131ft) and mooring facilities for yachts up to 30m (98ft). There are repair facilities in a separate harbor, as well as a 12.5-tonne crane for lifting boats out of the water. The marina also has a wealth of services available, including showers and toilets, electricity, Wi-Fi access and a floating gas station, as well as the use of the club facilities. There are several restaurant options available, including premier eatery ‘The Sea’, which has a beautiful view over the harbor and is especially delightful during the summer months. This marina is located between the mouths of Malaya Neva and Malaya Nevka, and is just a short drive from the main areas of St Petersburg.

**KRESTOVSKI YC**

VIP contact: Denis Denisov  
Phone: +7 812 715 3888  
Email: info@rus-yachting.ru  
Address: Juzhnaja doroga, 4 building 1  
Website: rus-yachting.ru

Located just 500m (1,640ft) to the east of the St Petersburg River Yacht Club, the Krestovsky Marina opened in 2010 and was designed to bring European standards to the city. There are toilets, showers, free Wi-Fi, a laundry and electricity available. As well as 150 berths and room for yachts up to 40m (131ft), the marina has a shop and a repair facility. There are a host of fantastic restaurants within a five-minute walk. Make sure you ring ahead to ensure berth space.

**ELITE TRAVELER RECOMMENDS:**

VIP contact: Vladimir Ivankiv, honorary representative of a number of international YCs and Associations  
Home: +7 812 510 7602  
Email: vladimir@yachtclub.spb.ru; vladimirivankiv@yahoo.com  
Address: Uchebnij Per. 6-2-56, 194354

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www.elitetraveler.com
Pulkovo Airport – Jetport SPB

VIP contact: Vladimir Tsutskarev, Commercial Manager
Phone: +7 812 611 0919
E-mail: vtsutskarev@jetport.ru
Address: 2, Vnukovskaya Street,
Office B1404, 196210
Website: www.jetport.ru

Pulkovo airport is the main international airport serving St Petersburg. The only handling company located at the airport is JetPort SPB. Established in 2009, the company has been providing passengers with a first-rate service and level of personal attention that has made travelling to and from St Petersburg a pleasant experience for elite travelers. JetPort also has its own private jet lounge – the only such facility at the airport. Spacious and comfortable, the lounge enables swift passage through the formalities. And of course, everything will be handled with complete confidentiality. JetPort also offers to arrange transportation to and from the airport, hotel reservations, catering services and aircraft refueling, as well as many other services. Just ring ahead if there are specialist services you require.

Oxygen Aviation

Phone: +44 (0) 1403 237 010
Email: info@oxygenaviation.com
Website: www.oxygenaviation.com
Twitter: http://twitter.com/oxygenaviation

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WHEN BEST TO GO
The summer months are undoubtedly the best time to visit St Petersburg, as temperatures average between 12° and 20° from late May through to August. Visitors in June will get to experience the fabulous White Nights, when the sun barely disappears and the streetlamps are never on.

LOCAL CUSTOMS
St Petersburg is generally considered the most ‘European’ of all of Russia’s cities, as customs are relatively similar to those in Europe, but mixed with the older traditions of Russia. St Petersburgers are generally friendly and obliging towards foreigners, and will provide help if you are unsure of some of the Cyrillic street signs.

ATTIRE
Western-style dress is the norm throughout the city, with some restaurants and clubs requiring a more formal dress. During the cold winter months it is best to wrap up, as the temperature can drop to below -10°. Warm clothing can be purchased throughout the city; head to Nevsky Prospect for fashionable winter warmers.

LANGUAGE
Russian, English spoken in tourist areas.

CURRENCY
Russian Ruble (RUB)

EXCHANGE RATE
$1 = RUB 28.25
£1 = RUB 45.61
€1 = RUB 40.16

COUNTRY DIALLING CODE
+7

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Fire: 01
Police: 02
Ambulance: 03

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TIME ZONE
GMT +3 hours

POPULATION
4.6 million

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS
- January 1 – New Year
- January 7 – Orthodox Christmas
- March 8 – Women’s Day
- May 1 – Labor Day
- May 9 – Victory Day
- June 12 – Independence Day
- November 7 – Peace and Harmony Day
  (former October Revolution Day)
- December 12 – Constitution Day

TYPICAL OPENING HOURS
Most sights and shops are open 10am to 6pm most days and close for one day a week – usually a Sunday.

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