



Post-PIERS 2012 Tour to St.Petersburg August 24-27, 2012



- Day 1.** Departure from Moscow, arriving to St.Petersburg, check in at the hotel, City tour.
Day 2. Excursion to Petergof (visiting the Palace and park complex).
Day 3. Excursion "Rivers and channels of the city by waterbus", Excursion to the Hermitage.
Day 4. Check-out, St.Isaak Cathedral. End of the program.

BASE HOTEL	Package price per person, RUR	Package price per person, RUR
AZIMUT 3*	Group 15 pax	Group 30 pax
Comfort single use	24 280	22 080
Comfort Twin double use	20 000	17 880
AMBASSADOR 4*	Group 15 pax	Group 30 pax
Standard single use	35 080	32 880
Standard Twin double use	26 380	24 280

The price includes:

Departure transfer in Moscow, arrival transfer in St.Petersburg, guide and transport assistance according to the program, entrance tickets to the museums, accommodation, breakfast and lunch according to the program, taxes.
Air ticket or train ticket Moscow-St.Petersburg is for extra charge.

Price can be changed.

Payment can be effected by credit card (except AMEX) or by bank transfer.

August, 24

Check-out from the hotel (Moscow)
Transfer to airport or railway station
Departure to St.Petersburg
Arrival in St.Petersburg. Meeting at the airport or railway station and transfer to the hotel
Check in the hotel
15:00 [City Tour](#)
18:00 Return to the hotel. Free time

August, 25

Breakfast
10:00 Meeting with the guide at the reception desk of the hotel
[Excursion to Peterhof](#). Visiting the Park and the Palace
14:00 Lunch at the restaurant «Imperatorsky Stol»
16:00 Return to the hotel

August, 26

Breakfast
10:00 Meeting with the guide at the reception desk of the hotel
[Excursion "Rivers and channels of the city by waterbus"](#)
13:00 Lunch at the restaurant
14:30 [Excursion to the Hermitage](#)
16:30 Free time

August, 27

Breakfast
09:00 Check-out from the hotel
10:00 Meeting with the guide at the reception desk of the hotel
[St.Isaak Cathedral with visiting the observation platform](#)
13:00 Lunch at the restaurant
14:00 Return to the hotel

Accommodation

Hotel "Azimut" 3*

The Azimut Hotel Saint-Petersburg is situated in the very center of the city. The windows of the 18th floor have a wonderful view of St Isaak Cathedral's golden domes, the white and blue Cathedral of the Blessed Trinity, elegant cathedral of Saint Nikolay. Further on, on Teatralnaya square, opposite the conservatory there is the Mariinsky theater, the most famous in St Petersburg. In the distance you can see spires of the Admiralty and the Peter and Paul fortress. The building is situated on the bank of the Fontanka river, on the crossing of two big roads – Rizhskiy and Lermontovskiy avenues. There is a secured parking at the hotel. On the first floor of the hotel you can find the reception, a luggage room, a sauna, a Turkish sauna, the Azimut bar, a business center and other services.



Comfort

The Ambassador Hotel, 4*

The Ambassador Hotel is located in the historical center of St Petersburg, within several minutes of walking distance from Sadovaya metro station. The soul of St Petersburg, which inspired Pushkin, Gogol and Dostoevsky, might be said to live here. Famous monuments, such as St Isaac's and St Nicholas's Cathedrals, the Mariinsky Theatre, and the Yusupov Gardens with a pond that gives a feeling of coolness and harmony in the heart of the noisy city. There is a helipad on the roof of the hotel. The Ambassador Hotel is a popular place for the most distinguished guests of St Petersburg to stay at.



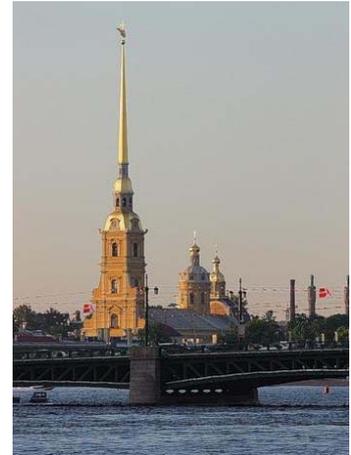
Standard

Description of the Excursions

City Tour

ROUTE: Nevsky prospect, Kazan Cathedral, Stroganov Palace – Admiralty – Palace square – Bazil Island Spit, Peter & Paul Fortress, Naval Museum – State St Petersburg University – University embankment, Menshikov Palace, Academy of Fine Arts – English embankment, Senate square, Monument to Peter the Great (the Bronze Horseman) – Isaac's square, Mariinsky Palace, Monument to Nicolas II, St. Isaac's Cathedral – Palace embankment- field of Mars – Summer Gardens – Robespierre embankment – Rastrelly square, Smolny Cathedral, Smolny Institute – Souvorov prospect – Nevsky prospect, Anichkov Palace, Monument to Catherine the Great – square of Arts, State Russian Museum – Koniushennaya square, Our Savior-on-the-Spilled Blood – Griboyedov canal.

St Petersburg is the second largest city of Russia after Moscow, its population is about 4,8 mln people. As European cities go, St Petersburg is a young city. It was founded 300 years ago in 1703 by Peter the Great. 65 rivers and canals, spanned by 360 bridges, criss-cross the city which is located on 42 islands. It is not incidental that St Petersburg is also called as the Venice of the North. If you join with a general sightseeing tour you will see the most interesting buildings and world famous architectural ensembles of the city and learn its history rich in events. Our well trained and experienced guides will color your impressions and make your stay in St Petersburg unforgettable.



Excursion to the Peterhof

Peterhof is located at the seaside some 29 km from the center of St Petersburg. Peterhof is known throughout the world as a jewel of the Russian art, a town of parks, palaces and fountains. In the past it used to be an exquisite summer residence of Russian tsars. Peter the Great was the first to realize that he would need not only a new capital and a naval base on the Gulf of Finland, but also a new country palace. He commissioned a Versailles by the sea from the French architect Leblon, and like many of the Tsar's ideas it was soon translated into reality. Nowadays the whole complex comprises the Grand Palace, the Lower and the Upper Parks with quite a few park pavilions, 150 fountains and 5 monumental cascades. The Grand Palace was redesigned by Bartolomeo Rastrelly, the favorite architect of Peter's daughter Elizabeth in the middle of the 18-th century. Its fabulous Baroque decoration beats any expectations. The palace houses the collection of Russian and European paintings, sculpture, furniture, porcelain, crystal ware. From the marble terrace of the Grand Palace there is a magnificent view over the Grand Cascade, made up of the waterfalls, 64 fountains and 37 statues.



Excursion "Rivers and channels of the city by waterbus"

Initially, the city was built on water – on the banks of the Neva River, among its branches and channels. The historical blocks of Saint-Petersburg are spread out over numerous islands in the delta of the Neva River where it flows into the Gulf of Finland.

The Neva River is involuntary taken as the main avenue of the city. All the small rivers and canals of Saint-Petersburg are connected with the Neva River. Such rivers as: the Bolshaya Nevka, the Fontanka, the Malaya Neva have their source from the Neva River. The Moyka flows from the Fontanka, Griboedov canal begins from the Moyka, the Moyka and the Neva River are connected by the Zimnyaya kanavka and downstream, Novoadmiralteysky canal.

From the water Saint-Petersburg has a fascinating view: Palaces, Cathedrals, houses flow toward you, and the granite quays lift the city at the pedestal. All the embankments have their own peculiarities. On the Neva River – they are solemn, on the banks of the Moyka and Griboedov canal – quiet and lyrical. The crossing of roads and water give the city amazing variety and charm.



St. Isaac Cathedral

St. Isaac's Cathedral built in 1858 by the architect Montferrand is the 4-th in height among one-cupola's cathedrals in the world after St Peter's in Rome, St Paul's in London and Santa Maria del Fiorre in Florence. The richly adorned interior, lined with marble, and with malachite and lazurite columns, was intended for up to 10000 worshippers. Standing on the broad Isaac's square, its golden dome can be seen all over the city. On a clear day the observation platform at the foot of the dome commands a fine view over St Petersburg and its surroundings



Excursion to the Hermitage

The Hermitage Museum ranks among the most famous museums in the world such as the Louvre, the National Gallery in London, the Prado and others.

The whole museum complex (i.e. the Winter Palace, the Small Hermitage, the Old Hermitage, the New Hermitage and the Hermitage Theatre) is known as the "State Hermitage". The setting is magnificent and lavish; malachite, jasper, agate and marble provide a fine backdrop to the treasures. The Hermitage collection shows the development of art and material culture in the West and the East from the prehistoric times to the present days. There are remarkable collections of paintings, prints, sculpture as well as tapestries, carpets, objects d'art; archeological finds, furniture, unique articles of jewelry.

