

St Petersburg

Sightseeing & concerts

St Petersburg sightseeing tours offer an in-depth insight into this beautiful city often referred to as the "Venice of the North". Visit the many attractions within the city or take an extended tour through the countryside to spectacular palaces and parks.

SIGHTSEEING

Panoramic City Tour (3hrs)

Drive along Nevsky Prospekt, the main thoroughfare, lined with 18th century palaces, fashionable shops, restaurants and cafes. See the Summer Gardens with their Italian marble statues, The Church on Spilt Blood which commemorates the location where Tsar Alexander II was assassinated in 1881, the Golden domed St Isaac's Cathedral and Palace Square featuring the Hermitage Museum. *Daily.*

Panoramic City Tour with Peter & Paul Fortress (3.5hrs)

After your city tour, visit Peter & Paul Fortress, the site chosen by Peter the Great in 1703 as the foundation of St Petersburg, and is also the burial place of the Romanovs. *Daily except Wed & last Tue of the month.*

Panoramic City Tour with St Isaac's Cathedral (3.5hrs)

Combine your city tour with a visit to magnificent St Isaac's Cathedral with its golden dome and lavishly adorned interior. *Daily except Wed.*

St Isaac's Cathedral (2.5hrs)

The largest church in Russia, completed in the middle of the 19th century, after forty years of construction. Its gilded dome, the fourth largest in the world, soars above the St Petersburg skyline. The vast interior can accommodate up to 10,000 people and is adorned by marble, jasper, malachite, hundreds of reliefs and statues and 112 solid granite columns. The observation platform on the colonnade offers breathtaking views of St Petersburg. *Daily except Wed.*

Hermitage Museum (3.5hrs)

A must for art lovers! One of the world's greatest museums. Founded in 1764, the Hermitage Museum occupies five buildings on the Neva Embankment, including the Winter Palace. It currently boasts a collection of more than 3 million items. *Daily except Mon.*

Hermitage & Gold Room (3.5hrs)

The Gold Room within the Hermitage Museum features a priceless collection of Scythian and Greek gold from the Caucasus, Crimea and Ukraine. These exquisite items date from the 7th to the 2nd centuries BC. Also

included in the collection are items of jewellery collected by the tsars from the 16th to 19th centuries.

Daily except Mon.

The Russian Museum (3hrs)

This museum has the finest collection of Russian art in the world, tracing the development of Russian art through the centuries. Housed in the Mikhailovsky Palace, it was opened in 1898 by Nicholas II. The collection embraces art from Russian iconography to Avant-garde and Social Realism.

Daily except Tue.

Peterhof Palace & Park (5hrs)

Also known as Petrodvorets, Peterhof is located 20kms west of the city, on the Gulf of Finland. It was commissioned as a summer palace by Peter the Great to rival Versailles. In summer months, the main attractions are the spectacular cascading fountains and golden statues. We recommend arriving by hydrofoil, for the most dramatic introduction to this magnificent palace-park complex.

Daily except Mon & last Tue of month.

Pushkin & Catherine's Palace. (4.5hrs)

24 kms south of St Petersburg lies the town of Pushkin, known as Tsars' Village until 1917. It was the residence of the tsars from the beginning of the 18th century to the end of the monarchy. Visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. The famous Amber Room, plundered during WWII, has now been restored and should not be missed.

Daily except Tue & last Mon of month.

Pavlovsk (4hrs)

Just a few kilometres from Pushkin is Pavlovsk Palace, the former residence of Emperor Paul I. This excursion can be comfortably combined with Pushkin. Catherine the Great commissioned the Scottish architect Charles Cameron to build the palace in Classic style as a present to her son Paul. The classic simplicity is in stark contrast to Peterhof and Catherine's Palace. The country's first railway was opened here in 1837 to transport the royal family between St Petersburg and their summer residence. A chief attraction of Pavlovsk lies in its beautiful "English style" park with pavilions, follies and ornamental ponds.

Daily except Fri & first Mon of month.



Pushkin, band member

Sightseeing prices

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2010. Sightseeing is by car with your own English-speaking guide.

Tour	1 per	2 per	3 per
Panoramic City Tour	181	92	72
City Tour with Peter & Paul Fortress	186	96	84
City Tour with St Isaac's Cathedral	193	108	94
St Isaac's Cathedral (by car)	169	96	82
St Isaac's Cathedral (on foot)	92	55	43
Hermitage Museum (by car)	193	108	94
Hermitage Museum (on foot) – 3.5hrs	92	55	43
Hermitage & Gold Room (by car)	410	217	166
Hermitage & Gold Room (on foot) – 3.5hrs	309	164	116
Russian Museum	181	101	84
Peterhof	277	164	145
Peterhof (one way by hydrofoil)	306	193	174
Pushkin & Catherine's Palace	222	125	101
Pavlovsk	205	113	96
Pushkin & Pavlovsk – 6hrs	309	176	140
Folklore at Nikolaevsky Palace with transfers & refreshments	140	92	75

THEATRES & CONCERTS

Enrich your stay with a ballet, opera, concert or folk performance. In conjunction with accommodation, we can book tickets to various theatres including the Mariinsky and Maly theatres. Enjoy a folklore performance with refreshments in the 19th century Nikolaevsky Palace with car transfers included.