



Divorced Palace Bridge and Peter & Paul Cathedral

# St. Petersburg

## Privately escorted sightseeing & shore excursions

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

Drive along Nevsky Prospekt, lined with 18th century palaces, fashionable shops, restaurants and cafés. Pass 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. 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.**

### City Tour with Church of the Saviour on Spilt Blood (5 hrs)

Combine your city tour with a visit to the Church of the Saviour on Spilt Blood, one of the city's most striking and beautiful landmarks, reminiscent of St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow. The church was built on the spot where Tsar Alexander II was mortally wounded by a grenade thrown by an anarchist conspirator in 1881. The interior is decorated with magnificent mosaics, each representing a biblical theme.

**Daily except Wed.**

### Peter & Paul Fortress (2.5 hrs)

Peter & Paul Fortress was the first building constructed in St. Petersburg, in May 1703. It houses the Cathedral of Peter and Paul where all the tsars are buried from Peter the Great to the last Tsar, Nicholas II. The bell tower of the cathedral makes it the tallest building in St. Petersburg. The museums in the complex examine the history of the city and the fortress itself.

**Daily except Wed.**

### St. Isaac's Cathedral (1.5 hrs)

St. Isaac's Cathedral is the largest church in Russia. It was 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 with 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.**

### Neva & Canals Cruise (2.5 hrs)

View St. Petersburg from a different perspective during a leisurely river and

canal cruise. Peter the Great's 'Amsterdam of the North' was built on 42 islands with 70 rivers and canals winding their way through the city, passing under more than 400 bridges. You'll pass granite embankments with their piers and slipways, 18th and 19th century palaces and the major architectural landmarks of the city.

**Daily May-Oct.**

### Hermitage Museum (4 hrs)

The Hermitage Museum is 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. The Impressionists are no longer exhibited in the main building. They can be viewed separately, at a small additional cost, in the General Staff Building, which is located on the opposite side of Palace Square.

**Daily except Mon.**

### Hermitage & Treasury #1 (5 hrs)

There are two 'Treasure Galleries' within the Hermitage Museum. The most popular is Treasure Gallery #1 which houses items of jewellery collected by the tsars from

the 16th to the 19th centuries, including precious gifts from Western Europe and a collection of Scythian and Greek gold from the northern Caucasus and southern Russia, dating from the 4th to the 2nd centuries BC. (The focus of Treasure Gallery #2 is mainly Scythian and Greek Gold).

**Daily except Mon.**

### Fabergé Museum (1.5 hrs)

The world's largest collection of Fabergé objects d'art opened in St. Petersburg in the Shuvalov Palace in November 2013. The founder, Russian oligarch Victor Vekselberg, is dedicated to repatriating Russian works of art sold by the Bolsheviks in the 1920s and making them accessible to the public. The museum houses nine Imperial Easter eggs, including the showpiece Imperial Coronation Easter egg.

**Daily except Fri.**

### Russian Museum (2.5 hrs)

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

**Daily except Tue.**



Palace Square

## Visa-free shore excursions for cruise ship passengers

Our shore excursions are visa-free for cruise ship passengers docking in St. Petersburg for less than 72 hours. We have a selection of 1, 2 and 3 day itineraries in small groups of maximum 16 passengers. If you prefer something more personalised and flexible, we can tailor-make an itinerary to suit your needs, with your own private guide and driver.





Vasilievsky Island

# St. Petersburg

## Privately escorted sightseeing

### Yusupov Palace & Rasputin (3 hrs)

This opulent residence belonged to the wealthy and aristocratic Yusupov family from the mid-18th century until the Revolution. It is notorious for being the site of Rasputin's murder in 1916 by a small group of the city's noble elite, including Prince Felix Yusupov. The palace stands on the Moika Canal, into which Rasputin was ultimately thrown, after allegedly being poisoned and shot.

Daily.

### Artillery Museum (2.5 hrs)

Founded in 1703 and considered one of the best military museums in the world, the Artillery Museum features collections of weapons, uniforms, artillery equipment and exhibits from WWII and the Cold War.

Daily except Mon, Tue & last Thu of month.

### Peterhof Palace & Park (5 hrs)

Peterhof Palace, also known as Petrodvorets, is located 20 km west of St. Petersburg, 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 (5 hrs)

24 km south of St. Petersburg lies the town of Pushkin, known as Tsars' Village until 1917. It was the residence of the tsars from the 18th century to the end of the monarchy. Visit Catherine's Palace, one of the finest examples of Russian Baroque architecture. More than 100 kilograms of gold were used to gild the stucco façade. The famous Amber Room, plundered during WWII, has now been restored and should not be missed.

Daily except Tue & last Mon of month.

### Pavlovsk (4 hrs)

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.

Daily except Fri & first Mon of month.

### Veliky Novgorod (10 hrs)

This is a full day trip by car (approximately 3 hrs each way) to Veliky Novgorod, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Russia's oldest and most important historic cities, situated on the Volkhov River.

See the ancient Kremlin, the functioning Yurjev Monastery, the Open-air Museum of Wooden Architecture and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

Daily.

■ Overnight stays also available.

## Sightseeing prices

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2019.

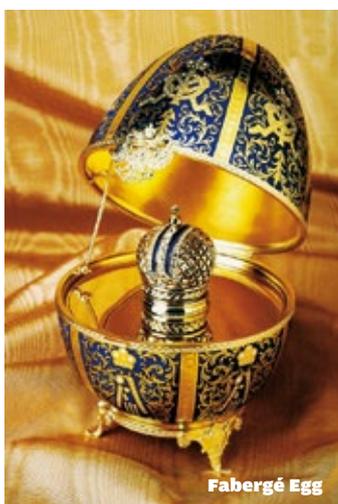
Tour	1 per	2 per
City tour with Peter & Paul Fortress	201	111
City Tour with Church on Spilt Blood	249	133
Peter & Paul Fortress	185	107
St. Isaac's Cathedral (on foot/metro)	118	81
Neva & Canals Cruise	189	107
Hermitage Museum (on foot/metro)	142	83
Hermitage & Treasury (on foot/metro)	322	173
Fabergé Museum (on foot/metro)	142	85
Russian Museum (on foot/metro)	137	76
Yusupov Palace	251	130
Artillery Museum	296	154
Peterhof Palace & Park	303	189
Peterhof Palace & Park (one way by hydrofoil)	350	236
Pushkin & Catherine's Palace	272	154
Pavlovsk	201	111
Pushkin & Pavlovsk (6 hrs)	332	194
Veliky Novgorod (fully escorted day trip)	864	445
Folklore at Nikolaevsky Palace (with transfers & refreshments)	178	142

■ Sightseeing is by car, with your own English speaking guide, unless otherwise specified.

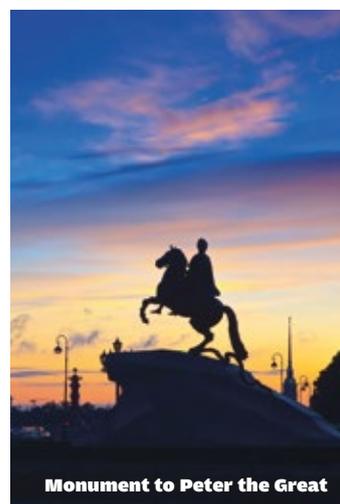
■ Duration of sightseeing is approximate and includes travelling time.

## 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, Mikhailovsky and Maly theatres. Enjoy a folklore performance with refreshments in the 19th century Nikolaevsky Palace with car transfers included.



Fabergé Egg



Monument to Peter the Great