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Local '24-chasa' (24hr) stores stock groceries, cigarettes and alcohol. Bank hours usually 10.00-18.00, Monday-Friday.

Internet

www.petersburgcity.com
www.petersburg-russia.com
www.saint-petersburg.com

Newspapers

Pravda, Izvestia
Vyedomosti
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St Petersburg Times
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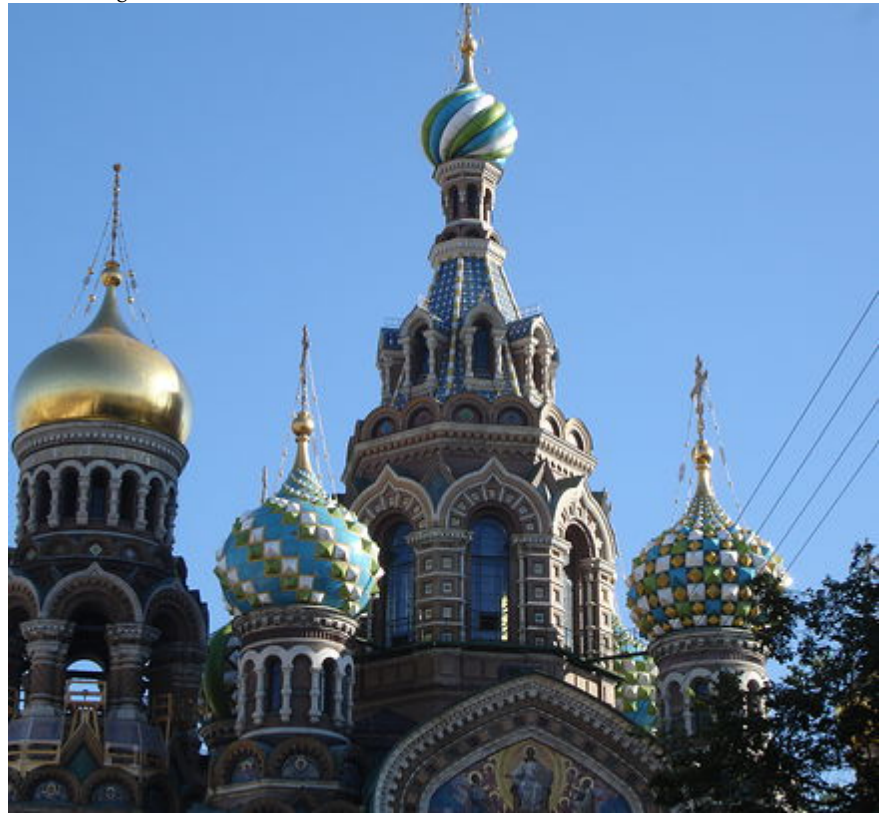
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Metro Gostiny Dvor
Opening hours: daily 10.00-19.00 closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

ST PETERSBURG

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Spanned by ornate bridges, the wide, fast-flowing River Neva divides this city of spectacular architecture in two. History seeps from every wall and the colours, scale and grandeur of the buildings seem almost too much to take in. Peter the Great's "window on Europe," which saw the revolution that changed the world, is regaining its imperial splendour. At its historic heart are grand palaces, amazing museums and spectacular churches. Music, art and literature are in its soul - and partying is a way of life.

THE CITY



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St Petersburg captivates with its Baroque palaces and pastel-painted Neo-classical façades, wide boulevards, bridges and curving canals. The 5 km long main street, Nevsky Prospekt, packs cafés and up-market shopping between its palaces. On the Neva embankment, The Winter Palace – with 1,057 rooms and 117 staircases – is just one of six magnificent buildings that make up The State Hermitage museum. They back onto the Palace Square of jaw-dropping proportions.

There's so much to see in the historic heart, many visitors never leave it. To its west, the Mariinsky district has quiet streets, crumbling mansions, graceful canals and the fabulous Mariinsky Theatre. Across the Neva, Vasilevsky Island has the university, lively bars and good restaurants. The newly-trendy Petrograd side is where the city began, and around fashionable Petrogradsky Island are a clutch of green islands where locals relax at weekends. From May to November, major bridges rise in the early hours to allow ships to pass through - be sure you're on your hotel side of the river, or you won't get home!



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DO & SEE



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The State Hermitage Museum

The State Hermitage is a museum of art and culture, the world's greatest art displayed in dazzling splendour. Its collections, of which only a small part is on permanent display, comprise nearly 3 million items, including the largest collection of paintings in the world. It contains art from the Stone Age to the 20th century.

Address: Dvortsovaya nab 34
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 710 9625
Internet: www.hermitagemuseum.org

Palace Square

Palace Square is considered to be the city's main square and serves as an excellent example of how different architectural styles can be combined in a most elaborate and aesthetically pleasing way. It was the setting of many events of worldwide significance, including the Bloody Sunday 1905 and the October Revolution of 1917. The Palace Square is simply breathtaking.

Address: Dvortsovaya pl
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt

Church On Spilled Blood

The Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood is one of the main sights of St. Petersburg. Construction began in 1883 under Alexander III, as a memorial to his father, Alexander II. Work progressed slowly and was finally

completed during the reign of Nicholas II in 1907. Bulbous domes, brilliant colours, powerful mosaics, a sight you can't miss.

Address: Kanala Griboyedova nab 2
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt

Russian Museum

The State Russian Museum (formerly the Russian Museum of His Imperial Majesty Alexander III) is the largest depository of Russian fine art in St Petersburg. Magnificent collections from early icons to contemporary art.

Address: 4 Inzhenernaya Str.
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 595 4248
Internet: www.rusmuseum.ru

St Isaac's Cathedral

The dome of St. Isaac's Cathedral dominates the skyline of St. Petersburg and its gilded cupola can be seen glitter from all over the city. The cathedral's main dome rises 101.5 metres and is plated with pure gold.

Address: Isaakiyevskaya pl
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Opening hours: 11.00 to 19.00
Phone: +7 812 315 9732

Mariinsky Theatre

The world's finest ballet and opera theatre. The Mariinsky Theatre is a historic theatre of opera and ballet and was opened in 1860. It became the preeminent music theatre of late 19th century Russia, where many of the stage masterpieces of Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, and Rimsky-Korsakov received their premieres. Book your tickets in advance and try to get the front row as it is very snug and the seats are not tiered. The interior is amazing!

Address: Teatralnaya pl
Subway: Sadovaya
Phone: +7 812 326 4141
Internet: www.mariinsky.ru
More Info: tickets@mariinsky.ru

Yusupov Palace

By the river Moika River stands the beautiful yellow palace that was once home to the wealthy and respected Yusupov family. It was also the site of Grigori Rasputin's murder in 1916, a dark episodes in Russia's history. Let yourself be guided through this palace, the full story of the murder of Rasputin will unfold before you.

Address: 94, nab. reki Moiki
Subway: Sadovaya
Phone: +7 812 332 1991
Internet: www.yusupov-palace.ru

Petrodvorets

Peterhof, known as Petrodvorets is the Russian Versailles. It is no less famous than Versailles in France but even more fantastic and was founded as early as 1714 by Peter the Great. The palace-ensemble along with the city center is recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Beautiful palace, monumental fountain cascades, glorious landscaped gardens located 30 km from St Petersburg.

Internet: www.peterhof.ru

Peter & Paul Fortress

Year 1703 Peter the Great retook the lands along the Neva River and decided to build a fort to protect the area from the Swedish army. The fortress was founded on a small island in the Neva delta on May 27, 1703 and that day became the birthday of the city of St Petersburg. The fortress is also a resting place for the Tsars.

Address: Petropavlovskaya krepost
Subway: Gorkoskaya

Alexander Nevsky Lavra

Great composers and writers, lie in the Tikhvin cemetery of this monastery/cathedral complex. One of the oldest architectural ensembles of Saint Petersburg, Alexander Nevsky Lavra was built in 1710.

Address: Pl Alexandra Nevskogo

EATING



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When it comes to eating out, there's been a revolution in St Petersburg, with countless new restaurants serving authentic international cuisine and new angles on traditional Russian favourites. From candlelit gourmet elegance to sashimi, seafood to pizza, you'll be spoilt for choice. The nearest metro to all the following is Nevsky Prospekt/Gostiny Dvor, except where indicated.

Tandoor

Good Indian food, a popular place by the Admiralty.

Address: Voznesensky Prospekt 2
Phone: +7 812 312 3886

Imperial Restaurant

Tuck into the Sunday Jazz Bunch buffet, from 12.30-17.00.

Caviar bar, sushi, Russian specialities, seafood and champagne.

Address: Corinthia Nevskij Palace Hotel, Nevsky Prospekt 57
Phone: +7 812 380 2001

Il Patio

Successful chain of friendly Italian restaurants. Choose from pizza, pasta and a no-limit salad bar.

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 182
Opening hours: Open 08.00-01.00, Friday and Saturday to 03.00
Phone: +7 812 314 8215

Kalif

Uzbek specialities, Oriental music and belly dancers in the evening.

Address: Millionnaya ulitsa 21
Phone: +7 812 312 2265

Taleon Club

Dress up for this Tsarist palace hangout of the rich. 18th Century French décor, serious gastronomy. Casino, bar, and nightclub upstairs.

Address: Moiki Reki nab 59
Phone: +7 812 324 9911 / +7 812 324 9944
Internet: www.taleon.ru

Blinny Domik

Russian pancakes in 70 ways – hot, cold, stuffed and sweet.

Address: Kolokolnaya ulitsa 8
Subway: Dostoyevskaya
Phone: +7 812 315 9915

Propaganda

The décor is Soviet, but the food is tasty and the atmosphere friendly! Open round the clock, it overlooks the city's most striking bridge, the rearing horses of Anichkov Most.

Address: Fontanky reki nab 44
Phone: +7 812 275 4558

Tbilisi

A good place to enjoy Georgian food and wine.

Address: Sytninskaya ulitsa 10
Subway: Gorkovskaya
Phone: +7 812 232 9391

Dvorianskoye Gnezdo

Imperial recipes in the luxurious Trianon of the Yusupov Palace. The Russian-French cuisine appealed to Bill Clinton. Dress smartly.

Address: Dekabristov ulitsa 21
Subway: Sadovaya
Phone: +7 812 312 0911
Internet: www.dvgnzdo.ru

CAFES



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Café Idiot

Basement homage to Dostoevsky, mainly vegetarian menu.

Address: Moiki reki nab 82
Subway: Sadovaya
Phone: +7 812 315 1675

Stolle

Great coffee and brilliant pies on Vasilevsky Island.

Address: Syezdovskaya/1-ya linii 50
Subway: Vasileostrovskaya
Phone: +7 812 328 1221
Internet: www.stolle.ru/eng/main.html

Lavka Smirdina

A local favourite for ice cream.

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 22/24
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 315 9017

Idealnaya Chashka

Speciality coffees attract a young crowd.

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 15

Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 315 0927

Café Rico

A café with an African-Latin American theme.

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 77
Subway: Mayakovskaya
Phone: +7 812 320 5879

Stray Dog

Legendary artists' café in vaulted cellar.

Address: Iskusstv pl 5
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 315 6068

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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St Petersburg's bars tend to have themes - sports, Irish, British-style pub, hip Soviet nostalgia - they serve food, usually have DJs or live music and 02.00 is considered early closing. The scene is constantly changing, so check weekly listings and posters around town. Most clubs serve food and are open until 06.00 or later.

Time Out

For sports fans - games on screen and a pool table.

Address: Marata ul 36
Subway: Vladimirskaia
Phone: +7 812 113 2442

Krokodil

Boasts 25 whisky varieties, chess and backgammon, too.

Address: Galernaya ul 18
Subway: Nevsky Prospect
Phone: +7 812 314 9437

James Cook

English-style pub, 18 beers on tap, steaks and sandwiches. It's also a Viennese café, with its own patisserie, serving 40 types of tea and coffee.

Address: Shvedsky pereulok 2
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 312 3200

Krasniy Lev

The Red Lion has live music, beer, a full menu and is open 24 hours.

Address: Alexandrovsky Park 4, next to the Baltisky Dom theatre
Subway: Gorkovskaya
Phone: +7 812 233 9391

City Bar

Popular American bar near the Hermitage.

Address: Millionnaya ul 10
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 314 1037/315 8575

Cynic

Basement setting for underground musicians.

Address: Antonenko pereulok 4
Subway: Pl Sennaya
Phone: +7 812 312 8779

Vegas

Casino, bars and world sports events shown 24/7 on big screens.

Address: Manezhnaya pl 6
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 710 5000

Red Club

Warehouse venue for the top-ranked local rock bands.

Address: Poltavskaya ul 7
Subway: Vladimirskaia
Phone: +7 812 717 1366
Internet: www.clubred.ru

Greshniki

'Sinners' is the gay mainstay.

Address: Griboyedova Kanala nab 28
Subway: Gostiny Dvor
Phone: +7 812 318 4291

Jfc Jazz Club

A good atmosphere in this small club.

Address: Shpalernaya ul 33
Subway: Chernychevskaya
Phone: +7 812 272 9850
Internet: <http://jfc-club.spb.ru>

Fish Fabrique

Bar, club and live music venue in an alternative arts centre.

Address: Ligovsky Prospekt 53
Subway: Pl Vosstaniya
Phone: +7 812 764 4857
Internet: www.fishfabrique.spb.ru

SHOPPING



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All the top international brands and designer fashion names are here, lining up on Nevsky Prospekt, and the shops are as glitzy and glam as in any European capital.

Gostiny Dvor (on Nevsky) is an 18th-century merchants' arcade beautifully restored and packed with boutiques – not all of them expensive. Just across the street, Pazzazh is an atmospheric 19th-century shopping arcade much used by locals. Nearby, Yeliseyevsky is a must-see food emporium, glittering with chandeliers and Art Nouveau. Book lovers should head for Dom Knigi and Isskustvo. CDs, DVDs and computer games are on offer at 505, which stays open until 23.00.

Off Nevsky, look for classical music CDs at the Philharmonia on Mikhailovskaya ul and Otkrity Mir, Malaya Morskaya 16. Detsky Mir, Bolshaya Konyushennaya ul 29, is the place for children's toys, clothes and games.

Souvenirs are everywhere. Explore the open-air market stalls clustering behind the Church on Spilled Blood, and bargain hard. Browsing a local farmers' market (rynok) is both fun and interesting – Kuznechny is the best, metro Vladimirskaaya, which is the same metro stop you need for the giant Vladimirsky Passazh shopping centre. Ogle at sushi bars and fur emporia, and check out Lend, the best supermarket in town.

SLEEPING



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Hotels are priced in Euros or US Dollar, but payment is in roubles.

Angleterre

Stylish, with subtly luxurious rooms in soft colours and big marble bathrooms.

Address: Ul. Malaya Morskaya 24
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 494 5666
Internet: www.angleterrehotel.com

Grand Hotel Europe

Opulent and romantic, with Art Nouveau features. Arguably the city's finest.

Address: Mihailovskaya ul 1/7
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 329 6000,
Internet: www.grandhoteleurope.com

Deluxe Hotel

Smart mini-hotel, with 7 two-level rooms. One of the good-value 'Hotels on Nevsky' group.

Address: Bolshaya Konushennaya 14
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 703 3860
Internet: www.hon.ru

Moyka 5 Hotel

Recently opened, imaginatively-designed 24-room hotel, minutes from top sights.

Address: Moiki reki nab 5
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 601 0636
Internet: www.nevskymoyka5hotel.com

Nevsky Inn Bed & Breakfast

Seven twin rooms on the 4th floor of a 19th-century building and with a 24 hour café.

Address

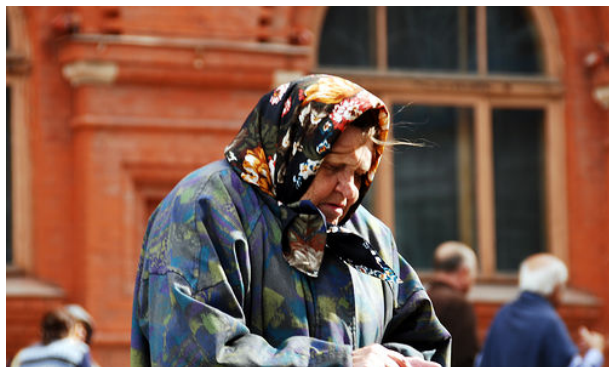
Address: Kirpichny pereulok 2, apt 19
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 315 8836
Internet: www.nevskyinn.ru

Hotel Aster

Situated in the so-called "Golden Triangle" of St. Petersburg. Several rooms have a Jacuzzi.

Address: Bolshaya Konushennya ul 25
Subway: Nevsky Prospekt
Phone: +7 812 336 6585 / +7 812 703 3860
Internet: www.hon.ru

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<http://www.forex.se/sv/Om-FOREX/Bankbutiker/>

Airport

Pulkovo-1 and Pulkovo-2 (international) are 18 km from the city.

From Pulkovo-2, buses 113, 213 (10 RBL) and minibuses K13 and T113 (15 RBL) leave the arrivals terminal for Moskovskaya metro station every 15 minutes. Then take the metro (10 RBL) or a taxi (about 200 RBL) into the city centre. Journey time 45+ minutes.

From Pulkovo-1, minibas K39A leaves every 15 minutes for Moskovskaya metro.

It is advisable to pre-book a taxi through your hotel or travel agent. Journey time 30+ minutes.

Internet: www.pulkovo.ru

Public Transport

The efficient Metro has four lines, but few stations in the historic centre. Buy a token (10 RBL) or card for multiple journeys. Buses and trolleybuses are slow (10 RBL, tickets on board), while marshrutkas (mini buses)

dash around, stop at passengers' request, and cover countless routes. Fares from 13 to 25 RBL.

The Metro and buses operate from 06.00 to 24.00 marshrutkas from 07.00 to 22.00. It helps if you can decipher Cyrillic when using public transport.

Long distance and suburban electricchka trains depart from five major railway stations. A summer hydrofoil service to Petrodvorets leaves from the Hermitage jetty. Waterbuses travel some canals.

Taxi

Bear in mind that at night-times charges are 50 percent higher.

Central reservations:

Phone: +7 812 312 0022

Pharmacy

Regular business hours for pharmacies are 09.00-18.00.

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 22

Phone: +7 812 311 2077

Dentist

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American Medical Clinic, 24 hour private medical and dental assistance.

Address: Moyki Reki nab 78

Phone: +7 812 740 2090

Internet: www.amclinic.com

Telephone

Country code: +7

Area code: +7 812

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