

Imperial Jewel on the Neva River — Detailed description

Trip Length: Group: 6-12 Departure: Fixed Period: December - January

Trip overview

In the early 18th century, Tsar Peter-the-Great decided to build a new capital for the Russian Empire, a jewel city on the Neva, “a window to the West”: St Petersburg.

Tsar Peter-the-Great invited many European and Russian architects and artists to build this graceful, cosmopolitan and artistic city, prouddness of the Russian Empire. St Petersburg: A fairytale city, which tells its stories along water flows and palaces.

After a walking tour through the historic city centre, visit of the Hermitage museum outstanding collections. Then rivers and canal tour to enjoy the city from another point of view.

Visit of two amazing sites: St Isaac’s Cathedral and the imperial residence of Peterhof.

The tour ends up with a visit of Paul and Peter fortress and St Paul and St Peter Cathedral where members of the Romanov Imperial family are buried.

Highlights

- Extension of the tour “In the footsteps of Russian Princes”
- Three-day getaway in the heart of Tsar capital
- Hermitage museum’s outstanding collections
- Peterhof Imperial residence & gardens

Tour type

NATURE

Difficulty

Physical rating not assigned

Comfort

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Program

Day 1 — -

Day 2 — -

Day 3 — -

Departures

New departures available soon

Note

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Guaranteed departure: minimum 6 guests

What's included

Price includes

- English-speaking guide
- Russian-speaking guide
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Excursions and visits as per itinerary
- Visa invitation and registration of passports (for foreign citizens, if necessary)
- Boat trip
- Letter of invitation
- Breakfasts
- Dinners

Price does not include

- Lunches
- Personal expenses and tips
- Visa fees and travel insurance
- Bathing in springs
- Airplane/ train tickets
- Optional activities
- Photo and video permit at visited places
- Beverages

Recommended checklist

underwear, socks (several pairs)
pants, long sleeve jacket/tracksuit
sleeping bag
thermal underwear
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Meals

If you are a vegetarian or have any particular preferences, please let us know, so we could adapt the menu.

Visa

You need a tourist visa to travel to Russia. It can be issued for a maximum period of 30 days. Your passport has to be valid for at least six months after the expiry date of your visa and to have at least two blank pages.

BaikalNature offers visa support and has created "BaikalNature letter of invitation" package. If you buy a BaikalNature tour, this package is absolutely free; when you buy any other BaikalNature service, you will have to pay for this package.

For questions regarding obtaining an electronic visa, please contact your tour manager.

Money

The Russian currency is ruble. The cost of travel and other services is always fixed in rubles. Please note that cards from foreign banks do not work in Russia at the moment. Tourists can obtain a bank card from a Russian bank in advance or travel with cash. If you have euros or dollars with you, exchange offices will allow you to change them easily in the cities. It is also worth noting that the exchange rate at airports is usually not the most favorable. It is better to exchange in big cities (you can check the current exchange rate online). Important! Only new banknotes without defects or any traces are accepted for exchange.

Tipping

All persons who compose the BaikalNature travel team (guides, drivers, cooks, etc.) are paid a decent wage for their services and do not expect any tips from you. So you have no obligation to leave anything. If you really want to express your satisfaction by leaving a gratuity,

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and if it is in foreign currency, be aware that torn or glued coins and banknotes cannot be exchanged. Anyway, thank you for your tips, left at your discretion in envelopes.

Health

No compulsory vaccination.

Legal Mentions

Professional Guarantees: BaikalNature LLC (ООО "БайкалНейче"), United Federal Register of Tour Operators number: RTO 009402. Financial Guarantee: "Gaide insurance company" JSC (АО "Страховая компания Гайде"). Insurance contract N 4875/2422-49 from August 6, 2024. Amount of coverage: 500 000 RUB. Legal and actual address: BaikalNature LLC, 55 Dekabrskikh Sobyti Str., office 204.1 664007 Irkutsk Russia

Travel Insurance

In addition to your personal insurance, you have an opportunity to purchase local insurance. Please, do not hesitate to ask us about our services.

Security

Your safety is very important to us! During the trip we ask you to follow the guide's advice, read the instructions carefully and follow the group. If you have any questions or experience any discomfort, please notify your guide or tour-manager immediately.

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