



## Tour Name

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St Petersburg Discovery

## Tour City

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## Tour Snapshot

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St Petersburg gives good monument, with enough palaces, cathedrals, fortresses, churches, and museums to keep Antiques Roadshow on air for another decade. Join this St Petersburg tour to see where stroganoff started, where Emperor Alexander II's life ended, and period architecture endures.

### Highlights

- Discover the beauty and grandeur of St Petersburg, from a local perspective
- Learn about the city's most famous architecture as well as some hidden gems
- Be dazzled by panoramic St Petersburg views
- Tuck in to an authentic Russian lunch, and discover the spot where stronganoff was created

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guiding, lunch, public transport fare if needed for tour route that day.

Exclusions: Additional food and drinks, souvenirs and items of a personal nature, tips/gratuities for your guide.

### Schedule details

- Duration: 3 hours
- Meeting point:  
City Tourist Information Booth at the Palace Square.
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///hometown.grocers.wide](https://www.what3words.com/#!/hometown.grocers.wide)
- Starting time: 9.30 AM
- Ending point:  
Next to the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood.

### Full Itinerary

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To say that St. Petersburg is a feast for the eyes is a bit of an understatement. Correction - a huge understatement! This mighty Russian treasure is packed full of glorious architecture and has one of the most imposing cityscapes on Earth. This St. Petersburg city tour takes you on a journey through the all of this and more, from a local perspective.

Start your St. Petersburg tour from the Palace Square, which is dominated by the Winter Palace. Next, you'll pass the palace where the famous beef stroganoff dish was invented and continue towards St. Isaac's Square, to see its beautiful cathedral. Get the inside scoop behind the stunning architectural flourishes on this gorgeous building, and discover how it has been used over the centuries. You'll also see the bronze horseman, a symbol of St. Petersburg.

After crossing the Neva River, we'll stop at a favorite local spot from which you can enjoy panoramic views of the Palace Embankment with its renowned Hermitage Museum, and many prominent St. Petersburg landmarks including St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Admiralty, and the Chamber of Curiosities.

With your local St. Petersburg guide, you will pay a visit to the oldest structure in the city, and the site where the town of Peter started in 1703. The cathedral located here became the burial place of the Russian emperors, and members of their families, from Peter the Great onwards. A visit to the cathedral is optional here, but we'd say it's well worth taking a peek!

As we continue your historical St. Petersburg tour, we'll pass the Summer Gardens and the Field of Mars on the way to the most famous church in town. The church was built on the spot where the Russian emperor Alexander II was assassinated in 1881, and here your local guide will tell you the infamous story of how this historical event unfolded. You'll continue along St. Petersburg's busiest street, home to restaurants, theatres, museums, and ornate palaces of the ex-Russian aristocracy, learning more about St. Petersburg from a local perspective along the way, from your local guide.

All that fresh air and walking will no doubt spark your appetite, so we'll finish off the tour with a stop for food! We'll break for lunch in a typical Russian joint – so why not try a traditional dish like borsch (soup), blinis (pancakes), or beef stroganoff? It's here in the café that your tour will end, but you can linger as you like and relax and chat with your guide in the warm, cosy atmosphere.

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Your Trip: This trip is offered on a "join-in" basis. Maximum group size is 12

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher. .

Closure of sites: As we stop at a few cathedrals during this tour, we might encounter a few services along the way. If this happens, we'll find an alternative route for the tour.

Child Policy: Children under 12 years of age are not permitted to join this tour.

### **Local contact**

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