

# Optional Excursions 2016

St. Petersburg - the Russian metropolis of Czars...

## St. Isaac's Cathedral.

St. Isaac's was originally the city's main church and the largest cathedral in Russia. The cathedral facades are decorated with sculptures and massive granite columns, while the interior is adorned with incredibly detailed mosaic icons, paintings and columns made of malachite and lapis lazuli.

**Price: € 39,-**

## Russian Museum.

The Russian Museum is a unique depository of the Russian Fine Art. The collections of Russian Museum consists of about 400.000 exponents.

**Price: € 42,-**

## Peterhof.

The Grand Palace at Peterhof was designed to be the centerpiece of Peter the Great's 'Russian Versailles'. Highlights include the richly gilded Ballroom and Felten's splendid white-and-turquoise Throne room, which has a particularly fine parquet floor. Do not miss the great extended park with its famous system of fountains, including the truly spectacular Grand Cascade. Peterhof is like an ency-

clopidia of park design through the age of empire.

**Price: € 61,- (with big Palace)**

**Price: € 46,- (Park only)**

## Pavlovsk.

The Great Palace at Pavlovsk is somewhat staid in comparison to its near neighbour at Tsarskoe Selo, forgoing that building's opulent ornamentation for classical elegance and harmony, painted in the deep yellow and white color scheme typical of St. Petersburg neo-classicism.

**Price: € 44,-**

## Pushkin.

The Catherine Palace is named after Catherine I, the wife of Peter the Great, who ruled Russia for two years after her husband's death. The palace is best known for Rastrelli's grand suite of formal rooms known as the Golden Enfilade. It starts at the spacious airy ballroom, the 'Grand Hall' or the 'Hall of Lights', with a spectacular painted ceiling and comprises numerous distinctively decorated smaller rooms, including the famous, reproduced Amber Room

**Price: € 51,-**



**Peterhof.** Grand Cascade & Samson Fountain

## Yussupov Palace.

The Yussupov Palace is one of the most beautiful examples of classicism style constructions. Decorated with six-column portico, the palace delights with harmony of proportions and silhouette elegance. The palace is worth visiting not only as one of the best monuments of the palace architecture of the 19th century, but also from the historical point of view.

**Price: € 46,-**

## Alexander-Newsky Monastery.

The complex is home to some of the oldest buildings in the city, as well as to cemeteries which contain the graves of some of the giants of Russian culture, including Tchaikovsky, Dostojevsky and Glinka.

**Price: € 38,-**

## Pushkin & Pavlovsk.

**Price: € 73,-**

## Peter & Paul Fortress.

**Price: € 28,-** (during incl. City sight-seeing tour)

## Theatre/Opera Performance.

**Performances/Prices on request**

**Note:** Prices are per person for groups of min. 20 Pax.

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