An attractive cultural program is offered to participants and accompanying persons to experience and to enjoy St. Petersburg points of interest.

## Booking and payment will start from March 02, 2020.

## **CITY TOUR with visiting St. Peter and Paul Fortress**

There is no better way to gain an impression of Saint Petersburg, than to take part in a sightseeing tour with a professional guide who will show you our wonderful city, the most interesting and memorable places, its' secrets and mysteries. You will see all its main sights, learn how St. Petersburg had been created, how it had become the Imperial capital, will see the city, which was the "Cradle of revolution", and in our days became the cultural capital of Russia.

During the excursion you will be able to visit the major sights: the Palace square - "the heart of the city", the historic center, the Bronze Horseman, St. Isaac's Cathedral, the Church of the Savior on Blood, the Field of Mars, Summer Garden and cruiser "Aurora" - the symbol of the October revolution, and, of course, the Nevsky prospect, the city's main avenue. During the tour you will have several bus stops for a quick walk and taking pictures. You will make a stop on the spit of Vasilievsky island, from which there opens a wonderful view of the granite embankments of the Neva river and visit the Hermitage museum - the largest and most popular museum of St. Petersburg.

The St. Peter and Paul Fortress was founded on 27 May 1703 to defend St. Petersburg against enemy raids. From the middle of the 18th century it contained Russian political prison. Located within the St. Peter and Paul Cathedral is the burial vault of Peter the Great and other Russian tsars.







## **The State Hermitage Museum Tour**

The State Hermitage is one of the largest and oldest art museums in the world. It was founded in 1764 by Catherine the Great and has been opened to the public since 1852. Its collections comprise over three million items, including the vast collection of paintings of the most prominent artists including Da Vinci, Rafael, Rembrandt, Rubens etc. The collection occupies a large complex of six historic buildings along Palace Embankment, including the Winter Palace, a former residence of Russian emperors.

During the excursion our guided tour will help to get the general impression of the Hermitage – to get to know its history, the architectural image of its buildings and halls, departments and exhibitions, well-known masterpieces kept in the museum.







## St. Petersburg Night Drawbridges

St. Petersburg is often referred to as Venice of the North. From the very outset the city was built on water, on numerous islands in delta of Neva River. The combination of the architecture and water in Saint Petersburg, as well as in Venice, has a special charm.

A new perspective on the city can be gained from water-level and the boat trip visit some areas of the city that might not be reached on ground.

There are 342 bridges in the city limits of Saint Petersburg.

Peter the Great was designing the city as another Amsterdam and Venice, with canals instead of streets and citizens skillful in sailing. Initially, there were only about ten bridges constructed in the city, mainly across ditches and minor creeks.

A familiar view of Saint Petersburg is a drawbridge across the Neva. Every night during the navigation period from April to November, 22 bridges across Neva and main canals are drawn to let ships pass in and out of the Baltic Sea into the Volga-Baltic waterway system. It is an exciting spectacle which attracts many guests of St. Petersburg every night. The elegance of some bridges can be compared only with the beauty of the architectural ensembles and majestic buildings of the city.

