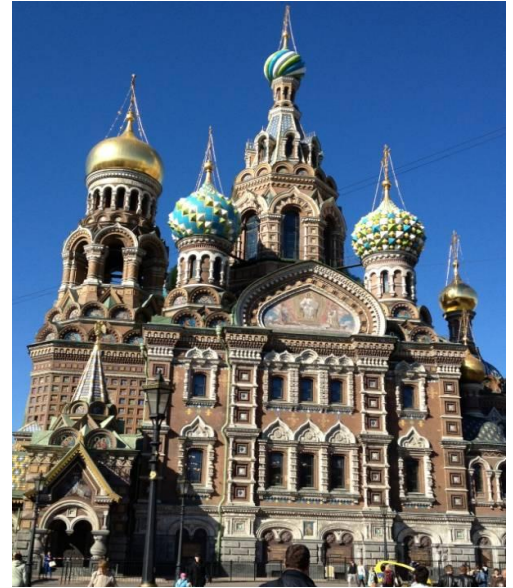


# ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

Disembark: 0800 Saturday, August 30, 2014

Onboard: 1800 Monday, September 1, 2014

**Brief Overview:** St. Petersburg is a vibrant, busy city with more World Heritage Sites than one could possibly visit in a single trip. Think New York in the 1970s – cars are old, trolleys and trams are also old – lots of people wearing hats. But, cell phones are everywhere – Google maps or other GPS make a good resource! Weather is cooler than you would expect, and it can change in mere hours. Good to always have a light jacket. English is NOT widely-spoken. Younger people are the best option to find someone who speaks English. Pickpockets are a big problem in this crowded city. All visitors MUST have their passport with them at all times, but it should be closely guarded. Keep all bags across your shoulder and in front of you in crowded areas.



**GET RUBLES IN AMERICA BEFORE YOU GO!!** Rubles are the only accepted currency. US dollars are NOT accepted. Visa and Mastercard are accepted in some STORES, but NOT by street vendors or at markets.

## Must see/do:

- Neva river boat ride
- Russian ballet or folklore show
- Winter Palace & Hermitage (catch a military parade at Palace Square!)
- Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood (pictured above)
- Catherine's Palace and gardens
- Peterhof, and lower gardens and fountains

## Other points of interest:

- St. Isaac Cathedral and climb the colonnades
- Peter and Paul Fortress
- Erarta Modern art museum
- Paul's "smaller" palace in Pushkin with beautiful forested grounds
- Fridays are wedding days during the summer months. Be on the lookout for brides at most churches, parks, and public places.



**VISA UPDATE: U.S. & Canadian Passport holders participating in organized, ISE excursions do NOT require a visa to visit Russia. As long as you are with an official ISE excursion or licensed tour operator, no visa is necessary. A full menu of day and evening programs in St. Petersburg and the surrounding areas is available so that you may enjoy the culture and history of Russia without a visa.**

**If you wish to get off the ship to do independent travel in Russia (even to get a cup of coffee or dinner out on your own) a visa is required. The process to obtain a Russian visa is fairly complicated and costs approximately \$250-\$265. ISE has retained the services of Travia to assist you in this process. Click here to link to our website regarding Russian visa applications "[Required Travel Documents](#)."**

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**ON YOUR OWN:** IF you elect to get a visa, you will want to consider the following:

- You **MUST** have your passport with you at all times.
- Walking along Nevsky Prospect for shopping, historic sites, and interesting bridges.
- All churches, museums, and palaces may be visited on your own.
- Entrance **LINES** are quite long (**up to 2-3 hours**) for the Hermitage, Catherine's Palace, and the Peter and Paul Fortress. **By participating in SAS trips, entrance is guaranteed and lines are minimized.** When time in port is so limited, this is a good option for the crowded Must-sees.
- Students with International Student ID may enter the Hermitage for free, but they **MUST** stand in line for this special entry.
- Bridges are everywhere! **BE WARNED:** At 1:30 am every night, **ALL DRAW BRIDGES GO UP.** They **STAY UP** until 5:30 AM. That means that passengers will need to back to the ship **BEFORE 1:30 am!**
- Individuals **MAY** purchase advance tickets online. They **MUST PRINT** their receipt and show this to the guard in Palace Square (the entrance to Hermitage courtyard is blocked and guards are present). Once inside the Winter Palace/Hermitage courtyard, individuals must present their receipt at the Will Call window to pick up their actual **TICKET**. This will allow individuals to by-pass **PART** of the line. Additional "photo permits" must be purchased separately.



**Transportation:** Metro, Trolley-buses, regular buses, and trams are all varying forms of public transportation. Navigating these systems can prove challenging, as signs are not in English, maps are virtually non-existent, and the Cyrillic alphabet is **VERY** difficult to decipher. If you choose to use public transportation:

- Metro and Tram are the most straight forward and hit most of the highlights.
- Taxis are available, but many cab drivers do **NOT** speak English. You should be prepared with the address or name of your destination written out in Russian as well as the name and address of the port for the return trip.
- Most people **WALK!**

**Food:**

- Delicious Pirogi (giant, baked breads stuffed with meat, cream cheese, fruit or cabbage. Slices are served on a plate) at local Pirogi cafés and on street corners.
- Pickles and vodka are staples here also.
- Kuznechny Market is considered to be one of the best in quality and selection. The vendors offer samples and are open to haggling – whether they speak English is another issue!

**Booking Trips in Russia:**

Take advantage of SAS trips to high-demand destinations and to connect with families, children, artists, and others. The lines are not an exaggeration. SAS staffer returned from the Enrichment Voyage in June to report, "it was so nice to be **exiting** the Hermitage as an enormous crush of tourists were pushing to get **in** during regular operating hours."

# Day 1: Saturday, August 30

**IMPORTANT:** If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day.

Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

Field Lab	St. Petersburg, Russia	Saturday, 30 August
ENSP 2559 101	Professor Nancy Bekavac	Political and Other Memoirs
PLCP 2500 501	Professor Jack Bielasiak	Comparative Politics: Democratization [Group 1]
SEMS 2500 503	Professor Margaret D'Silva	Intercultural Communication (Section 1)

## STP 102-101 CITY ORIENTATION: IMPERIAL ST. PETERSBURG HALF DAY



St. Petersburg is the second largest city in Russia, boasting the world's finest art museums and opulent palaces. Depart pier on a sightseeing tour of St. Petersburg. This overview of the former capital of Imperial Russia provides the opportunity to observe the ornate architecture and learn some of the city's fascinating history.

Drive towards the Spit of St. Basil's Island with a brief stop at the Rostral Columns. Pass the Admiralty, the city's architectural center with its golden spire that is one of St. Petersburg's most renowned emblems. Passing via Senate Square, make a brief stop at St. Isaac's Cathedral, the world's third largest domed cathedral and the monument to Czar Nicholas I, who reigned from 1825-1855. Make a brief stop at Palace Square; then continue past the Field of Mars, a burial ground for victims of the revolutions and civil war. Drive along Nevsky Prospect, passing the Moscow railway station, Anichkov Palace, Alexandrinsky Drama Theatre, Our Lady Kazan Cathedral and the House of Books before returning to the ship for a late lunch.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$29	\$28
Child	\$14	\$14
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	0845
Return	August 30	1245
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Isaac's Cathedral</li> <li>Palace Square</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

## STP 100-101 CITY ORIENTATION VIA THE NEVA RIVER & CANALS HALF DAY



Founded by Peter I in 1703, St. Petersburg, often called the Venice of the North, is the second largest city in Russia, boasting the world's finest art museums and opulent palaces. Take a cruise along St. Petersburg's rivers and canals, crossing the city in various directions with over 360 bridges connecting the islands of the city. This overview of the former capital of Imperial Russia

provides the opportunity to observe the ornate architecture and learn some of the city's fascinating history. Since the 18th century, opulent palaces and estates were built along the rivers. You will cruise along the Neva River viewing the Winter Palace, Peter and Paul Fortress, the Summer Gardens, and Cruiser Aurora. The embankments of the Fountain River allow views of Sheremetev Palace, Anichkov Palace, Beloselsky-Belozersky Palace, the belfry of St. Nicholas Cathedral, and the Mariinsky Theatre. The Moika River will provide views of the Yusupov Palace; St. Isaac's Cathedral, the world's third largest domed cathedral; and the monument to Czar Nicholas I, who reigned from 1825-1855.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$44
Child	\$23	\$22
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	0830
Return	August 30	1230
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cruise along St. Petersburg's rivers and canals (max 2 hours)</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

*"I enjoyed seeing how Peter the Great's dream for the city has come together."* Molly M, Fall '13 Student

**STP 109-101**

**WALKING TOUR OF ST. PETERSBURG & HERMITAGE MUSEUM**

**FULL DAY**



This introduction to the city of St. Petersburg will show you interesting aspects of the city. Depart by bus to the city center. You will visit the Hermitage Museum. Although begun as separate buildings, the Winter Palace and the Hermitage are now effectively one. Catherine the Great created the first Hermitage and though “respectable” citizens were admitted after 1852, it became fully accessible following the October Revolution of 1917. The collection occupies five historic buildings including the Winter Palace, the former residence of Russian Czars. Full of precious objects and dozens of Impressionist masterpieces, the collection numbers three million items from prehistoric to modern times. On this introductory visit you will visit the picture gallery including paintings by Rafael, Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, Rembrandt and some French Impressionists. You will also visit staterooms of the Winter Palace. Walk out of the museum to the Palace Square, the central square of the city. Take a short walk along the Moika River, via the yard of the Pushkin Museum, to observe a monument to the famous poet. Continue walking with stops at the church of St. Veronica’s Veil and Our Savior Resurrection Church. Visit the craft markets en route to the Church of the Spilled Blood, which is built on the site where Alexander II was assassinated in 1881. Continue along the Griboyedov Canal to Malaya Konushennaya, a popular pedestrian street full of cafes and restaurants where you may get lunch at your own expense. Pass the House of Books, St. Catherine’s Church, and the Public Library before rejoining the bus to return to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$87	\$86
Child	\$44	\$43
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1000
Return	August 30	1600
HIGHLIGHTS		
The Hermitage Museum Craft Market Lunch at your own expense		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** This tour involves a LOT of walking. You will need to bring **RUBLES** to purchase lunch at your own expense.

**STP 108-101**

**VISIT TO A BALLET SCHOOL**

**HALF DAY**



This ballet school was founded by a famous ballet dancer and choreographer, Leonid Jacobson. Talented children start to attend the school at the age of five, and by age 16 they become professionals ready to continue their ballet activity at various theaters in Russia. Although the school is private, the tuition fee is very low so that those who are truly talented can afford to attend. Visit the school and then enjoy a concert performed by the young dancers. We will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with the school’s director and choreographer.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$60	\$59
Child	\$30	\$30
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	0900
Return	August 30	1300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ballet School</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

**STP 107-101**

**ORTHODOX ST. PETERSBURG**

**FULL DAY**



Russian orthodox churches bear their crosses high in the sky of St. Petersburg. Some of the churches remain active and have been able to keep their holy icons, while others became museums, cultural centres, and storehouses. Today you will visit St. Petersburg's most remarkable churches, many of which have been fully restored. After visiting St. Vladimir's Cathedral, which was built from 1740-1773, you will take the metro to Alexander Nevsky Abbey to visit Tikhvin Cemetery and view the edifice of Holy Trinity Cathedral. Finally, you will visit the Church of the Bleeding Savior and climb the colonnades at St. Isaac's Cathedral before returning to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$118	\$115
Child	\$59	\$58
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	0900
Return	August 30	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St. Vladimir's Cathedral</li> <li>• Metro experience</li> <li>• Alexander Nevsky Abbey (Tikhvin Cemetery; Holy Trinity Cathedral)</li> <li>• Church of the Bleeding Savior</li> <li>• St. Isaac's Cathedral</li> <li>• Three-course lunch included</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

colonnades at St. Isaac's Cathedral before returning to the ship.

**STP 101-101**

**CATHERINE THE GREAT IN ST. PETERSBURG**

**FULL DAY**



The 18<sup>th</sup> century witnessed several great ladies on the Russian throne. Most famous was Catherine II, often called "The Great." Married to Peter III, Catherine did everything in her power to become the Empress of Russia. She was able to find talented people who shared her

aspirations and thus fulfilled her plans.

Drive approximately 1.5 hours via motorcoach to Tsarskoye Selo to visit the magnificent **Catherine's Palace**. A guided tour will include the Great Hall, Knights' Banqueting Hall, State Dining Room, Amber Room, Picture Gallery, Blue Drawing Room, Chinese Blue Drawing Room, Choir Anteroom, church, and bedroom. Then continue to **Peterhof** for a guided tour of the Lower gardens with their magnificent fountains.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$136	\$133
Child	\$68	\$67
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	0830
Return	August 30	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Catherine's Palace in Tsarskoe Selo</li> <li>• Peterhof lower gardens</li> <li>• Three-course lunch included</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

*"I loved this program, as it is not something I would have been able to do on my own."* Madison M, Fall '13 student

**STP 140-201**

**SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGE IN PUSHKIN**

**HALF DAY**



Approximately 1 hour and a half from St. Petersburg, in the town of Pushkin, is an SOS Children's village. We hope to take a group of 20-25 students to visit the village, learn about the organization, meet some of the mothers and have some playtime with the kids.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$48	\$47
Child	\$24	\$24
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1300
Return	August 30	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SOS Childrens village</li> <li>Play games with children</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		



**STP 131-102**

**FABERGE EGG MUSEUM**

**HALF DAY**



Russia's first Faberge Museum is established within the stately halls of the renovated Shuvalov Palace on the banks of the Fontanka River, a masterpiece in itself.

The collection contains about 4,000 works of decorative and fine art: gold and silver jewelries, paintings, porcelain and bronze. The gem of the museum is the collection of Faberge Eggs, most of which were crafted at the special request of the Russian Imperial Family, beginning in 1885. Tsar Alexander had only one stipulation: that each egg should contain a surprise. For more than 30 years, the matriarchs of the imperial family were presented with 50 such eggs – exquisitely crafted confections of gold, jewels, and enamel.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$69	\$68
Child	\$34	\$34
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1400
Return	August 30	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faberge Egg Museum</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		



**Please Note:** Children under 12 years NOT permitted per official museum policy.

**STP 118-102**

**WALKING TOUR WITH MARKET AND METRO**

**HALF DAY**

See St Petersburg through the eyes of a local, as we walk through quiet side lanes, peek into courtyards of old apartment buildings and ride the Saint Petersburg Metro. The Metro is one of the deepest metro systems in the world; it serves two and a half million passengers daily.



STANDARD PRICE		<i>Early Booking</i>
Adult	\$36	\$35
Child	\$18	\$17
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1400
Return	August 30	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kuznechny Market &amp; Metro</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

In addition, we'll visit Kuznechny Market, considered to be one of the best in quality and selection. The vendors will try anything to get you to taste their wares in order for you to buy, so haggle furiously as you shop the merchants and get a taste of local life.

**Please Note:** This trip involves considerable amount of walking. "Lunch" **at your own expense** in the marketplace. Groups must stay with their guide.

**STP 143-102**

**COOKING MASTER CLASS**

**EVENING**



We are excited to offer voyagers an interactive cooking encounter with typical Russian cuisine. Your host for the cooking class will be Anna Alexandrova, food blogger, wonderful woman and a true foodie.

Menu for the class will be:

- 1) chilled Russian Borscht - luscious beet soup, served with a dollop of rich, tart sour cream and plenty of salad garnishes (cubed boiled potatoes, crunchy diced radishes, chopped hard-boiled eggs and fragrant, coarsely chopped dill),
- 2) golubtsi - (meat stuffed cabbage leaves)
- 3) Syrniki - are a type of small Russian cheese cakes made with cottage cheese. Traditionally a breakfast food, these tasty morsels are sweet enough to serve as a dessert.

STANDARD PRICE		<i>Early Booking</i>
Adult	\$93	\$89
Child	\$47	\$45
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1500
Return	August 30	1830
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cooking in downtown St Petersburg</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 10		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 15		



**STP 119-103**

**WHITE NIGHTS CANAL CRUISE**

**EVENING**



You will sail along the rivers and canals and admire the beautiful baroque and neoclassical architecture of beautiful St Petersburg – at NIGHT. As you travel along, you will pass under a network of drawbridges, many of which are spectacular in the night

lighting, particularly the iconic Palace Bridge over the Neva.

Interestingly, bridges were not part of the original city plan – Peter the Great expected citizens to get across the rivers by ferry, and by sleds in the winter. It was only after he died that the more practical system of bridges was designed. Highlights include the Griboyedov Canal, with its colourful bridges; the Fontanka River, which has the beautiful stone Prachechny Bridge; and the Trinity Bridge over the Neva, which is a beautiful Art Nouveau structure, partly designed by Eiffel. Note: Bring a jacket.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$40
Child	\$22	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	2000
Return	August 30	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 hour nighttime canal cruise</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 160		

*“This canal tour was excellent!”* – Errol, EV Spring ’13 Voyager

**STP 132-103**

**DINNER CRUISE ON NEVA RIVER**

**EVENING**



Transfer from your ship to the Volga Volga, which is the first real floating restaurant in Saint-Petersburg. Specifically for this project the motor ship «Dunaevsky» has been reconstructed and redesigned. The kitchen has been equipped with the most advanced, modern appliances. Traditionally the general space is divided into zones: wardrobe, bar, main hall with comfortable furniture, VIP-zone,

and several halls for special occasions. The unique restaurant pleases its guests with delicious cuisine, great atmosphere and mobile setting. Volga Volga will run the Neva River back and forth, rejoicing guests with splendid views of Saint-Petersburg. After the dinner cruise returned to its dock, transfer back to ship with coach and assistant.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$167	\$164
Child	\$84	\$82
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1800
Return	August 30	2100
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner on Neva River</li> <li>Leisurely cruise on Neva River</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		





Since the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the St. Petersburg ballet group has been known as the finest example of Russian classical ballet. St. Petersburg theater stages have presented innumerable world-famous pieces of Russian opera and several major works by Glinka, Borodin, Rimsky-Korsakov and Mussorgsky.

World-renown dancers of our century including Galina Ulanova, Rudolf Nureyev, Natalia Markarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov began their remarkable careers in these theatres. You will attend a **classical ballet performance** at the Hermitage Theater or similar location and will be performed in two parts of approximately 50 minutes each. Exact ballet to be announced as soon as the performance schedule is available.

*“Amazing program! I would do it again!”* Rebecca F, Fall '13 student

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$138	\$135
Child	\$69	\$68
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 30	1900
Return	August 30	2330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classical Ballet performance at one of St. Petersburg's Theaters</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 250		

## Day 2: Sunday, August 31

**IMPORTANT:** If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day.

Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

Field Lab	St. Petersburg, Russia	Sunday, 31 August
RELG 1005 501	Adam Graves	World Religions [Group 1]
HIST 2559 101	Alex Nalbach	The Rest and the West
ENWR 1559 101	Tanvi Patel	Academic Writing Workshop

### STP 116-201

### FOUNTAINS IN THE GARDENS OF PETERHOF AND GRAND PALACE

### FULL DAY



Peterhof, or Peter's Court, is a jewel of Russian art. Founded by Peter the Great on the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland at the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, Peterhof is a town of parks, palaces, and fountains. Once the former

summer residence of the Russian tsars, the residence opened to the public following the 1917 Revolution and is an extremely popular site. Because of its popularity, a 1½-hour wait is common prior to entering the Palace. There will be an opportunity to explore the interior of the Grand Palace including Throne Hall, Partridge Room, Portrait Gallery, Chinese Study, and Study of Peter I. Also visit the Lower Gardens and view the Grand Cascade, recently restored to its former glory with 142 jets of water from 64 sources. **\*PLEASE NOTE: Box lunch from ship will be provided**

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$86	\$84
Child	\$43	\$42
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	0900
Return	August 31	1500
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grand Palace</li> <li>Lower Gardens</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

*"The gardens were unbelievable, very peaceful."* -Colin M, Fall '13 student

### STP 111-202

### MASTERPIECES OF THE HERMITAGE

### HALF DAY



Visit the Hermitage Museum and avoid most of the lines. Although begun as separate buildings, the Winter Palace and the Small Hermitage are now effectively part of one museum complex. Catherine the Great created the first Hermitage and though "respectable" citizens were admitted after 1852, it became fully accessible following the October Revolution of 1917.

The collection occupies five historic buildings including the Winter Palace, the former residence of Russian Czars. Full of precious objects and dozens of Impressionist masterpieces, the collection numbers three million items from prehistoric to modern times. On this introductory tour, you will visit the picture gallery including paintings by Rafael, Leonardo da Vinci, Titian, Rembrandt, and many others. You will also visit staterooms of the Winter Palace.

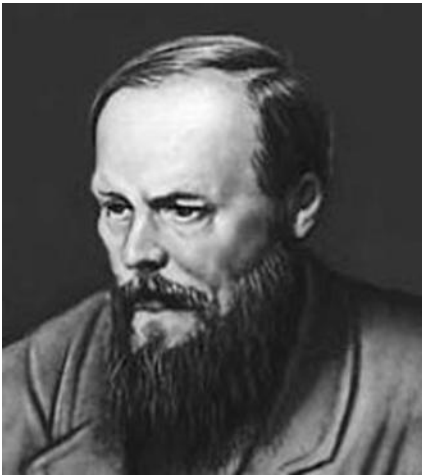
STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$66	\$64
Child	\$33	\$32
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	0900
Return	August 31	1300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two hour visit to the Hermitage Museum</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

*"This trip couldn't have been made better. The guide was amazing."* Jackie K, Fall '13 student

**STP 121-201**

**DOSTOEVSKY'S CRIME AND PUNISHMENT**

**HALF DAY**



Dostoevsky's name has inextricable ties to St. Petersburg. It is the city where he lived the greater part of his life, where he developed as a writer, and where his fictional characters existed. Here Dostoevsky created such novels as *Poor Folk*, *The Insulted and the Injured*, *Crime and Punishment*, *The Idiot*, and *The Adolescent*, in which the city itself became the real hero of the work.

Depart by bus to the city centre. Your tour begins with a walking tour around the area where the famous writer lived while creating his *Crime and Punishment*; and where he imagined his characters to have lived. Count the steps from Raskolnikov's apartment to the pawn-broker's house, walk along the crooked embankment of Griboedov Canal, and walk across Sennaya Square.

We will visit the Dostoyevsky Apartment-museum located on Kuznechny Lane 5/2 and the Sonia Hotel, named after one of main characters of *Crime and Punishment*. Lunch will be served at the hotel or at a local restaurant (depending on availability).

Complete the experience with a visit to Alexander Nevsky Abbey and the Tikhvin Cemetery where Dostoyevsky is buried.

**"A great start to Russia!"** –Olivia, Fall '13 student

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$129	\$127
Child	\$65	\$63
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	0800
Return	August 31	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walking tour "Crime and punishment"</li> <li>• Dostoyevsky apartment-museum</li> <li>• "Sonia" hotel</li> <li>• Lunch included</li> <li>• Alexander Nevsky Abbey including Tikhvin Cemetery</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

**STP 127-202**

**DACHA COMMUNITY VISIT**

**HALF DAY**



This is a unique opportunity to visit a local dacha and gain an inside look at typical Russian life. In Russia, tea is a family tradition during which the family gathers together for a hearty conversation. In the old days, a samovar, the symbol of Russian life and hospitality was the centrepiece on the table. Family discussions

during teatime typically include everything from family problems to philosophy of human nature.

Informal communication and delicious tea with traditional Russian pastries await you at a dacha, a cottage located outside of St. Petersburg. Get acquainted with Russian rural life and learn the stories of the real people who populate it!

You will visit an average Russian dacha, located about 60 km outside of St. Petersburg. Approximately 8-10 Semester at Sea participants will visit a dacha together. **"I loved the hospitality of our host family."** -Laura B, Fall '13 student

**Please Note:** You may wish to bring a small gift for your hosts.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$128	\$125
Child	\$64	\$63
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	1400
Return	August 31	1900
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tea with Russian Family</li> <li>• Dacha visit</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		



**STP 103-201**

**IN PETER’S FOOTSTEPS**

**FULL DAY**



Peter the Great (1682-1723) founded St. Petersburg and made it Russia’s capital. He intended for St. Petersburg to be an important symbol of his project to “Europeanize” Russia and make it a great European power. This tour of “his” St. Petersburg focuses on his

conception and its gradual realization. We will begin with a panoramic drive along the Neva Embankment, which takes us past the Winter Palace (built 1754-1762)



to Peter and Paul Fortress. We will visit the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, which also contains the tombs of Peter I and later Romanovs.

We will continue to Peter’s Log Cabin, his first home, for a brief tour before relaxing on a one-hour canal cruise through Peter’s city. After 1.5 hours drive we will arrive in Peterhof with its commanding view of the Gulf of Finland. We will tour **Monplaisir**, Peter’s favorite Peterhof residence, and enjoy a walk in its famous gardens.

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** BOX LUNCHES from the ship will be provided.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$143	\$137
Child	\$72	\$68
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	0900
Return	August 31	1900
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter and Paul <b>Fortress</b> (incl. Cathedral of Stains Peter and Paul)</li> <li>• <b>Peter’s Log Cabin</b></li> <li>• <b>One-hour canal cruise</b></li> <li>• Monplaisir and Lower Gardens in Peterhof</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

**STP 110-202**

**DELICIOUS RUSSIA**

**HALF DAY**



Russian cuisine is one of the richest in the entire world. On this tour, salads and soups, pickles and pies, will be wholeheartedly prepared especially



for you. This food reveals the secrets of the centuries-old cuisine, which absorbed the best of each nation, who populated the territory of Russia.



Start your tour with a vodka tasting. Continue trying a variety of cold starters, called *zakuska*, including all sorts of mouth-watering dishes mixed up and ready to be savored on this food tour. At the end of the excursion, enjoy traditional tea, served in *samovar* (a heated metal container traditionally used to boil water in Russia) with variety of pies (*pirogi*), bagels, jams (*varen’e*), honey, and lemons.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$111	\$109
Child	\$55	\$54
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	1230
Return	August 31	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vodka tasting</li> <li>• Zakuski tasting</li> <li>• Russian tea</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

**STP 131-202**

**FABERGE EGG MUSEUM**

**HALF DAY**



Russia's first Faberge Museum is established within the stately halls of the renovated Shuvalov Palace on the banks of the Fontanka River, a masterpiece in itself.

The collection contains about 4,000 works of decorative and fine art: gold and silver jewelries, paintings, porcelain and bronze. The gem of the museum is the collection of Faberge Eggs, most of which were crafted at the special request of the Russian Imperial Family, beginning in 1885. Tsar Alexander had only one stipulation: that each egg should contain a surprise. For more than 30 years, the matriarchs of the imperial family were presented with 50 such eggs – exquisitely crafted confections of gold, jewels, and enamel.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$69	\$68
Child	\$34	\$34
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	1400
Return	August 31	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faberge Egg Museum</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		



**PLEASE NOTE:** Children under 12 years NOT permitted per official museum policy.

**STP 112-203**

**FOLKLORIC SHOW**

**EVENING**



Attend a performance of folk festivity including song, dance, competition, and merry-making. At this folklore show, an orchestra will play traditional and popular music, including the familiar Kalinka

and Moscow Nights, while dancers in beautiful costumes perform traditional favorites.



*"I enjoyed it very much! I got to dance on stage!"* -Julianne J, Fall '13 student

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$57	\$56
Child	\$29	\$28
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	1900
Return	August 31	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Folkloric performance</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

**STP 123-203**

**NIGHT AT THE ERARTA MODERN ART MUSEUM**

**EVENING**



You know you've always wanted to do this!  
 You will visit Erarta, the biggest non-governmental museum of contemporary art in Russia, in the dark! Erarta's task is to collect, exhibit, and popularize the most ingenious and skillful works by contemporary

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$55	\$54
Child	\$28	\$27
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	2145
Return	August 31	0030
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Museum by flashlight</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

artists. According to the goals declared, the museum deals with exhibition projects, publishes its periodical catalogue, organizes excursions, develops and educational programs. Its pursuit is to provide every visitor with an opportunity to discover contemporary art and to find something in it that would be interesting and close to them.

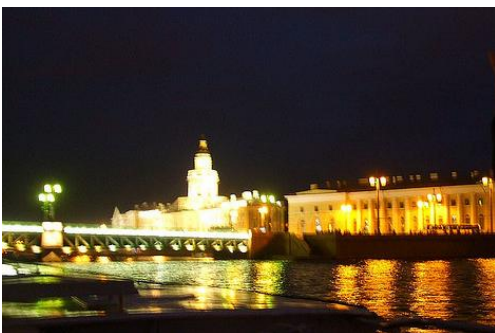
Your evening excursion gives you the unique opportunity to find yourselves in the museum when it is closed to visitors. View each object of art at an unusual angle as you light your way through Erarta by flashlight. Experience the mysterious ambience of a night at the Museum.

*"I liked that it was after hours-something very unique."* -Sadie L, Fall '13 student

**STP 119-203**

**WHITE NIGHTS CANAL CRUISE**

**EVENING**



Sail along the rivers and canals and admire the beautiful baroque and neoclassical architecture of beautiful St Petersburg – at NIGHT. As you travel along, you will pass under a network of drawbridges, many of which are spectacular in the night

lighting, particularly the iconic Palace Bridge over the Neva.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$40
Child	\$22	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	2000
Return	August 31	2300
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 hour nighttime canal cruise</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 200		

Interestingly, bridges were not part of the original city plan – Peter the Great expected citizens to get across the rivers by ferry, and by sleds in the winter. It was only after he died that the more practical system of bridges was designed. Highlights include the Griboyedov Canal, with its colourful bridges; the Fontanka River, which has the beautiful stone Prachechny Bridge; and the Trinity Bridge over the Neva, which is a beautiful Art Nouveau structure, partly designed by Eiffel.

Note: Bring a jacket.



STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$99	\$95
Child	N/A	N/A
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	August 31	1900
Return	August 31	2130
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner in downtown St Petersburg</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20		

This is St. Petersburg’s answer to the international phenomenon known as “pop-up” restaurants. At a location in downtown Saint Petersburg, you will be among a group of twenty-something, English-speaking Russians to enjoy local cuisine in a one-time “pop-up” destination. Students will be joined by young English-speaking locals. The dinner will include various traditional and modern Russian cuisine and drinks.

We try to give a unique atmosphere to each of our dinners. After your engaging meal and brush with locals, transfer back to the ship with coach and assistant.

Registrations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not for children. Note: Bring a jacket.



# Day 3: Monday, September 1

**IMPORTANT:** If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a field lab on this day.

Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

Field Lab	St. Petersburg, Russia	Monday, 1 September
SEMS 2500 501	Professor Robin Doughty	World Regional Geography (Section 1)
PLIR 3500 101	Professor Wayne Glass	Politics of Energy
EVSC 2050 101	Professor Falk Huettman	Intro to Oceanography

## STP 101-301 CATHERINE THE GREAT IN ST. PETERSBURG FULL DAY



The 18<sup>th</sup> century witnessed several great ladies on the Russian throne. Most famous was Catherine II, often called “The Great.” Married to Peter III, Catherine did everything in her power to become the Empress of Russia. She was able to find talented people who shared her aspirations and thus fulfilled her plans.

Drive approximately 1.5 hours via motorcoach to Tsarskoye Selo to visit the magnificent **Catherine’s Palace**. A guided tour will include the Great Hall, Knights’ Banqueting Hall, State Dining Room, Amber Room, Picture Gallery, Blue Drawing Room, Chinese Blue Drawing Room, Choir Anteroom, church, and bedroom. Then continue to **Peterhof** for a guided tour of the Lower gardens with their magnificent fountains.

*“I loved this program, as it is not something I would have been able to do on my own.”* Madison M, Fall ’13 student

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$136	\$133
Child	\$68	\$67
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	0830
Return	September 1	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Catherine’s Palace in Tsarskoe Selo                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peterhof lower gardens</li> </ul> </li> <li>Three-course lunch included</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80		

## STP 107-301 ORTHODOX ST. PETERSBURG FULL DAY



Russian orthodox churches bear their crosses high in the sky of St. Petersburg. Some of the churches remain active and have been able to keep their holy icons, while others became museums, cultural centres, and storehouses. Today you will visit St. Petersburg’s most remarkable churches, many of which have been fully restored. After visiting St. Vladimir’s Cathedral, which was built from 1740-1773, you will take the metro to Alexander Nevsky Abbey to visit Tikhvin Cemetery and view the edifice of Holy Trinity Cathedral. Finally, you will visit the Church of the Bleeding Savior and climb

the colonnades at St. Isaac’s Cathedral before returning to the ship.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$118	\$115
Child	\$59	\$58
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	0900
Return	September 1	1730
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Vladimir’s Cathedral                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Metro experience</li> </ul> </li> <li>Alexander Nevsky Abbey (Tikhvin Cemetery; Holy Trinity Cathedral)</li> <li>Church of the Bleeding Savior                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Isaac’s Cathedral</li> </ul> </li> <li>Three-course lunch included</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		



STP 127-302

DACHA COMMUNITY VISIT

HALF DAY



This is a unique opportunity to visit a local dacha and gain an inside look at typical Russian life. In Russia, tea is a family tradition during which the family gathers together for a hearty conversation. In the old days, a samovar, the symbol of Russian life and hospitality was

the centrepiece on the table. Family discussions during teatime typically include everything from family problems to philosophy of human nature.

Informal communication and delicious tea with traditional Russian pastries await you at a dacha, a cottage located outside of St. Petersburg. Get acquainted with Russian rural life and learn the stories of the real people who populate it!

You will visit an average Russian dacha, located about 60 km outside of St. Petersburg. Approximately 8-10 Semester at Sea participants will visit a dacha together.

*"I loved the hospitality of our host family."* -Laura B, Fall '13 student

**Please Note:** You may wish to bring a small gift for your hosts.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$128	\$125
Child	\$64	\$63
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	1300
Return	September 1	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tea with Russian Family</li> <li>Dacha visit</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		



STP 104-301

YUSUPOV PALACE

HALF DAY



Start your tour of Yusupov Palace, one of the four palaces in St. Petersburg owned by the Yusupov family in the 18th and 19th centuries. The palace has gone down in history as the place where the notorious Rasputin was murdered by members of the court in

December 1916 on account of his influence over the Tsarina. The tour of the palace will take you through the gala halls, as well as to the room displaying the wax figure of Rasputin. Apart from numerous elegant halls and chambers, the Palace possesses a private theatre, sumptuously decorated in the Baroque style.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$55	\$54
Child	\$28	\$27
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	1400
Return	September 1	1700
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yusupov Palace including Rasputin</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		

**STP 106-301**

**PAINT YOUR MATRYOSHKA**

**HALF DAY**



There is, perhaps, no folk art more quintessentially Russian than the matryoshka doll. Each softly curved doll is a bit smaller than the last, and they fit snugly within each other. The word matryoshka is diminutive for the old Russian name Matriona, derived from the Russian word for mother. The matryoshka dolls are seen as a symbol of motherhood and were made by generations of women. Today, dolls often depict various scenes from Russian folk tales. Dolls are generally made from dried birch with an entire set cut from the same piece of wood so that the dolls react to environmental conditions in tandem. You are invited to visit the Shuvalovka Russian

Village where you will first have a brief tour around and then enter the art hall where experienced craftspeople will guide you in painting your blank matryoshkas. After painting class, you are welcome to keep your matryoshkas as a remembrance of the day.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$63	\$62
Child	\$32	\$31
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	0930
Return	September 1	1330
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shuvalovka Russian Village</li> <li>• Matryoshka doll</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		

**STP 115-301**

**BALTICA BREWERY VISIT**

**HALF DAY**



Baltika Brewery awaits you today. Enjoy the excursion including highlights of the company history and activity, beer production technology and visiting main production facilities. Lunch at the factory and beer tasting is included for passengers aged 21+.

Baltika is the second largest brewery in Europe (after Heineken).



“This place was amazing!” Enrichment Voyage, 2013

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$86	\$84
Child	\$43	\$42
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	1000
Return	September 1	1630
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baltika Brewery</li> <li>• Lunch</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 30		

**STP 118-302**

**WALKING TOUR WITH MARKET AND METRO**

**HALF DAY**



See St Petersburg through the eyes of a local, as we walk through quiet side lanes, peek into courtyards of old apartment buildings and ride the Saint Petersburg Metro. The Metro is one of the deepest metro systems in the world; it serves two and a half million passengers daily.



In addition, we'll visit Kuznechny Market, considered to be one of the best in quality and selection. The vendors will try anything to get you to taste their wares in order for you to buy, so haggle furiously as you shop the merchants and get a taste of local life.

**Please Note:** This trip involves considerable amount of walking. Lunch **at your own expense** in the marketplace. **BRING RUBLES.** Groups must stay with their guide.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$36	\$35
Child	\$18	\$17
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	1400
Return	September 1	1800
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kuznechny Market &amp; Metro</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 30		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

**STP 126-301**

**SHOPPING IN ST PETERSBURG: NEW vs. OLD**

**HALF DAY**



Visit a typical food market where one could find fruit, vegetables, home-made dairy products, meat, honey, etc. You can buy, or even taste, some delicious products. Next, visit a newly restored, exquisite, grocery store. Kupetz Eliseev store is located in the heart of Nevsky Prospekt. Here, one can enjoy a selection of exquisite pastries, homemade chocolates, meat and fish delicacies, wines, and cheeses, to name just a few. The historical building, in Art Nouveau style, will impress with both its exterior and interior.

Finally, visit a historical department store renovated to the highest standards of the 21st century (offering clothing, shoes, and accessories of top brands). During this tour, your guide will explain what it was like in the "old" times, trying to buy food and clothing compared to today.

STANDARD PRICE		Early Booking
Adult	\$45	\$44
Child	\$23	\$22
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	0830
Return	September 1	1430
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food Market</li> <li>Grocery store</li> <li>Department Store</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25		
MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 120		

Visit an animal shelter that helps rescue and find homes for stray dogs and cats. If you saw the Olympics in Sochi, you know this is an issue in Russia. While the stray dogs in St Petersburg may not quite have achieved the celebrity of their cousins in Moscow, you may be interested to read about some of the resourceful stray dogs in Moscow:

Article: <http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/culture/2013/07/moscows-metro-dogs.html>

YouTube.com: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YxJf2L2B5fY&noredirect=1>



During the visit, voyagers will have time to learn about the Stray Animal Assistance Foundation and their efforts to address the issues of strays; play with the animals; and hopefully participate in a work project at the shelter.

STANDARD PRICE		<i>Early Booking</i>
Adult	\$42	\$40
Child	\$21	\$20
TIME		
	Date	Time
Depart	September 1	1000
Return	September 1	1400
HIGHLIGHTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service project</li> <li>• Playtime with animals</li> </ul>		
MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 20 MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 40		