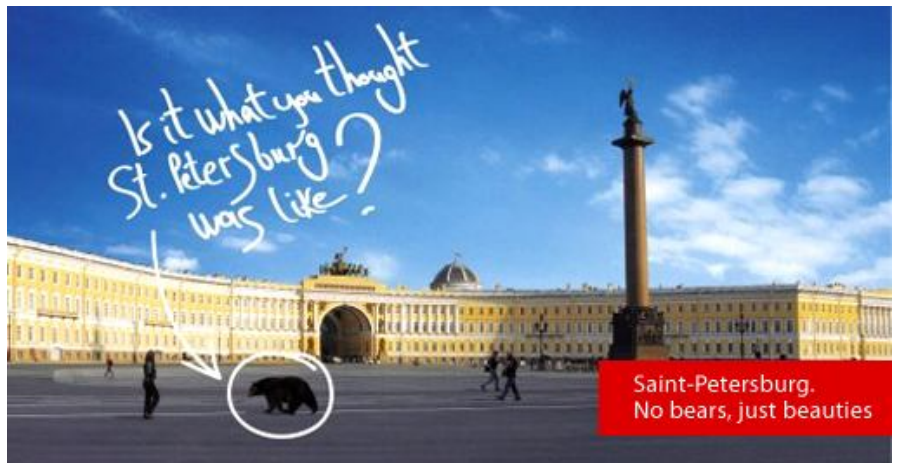




“Take it easy: all ingenious is simple!”





## SAINT PETERSBURG

### NORTHERN VENICE or THE CITY OF WHITE NIGHTS

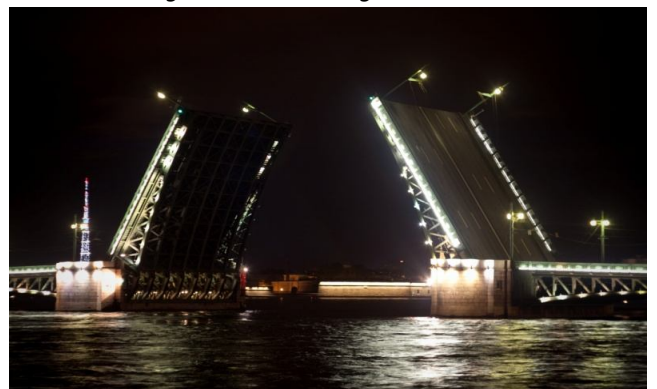
Saint Petersburg is the second main city of the Russian Federation (although the people in St. Petersburg won't agree with that:).

It takes the space of more than 600 sq. km and there are about 6 million people living there.

It was founded in 1703 by Peter the Great as the «Window on the West». It's in the North-West of Russia, 2 hours by car from Finland or Estonia, and about 4 to 8 hours by train from Moscow.

St.-Petersburg is located at the seashore of Baltic Sea, that's why the climate here is damp and rainy. It's cool there in winter and warm in summer, the weather is changing often. Probably, the most interesting period is the "White Nights", lasting from May 25-26 till July 16-17, when there is no darkness in the night & the sky is light. It is very beautiful, but be prepared: there are no special night movements over the city, just the same nightclubs, so it's more about witnessing a natural miracle, calm walking and thinking, rather than street energy.

The Neva River is the city's main waterway. The city is called the Northern Venice because there are 65 rivers, arms and canals there with artistically decorated bridges. The city is situated on the banks and islands of Neva River and Gulf of Finland. The abundance of islands has led to the construction of a multitude of bridges.



Of these, nowadays there are 308 within the city proper, and 534 if suburbs are included. 22 of the bridges are drawbridges. Are you ready to see all of them?! =)

City center is well organized, all the streets are perpendicular. As it was built after the model of Amsterdam, it reminds it slightly, though the streets are bigger. The main and the oldest street in St. Petersburg is called Nevsky Prospect. There are many museums, beautiful sights, little cozy cafes and restaurants, and hotels. Vasilievski Island, which is to the west of Nevsky Prospekt, is a quiet residential area. It is the biggest one in St. Petersburg. There are a lot of historical places there.



St. Petersburg is a wonderful city: at every turn there's something to catch your eye. The Winter Palace, the Hermitage, the Russian Museum, St Isaac's Cathedral, the Peter-and-Paul Fortress, the Admiralty building attract thousands of tourists from every corner of the world.

### **USEFUL LINKS ABOUT ST. PETERSBURG**

<http://petersburgcity.com/city/generalinformation/>

<http://www.saint-petersburg.com/>

<http://russia-travel.ws/regions/Petersburg>

### **Average weather in SPb (celsius) in April: +4**

So, welcome to St. Petersburg, a marvelous city on the Baltic Sea, which is ready to unveil its treasures before you..

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## Transportation to Polytechnical University Airport

Pulkovo Airport is within 15 km from the centre of Saint Petersburg. You can easily get to the city («Moskovskaya» metro station is the nearest), using [city bus](#) or a [shuttle bus](#).

### CITY BUSES

In **Pulkovo 1** the city bus #39 stop is opposite the exit from the arrival hall #1, which is on the ground floor of the terminal. The bus runs between Pulkovo 1 terminal and «Moskovskaya» metro station every 20-30 minutes from 6.30 a.m. till 11.30 p.m. The trip takes 15-20 minutes.

Opposite the central building of **Pulkovo 2 terminal** there are two bus stops for city bus #13, going to:

1. **«Moskovskaya» metro station (bus stop is closer to arrivals terminal)  
<- your way!**
2. to Aviagorodok (bus stop is closer to departures terminal)

First bus:

- 5.36 a.m. on week-days
- 6.06 a.m. on week-ends

Last bus:

- 0.47 a.m.

The bus plies every 5-15 minutes

The trip takes 15-20 minutes

Price — 18 rubles (baggage ticket — 18 rubles).

When you're near the Moskovskaya station, go to the metro and move to the station "Technologicheskiiy institute 2", then NOT LEAVE METRO AND NOT GO OUT TO THE CITY! You need to go to the "Technologicheskiiy institute 1" (under ground as well) and look for the inscription near the rail:



«Пушкинская, Владимирская, Площадь Восстания, Чернышевская. Площадь Ленина, Выборгская, Лесная, Площадь Мужества, Политехническая, Академическая, Гражданский проспект, Девяткино»

Go under it to the train and ride to the Polytechnicheskaya station. Go upstairs to the street. Turn to the left and you must to see the church. In front of the church there is the Main Politechnical Building, behind the church there is the 1<sup>st</sup> Building (**YOU NEED THERE**). Go inside and say the security that you need go to **Profcom studentov** (Students Trade Union). Go through turnstile and go up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> flour (3<sup>rd</sup> flour in Russia), turn to the right and go to the office room 349. **We are there!!! =)**

## SHUTTLE BUSES

Shuttle bus # 39 constantly runs between **Pulkovo 1 terminal** and «Moskovskaya» metro station. Price — 25 rubles. The shuttle bus stop is opposite the exit from domestic flights Arrival zone of the sector «B».

To get to the city from **Pulkovo 2 terminal** one can take shuttle buses #3, #13, #113. Their stop is closer to arrivals hall. The stop which is closer to departures hall is for the buses to Aviagorodok.

Shuttle bus #13 goes along Pulkovo highway from the airport to «Moskovskaya» metro station, the price is 26 rubles.

Shuttle bus #3 has the following route:

- Pulkovo 2 terminal
- Pulkovo highway
- Moskovsky prospect
  - «Moskovskaya» metro station
  - «Park Pobedy» metro station
  - «Elektrosila» metro station
  - «Moskovskie Vorota» metro station
  - «Frunzenskaya» metro station



- «Tekhnologicheskyy Institut» metro station <- you need there!
- «Sennaya pl.» metro station

The price is 26 rubles.

Shuttle bus #13 goes from the airport through «Moskovskaya» metro station to «Kupchino» district. The price is 26 rubles. Shuttle buses start when all the seats are occupied. Passengers buy the ticket from the driver in the shuttle-bus.

When you are near the “Technologicheskiiy institute” metro station, go to the the metro, go down and look for the inscription near the rail:

“Пушкинская, Владимирская, Площадь Восстания, Чернышевская. Площадь Ленина, Выборгская, Лесная, Площадь Мужества, **Политехническая**, Академическая, Гражданский проспект, Девяткино»

Next steps you'll find at the passage about city buses.

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## **The trains coming to Saint Petersburg from Moscow arrive to Moscow Railway Station:** (we have few Train stations in our city)

When you are on the Moscow railway station, go to the metro – “Ploschad' Vosstaniya” metro station, look for the inscription near the rail:

“ Чернышевская. Площадь Ленина, Выборгская, Лесная, Площадь Мужества, **Политехническая**, Академическая, Гражданский проспект, Девяткино»

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We'll add information about other Railway stations if it is needed.

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## Схема линий Петербургского метрополитена The Saint Petersburg subway map



### Условные обозначения Map symbols

- Линии метрополитена  
Subway lines
- Станция строится  
The station is under construction
- Станции пересадок  
Change for another line
- Железнодорожные вокзалы, станции, платформы  
Railroad stations
- Автобусы  
Buses
- Порты  
Sea and river ports

## What to bring with you:

- Passport (and visa if required)
- Your Student Card / I S I C
- Special Medicines (if you need any)
- Travel and health insurance
- LBG Saint Petersburg will cover your basic living expenses (food, housing, transport), and all group activities, but it's advisable to bring some money in case you might want to make some extra expenses (drinks at clubs, souvenirs..)
- Warm spring clothes (don't forget waterproof clothes and umbrella)
- Typical food and drinks from your country for International Evening – the favorite party in any BEST course =) the flag may suit decorative needs
- A printout of this Survival Guide
- Bring a key-ring from your country for MO – she likes them a lot=)

## For you to know!

- **Money** Russian currency is RUBLES. 1 Euro = 43.2
- **Market values** (цены ближе к весне)

Mineral water	0,5
Coke	0,7
Big Mac	1,6
Pizza	4,5-6
Bus ride	0,4
Metro ride	0,45
Cinema	2,3-9,25
Night club	5,7-10

- **Electricity** The electrical current in Russia is 220 volts AC, 50Hz. Most sockets are standard European size with double-round-pin plugs. It makes sense to bring an adapter just in case.
- **Health & Safety** Despite having a reputation of being the crime capital of Russia, St. Petersburg is no more dangerous than any average European city. Russian drivers are your biggest danger, so cross the road carefully and don't assume cars will stop just because you're on zebra crossing.

The city's water is treated with chlorine to clean it from bacteria, parasites and heavy metals, so you can use it to brush your teeth or wash fruit. For drinking or to make tea, it is better to stick bottled water.

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## LIST OF RUSSIAN PHRASES

for you to help you to understand the Russian language, and to better help you communicate on your trip to Russia.

Hi	Privet	Привет
Good morning	Dobroye utro	Доброе утро
Good afternoon	Dobriy den'	Добрый день
Good evening	Dobrij vecher	Добрый вечер
Bye	Poka	Пока
How are you?	Kak dela?	Как дела?
Good night	Spokoinoy notchi	Спокойной ночи
Yes	Da	Да
No	Net	Нет
Thank you	Spasibo	Спасибо
You're welcome	Pozhaluista	Пожалуйста
How can I get to...?	Kak proyti do...?	Как пройти до...?
I don't understand Russian	Ya ne ponimayu po-russki	Я не понимаю по-русски
Cool!	Kruto!	Круто!
One beer, please	Oдно pivo, pozhaluista	Одно пиво, пожалуйста
I like you	Ti mne nravish'sya	Ты мне нравишься

I love you	Ya tebya liubliu	Я тебя люблю
How much does it cost?	Skolko eto stoit?	Сколько это стоит?
I want to buy...	Ya hotchu kupit'...	Я хочу купить...
What time is it now?	Skolko seytchas vremeny?	Сколько сейчас времени?
Na zdorov'e!	Cheers!	На здоровье!
Sladkaya popka	Sugarass	Сладкая попка
Devushka-krasvica!	Beautiful girl!	Девушка-красавица!
One	Odin	Один
Two	Dva	Два
Three	Tri	Три
Four	Chetyre	Четыре
Five	Pyat	Пять
Six	Shest	Шесть
Seven	S'em	Семь
Eight	Vosem	Восемь
Nine	Devyat	Девять
Ten	Desyat	Десять

## Contact numbers:

**If you are into any kind of trouble  
contact the main organizer:  
Ekaterina Balunova +7 911 182 3350**

**University  
+7(812)297-2095  
Students Union  
+7(812)552-9847**

### **Emergency numbers:**

**Fire: 01**

**Police: 02**

**Ambulance: 03**



SEE YOU SOON!!!