



This 2-Day tour enables you to see the best of this fascinating city with a professional and personable guide. Drive to Peter and Paul Cathedral, the site of most of the tombstones of the Romanovs rulers, explore deep inside the Hermitage museum, visit

the Catherine Palace and the gorgeous Fountains of Peterhof and admire the beauty of the Church on Spilled Blood.

Day 1. "Suburban Royal Palaces"



Board your motor coach for a narrated drive to the suburbs of St. Petersburg: to the south to see the Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin) and to the west to Peterhof, passing Stalin-era buildings, modern residential apartments and dachas (country houses).

This comprehensive full day tour gives you a unique opportunity to admire the most splendid palace and park ensembles of the 18th century that belonged to the Russian tsars.

**Catherine Palace** – Designed by Rastrelli, the ornate Baroque Palace is over 1,000 feet long and features an ornate blue facade. Gold onion domes crown the palace's north end, and the site of the chapel. Your tour visits the White Vestibule, Grand Hall, the Amber Room, the Portrait Hall, the Crimson Pilaster Room and more.

Alternatively, you will visit **Palace of Paul (Pavlovsk)**, another masterpiece of the 18 c. located nearby (10 min. drive). The ensemble's fame rests on the splendor of its interiors and great art collection as well as on the beauty of one of the largest landscape parks in Europe. Admire elegant rooms of the Emperor Paul I and charming, rather than grand, rooms of his wife Maria.

On the way to Peterhof you will have a chance to try **traditional Russian cuisine** in a local restaurant.

**Peterhof Park** – Travel to another former summer Imperial residence. Set in magnificent parks, Peterhof is reminiscent of Versailles. It was almost completely destroyed by the Nazis in World War II, but has been restored to its full splendor. The parks are dotted with countless fountains, charming pavilions and summer houses.

The diversity of fountains in the park is surprising. From monumental ensembles like the Samson Cascade to the ever popular Joke Fountains, including one which sprays anyone who steps on a particular paving stone.

If the weather permits we provide a **complimentary Hydrofoil trip** to/from Peterhof. The hydrofoil is a safe and fast boat which rises above the surface of the water. The trip takes 30 minutes.

\* On request and in advance a visit to **Peter & Paul Fortress and Cathedral** can be replaced with **Faberge museum** for an extra charge of **\$25 per person** (Self-guided audio tour. Day off on Friday)

\*\* **Entry to the Hermitage museum before public hours** is upon request (1 month ahead of your tour) at extra **\$15 per person**.

All prices are in USD

Tour/Pax#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17-22	23-28	29-34	35-40
Private tour	1031	591	472	393	345	315	314	295	280	264	254	247	240	234	230	225	upon request			

Day 2. "The Gems of St. Petersburg"



A full day tour includes a general sightseeing tour of the city along with visits to the Hermitage, the world's famous art treasury, and Peter & Paul Fortress, a place where the city got its start and the Church of our Savior on Spilled Blood, one of the city's landmarks, as well as several photo stops and shopping.

**Peter and Paul Fortress** – Originally built to protect the city from Swedish attack, the fortress soon became Russia's Tower of London, a place for political prisoners – including Peter the Great's own son.

**Peter and Paul Cathedral** – The city's tallest structure in the days of Peter the Great and even today. Only the television tower exceeds it in height. The ornate interior boasts gilded iconostasis, 18th century paintings, icons, and the tombs of many Tsars and Tsarinas, including Peter the Great and Catherine the Great.

**Church on Spilled Blood** – It was built on the spot where the Emperor was mortally wounded. The interior of the Church is decorated with incredibly detailed mosaics designed and created by the most prominent Russian artists of the day.

**Hermitage museum** – The Tsar's former Winter Palace and four other buildings that house one of the world's premier art collections. Your two hours guided tour visits display rooms with masterpieces by Da Vinci, Rafael, Monet, Rembrandt, Picasso, Titian, Matisse and Renoir. Designed by Rastrelli, the Baroque Winter Palace boasts patterned parquet floors, ornate staircases, molded and decorated ceilings.

ITINERARY DAY 1

09:00 Pick up at cruise terminal  
 10:00 Catherine or Palace of Paul  
 12:00 Lunch  
 14:00 Peterhof Park  
 15:30 Hydrofoil trip to downtown  
 17:00 Return to the ship

ITINERARY DAY 2

09:00 Pick up at cruise terminal  
 09:30 Peter & Paul Fortress\*  
 11:30 Church on Spilled Blood  
 12:30 Break for lunch  
 14:00 Hermitage museum\*\*  
 17:00 Return to the ship

**Inclusions:** • English speaking guide • Air-conditioned vehicle • Entry fees as per program • **Lunch on Day 1** • Bottle of water daily • Ear set (for groups over 6 people) • Photo permits • Visa-free visit • Port fees • Local taxes \$20

**Not included:** Tips for a guide and driver • Lunch on Day 2 is optional at \$20.

- Timing is approximate. Days and activities order may vary
- Hydrofoil is provided complimentary, if the weather permits

Availability	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Private	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓





# Tour De Force

*The Russia Travel Experts*

## ABOUT US

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Tour De Force is a licensed tour operator in Russia (MBT #010431) and authorized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to provide services to foreign visitors.

"Tour De Force" is defined in the dictionary as "A feat accomplished through exceptional skill and ability".

We are inspired to live up to our name in everything we do. Since 2000, Tour De Force has focused on providing the highest level of services for both cruise passengers and land travelers.

At Tour De Force, we specialize in helping you escape the crowds and lines, offering personalized tours designed to meet your needs and exceed your expectations.

Our guides are carefully selected for their deep knowledge of history and art, their fluent command of various languages and their outgoing personalities. They are able to jump queues at busy sites, linger a little longer at special places and allow to relax where necessary. They are committed to your safety and comfort at all times.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

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### Payment

A deposit of 20% of the cost of the tour is required in order to hold a reservation. Final payment is due no later than 10 days prior to the date of your tour. However, we advise you to make full payment. All prices are stored in Russian roubles and when converted into \$/Euros are subject to change due to currency fluctuations. For this reason, the total price shown in the invoice is guaranteed within three days from the date of issue of the invoice; a 20% deposit guarantees only reservation but does not fix the total amount.

Tour De Force accepts major credit cards - Visa and MasterCard.

### Confirmation

After receipt of payment we will make a reservation. Confirmation and Tour ticket (blanket visa) is then sent to you via email.

### Cancellation policy

1. At any time an Administration Fee of \$30 per person will apply for cancellations for your reason. In addition, the company reserves the right to charge 5% of the total cost in relation to bank charges.
2. Less than 14 days before a tour, you will be charged 20% of the cost of your tour.
3. Less than 3 days, you will be charged 100% of the cost of the tour.
4. Cost of theatre, train and airline tickets is not refundable.
5. If you cancel your private booking while other members of your party remain on the tour you will be refunded the difference in cost based on the revised numbers.

## GUIDE TO SYMBOLS

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**Tour duration**



**Tour start time. Generally our tours start at 09:00 a.m. if no other time is mentioned.**

**BEST  
SELLER**

**Our most popular tours**

### Activity Level



**Easy** These excursions include walking for short distances over relatively level terrain, possibly with cobblestones or a few steps.



**Moderate** These slightly more active excursions involve an increased amount of physical activity such as substantial walking over uneven terrain, climbing stairs or extended periods of standing.



**Strenuous** These tours require extensive walking over long distances. Not advisable for guests with mobility limitations.