ITU events

Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 9-11 June 2025

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

For
- ITU Regional Forum "Future Technologies: AI, Metaverse, HTC and other ICT Applications and Services. Vision 2030".
- ITU-T Study Group 11 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG11RG-EECAT) meeting;
- ITU-T Study Group 13 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG13RG-EECAT) meeting;
- ITU-T Study Group 20 Regional Group for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Transcaucasia (SG20RG-EECAT) meeting.

1. VENUE FOR THE EVENTS

Tauride Palace

191015, Russia, St Petersburg, Shpalernaya 47

2. REGISTRATION

Online registration for the events is available at each group/event individual webpage:

- For ITU Regional Forum at: https://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Regional-Presence/CIS/Pages/EVENTS/2025/FoCForum.aspx

- For SG11RG-EECAT: https://itu.int/go/tsg11rgeecat

- For SG13RG-EECAT: https://itu.int/go/tsg13rgeecat

- For SG20RG-EECAT: https://itu.int/go/tsg20rgeecat

On-site registration will take place daily, starting Monday 9 June 2025 at the event venue.

3. WORKING LANGUAGES and hours

The ITU Forum will be held in Russian and English, with simultaneous interpretation.
The meetings of the regional groups will be held in Russian, without simultaneous interpretation.

Working hours: from 0930 to 1300 hours and 1400 to 1900 hours.

4. ACCOMODATION AND HOTEL RESERVATIONS

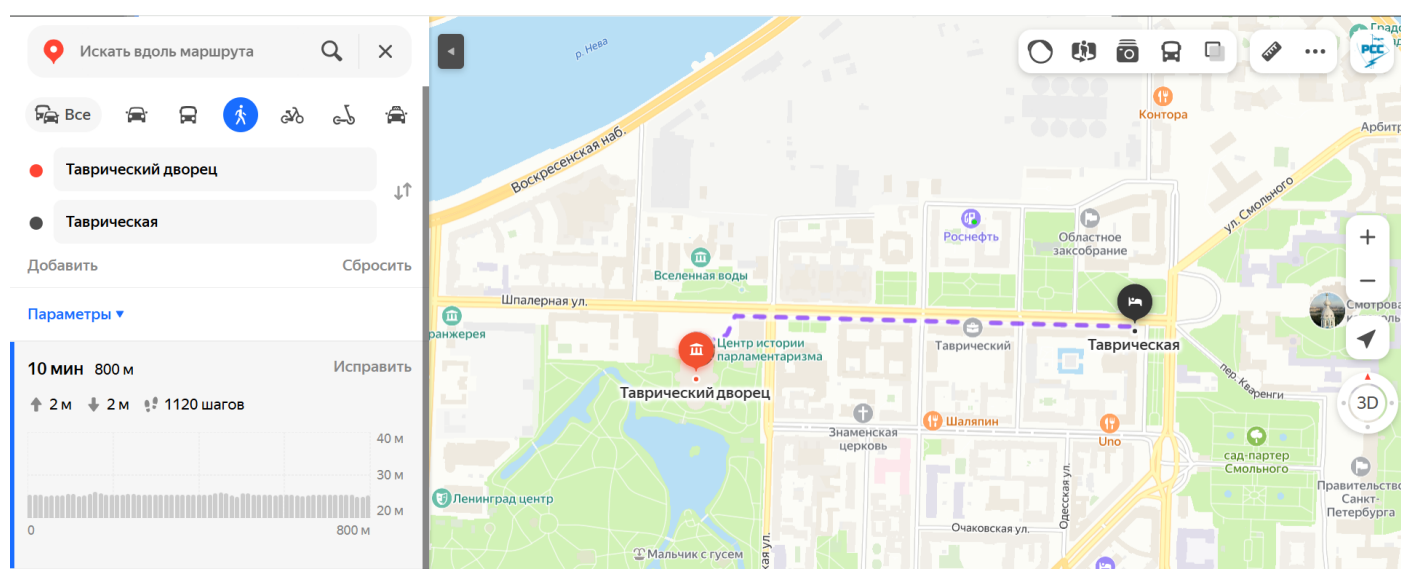The organizers recommend using the following hotel:

Hotel Tavrichesky (4 stars)

The hotel is located in 800 meters from the venue, 10 minutes walk

Address: 191124 Russia, St. Petersburg, Shpalernaya St., Building 53, lit. A/ Lafonskaya St., Building 6

tel/fax: +7 (812) 326-67-72, +7 (812) 326-68-51

e-mail: sales@tavrhotel.com, tavr_hotel@mail.ru

The hotel has two buildings: the first - 4 stars, the second 3 stars

For participants of the Forum and meetings of regional groups, can be special rates applied for the period 08.06.2025-12.06.2025

To book rooms in the Tavrichesky Hotel, follow the link https://tavrhtransferotel.com/booking/?&be-offer=751099 using the promo code FORUM

Room categories and prices

Hotel Tavrichesky ****			
Room type	**Number of available rooms for 04/07/2025**	**Cost (RUB), without meals**	**Cost (RUB), with breakfast**

Standard Double (SNG), 17 sq.m.	48	7880	8730
Standard Double (DBL)		8000	9700
Junior Suite (SNG), 34 sq.m.	10	11240	12090
Junior Suite (DBL)		11360	13060
Suite (SNG), 35 sq.m.	16	12920	13770
Suite (DBL)		13040	14740
Apartment (SNG), 88 sq.m.	2	16680	17530
Apartment (DBL)		16800	18500

To book rooms in the Tavricheskaya Hotel 3***, follow the link https://tavrhotel.com/booking/?&be-offer=751099 **using the promo code FORUM**

Hotel Tavrichesky ***			
Room type	**Number of available rooms for 04/07/2025**	**Cost (RUB), without meals**	**Cost (RUB), with breakfast**
Standard Double (SNG), 25 sq.m.	10	4920	5770
Standard Double (DBL/TWIN)		5040	6740
Standard Double (SNG), 34 sq.m.	10	5160	6010
Standard Double (TWIN)		5280	6980
Standard Double (SNG), 25 sq.m. (improved)	7	6720	7570
Standard Double (DBL/TWIN) (improved)		6870	8570
Standard Double (SNG), 34 sq.m. (improved)	7	7880	8730
Standard Double (TWIN) (improved)		8000	9700

Booking procedure

For booking guests should follow the link above, enter the special promo code (FORUM), select the appropriate room category, payment type and book independently.

For paying on the website, meals included in the rate are not highlighted in a separate line.

The promo code FORUM must be entered in the first step (after selecting the dates), otherwise the discounted rate will not apply.

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БРОНИРОВАНИЕ НОМЕРОВ - ОТЕЛЬ ТАВРИЧЕСКИЙ 4 ЗВЕЗДЫ (КОРПУС 1)

Payment options via booking on the website using a promo code:

- Bank transfer for individuals (invoice issued automatically) [100%] [at least 3 days before arrival];

- Cashless payment for legal entities (invoice issued automatically) [100%] [at least 1 day before arrival];

- ComfortBooking acquiring (Russian bank card) [entire stay];

- ComfortBooking acquiring (Russian bank card) [First nights: 1];

- ComfortBooking acquiring (Fast payment system) [entire stay];

- ComfortBooking acquiring (Fast payment system) [First nights: 1];

- Upon check-in*.

*If the guest has chosen payment "**upon check-in**" and wants to pay in advance, the hotel administration can, upon request, send a link to the phone number specified in the application. The link will be valid until you check into the hotel.

IMPORTANT: If guests have any issues with booking on the website or questions about accommodation, they can write to the hotel administration by email: sales@tavrhotel.com, or call the reception phone number (24 hours): +7 (921) 098-18-48, +7 (812) 404-58-25, or the event manager's number: Alla, +7 (812) 404-58-21 (Monday - Friday).

General booking conditions:

Check-in at 14:00, check-out at 12:00.

Early check-in from 06:00 to 14:00, the accommodation fee is ½ (0.5 days) of the cost of a day's stay, based on the cost of the room of the selected category, excluding the cost of meals.

Late check-out from 12:00 to 23:59, the accommodation fee is ½ (0.5 days) of the cost of the room of the selected category, excluding the cost of meals.

The cost of registering a foreign citizen and a stateless person at the hotel is set at 200 (two hundred) rubles (including VAT 20%).

If the rate with meals was not selected, then breakfast / lunch / dinner can be additionally included in the room price: breakfast - 850 rubles; lunch - 800 rubles; dinner - 650 rubles.

The following hotels are also located near the venue:

- Hotel "Mercury"****, address: St. Petersburg, Tavricheskaya St., 39 lit B, mercury@dughs.ru, +7 (812) 576 45-55, https://merkuriy.smolninskayahotel.com/

- Hotel "Smolninskaya"****, address: St. Petersburg, Lafonskaya st., 6 lit A, smolninskaya@dughs.ru, +7 (812) 576-75-94, https://smolninskayahotel.com/

5. TRANSPORT

To get from Pulkovo Airport to the city center, you can use the following types of transport:

1) Taxi from Pulkovo Airport. To call a taxi, use the Yandex Go service. It is better to download the application in advance. When choosing payment methods, please note that bank cards of the international payment systems Visa and MasterCard are not supported. You can pay for the trip in cash; there is a currency exchange office at the airport.
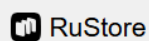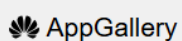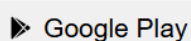
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2) Public transport. Information about the public transport schedule can be found on the airport website in Russian and English: https://pulkovoairport.ru/transport/bus/

You can also plan your trip on public transport using Yandex.Maps resources:

Скачать приложение
Карты

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Отсканируйте QR-код, чтобы скачать мобильное приложение

You can also use taxi services to travel around the city. The approximate cost, depending on the chosen method, is from 400 to 800 rubles.

6. CONTACTS

For all questions regarding the ITU Forum and Regional Groups, please contact:

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7. CURRENCY/CURRENCY EXCHANGE/CREDIT CARDS

The national currency of the Russian Federation is the rouble (RUB). All payments must be made in the national currency.

Foreign currency and roubles can be exchanged at currency exchange desks in hotels and banks and at currency exchange bureaus.

As of 7 April 2025 the following exchange rates were applied: (Russian Federation Central Bank: http://www.cbr.ru/): 1 USD = 84,5 RUB, 1 EUR = 91,2 RUB.

8. BANKS

Banks operate from 0900 to 1900 hours Monday to Saturday. Currency can be exchanged at all banks.

9. CLIMATE

St Petersburg's climate is moderate and humid, between continental and maritime. The region is characterized by a frequent exchanges of air masses largely as a result of cyclonic activity. In the summer, westerly and north-westerly winds predominate. Average day temperatures in June are from +16 to +21°C, at night from +8 to +17°C.

10. TIME ZONE

Local time is GMT+03:00.

11. MAINS VOLTAGE

Mains voltage is 220V/50 Hz. Plugs are standard European two-pin plugs.
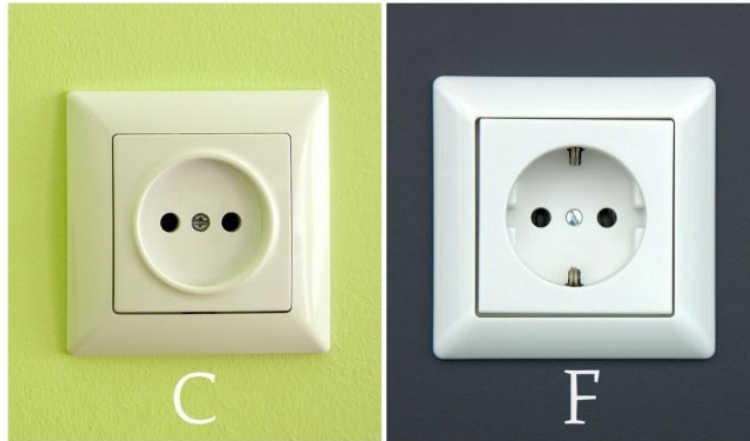
12. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATION SYSTEMS

Participants will have Internet access at the event venue.

For international calls to St Petersburg, use the code +7 812 (+7 is the international code for Russia and 812 is the city code for St Petersburg).

To make international calls from St Petersburg, dial 8 10 + country code + city code + addressee's number.

The mobile network supports 3G, 4G, LTE and 5G including mobile Internet.

Global Navigation systems are: GPS, GLONASS.

13. ENTRY VISAS

Participants who require an **entry visa** to enter Russia should make the necessary inquiries at a Russian consulate in their country in good time. A visa to enter Russia is not required for CIS citizens (Azerbaijani Republic, Republic of Armenia, Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Republic of Moldova, Republic of Tajikistan, Ukraine and Republic of Uzbekistan) provided that their stay in the country does not exceed 90 days in a six-month period.

In order to obtain visa assistance, a completed visa support form (see appendix) must be submitted, with a copy of the applicant's national passport and UNLP (if applicable), to the contact person from the ITU Regional Office for the CIS Daria Kursa by the e-mail daria.kursa@itu.int by **30 April 2025**.

IMPORTANT: In addition, citizens of 64 countries have the opportunity to apply for an electronic visa. Detailed information can be searched on the website of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation: https://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru/index_en.html .

List of countries - https://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru/country_en.html

Border checkpoints - https://electronic-visa.kdmid.ru/checkpoint.html

14. GENERAL INFORMATION

St Petersburg (from 1914 to 1924 — Petrograd; from 1924 to 1991 — Leningrad) is a city of federal status in the Russian Federation, the administrative centre of the North-West Federal District, and the site of Russian and Leningrad Region administrative authorities. From the eighteenth to the twenty-first century, it was the capital of the Russian Empire. It bears the title "A Hero-City".

With a population of 5 279 299, St Petersburg is the most northern city in the world with a population of more than 1 million (59°56'N).

It is an important economic, academic and cultural centre in Russia and a major transport hub. The historical centre of St Petersburg and its associated monuments is a UNESCO World Heritage site, and one of the

country's most important tourist centres. St Petersburg's climate is not one of extremes, between moderate continental and moderate maritime.

Further information on the city can be found at http://st-petersburg.ru.

15. GENERAL TOURIST INFORMATION

Official St Petersburg tourist information site: http://www.visit-petersburg.ru/ru/

Information is available from this site on:
- Major attractions (bridges, parks, monuments, churches and cathedrals, places of interest, squares, streets);
- Promenades for tourists (on foot, accessible for disabled people, by bicycle, by car);
- Leisure (theatres, exhibitions, nightclubs, cinemas);
- Day trips from St Petersburg;
- Events calendar;
- Audio guides (pedestrian);
- Accomodation (hotels and mini-hotels);
- Gastronomy (cafés, restaurants, sports bars);
- Shopping (shopping centres, souvenirs);
- Events (concerts, shows, exhibitions, opera and ballet, sport);
- Transport (railway stations, airports, bus stations, ports, car and bicycle hire.

The site also has useful information on the following:
- Tourist checklists;
- Tourist centres
- Frequently asked questions;
- Consulates;
- Guest card;
- City tour pass;
- Ideas for walks.

MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF ST PETERSBURG

1   *State Hermitage*

Russia's biggest museum, and one which, along with Spain's Prado, the Louvre in Paris and the Vatican Museums, is among the world's greatest and most priceless collections of art. The Hermitage collections occupy six buildings and contain around 3 million exhibits. The pride of the museum is the Winter Palace building, once the residence of the imperial family. This magnificent complex was built by Bartolomeo Rastrelli in the "Elizabethan baroque" style.

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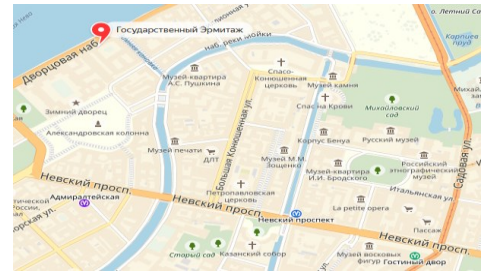
2   *Palace Square*

The main square in St Petersburg, in front of the Winter Palace, and almost twice as big as Moscow's Red Square. The architectural ensemble, with its ideal geometric proportions, grew up in the 18th and 19th centuries. In the middle of the square stands the towering Alexander Column dedicated to the Russian Empire's victory over Napoleon's army. The column was erected on the orders of Nicolas I.


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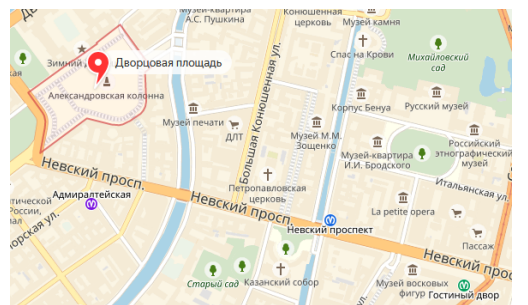
3   **Marinsky Theatre**

St Petersburg's main opera stage and one of the city's iconic cultural venues, the theatre was built in the mid-nineteenth century at the behest of Alexander II, who wanted to name it after his wife Maria Alexandrovna. The master craftsman Alberto Kavosa worked on the project. Productions at the Marinsky are very popular with foreign tourists and many come eagerly to hear real Russian opera.
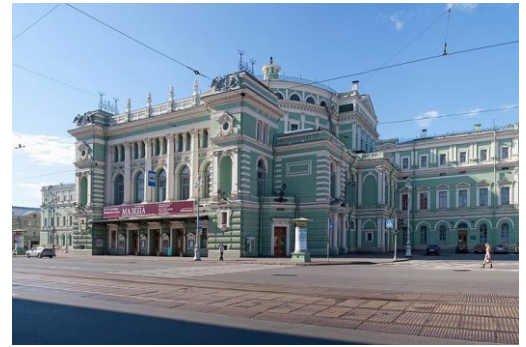
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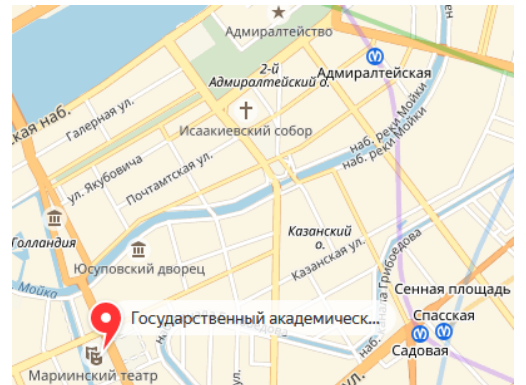
4   **Kunstkamera**

A museum created by Peter I, housing specimens of various mutations, defects, genetic abnormalities, pathologies and artificial deformities, collected over a period of 300 years. In the collection's early years, it was home to real dwarves, giants and other people with "abnormalities". The collection has always aroused great interest throughout its 300 year history, and currently contains more than 1 million exhibits.

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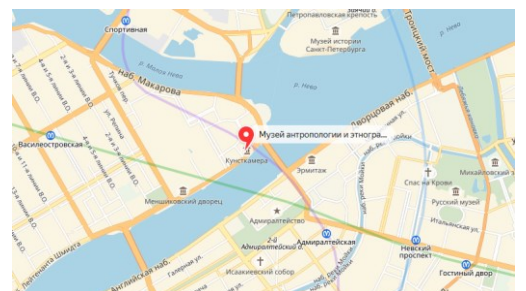
5 **The cabin of Peter I**

The first dwelling in St Petersburg, dating from the beginning of the eighteenth century, this little house was the home of the Tsar while the city was being built. The wooden structure has now been moved and covered with a stone facing in order to preserve it (the first such facing dated from the end of the eighteenth century). According to legend, the house was erected in just three days by craftsmen. Since 1930, a museum has been open on the site, displaying the Tsar's personal effects.

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Metro: Gorkovskaya
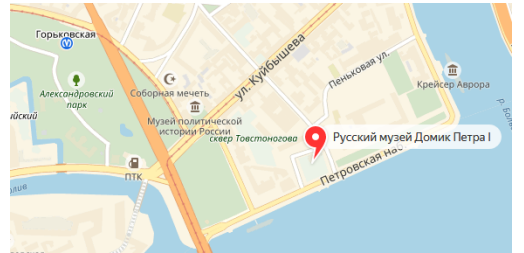
Fortress of St Peter and St Paul

6 A defensive structure and at the beginning of the eighteenth century the historical centre of St Petersburg where the construction of the city began. The fort was never used for its original purpose but served instead as a prison. The complex comprises fortified walls, bastions, ceremonial gateways and administration buildings. The Cathedral of St Peter and St Paul within the precincts of the fortress was for a long time the principal church in the capital. It was built in the classical "Russian baroque" style.

**Address**: St Petersburg, Zayachy Island

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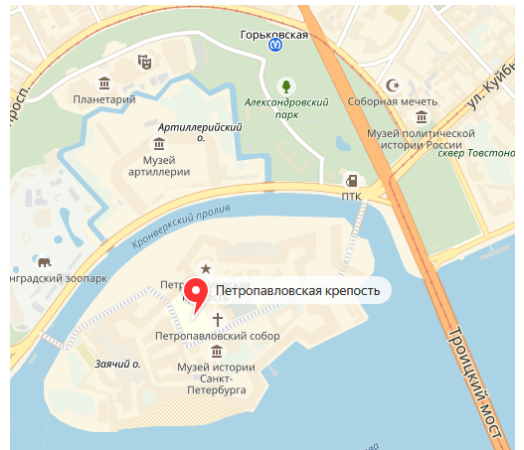
St Isaac's Cathedral

7   A majestic cathedral, the jewel of the city and the largest Orthodox church in St Petersburg. Building work took place under the personal supervision of Nicolas I, based on a design by A. de Montferrand. The building is an example of late classicism with harmonious neo-renaissance and byzantine ornaments. The church was named after the Saint Isaac of Dalmatia, the patron saint of Peter the Great.

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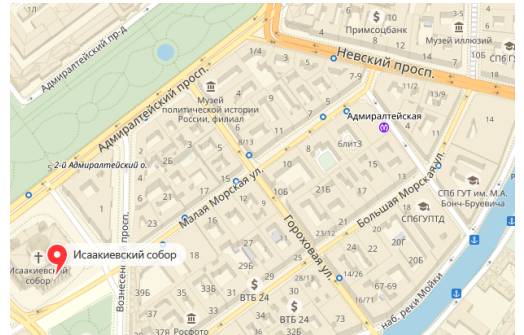
Kazan Cathedral

8   The main Orthodox church of St Petersburg, housing the icon of Our Lady of Kazan. The cathedral was built from a design by the architect A. Voronikhin in the Russian Empire style; the first stone was laid in the presence of Alexander I. The interior is laid out in monumental colonnades and is more reminiscent of a palace than a church. Icons for the church were painted by well-known artists including O. Kiprensky and A. Ivanov.


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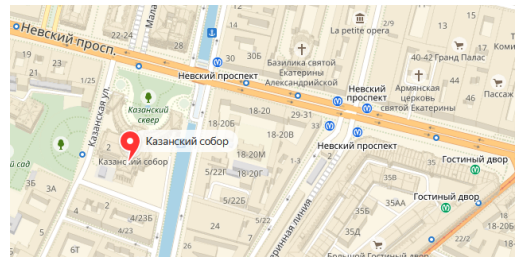
Church of our Saviour on the Spilt Blood

9   Built by Alexander III on the site of the assassination of the reforming Tsar Alexander II, the church is 81 metres in height, corresponding to the year of this tragic event (1881). The church was finished in 1907. It was not a place of regular worship but used exclusively for services in remembrance of Alexander II. During the Soviet period, it was used as a mortuary and warehouse. Following renovation work in 1997, a museum was opened.
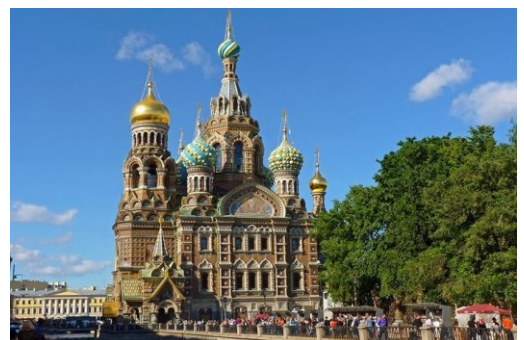
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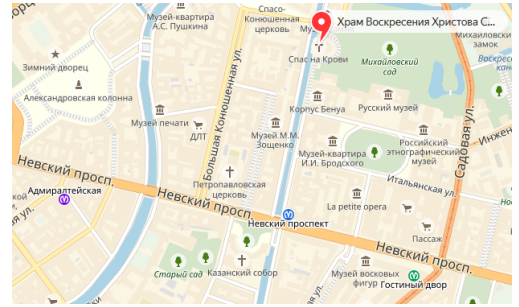
The Bronze Horseman

10 A monument commemorating the city's founder, Peter the Great, situated on Senate Square. The Bronze Horseman was commissioned by Empress Catherine II, who had intended to immortalize an image of Peter as a majestic figure dressed as a Roman emperor and bearing a sceptre, but the sculptor Falcone had a different idea: he portrayed Peter as a founder and benefactor of Russia, and the resulting monument depicts the Sovereign extending a protective right hand over his country.

Address: St Petersburg, Senatskaya ploshchad

Metro: Admiralty

Cruiser   **Aurora**
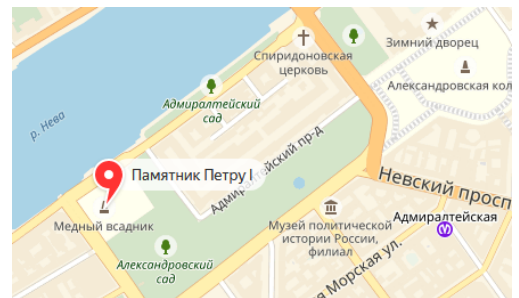
11   A naval ship dating from 1900 that took part in the Battle of Tsushima in the Pacific. After returning to the Baltic, it was used as a training ship. In October 1917, a shot fired from the main gin of the cruiser was the signal to storm the Winter Palace and marked the beginning of the Bolshevik coup (the October 1917 Revolution). Until 1940, the ship was still used for training, and from 1948 onwards it was assigned to permanent anchorage as a museum ship.

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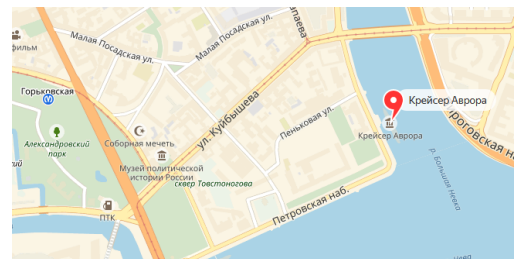
Main Admiralty Building

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This site, on the banks of the Neva, was the site of the first shipyard on the Baltic Sea. The building is in the Russian Empire style. The ship at the top of the Admiralty spire is one of the symbols of the Northern Capital. In the time of Peter the Great, there was a genuine fortress on this spot to protect the shipyard during the Great Northern War. Since 2012 the Admiralty has housed the high command of the Russian Navy.

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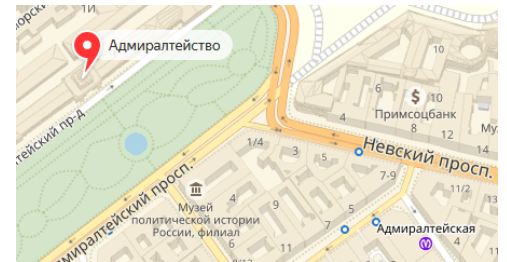

Spit of Vasilevsky Island

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The place where Vasilevsky Island juts out into the water and divides the Neva into two. Here are to be found a multitude of buildings of different periods and styles, making the area a real open-air museum. Of particular note are the red-brown "Rostral Columns" decorated with ships' figureheads. They were used as beacons until the nineteenth century.

Address: St Petersburg, Birzhevaya ploshchad

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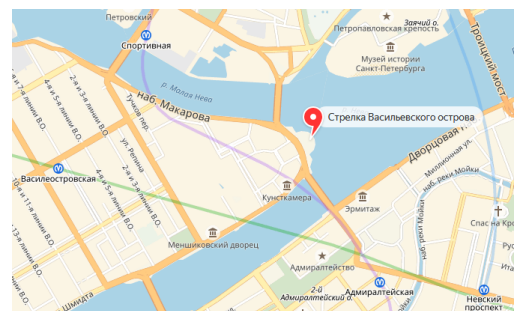
State Russian Museum

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The world's largest museum of Russian fine art, this museum was opened at the end of the nineteenth century during the reign of Nicolas II. The collection was based on exhibits transferred from the Hermitage, Alexander Palace, the Academy of Arts, and the private collections of a number of Russian noblemen. The main exhibition is housed in the precincts of the Mikhailovsky Palace and includes paintings by Bryullov, Repin, Aivazovsky and other masters.

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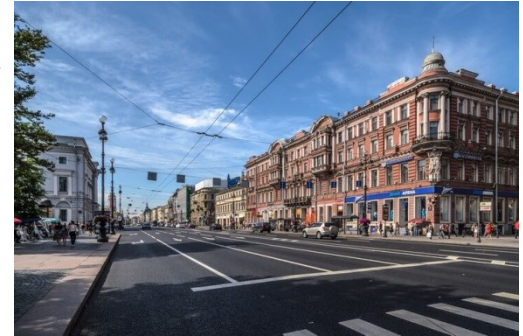
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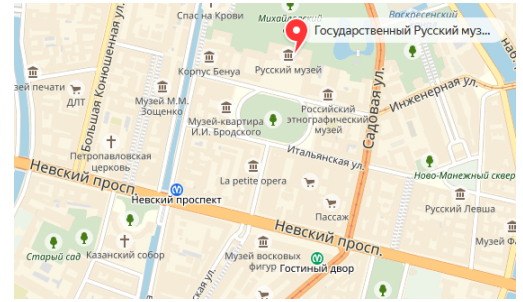

Nevsky prospekt

15 The most famous and picturesque thoroughfare in the northern capital, this is the city's great main street, and extends 4.5 km as far as the Alexander Nevsky Monastery. It was designed as the main road of entry into the city from Moscow. Along its length you will find a multitude of architectural landmarks.

Nevsky prospekt is a popular place with a special ambience that makes it ideal for walks, rendezvous and shopping. It is here that the very "spirit of St Petersburg" is to be found.

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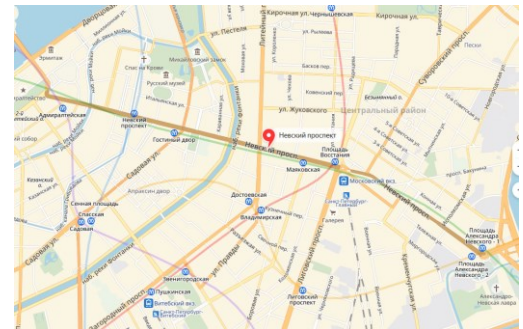
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Date of birth:	
Date of arrival in Russia:	
Date of departure:	
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Please attach scan copies of your passport and UNLP (if applicable).

Please send the duly completed form **by 30 April 2025** to the contact person from the ITU Regional Office by email: daria.kursa@itu.int.

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