

Dear guests!

**Welcome to St. Petersburg, the second largest city in Russia
and its cultural heart!**

**A cultural and sightseeing program for participants and guests is organized
before, during, and after the Symposium
to explore the attractions of the city and surrounding areas.**



**The Historic Centre of St. Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments
constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site.**

**St. Petersburg is home to the Hermitage, one of the largest art museums in
the world, as well as to many palaces, theatres, cathedrals and places of
interest.**



**St. Petersburg is #1 in top Russian destinations, and in top
25 European destinations according to TripAdvisor.**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019
12.00 am - 4.00 pm
Bus city tour "Welcome to St.Petersburg"
The visit to Peter and Paul Fortress

The Fortress is the original citadel of St. Petersburg founded by Peter the Great in 1703.

During the tour you will visit the first cathedral of St Petersburg and Grand Ducal chapel - a burial place of the Romanov dynasty, the Nevsky Panorama view and Trubetsky Bastion Prison - the main political prison of the Imperial Russia.



Price: 27 EUR per person, including:

- guided tour around the city center;
- all the entrance fees;
- English-speaking guide;
- transport (bus):

the tour will start from the hotel "Crowne Plaza Ligovsky" and will finish at the Polytechnic University (Conference Venue).
Lunch isn't included.

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
7.30 pm (just after Conference Welcome reception) -10.30 pm
Evening Boat trip around the Neva River and the canals



Saint-Petersburg is the city of rivers and canals. Someone calls Saint-Petersburg a North Venice because of its numerous waterways. A boat cruise along the channels and waterways will present you the unique view of the city. You will realize that the city looks completely different when viewed from the water.



Price: 28 EUR per person, including:

- rent of the boat;
- English-speaking guide;
- transport (bus):

the tour will start from the Polytechnic University (Conference Venue) and will finish at the hotels “Crowne Plaza Ligovsky” and “Sputnik”.

Thursday, May 23, 2019
10.00 am – 3.00 pm
Tour to the State Hermitage

Located in the heart of Saint Petersburg the Hermitage occupies five historic buildings, which are the architecture monuments, including the Winter Palace, former residence of the Russian Tsars.

The State Hermitage is one of the oldest and largest museums in the world. State Hermitage (Saint Petersburg) is famous for its numerous collections, which encompass world culture from prehistoric times to the present day.



In 240 years of its existence the museum accumulated a collection of almost three million exhibits, including significant art collections of Ancient East, Ancient Greece and Rome, Islamic arts, Italian Renaissance, XIX—XX centuries paintings, etc.

The Hermitage is also home for the art pieces from the Saint Petersburg imperial palaces, collections of Russian Emperors dating to XVIII—XIX centuries, as well as numerous

art pieces created on the orders of the Tsars by famous artists of Europe.

The Italian collection of the Hermitage includes masterpieces by Giorgione, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael and Titian.

A vast collection of French art includes pieces by such artists as Monet, Renoir, Degas, Van Gogh, Gauguin, Picasso and Matisse. The Hermitage Arsenal collection represents many precious items of Russian, Western European and Oriental arms and armour from the early Middle Ages to the beginning of the 20th century. The Oriental Art collection includes over 180,000 paintings, sculptures and items of applied art, covering the territories of Ancient Egypt, Mesopotamia, Central Asia, Byzantium.



Price: 32 EUR per person, including:

- all the entrance fees;
- English-speaking guide;
- transport (bus):

the tour will start from the hotel “Crowne Plaza Ligovsky” and will finish at the same place.

Lunch isn't included.

Friday, May 24, 2019

10.00 am – 3:00 pm

Tour “Cathedrals of St.Petersburg”

The visit to St. Isaak Cathedral

**With the colonnaded walkway for panorama view of the city
and Savior on the Spilled Blood Cathedral**



Designed by the architect Auguste Montferrand, St Isaac’s Cathedral is an outstanding monument of mid-19th century late Russian Neo-Classicism. Noteworthy is the Cathedral’s interior decoration, representing all forms of monumental and decorative arts – painting, sculpture, mosaic and colored stonework.

You will enjoy city panorama view from the cathedral's colonnaded walkway!

Savior on the Spilled Blood features Russia’s largest collection of mosaics (over 7,000 sq.m.), Italian coloured marbles, decorative stones from the Urals and Altai region, as well as a collection of Russian heraldic mosaics.



Price: 40 EUR per person, including:

- all the entrance fees;
- English-speaking guide;

the tour will start from the hotel “Crowne Plaza Ligovsky” and will finish at the same place.

Lunch isn't included.

Saturday, May 25, 2019

11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tour to Peterhof by hydrofoil (high-speed*) boat

After 200 years of serving as a grand summer residence of the emperors, Peterhof is inextricably connected with the Russian history.



During the tour you will visit the Grand Peterhof Palace, majestic and elegant, with its facade stretching for almost 300 meters. You will enjoy the Grand cascade, the most grandiose fountain construction of the Peterhof ensemble and one of the most outstanding creations in the world.

Price: 72 EUR per person, including:

- all the entrance fees (to the Park, the Grand Palace and the palace Marli);
 - English-speaking guide;
 - transport (taxi to the quay and the high-speed boat):
- the tour will start from the hotel “Crowne Plaza Ligovsky” and will finish at the same place.
Lunch isn't included.



*The high-speed boat is the most comfortable and fast way to get to Peterhof: the whole trip will take you only 45 minutes!

How to buy theater tickets:

The cultural life of St. Petersburg is rich and diverse, with the city now hosting a number of annual festivals.

Ballet performances have a special place in the cultural life of St. Petersburg; the Petersburg School of Ballet is acknowledged as one of the best in the world.

Our world-known theaters – Mariinsky theatre and Mikhailovsky theater – offer a good choice of operas and ballets in summer, during the period of White Nights.

- Mariinsky theater:

May 21 - 7:00pm: [Giselle](#) (ballet, Mariinsky Theatre),

May 22 - 7:00pm: [Pelleas and Melisande](#) (opera, Mariinsky theatre),

May 23 - 7:00pm: [Shurale](#) (ballet, Mariinsky theatre),

May 24 - 7:00pm: [Shurale](#) (ballet, Mariinsky theatre),

May 25 - 7:30pm: [Silfida](#) (ballet, Mariinsky theatre),

In order to book a ticket:

– go to the theater website:

https://www.mariinsky.ru/en/playbill/nextplaybill/?next_playbill_month=show

– choose “Playbill and tickets”,

– select a month and a performance and press “Buy tickets”,

– create your registration account,

– choose a seat and press “Add to bascet”,

– pay using your credit card,

– print your ticket.

Pay attention:

– some seats have “Special rate” with discount – it's available only for Russian citizens; please choose “Full rate”,

– Mariinsky theatre is located in different buildings: Mariinsky theatre (main historical stage), Mariinsky II (new stage), Concert Hall. All of them are situated in the city center, not far from each other, but offer different atmosphere.



Mariinsky theatre
(main historical stage)



Mariinsky II (new stage)



Concert Hall

- Mikhailovsky theatre's playbill:

May 21 – 7:00pm: ballet in two acts [Romeo and Juliet](#)

May 22 – 7:30pm: ballet in two acts [Romeo and Juliet](#)

May 23 – 7:00pm: opera in two acts [La traviata](#)

May 24 - 7:30pm: ballet in two acts [The Nutcracker](#)

May 25 - 7:30pm: ballet in two acts [The Nutcracker](#)



In order to book a ticket:

– go to the theatre website:

<https://mikhailovsky.ru/en/afisha/performances/2019/5/>

– choose “Playbill”,

– select a month and a performance and press “Buy tickets”,

– choose a seat and press “Buy”, then press “Checkout”,

– create your registration account,

– pay using your credit card,

– print your ticket.