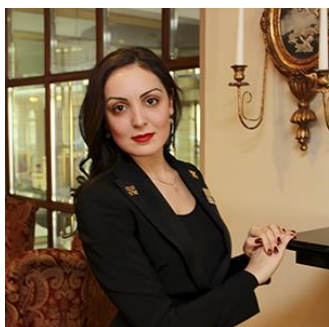


Welcome to the cultural capital of Russia – Saint Petersburg!



"When I am asked about my future plans and dreams I usually tell that i am already here behind the desk personally creating memorable events for my guests taking into consideration their preferences and exceeding their expectations. May be one day I will welcome you in my hotel."

St. Petersburg is well known as the cultural capital of Russia. Throughout the years, many tourists have come to visit the Hermitage Museum and famous Amber Room at the Catherine’s Palace and enjoy ballet or opera at the Mariinsky Theatre. All these highlights are essential, but in the meantime, you could find yourself in the other St. Petersburg: a city for locals; St. Petersburg that I love and am glad to share with you; a city of classic and modern art, exquisite museum collections and new-style restaurants, wine stories and secret bars, and much more.

A hedonistic approach is observed in many aspects of life in St. Petersburg nowadays. Quality of entertainment and pastimes has become highly valuable. To try to understand the new life trends of our city, I will let you experience a week as locals do.

MONDAY

Aristocratic mood for the start of a week

Following the path of aristocracy, we start the day with a unique collection of the Easter Fabergé eggs and 4,000 pieces of jewelry at the Fabergé Museum. On your way to lunch, you may visit Eliseev Store, owned by rich merchants, where nowadays you may find fish and meat delicatessens, exquisite beverages and traditional Russian chocolate. Being inspired by an Imperial theme, have your lunch at the “Tsar” restaurant, experiencing the gastronomic traditions of Tsar’s cuisine. On your way back to our hotel, do not forget to stop by the Imperial Porcelain Factory store at Nevsky Prospect and buy a traditional “Cobalt Net” porcelain tea set, which is one of the trademarks of St. Petersburg, or an elegant “Natasha” with Golden Stripe tea set.



Hurry up, it is time to prepare for the Mariinsky or Mikhailovsky Theatre visit. Speak to your concierge if you need assistance with tickets, an evening dress, flowers for the prima-ballerina or roundtrip transport. The final touch to your evening will be dinner at the “Palkin”, the oldest restaurant in town, with Russian aristocratic cuisine.

TUESDAY

Food, fashion and jazz



There are two streets near our hotel where you may enjoy luxury shopping: Nevsky Prospect and Bolshaya Konushennaya Street. One of the oldest shopping malls is “DLT”, which opened its stores in the times of Leningrad. Remember that you may get a VAT refund here. If you wish to spend more time shopping, you may also visit “Outlet

Village Pulkovo”. The middle of the week would be the best time to visit, with fewer crowds in the stores.

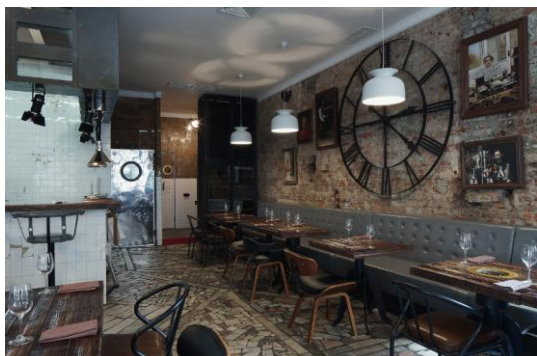
For lunch, I suggest you visit “KOKOKO” restaurant, which is a good place for trying new Russian cuisine made with local products, designed to follow the contemporary trend of the restaurant industry. The restaurant is quite popular, so be prepared to pre-book a table in advance.



My advice for the evening is a two-hour jazz concert at the 48 Chairs restaurant with Mediterranean cuisine.

WEDNESDAY

Art and Gastronomy



The middle of the week is the best time to discover a great collection and contemporary exhibits at the Hermitage Museum. Do not forget that on Wednesdays it's opened until 9:00 pm. You could start your day with a visit to the General Staff Building, enjoying the Impressionists and modern art. Have a lunch break at the newly opened "Hamlet & Jacks" restaurant with original cuisine near the Hermitage and come back to the museum's main building, Winter Palace, around 4:00 pm. While experiencing classic art, do not forget about the art of vintage wines and have dinner at "Molto Buono" restaurant.

THURSDAY

Secrets and mystery of St Petersburg



Starting with a tour to Yusupov Palace, find yourself in one of the most beautiful and, at the same time, mysterious palaces of St. Petersburg, where famous monk Rasputin was murdered. My suggestion for lunch is the Russian cuisine of "DOM" restaurant, which keeps several legends of the Decembrist revolt in 1812. The waiter will share these stories with you.

For the late dinner, I offer you the chance to visit "Moroshka for Pushkin" restaurant. It is a fact that the greatest Russian poet, Alexander Pushkin, often visited a food market located at this place centuries ago to buy his favorite berries, moroshka.

For the evening entertainment, I suggest the secret "Kabinet" bar. Styled as a secret poker club, it offers the best cocktails in town, along with live piano music. Ask me to get the address and instructions, because it is not possible to enter the bar without special prearrangements.

FRIDAY

Let's get the party started

Friday is a favorite day for locals because the weekend promises lots of fun and Monday is far away. During the day, enjoy your walking tours around the city center, but save some of your strength for the evening because I have prepared an intense entertainment program for you.



You will start with a musical show at the “Leningrad Center”, and be ready for the striking mix of acrobatics, gymnastics, music and dance. Then, as a pre-party, you are going by taxi to the “Big Wine Freaks” restaurant. Ask our concierge to book a table or places at the bar. Friday night will be continued at the “Buddha Bar”. You can stay there until very late, because it is located within ten minutes’ drive of the hotel and in the same part of the city considering the Neva River sides. Excellent music, delicious Asian cuisine, which is quite popular among locals, and perfect service – your Friday night party will be great!

SATURDAY

Wellness day



After the long and tiring Friday night, it is the best time to focus on your wellbeing. My first suggestion is to follow an old Russian tradition by going to “Degtyarnye Bani” (russian sauna) on Saturday, early afternoon. You may enjoy this time for your health in a modern way, having a Thai massage at the “Banyan Tree SPA”. As

a result of both, you will feel as if you are born again and ready for new adventures. And you could go to a wine tasting at wine boutique “Caudal” or have dinner at the “Blok” restaurant, which specialises in steaks, or try russian drinks at the “Madbaren”.



SUNDAY

Relax and enjoy

On the last day of the week, you may visit one of St Petersburg's suburbs, either Pushkin or Peterhof, as locals often do. Do not miss Sunday branch at "The Repa" restaurant, enjoying the modern interior by famous fashion designer Alyona Akhmadulina. Enjoy a slow walk in the city center to the "Grand Palace



Cinema" and watch a new film in the most comfortable cinema in St Petersburg. Call us to find out for you what is on the playbill. If you feel hungry, go to "Goose Goose" restaurant for the best gnocchi in town or just order our comprehensive room service to your room at the "Kempinski Moika 22" hotel.

In addition, my best advice: please come back to me. I will always find something new and interesting for you personally.

Irada Agalarova

Chief Concierge

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