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X International Mariinsky Ballet Festival Tour

A Private, Historical and Cultural Tour of St Petersburg
with a personal English-speaking guide.



Featuring Exeter International Extraordinary Experiences

Backstage tour of the Mariinsky Theatre
Visit to the Vaganova Ballet Academy

Day 1

Thursday 15 April

London-St Petersburg

Departure from London Heathrow Terminal Five on BA878 to St Petersburg at 09:30. Arrival in St Petersburg at 15:45 local time.

Our driver & guide will be waiting for us in the main arrival hall for our transfer to the hotel.

Transfer with Guide

Included Meals: Inflight meal

Evening

19:15 Depart the hotel for your short walk to the Mariinsky Theatre for the premiere performance of ***Anna Karenina**** conducted by Maestro Gergiev. Return transfer by vehicle to the hotel after the performance.

* you can choose to attend ***Anna Karenina*** on **EITHER** 15th or 16th April.

Day 2

Friday 16 April

St Petersburg

Today we will have unprecedented access to the heart of the Mariinsky Theatre. The theatre is celebrating its 225th season. Built in 1860 and named after Maria Alexandrovna, wife of Alexander II. Birth place of *Swan Lake* and home to Pavlova, Nijinsky and Nureyev to name just a few.



At 11.00am we will have the opportunity to attend rehearsal at the Mariinsky Theatre.





This afternoon we will be invited backstage at the theatre for a full backstage tour.

Full day guide

Included Meals: B

Evening

18:15 Depart the hotel for your short walk to the Mariinsky Theatre for the performance of ***Anna Karenina****. Return transfer by vehicle to the hotel after the performance.

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Day 3

Saturday 17 April

St Petersburg

This morning, our guide will meet us at 10.00am walk to Palace Square and the Hermitage Museum. Our walk will take us to the heart of the city and Palace Square (*Dvortsovaya Ploshchad*) - the most grandiose among the squares of the city. The focal point of its architectural ensemble is the Winter Palace, an architectural masterpiece of the Russian Baroque and the royal residence of all the Russian Emperors but Paul.



Our visit to the Hermitage Museum will take us to another world; a time when Catherine the Great commissioned whole buildings to house an ever growing collection of the world's finest art. The former Winter Palace now spans just about every artistic period from Greek and Roman collections to Matisse. This museum holds the largest collection of art in the world. Our guide will escort us through the entire museum, from its collection of Rubens to its da Vincis and beyond.

Half Day Guide

Evening

18:15 Depart the hotel for your short walk to the Mariinsky Theatre for the performance of ***Romeo & Juliet*** at the Mariinsky Theatre. Return transfer by vehicle to the hotel after the performance.

Day 4

Sunday 18 April

St Petersburg

Day at leisure – no Exeter Services.

Included Meals: B

Evening

18:15 Depart the hotel for your short walk to the Mariinsky Theatre for the performance of ***La Bayadere*** at the Mariinsky Theatre. Return transfer by vehicle to the hotel after the performance.

Day 5

Monday 19 April

St Petersburg

We begin this morning with a tour of the Vaganova Academy and their fascinating museum. We also hope to have the opportunity to see ballet stars of the future during class.

Half Day Guide, Vehicle & Driver

Included Meals: B

Evening

18:15 Depart the hotel for your short walk to the Mariinsky Theatre for the performance of ***Carmen Suite, Etude and Appollo*** at the Mariinsky Theatre. Return transfer by vehicle to the hotel after the performance.

Day 6

Tuesday 20 April

St Petersburg – London

14:00 Transfer to the airport for departure on BA879 at 16:55.

Airport Transfer

Included Meals: B; Inflight Meal

Cost per person sharing twin or double accommodation: £1,920.00

Cost per person in single accommodation: £ 2,150.00

Based on a minimum of six participants.

St Petersburg

Standard room for five (5) nights at the **Ambassador Hotel**; Tax (18%) and Buffet Breakfast included daily.

No meals included, (unless mentioned) other than breakfast as described above.

Guides

Hand picked for their knowledge on local history, art & architecture. Guides are at our disposal between 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM daily.

Flights

Return economy class flights on British Airways as described.

Transfers

Airport transfers and one way theatre transfers are included in the programme.

Tickets

All museum & theatre tickets as described in the programme.

Donation

Includes a donation to assist the work of the Mariinsky Theatre Trust.

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Sightseeing

Every effort has been made to confirm that scheduled sightseeing venues will be open at the time we plan to visit them. However, individual estates, museums, gardens and other points of interest can change their hours of operation at short notice. In the event that a particular attraction is closed on the day or time of your visit, our guide will offer alternative arrangements or rearrange our sightseeing to accommodate these unexpected events.

Not included

Visa

A visa is required for entry into Russia. We can handle all aspects of obtaining a visa. Cost for a 7 working day service is currently £75.85 per person, and we charge a £50.00 per visa handling fee.

Please note that your passport will have to be valid for a minimum of six months from the date of travel and you will need to have a blank page available.

Optional Expenses

Charges for meals, alcohol with meals, transport, sightseeing services or other optional additions to the established itinerary are your responsibility and must be paid locally in the local currency.

All arrangements are subject to availability and modification if necessary. Prices are subject to change if necessary until paid in full. Exeter International reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect the current volatile fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.

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