

## Why St. Petersburg?

The artists and collectors who fled Paris with the onset of World War I dispersed to many different places, including Provincetown and St. Petersburg. The bond that links the two is the art created in Paris in the early years of the century: the memory of it travelled with the artists who flocked to Cape Cod and swelled its developing art colony; many of the actual paintings, collages and sculptures travelled to Russia and the private collections that, after 1917, were taken over by the state and placed in public institutions like the venerable Hermitage, attached to the Winter Palace. Although later augmented by the much-publicized "liberated" art of World War II, the basic collections of the Hermitage are not only staggering -- rooms full of Picasso, rooms full of Renoir -- but provide a "snapshot" of some of the most important influences on the first Provincetown artists.

In viewing these works we will see subtle hints of influence on artists whose later work we know well. Our tour will include four visits to The Hermitage galleries to see not only the Impressionists, Post Impressionists and Cubists, but a handful of stunning Kandinskys, more Rembrants that seem possible in one place, Scythian gold -- in short, one of the world's great art museums.

**Provincetown Art Association and Museum**

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**St. Petersburg**

and

**The Hermitage**

**March 3-13, 1998**

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## PROPOSED ITINERARY

**Wednesday, March 4:** 2:30 pm. Arrive, transfer to hotel. Dinner at hotel

**Thursday, March 5:** Breakfast at hotel. am: First visit to Hermitage. pm: City Tour and visit to St. Isaac's Cathedral. Dinner at hotel

**Friday, March 6:** Breakfast at hotel. am: Visit to Art School. pm: Tour of Peter and Paul Fortress. Dinner at hotel.

**Saturday, March 7:** Breakfast at hotel. am: Second visit to Hermitage. pm: Russian Museum. Dinner on your own

**Sunday, March 8:** Breakfast at hotel. am: Visit to St. Nicholas Cathedral, during service. Tour of Alexander Nevsky Monastery. Attached cemetery has the graves of many important artists, writers, musicians. pm: Third visit to Hermitage. Dinner at hotel

**Monday, March 9:** Free day. Dinner at hotel

**Tuesday, March 10:** Breakfast at hotel. am: Visit to Tsarskoye Selo (Catherine Palace), 15 miles south. Lunch at Log Cabin Russian restaurant. pm: Visit to Pavlovsk. 3 miles south of Tsarskoe Selo. Dinner on your own

**Wednesday, March 11:** Breakfast at hotel. am: Final tour of Hermitage. pm: Free. Dinner at hotel

**Thursday, March 12:** Breakfast at hotel. am: Visit to Menshikov Palace. pm: Visit to Dostoevsky Museum. Dinner at hotel

**Friday, March 13:** Breakfast at hotel. Transfer to airport

## Tour Includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Boston or New York
- All air transportation taxes, customs fees, security and passenger facility charges
- Deluxe motorcoach for all transfers and tours, including porter for 1 bag each
- English-speaking Tour Host travels with the group. English-speaking guides for all sightseeing tours.
- 9 nights in Pribaltiyskaya Hotel or similar, including hotel taxes and service charges. Breakfast daily, 7 hotel dinners

## Services Not Included

- Gratuities: Tour Manager, Local Guides, Driver
- Visas and processing fees
- Travel and Cancellation Insurance
- Lunch daily and two dinners. For lunch the tour will pause in the center of the city, close to many restaurants and hotels.

## All Inclusive Cost: \$1,755

Single Supplement: \$250; matchups of single travelers who wish to share can be arranged. All rooms are doubles with two single beds.

## Booking Terms:

\$300 per person deposit reserves your place. To guarantee the low price, we need deposits by August 15, 1997. Final payment is due by January 2, 1998. Cancellations: \$50 fee if cancelled before December 1, 1997; after that date cancellation will incur a penalty from 10% to 100% depending on the date. Deposit checks payable to PAAM-RUSSIA TRIP.

## Extend Your Travel

Once you are across the Atlantic perhaps you want to extend your vacation. A free stopover in Frankfurt, either coming or going is included. Call Provincetown Reservations System at 487-6515 for assistance.

## Optional Excursions:

Local guides can coordinate additional activities; additional costs will depend on the number who wish to participate. Examples: Kirov Ballet or Opera performance, including transportation, approx. \$55 each; Folklore performance, including transportation, approx. \$25 each. Tour of additional museum of palace, including transportation, approx. \$25 each.