

Romantic Petersburg

St. Petersburg - is one of the most romantic cities in the world. Its parks, gardens, alleys, bridges entirely setup the inhabitants and guests of the city for a romantic mood. This route represents the walk along the places, which are popular among young couples and lovers, the end of the route is the boat trip along rivers and canals of the city.



Summer Garden



- Naberezhnaya Kutuzova
- Chernyshevskaya, Nevskiy Prospekt, Gostiny Dvor
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- 1 ч.

Summer garden is the prominent park ensemble, monument of the garden-park art of the first third of the XVIII century with the wonderful collection of the Italian marble sculpture of the XVII-XIX centuries, located in the very centre of Saint-Petersburg.

Admission fee

free entrance.

The most well-known sights - Must see!

Summer garden – is the great example of the landscape art. Its shady alleys and wonderful sculptures makes the Summer Garden one of the most popular places for both: tourists, who visit Saint-Petersburg and citizens, who would like to spend some good time here.

The city in architecture and monuments

Summer Garden was laid in the first third of the XVIII century by the decree of the Emperor Peter I. The reasons for its creation originally were quite personal – Peter the Great wanted to laid the garden for himself and personally designed its plan to make it more alike the West European parks of that time. Later, the Summer Garden was supposed to be used as summer residence for the emperor. Numerous garden masters and architects (first of them was Ivan Matveev) worked on realization of the Peter's I desires. Also, among the architects, who worked on the project of the Summer Garden were D. Trezzini, M. Zemtsov, F. – B. Rastrelli and many other. Marble statues for the decoration of the garden were ordered by Peter the Great straight from Italy, where the best Venetian masters worked on them.

The most notable in the garden is its wonderful fence, which called Nevskaya. The project of the fence was created by the architect Y. Felten and took him 15 years to realize it, but the beauty of this fence catches the imagination. It is 232 meters of the real art. Decorated with bronze and gilt fence, column vases, made of red granite, wonderful carving of the gates – all this completes the image of the Summer Garden and makes it absolutely unforgettable.

Love and romance

Summer Garden is located in the heart of Saint-Petersburg and is one of the most romantic places in the city. This wonderful ensemble could melt any heart and you can't stop admiring its sculptures and fountains, especially if you are in company with your loved one. The Summer Garden is the popular place for the dates since its foundation.

Spit of Vasilyevsky Island



- Birzhevaya Ploshchad'



Vasileostrovskaya
59.944158,30.306568

0 ч. 30 мин.

Spit of Vasilyevsky Island is one of the most prominent architectural ensembles of Saint-Petersburg, from which an amazing view over the Neva River and other architectural ensembles of the city opens up.

L The most well-known sights - Must see!

The Spit of Vasilyevsky Island is one of the most wonderful architectural ensembles of the city. Every day a lot of tourists and inhabitants come to the Spit to enjoy the beauty of ensemble and make great photos.

L The city in architecture and monuments

The Spit of Vasilyevsky Island is one of the greatest architectural ensembles of the city. It presents the stretched part of the island in its eastern side. The Spit began to be developed during the Peter's I times. He wanted to make it the cultural and business center of Saint-Petersburg. For that purpose in 1719-1721 the project of the architect Domenico Trezzini was created, which stipulated the construction of the government building on the territory of the spit: the Twelve Collegia building, the Stock Exchange, trade courtyard and the cathedral. Since 1720s the base of the Kunstkamera, trade place Gostiny Dvor was laid as well as the houses of Apraksin, Demidov, Naryshkin, Lopyhin families. In 1805-1810 the building of the Stock Exchange erected here and in front of it - the Rostral columns, which are one of the main symbols of the city (by architect J. Thomas de Thomon). The ensemble is completed with the buildings of the southern and northern warehouses and custom house, which were constructed by the design of the architect I. Lukini.

L Captivating views

The Spit of Vasilyevsky Island also attracts a lot of tourists thanks to an amazing view, which opens from it. From here you can enjoy the panorama of Palace Embankment and Winter Palace, Peter and Paul Fortress and Peter and Paul Cathedral, Summer Garden, Admiralty and the cupola of Saint Isaac's Cathedral.

R Love and romance

The Spit of Vasilyevsky Island is the beloved place for newlyweds, who go here every day to take their wedding photos, to smash glasses for luck and to wish each other happy family life. It is a common place for letting off white pigeons and making wishes. Also it is considered that ones, who kissed near Rostral columns, will never apart from each other.

Winter Canal



Bolshaya Neva, reka Moika
Admiralteyskaya
59.941976,30.317928

0 ч. 20 мин.

The unique view opens over the Neva River from the bridges of the Winter Canal, the architectural ensemble of the canal is also worth of notice.

R The city in architecture and monuments

Winter Canal gathers Moika River and Big Neva River in Winter Palace area. The canal was dug in 1718-1719s according to a project and under management of constructor V. Ozerov, who was one of the main contractors chargeable for building of the new city that time. Only in 1782-1784 embankments of the canal were made in granite, until then, they were wooden and in some places even sandy. Sculptor J. Dunker created the cast-iron fences, preserved until now. As well as other rivers and canals, Winter Canal changed its name many times, originally, from 1738 to 1768 it was the Old Palace Canal, then, up to the beginning of 1780s - Post embankment, later in 1828 - Winter Canal itself.

W Captivating views

Undoubtedly, Winter Canal is one of the most popular points of interest in Saint-Petersburg. It is inexcusable not to take a boat trip excursion while visiting "Northern capital". You should choose the route, which runs right through Winter Canal. Despite its short extent, the 228 meter length and 20 meter wide canal can open in front of you the wonderful views over city sights from its embankments as well as from its surface, if you are on a boat trip.



Love and romance

There are three beautiful bridges across the canal - First Winter, Second Winter and Hermitage ones. These bridges are very interesting from the architectural point of view, but there is one legend, which makes them even more interesting. This legend is based on a real story. According to it, the Hermitage bridge was mentioned in the third act of the opera "Queen of Spades" by P. Tchaikovsky - Liza plunged into the water exactly of Winter Canal, when crazy Herman leaved her. This story is not in the original novel by A. Pushkin. It appeared after P. Tchaikovsky in 1890 send a paper cut from "Peterburgskie Vedomosti" to his brother Modest. In this paper cut there was a notice about some Julia Perova, who in 1868 committed a suicide by plunging into the water from Hermitage bridge in Winter Canal. M. Tchaikovsky decided to put this tragic scene in opera's libretto. That is why the second name of the bridge is "Liza's bridge".