

## 1. **Sightseeing tour «Brilliant St. Petersburg» is free of charge**

The tour will focus on the examination of the front, imperial Petersburg. During the excursion you will see Nevsky prospect, Palace square, Field of Mars, Admiralty, Bronze Horseman, St. Isaac Cathedral, the spit of Vasilievsky island, Kunstkamera, Peter and Paul fortress, Summer garden, the Church "Savior on Blood", Mikhailovsky Palace – Russian Museum, Mikhailovsky castle, Trinity square, the House of Peter I, Alexander Nevsky Lavra, Alexandrinsky theatre, Gostiny Dvor, Kazan Cathedral, Mariinsky theatre, Smolny convent.

## 2. **Kronstadt as a maritime outpost of St. Petersburg and the naval base of Russia (paid tour)**

Kronstadt is the most distant and unusual of the seven suburbs of St. Petersburg. It is located in 48 km from Saint-Petersburg. Unique value of Kronstadt as a naval outpost, built to protect the new capital St. Petersburg, was almost immediately after its foundation. The history of the city is inseparably linked with Peter I, formation and strengthening of the Navy of Russia, great inventions and discoveries of Russian scientists, the heroic events of the great Patriotic war. The historical part of Kronstadt and the Kronstadt fortress consisting of the object "Historic centre of Saint Petersburg and related complexes of monuments" are included into the world heritage list of UNESCO. In Kronstadt, there are more than 300 monuments of history, culture, and technology. The unique hydro technical and defensive structures, beautiful buildings and ensembles, such as the Kronshlot Fort, the complex of province houses of the beginning of the 18th century, the world's first self-discharging canal- dock of Peter the Great, a model of the military town of the 18th century, the Naval Cathedral of the early 20th century, the construction of which used the techniques of the construction of Saint Sophia in Constantinople. During the city tour we will see the Anchor square, monument to Vice-Admiral Makarov, Makarov bridge, a monument to Peter I, the Dutch kitchen, «Tree of wishes», Petrovsky dock, seamark, Solar World clock, monument to John of Kronstadt, monument to smelt (fish) and a real beauty - the Naval Cathedral. Also we will visit the Konstantin fort .

## 3. **Excursion to Petrodvorets (Peterhof) and visit to Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin) paid tour**

The world-famous palace and park ensemble of Petrodvorets (Peterhof, until 1944), located 29 kilometers from St. Petersburg, is one of the highest achievements of Russian national culture, a magnificent example of organic synthesis of architecture and sculpture, landscape gardening and engineering art. The ensemble, which arose at the beginning of the 18th century on the shores of the Gulf of Finland, is a peculiar monument in honor of the victorious conclusion of the Northern War and Russia's access to the Baltic Sea. Today, thanks to the unforgettable beauty of its fountains, parks and palaces, Peterhof has become the most attractive suburban palace ensemble of the Northern Capital of Russia. By visiting Peterhof and experiencing its magical charm, you will get an aesthetic pleasure that is not comparable with anything.

## 4. **Excursion to Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin), Catherine Palace paid tour**

Tsarskoye Selo is a fascinating monument of the world's architectural and gardening art. Peter the Great ordered to construct the small palace for his wife, future empress Catherine I. In the middle of the 18th century the palace was rebuilt and became the pearl of architecture of that period. The grandeur of the artistic decor of the facades, the moulded decorations, the gilding of architectural

and sculptural details, all echoes the majesty and elegance of the interior decoration of the Catherine Palace. The Amber Room, which was presented to Peter I by the Prussian King in 1716, known as the Eighth Wonder of the World, used to be in this Palace. The amber ornamentation of this room, missing since 1945, is now being reconstructed by Russian gem carvers. The park of Tsarskoye Selo was the favorite resting place of the Russian Tsars. The avenues lay out around the Catherine Palace invited for a walk to see park pavilions erected by famous architects and sculptors of Russia.