

The following is included in the price of this remarkable and fully escorted Tour which is led by our Chairman, Philip Birkenstein.

- Six nights' accommodation in a double/twin room at the Astoria Hotel.
- All meals (except one dinner) in some of St Petersburg's most interesting restaurants. The dinner is a free evening for you to choose your restaurant, but naturally we will help you to select if you wish. Alcoholic drinks are not included.
- Return direct British Airways flights from London Heathrow to Pulkova International Airport (economy). Flight time 3 hours 15 minutes.
- Visa supporting documentation.
- Our superb guide, whose knowledge of St Petersburg and its history is second to none, will accompany the group.



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**26TH CELEBRATORY TOUR  
SATURDAY 13 – FRIDAY 19 JULY 2019**



**Celebrating the re-opening of  
Alexander Palace, the last Palace  
to the Tsars and his Family**

## The highlights of the Tour include

Dear Collector,

I am very excited that I will be leading another group of Collectors to St Petersburg in 2019.

Our Tour is in celebration of the full re-opening of the Alexander Palace, the last home of the Romanov Family. The family were taken from the Oval Room in Alexander Palace, during the night to the waiting train and then taken to Siberia.

In the summer of 2018 the central part of the Alexander Palace was temporarily re-opened with an exhibition dedicated to the life of the Imperial family.

Our amazing Tour is planned with great care and attention to detail, to make your VIP experience very unique and memorable. With our dedicated Tour guide we see some amazing sights with sole access to many museums and that means no queuing!

We look forward to you and your family or friends joining us on our very special 2019 Tour.

Best wishes

Philip Birkenstein  
Chairman

Our stay will be at the elegant Hotel Astoria which overlooks the gold dome of St Isaac's Cathedral. Built in 1911, the Astoria accommodation includes all the comforts of a 5-star hotel and is the Hotel used by President Putin's guests.

- We will visit the Peterhof Palaces and Parks. The magnificent summer residence of the Imperial Family is famous for its cascades and fountains, and some of the palaces will be opened that day solely for our guests (normally there are over 10,000 visitors in one day!) We will be shown rooms not normally on public display.
- At the State Hermitage Museum, containing some of the finest works of art and treasures in the world, we will be greeted by one of the Hermitage's leading Directors and we do not queue to enter!
- A river and canal cruise will take us around St Petersburg. With the sun shining, this can be the best way to view the superb architecture of the city.
- The Director will be your host when you visit the Palaces and Gardens of Tsarskoye Selo including Catherine's Palace with its famous Amber Room and Alexander Palace. You are promised a very special programme!
- A surprise Black Tie Dinner in a unique setting.
- A visit to the Peter and Paul Fortress, the burial place of the Tsars. We tour the island and its many historical sights.
- The fabulous mosaic interior of St Isaac's Cathedral will be included in a tour of the city of St Petersburg, viewing the historic and architectural sights.
- An evening at the ballet at one of St Petersburg's famous theatres.
- By Special Invitation, a visit to Mariinsky Palace, the parliament building for St Petersburg. It is one of the most beautiful Palaces, all in white and gold.
- A visit to the fabulous Fabergé Museum in the Shuvalov Palace.