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## Top ten highlights in St. Petersburg – Part 2

Welcome to part two of St. Petersburg highlights – it turns out there were too many to fit into one article! Without further ado, let's carry on and see what else this wonderful city has to offer visitors.

### Russian Folklore Show

For a snapshot into traditional local culture, then look no further than [our shore tour to the grand Nickolaevsky Palace](#) to experience a memorable Russian folk performance. As you make your way through the entrance to the newly renovated beautiful palace, you will be greeted by a courteous party of

cavaliers and ladies in crinoline who will accompany you along the impressive grand gala staircase and through to the Concert Hall where a vibrant show of colour, music and sensational dancing awaits. To complement the event, Russian vodka and champagne, along with delicious canapés will be at hand to make sure you get the full experience.

### **St Isaac's Cathedral**

Standing at 333-foot-tall, the gilded dome of St Isaac's Cathedral is an instantly recognisable figure across the St. Petersburg skyline. The grand cathedral features a total of 112 red granite columns, and protrudes a vivid exterior of grey and pink stone. Built as a national monument after the Napoleonic Wars, St Isaac's is a trip you do not want to miss.



### **St Petersburg Private Tours**

With museums, monuments, cathedrals and parks in abundance, it can be difficult to see everything St. Petersburg has to offer amongst a crowd of likeminded visitors. To get ahead of the crowds and enjoy a more personal experience with some of the city's greatest treasures then there is no better option than booking a private tour. With one of [our Fred Olsen shore tours](#), up to six people can have their very own driver, knowledgeable English speaking guide and organised access to some of the best attractions in St Petersburg.



## The Neva Embankments

Built along the great River Neva which flows through the heart of St. Petersburg lies the granite Neva Embankments. The embankments were constructed to provide flood control measures for the city, but a walk up the popular paths along the river will reveal the striking architectural details of sphinx and lion sculptures that are woven into the barriers build.



## Walking Tour

With the help of a knowledgeable guide, a [walking tour](#) will allow you to explore the city with a fresh and educated mind, as you learn about the deep-rooted history of the stunning monuments and sights that will greet you at every corner of your pulsating exploration. Along with the more famous attractions such as the Nevsky Prospekt, the tour will pass by the former military parade ground, the Field of Mars, as well as the monument to Peter I.

So there you have it! Hopefully this will inspire you to visit this beautiful city – and what better way than on one of our cruises to [St. Petersburg](#) where you can experience everything from the comfort of our wonderful cruise ships.

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