ST. PETERSBURG
May 2 to 10, 2022

Few cities in the world rival St. Petersburg for its profusion of art treasures, its grandiose architectural monuments and its vast sweep of history. We invite you to see for yourself this extraordinary city located at the mouth of the Neva River where it enters the Baltic Sea. Unpack only once and spend the entire week exploring museums, palaces and opulently decorated churches, all in the company of Professor Norman Naimark, who specializes in Russian and East European history. We hope you’ll join us for a close look at this most western of Russian cities.

FACULTY LEADER

Norman Naimark
Norman Naimark is the Robert and Florence McDonnell Professor of East European History and has served as the chair of Stanford’s history department, the Burke Family Director of Stanford’s Bing Overseas Studies Program and the Sakurako and William Fisher Family Director of Stanford’s Global Studies Division. Known at Stanford for his warmth and wit, the popular faculty leader has led more than 30 past Travel/Study programs. Professor Naimark has been traveling to the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation regularly since the late 1960s. He has conducted research in archives in St. Petersburg (formerly known as Leningrad from 1924 to 1991) and Moscow. His latest book on Russian historical questions is *Stalin and the Fate of Europe: The Postwar Struggle for Sovereignty* (Harvard University Press, 2019). On this program he will provide an introduction to St. Petersburg and will lecture on the Russian Revolution and the fall of imperial Russia. He will also expand upon the genocides of Stalin, the Great Patriotic War—the Soviets in World War II—and President Vladimir Putin in modern-day Russia.

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Monday, May 2
St. Petersburg, Russia
Arrive in St. Petersburg and transfer to our hotel. Gather for a welcome reception and dinner this evening to celebrate the start of our journey. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (D)

Tuesday, May 3
St. Petersburg Highlights
Begin with a sightseeing tour of Russia’s most cosmopolitan and elegant city, built on 42 islands connected by rivers, canals and bridges. Visit the huge and profusely decorated St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood with its vast mosaics. Discover Peter and Paul Fortress, known as the birthplace of the city. In the cathedral there, view the burial tombs of Russian tsars from Peter the Great to Nicholas II. Later sip on tea at a local family’s home. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B,L)
Wednesday, May 4

**State Hermitage Museum / Neva River**
Spend the morning at the Hermitage, once the official residence of Russian emperors and now one of the world’s largest and most important museums. Its collections consist of more than three million artworks and artifacts, dating from the Stone Age to the 20th century. Focus on the State Rooms of the Winter Palace and take in the astounding collection of Italian, Dutch, Flemish and French paintings. Later today hop on a private cruise along the Neva River and see why St. Petersburg is often called the “Venice of the North.” BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B,L)

Thursday, May 5

**Pushkin / Pavlovsk**
Today we drive by motor coach to the town of Pushkin for a visit to Catherine Palace, decorated in lavish baroque-rococo style. Marvel at the world-famous Amber Room and stroll through the vast gardens and pavilions, which Catherine the Great commissioned. Lunch today is a Russian-style meal at a traditional wooden country house. Afterward travel to Pavlovsk to admire the Great Palace, a gift from Catherine the Great to her son Pavel, or Paul. The palace, designed and decorated by Scottish architect Charles Cameron, is filled with most of its original contents, thanks to heroic efforts that enabled the evacuation of the art treasures before the Nazi army captured the palace. The surrounding landscaped park is one of the largest in Europe. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B,L)

Friday, May 6

**St. Petersburg Highlights**
Visit the Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan, the main Russian Orthodox cathedral of St. Petersburg, during a service this morning. Then head to the Rumyantsev Mansion, where more than 2,000 exhibits showcase the heroic defense of the city during the 900-day siege of Leningrad, when more than one million lives were lost. After lunch immerse yourself in Russian art of the 12th to 20th centuries at the State Russian Museum, which possesses the largest collection of Russian fine art in the world. This evening attend a performance at the world-famous Mariinsky Theatre. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B,L)

Saturday, May 7

**State Hermitage Museum**
Return to the Hermitage for a guided tour of the Gold Room, a treasure gallery that houses a stunning collection of ancient Scythian gold jewelry, as well as many impressive gifts the tsars received from ambassadors of various countries. Afterward visit the Department of French Art of the 20th century in the renowned General Staff Building. Spend the rest of the afternoon at the Hermitage or return to the hotel for an afternoon and evening at leisure. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B)

Sunday, May 8

**Peterhof State Museum-Reserve / Yusupov Palace**
Today venture to the Russian Versailles—the spectacular Lower Park of Peterhof. It features 150 fountains, all of which operate without the use of pumps, as they have since the 18th century. This afternoon tour the Yusupov Palace, the site of Grigori Rasputin’s murder in 1916, exploring both the reception rooms and Rasputin’s quarters. Enjoy the evening at leisure at one of St. Petersburg’s many restaurants. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B,L)
Monday, May 9
**Victory Day / Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery**
The most important holiday in Russia, especially in St. Petersburg, Victory Day commemorates the surrender of Nazi Germany in 1945. Join the local people in Piskaryovskoye Memorial Cemetery as they bring flowers to honor the many lives lost during World War II. Later mingle with the crowds at concerts in the squares or watch the parade of military bands and veterans along Nevsky Prospekt. Top off the day with a festive farewell reception and dinner. BELMOND GRAND HOTEL EUROPE (B,D)

Tuesday, May 10
**St. Petersburg**
After breakfast transfer independently to the airport for flights home. (B)

**Optional Post-trip Extension to Moscow**
May 10 to 14, 2022

Depart St. Petersburg on an express train to Moscow, the capital and crossroads of Russia, where we spend four days soaking up the city. Highlights include a walking tour of Red Square and visits to the Kremlin and Red Square, Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, Novodevichy Convent grounds and Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts. Pricing and details will be sent to confirmed participants.

**INFORMATION**

**Covid-19 and Travel**
With travel requirements and local Covid-19 conditions changing weekly, travel protocols for specific destinations will be shared with confirmed travelers closer to departure. To read more about Travel/Study's approach to ensuring traveler health and safety, visit our [Covid-19 Travel page](#).

**Size**
This trip requires a minimum of 12 participants and is limited to 30. Travel/Study is committed to providing a low-density experience on all programs and will implement protocols to do so, including social distancing on transportation as well as during lectures, meals and excursions. Single accommodations are limited.

**Cost***
$7,595 per person, double occupancy
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*Stanford Alumni Association nonmembers add $300 per person.

**Included**
- 8 nights of deluxe hotel accommodations
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- Russian visa
- Gratuities to guides and drivers for all group activities
- All tours and excursions as described in the itinerary
- Transfers and baggage handling on program arrival and departure days
- On-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
General medical, accident and evacuation insurance
- Educational program with lecture series and predeparture materials, including an education resource list and travel information
- Services of our professional tour manager to assist you throughout the program

Not Included
- Your personal flights to and from the program
- Passport and visa fees
- Immunization costs
- Meals and beverages other than those specified as included
- Independent and private transfers
- Nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage
- Baggage insurance
- Excess-baggage charges
- Personal items such as internet access, telephone calls, laundry and gratuities for nongroup services

Air Arrangements
You are responsible for booking and purchasing airfare to the start location and from the end location of the program. These air purchases are NOT included in the program cost. To assist you in making these independent arrangements, we will send you details with your confirmation materials on when to arrive and depart.

What to Expect
We consider this program to be moderately active and at times physically demanding. All participants must be physically fit, active and in good health. We do our touring by motor coach and on foot. Some excursions involve walking on unpaved pathways, cobblestones or brick sidewalks. Daily programs typically involve one to three miles of walking, mainly in museums, palaces and palace gardens; tours will also require a lot of time standing. We welcome travelers 15 years of age and older on this program.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Eligibility
We encourage membership in the Stanford Alumni Association as the program cost for nonmembers is $300 more than the members’ price. A person traveling as a paid guest of a current member will not be charged the nonmember fee. To purchase a membership, call (650) 725-0692 or visit alumni.stanford.edu/goto/membership.

Deposit, Payments and Cancellations
A $1,000-per-person deposit is required to reserve space on this program. Final payment is due 120 days prior to program start. Deposits and any payments are refundable, less a $500-per-person cancellation fee, until 120 days prior to program start. After that date, refunds can be made only if the program is sold out and your place(s) is resold, in which case a $1,000-per-person cancellation fee will apply.
Insurance
Stanford Travel/Study provides all travelers who are U.S. or Canadian citizens with minimal medical, accident and evacuation coverage, as well as on-tour quarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage, under our group-travel insurance policy. Our group policy is intended to provide minimal levels of protection while you are traveling on this program. You may choose to subscribe to optional nonquarantine-related trip-cancellation, -interruption and -delay insurance coverage and/or baggage insurance. Information offering such insurance will be included in your confirmation materials. The product offered includes special benefits if you purchase your insurance within 14 days of receiving your welcome email.

Responsibility
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