

# ST. PETERSBURG - THE BEST DESTINATION TO LEARN RUSSIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



A growing number of people all around the world learn Russian. The language is experiencing a boom in popularity for many reasons. It is a beautiful language and though it is not very widespread, many seem to be enthusiastic about the Slavic language.

The truth is that Russian is excellent especially for the fans of literature. Russia is home of some of the most notable writers in the world. For example Chekhov, Tolstoy or Dostoevsky among many others were all Russian. **Being able to read their works in the original language is a great experience for many as well as a motivation for people to learn Russian.**

Other than that, it is a very useful language in the field of business. Russian businessmen are generally very keen on doing business abroad and knowledge of the language is a big plus for prospective business partners. What is the best place to learn Russian? Obviously in its homeland and most notably in the country's cultural capital - Saint Petersburg.

## St. Petersburg

It was Peter the Great who founded St. Petersburg in 1703 on an uninhabited swamp. Venice was a great inspiration of Peter's and these days he would probably be very proud of the nickname "Northern Venice" given to the city.

The atmosphere and possibilities in St. Petersburg seem to be ideal to make one's dream come true. Authenticity is an absolute guarantee in the cultural capital of Russia. There is so much to see in the city, from stunning palaces such as Peterhof to the Tsarskoe Selo with the world famous Amber room, and one of the greatest museums in Europe - the Hermitage.

As a matter of fact, in September 2016, Saint Petersburg was named the best destination in Europe at the World Travel Awards for the second year in a row. In 2015 almost seven million tourists visited Russia's cultural capital, according to St. Petersburg's Tourism Development Committee.

## Choosing a school for Russian language courses

St. Petersburg is indeed a beautiful city, but it obviously is not an absolute guarantee of top quality language schools on every corner. Choosing a school is an important step for people with passion to learn Russian in St. Petersburg. It is important to choose carefully and take every detail into consideration. There are many possibilities, but experienced tutors are essential for quality course. Other than the availability, accommodation possibilities and helpfulness are other very important aspects to be taken into consideration.

## EducaCentre Russian Language School

A language school which fits these necessary requirements is the EducaCentre Russian Language School. This school was established in 1989, making it one of the oldest of its kind in the city. Over the last 20 years it has built a good reputation for providing high quality courses. EducaCentre

offers a wide variety of courses depending on whether students need to learn Russian for business, everyday life or other needs. There are no borders in terms of distance as well, as EducaCentre welcomes hundreds of students from over 50 different countries annually, including countries on the other side of the globe.

All of the schools' courses of all levels from beginners to advanced run all year round, with the start every Monday. The school offers group courses in mini-groups up to 4 students per group, combined and individual courses, exam preparation courses and courses of Russian for expats. The language school also offers fully tailor-made programs for any student deeming it necessary for his or her needs and possibilities.

All in all, it must be said that the city is a charming destination. Students who come to learn Russian in St. Petersburg experience the magical atmosphere of the historical city. The fact that the city disposes of high quality schools such as the EducaCentre Russian Language School is an added value and makes the destination almost impossible to resist.

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