



Welcome to Saint Petersburg!

Cultural Program of the XXXII International Summer School - Conference

"Advanced Problems in Mechanics"

24.06.04 - 02.07.04

Saint Petersburg is the second largest city in Russia. UNESCO recognized Saint Petersburg as one of the 10 most beautiful cities in the world. It impresses one by a combination of magnificent architecture with strict planning of its broad streets, squares, parks, gardens, canals and museums of great rarity. It could be rightly called an open-air museum.

The Program is organized by Monomax Service Agency for accompanying persons and participants of the Conference who can discover and explore Saint Petersburg major sights.

Program consists of half or full day excursions in a comfortable vehicle. English speaking guide will carry on the excursions. The costs of museum tickets are included into the tour price.

Your preliminary tour order will help Monomax to finalize Cultural program and to make all necessary arrangements in time.

ENJOY YOUR STAY IN SAINT PETERSBURG!

25.06.04– Friday.

#1 Boat trip "White night over Neva River"

Excursion starts at 20:00 (Duration about 4 hours. Boat trip 1 hour).

Saint Petersburg lies on 42 islands in the delta of Neva River. Neva embankments are richly decorated with bridges and elegant iron railings. The main city palaces are located along the Neva River.

During the boat trip you will feel the charm of St Petersburg in the white nights time and enjoy the panoramic views of famous Venice of North. You will get acquainted with past and present of the city, its history and culture heritage.

Excursion starts at 20:00 from Baltiets hotel by bus and continue at the boat board. Back trip to Baltiets hotel by bus.

26.06.04- Saturday.

#2.GREAT CATHEDRALS OF SAINT PETERSBURG

Excursion starts at 09:30 (Duration about 6 hours)

Saint Petersburg is the city where all major worlds religious are represented. During this trip around the city you will see the churches of the different confessions and will have the opportunity to visit main orthodox cathedrals.

*You will visit magnificent **St. Isaac's Cathedral** – the principal cathedral of the Imperial Russia, largest one in the city and the fourth largest one dome cathedral in the world, which can hold*

about 10.000 people. Its interiors are richly decorated with Russian mosaics, different sorts of marble, semiprecious stones and paintings.

*Church of our **Saviour on the Blood** – the memorial church to honour emperor Alexander II was build on the spot where Tsar was assassinated by the terrorists. The church is a wonderful sample of Russian style architecture, richly decorated with mosaics both inside and outside.*

27.06.04 – Sunday.

#3. THE STATE HERMITAGE

Excursion starts at 09.30 (Duration about 6 hours)

Participating in this excursion, you will visit the one of the greatest art museum in the world. The State Hermitage Museum - situated in five historical buildings including Winter Palace- official residence of Russian tsars. The collection of the museum keeps about 3 million items from prehistoric culture, Egyptian art, the art of Antiquity, and great collections of West European paintings and sculptures are displayed in 400 halls of the museum. Among the Hermitage's treasures, there are masterpieces of Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael, Titian, Rembrandt and Rubens, wonderful collection of Impressionists and post-impressionists painters.

28.06.04 – Monday.

#4. 300 years of Kronshtadt – Motherland of Russian Navy

Excursion starts at 15:00 (Duration about 4 hours)

The town-fortress Kronshtadt was founded in 1704 year by Peter the Great order to defend St. Petersburg from the Baltic Sea side. This town is considered to be one of the most noteworthy creations of Peter the Great. The town's historical heritage is connected with the history of Russian Navy and can be seen in the tumbledown forts. The way to Kronshtadt goes along the dam connected the town with the northern gulf shore. The dam is the unique engineering project under construction that has to protect city from the season floods. Kronshtadt is not only historical but also the modern operating military navy base of St Petersburg. Several years ago it was opened for the visitors.

30.06.04 – Wednesday.

#5. "PETERHOF – CAPITAL OF RUSSIAN FOUNTAINS"

Excursion starts at 09:30 (Duration about 7 hours)

The magnificent palace was build on the coast of the Finnish Gulf for the Tsar Peter the Great and was the official imperial residence until 1917. Peterhof is known as "the capital of fountains" because of the mysterious fountains in the gardens of the palace. Peterhof with its Grand palace and Lower park, fountains and cascades is a remarkable monument to Peter the Great victories and to the glory of Russian Empire.

POST-CONFERENCE TOUR

02.07.04 – Friday.

#6. "GREAT NOVGOROD – ANCIENT CAPITAL OF RUSSIA"

Full day tour starts at 08:00 till 23:00 (Lunch included)

Novgorod is one of the oldest Russian towns, which dates back to the legendary time of the Vikings. Novgorod is situated on the crossroads of the two important trade routes of old times-"from Varangians to Greeks" and "Amber Way". It used to be one of the most important commercial centers of ancient times. You will enjoy the peculiar beauty of northern Russia and marvelous views of medieval monuments. Novgorodian Kremlin is even older than Moscow's one, St. Sophia Cathedral built in 11th century and you the open-air museum of the wooden architecture "Vitaslavlitsi" will also be visited. The lunch will be served in the Russian cousin Restaurant.