



St Petersburg

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

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(left) **Peterhof p160**
Peter's summer palace.

(above) **Kunstkamera p134**
Ceiling painting at the city's first museum.

(right) **Winter Palace p54**
A statue inside the
baroque institution.



Petrograd & Vyborg Sides p142



Top Itineraries

Day One

Historic Heart (p52)

 Begin your first day in St Petersburg by taking a stroll down Nevsky pr, the city's central avenue that connects the Hermitage to the Alexander Nevsky Monastery at the far end. Start at Ploshchad Vosstaniya, cross the lovely Fontanka, drop into the **Church on the Spilled Blood** and the **Kazan Cathedral** and end up at the dazzling ensemble of **Palace Square**, the **Winter Palace** and the **General Staff Building**. Wander along the embankment to the **Summer Garden** and then wander back along the Moyka River.



Lunch Enjoy some rustic Russian dishes at Yat (p90).

Sennaya & Kolomna (p98)

 Continue along the Moyka to **St Isaac's Cathedral**, visit the astonishingly elaborate interiors and then climb to the top of the dome for superb views of the city. Continue down the Moyka to the **Yusupov Palace** and the **Mariinsky Theatre**, ending up at the beautiful sky-blue **Nikolsky Cathedral**. Drop into **Entrée** for coffee and cake.



Dinner Book ahead for gorgeous Teplo (p106).

Historic Heart (p52)

 If it's a weekend, head down to **Dumskaya ul** for a raucous time with locals who like to congregate here for drinking, dancing and general debauchery. For something a little more elegant, have a cocktail at the **Belmond Grand Hotel Europe**.

Day Two

Historic Heart (p52)

 After a hearty breakfast, head to the **Hermitage** and get ready for a day of artistic exhilaration. Choose which parts of the collection you want to see, though leave some room for on-the-spot decision making – the exhibition is so enormous that you'll inevitably discover something new. As well as the art, don't miss the staterooms, and allow yourself plenty of rest stops to avoid exhaustion.



Lunch Bring your own lunch or face the underwhelming Hermitage cafe.

Historic Heart (p52)

 You may still want to spend a few hours in the museum and make the most of your day ticket. But if you leave and still have some energy, wander along before picking up a **sightseeing cruise** around the canals – the best way to sightsee without having to do any more walking!



Dinner Enjoy the multilevel eating at Biblioteka (p89).

Sennaya & Kolomna (p98)

 If you've booked ahead, dress up to spend the evening watching a ballet from the classical repertoire of the **Mariinsky Theatre**. Even if you haven't booked, it's usually quite possible to do so last minute in one of the other theatres in town. For a post-Mariinsky drink, head to **Mayakovskiy**.



Stroganov Palace (p79)

Day Three

Petrograd & Vyborg Sides (p142)

 Begin day three with a trip to the beautiful Petrograd Side. Start with a visit to the **Peter and Paul Fortress** to see where the city began, wander past the **mosque** and perhaps drop in to see either **Peter's Cabin** or the very interesting **Museum of Political History**. Wander down **Kamennoostrovsky pr** to take in the Style Moderne architecture.



Lunch Enjoy a relaxed and stylish lunch at Mesto (p156).

Vasilyevsky Island (p132)

 After lunch, walk across to Vasilievsky Island and wander the historic ensemble around the **Strelka**. Visit the **Kunstkamera**, Peter the Great's personal cabinet of curiosities, and drop in to the very interesting **Menshikov Palace** to see the oldest standing palace in the city. If you enjoy contemporary art, continue on to the excellent **Erarta Museum of Con-**



Dinner Dine in understated Russian elegance at Restoran (p140).

temporary Art, which is definitely worth the hassle of a *marshrutka* ride to get to.

Smolny & Vosstaniya (p112)

 Head south to happening Vosstaniya to gallery-, bar- and gig-hop around **Ligovsky pr**. See some new artwork at **Loft Project ETAGI**, enjoy a drink in the sand and some table football

Day Four

Day Trips from St Petersburg (p159)

 Head out of the city early to spend the day in tsarist opulence. Go first to **Tsarskoe Selo** in order to visit the **Catherine Palace** and have a walk in the gardens. If you're still wanting more, **Pavlovsk** is a quick bus ride away and the park is even wilder and more beautiful.



Lunch Eat at White Rabbit (p166) in the town of Pushkin.

Historic Heart (p52)

 Head back to the city in the afternoon and slot in the **Russian Museum**, the perfect complement to the Hermitage. This spectacular (and far more manageable) museum showcases seven centuries of Russian art from church icons to the avant-garde. Buy the full ticket and add on the **Stroganov Palace, Marble**



Dinner Have a meal and plenty of wine at Vinostudia (p123).

Palace and **Mikhailovsky Castle** for some fabulous interiors too.

Smolny & Vosstaniya (p112)

 Enjoy the bars around ul Rubin-shteyna and the Fontanka - have a drink at **Terminal Bar, The Hat** or **Mishka**. For music, have a Soviet-era dance at **Petrovich**, or head to alternative favourite **Griboyedov** for a taste of what's cooking on the local music scene.

St Petersburg Maps

Sights

- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruin
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
- Zoo/Wildlife Sanctuary
- Other Sight

Activities, Courses & Tours

- Bodysurfing
- Diving
- Canoeing/Kayaking
- Course/Tour
- Sento Hot Baths/Onsen
- Skiing
- Snorkelling
- Surfing
- Swimming/Pool
- Walking
- Windsurfing
- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

Information

- Bank
- Embassy/Consulate
- Hospital/Medical
- Internet
- Police
- Post Office
- Telephone
- Toilet
- Tourist Information
- Other Information

Geographic

- Beach
- Hut/Shelter
- Lighthouse
- Lookout
- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
- Picnic Area
- Waterfall

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

- Airport
- Border crossing
- Bus
- Cable car/Funicular
- Cycling
- Ferry
- Metro station
- Monorail
- Parking
- Petrol station
- S-Bahn/Subway station
- Taxi
- T-bane/Tunnelbana station
- Train station/Railway
- Tram
- Tube station
- U-Bahn/Underground station
- Other Transport

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book

Routes

- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed road
- Road under construction
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian overpass
- Walking Tour
- Walking Tour detour
- Path/Walking Trail

Boundaries

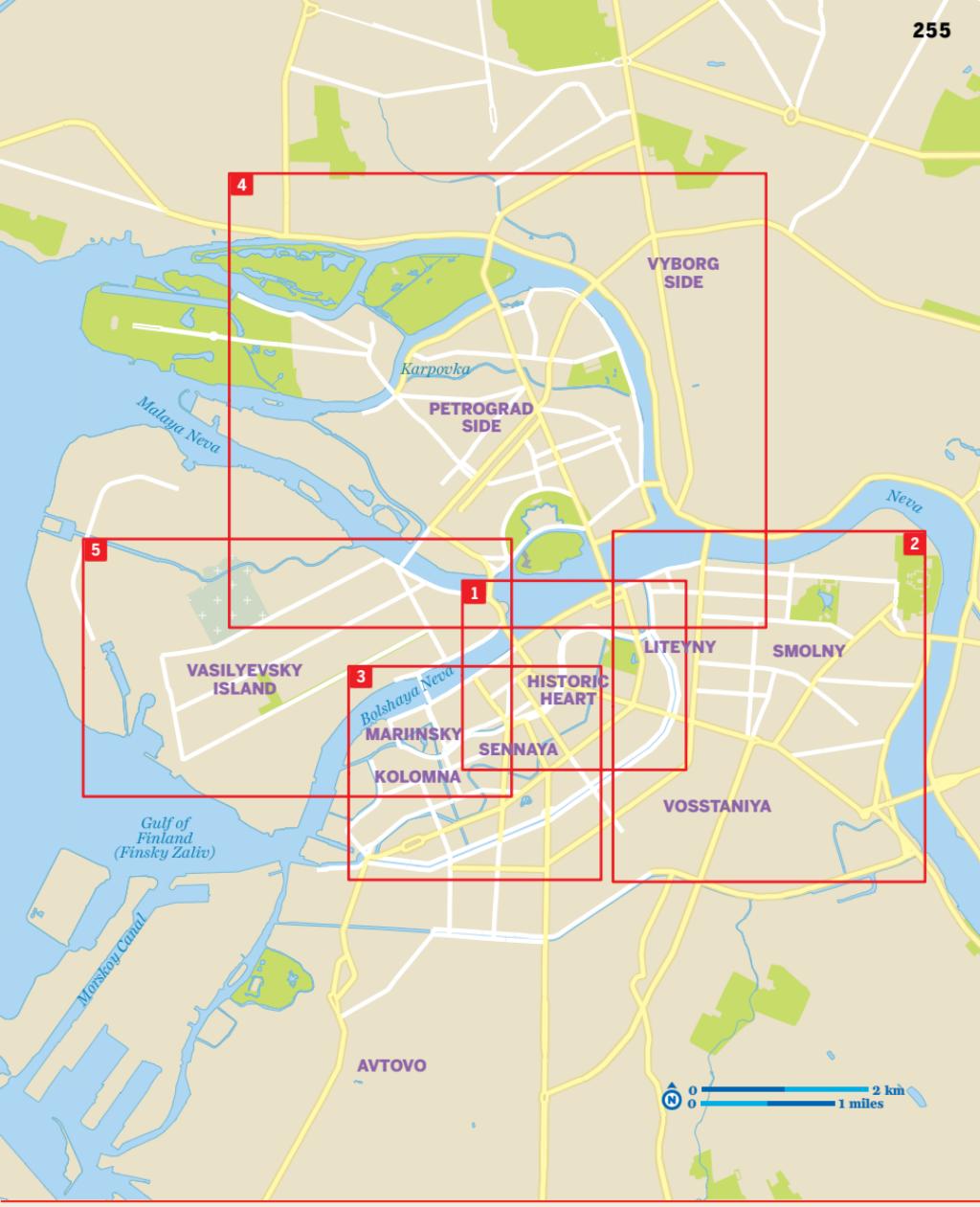
- International
- State/Province
- Disputed
- Regional/Suburb
- Marine Park
- Cliff
- Wall

Hydrography

- River, Creek
- Intermittent River
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

Areas

- Airport/Runway
- Beach/Desert
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Glacier
- Mudflat
- Park/Forest
- Sight (Building)
- Sportsground
- Swamp/Mangrove



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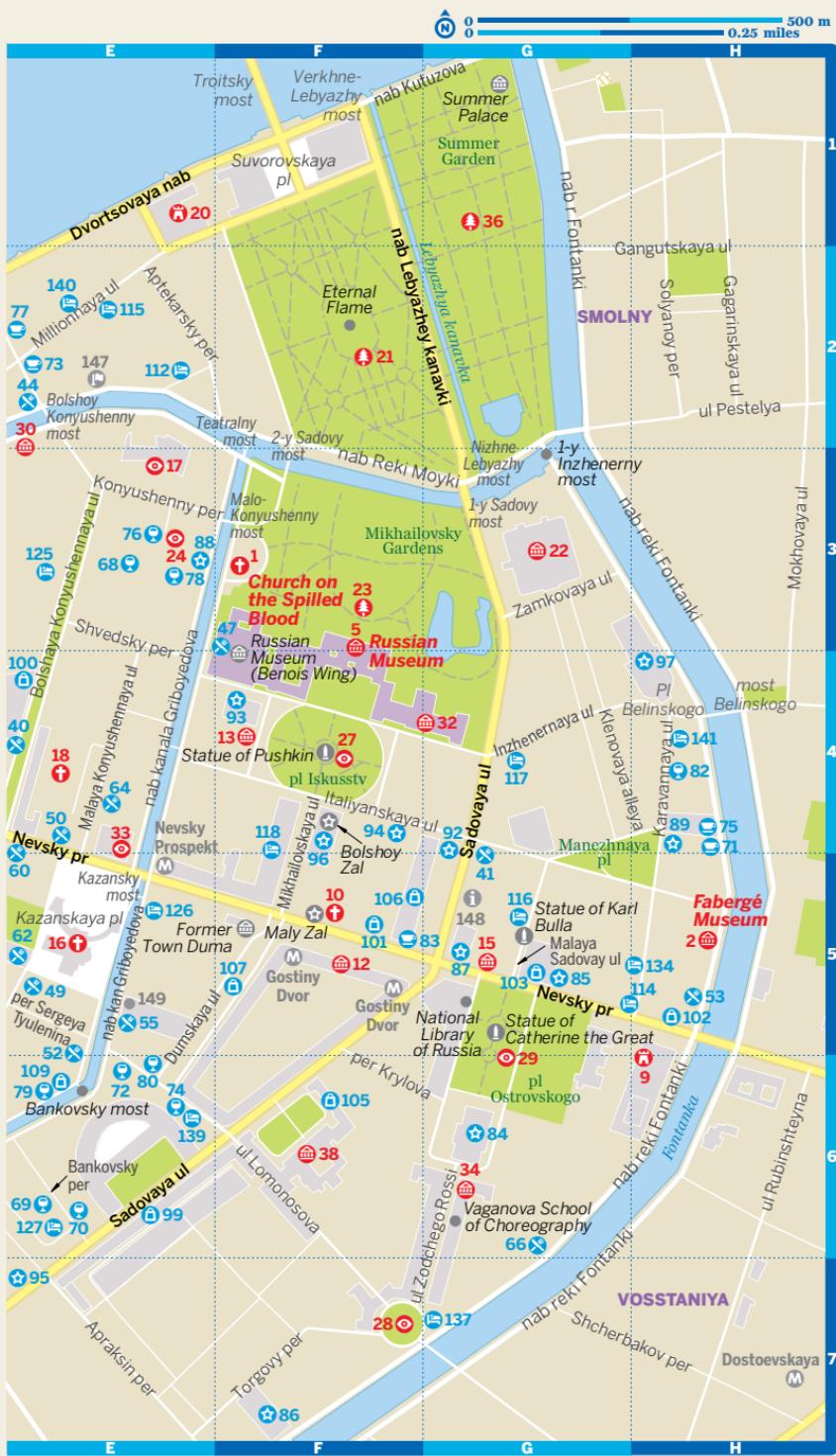
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HISTORIC HEART



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- 7** AdmiraltyB4
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- 9** Anichkov Palace.....H6
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- 39** Winter Palace of Peter I

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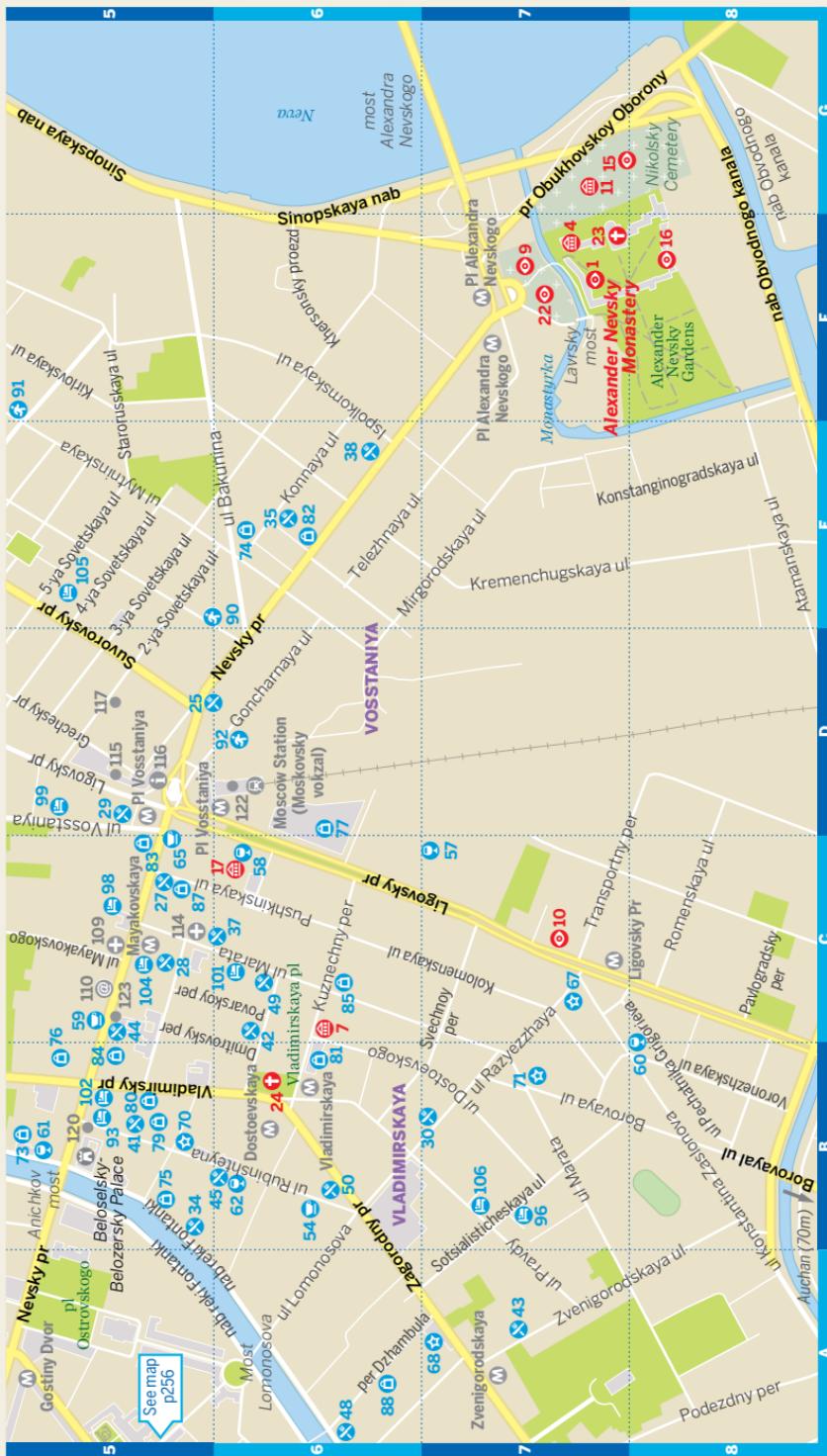
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SMOLNY & VOSSTANIYA



SMOLNY & VOSSTANIYA

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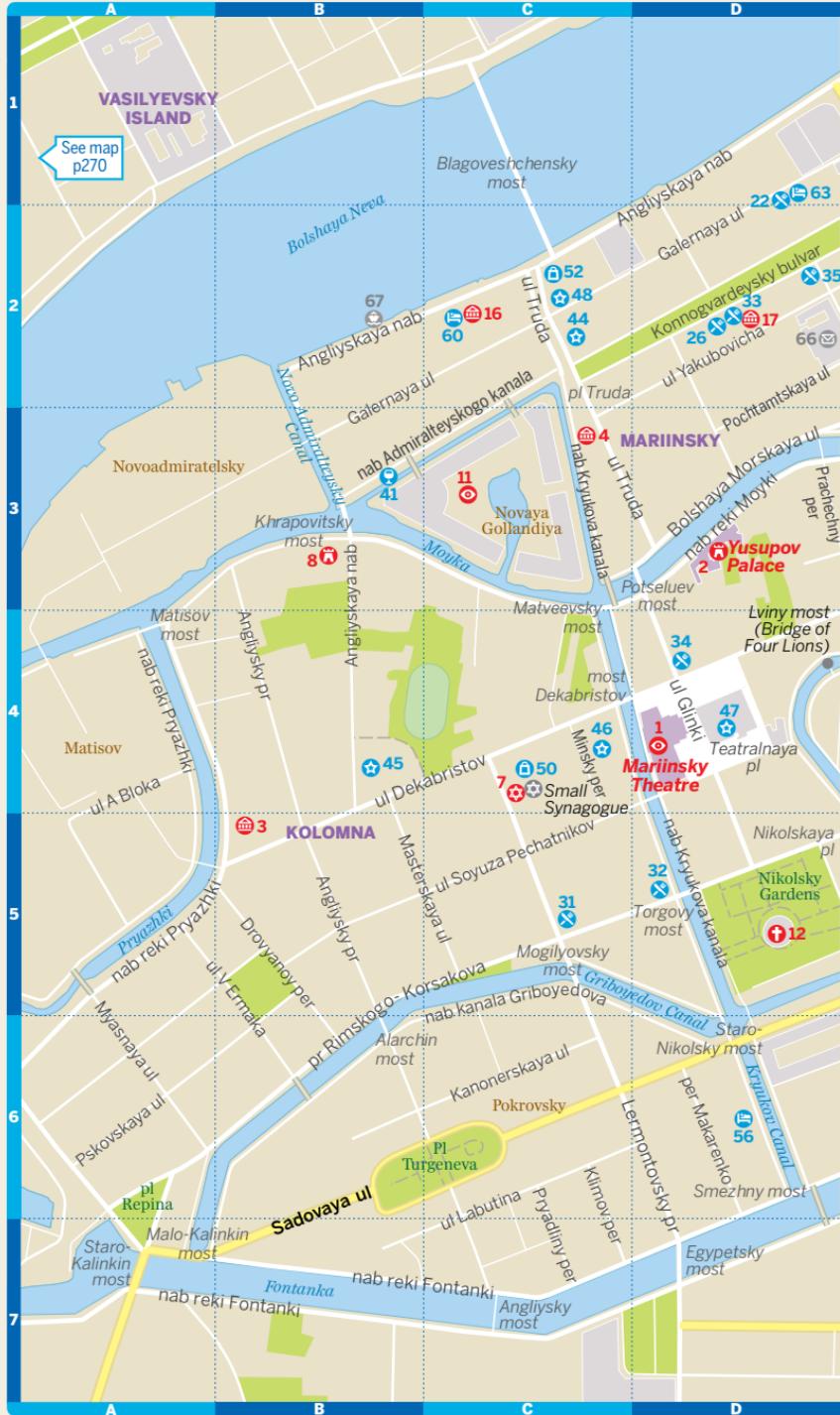
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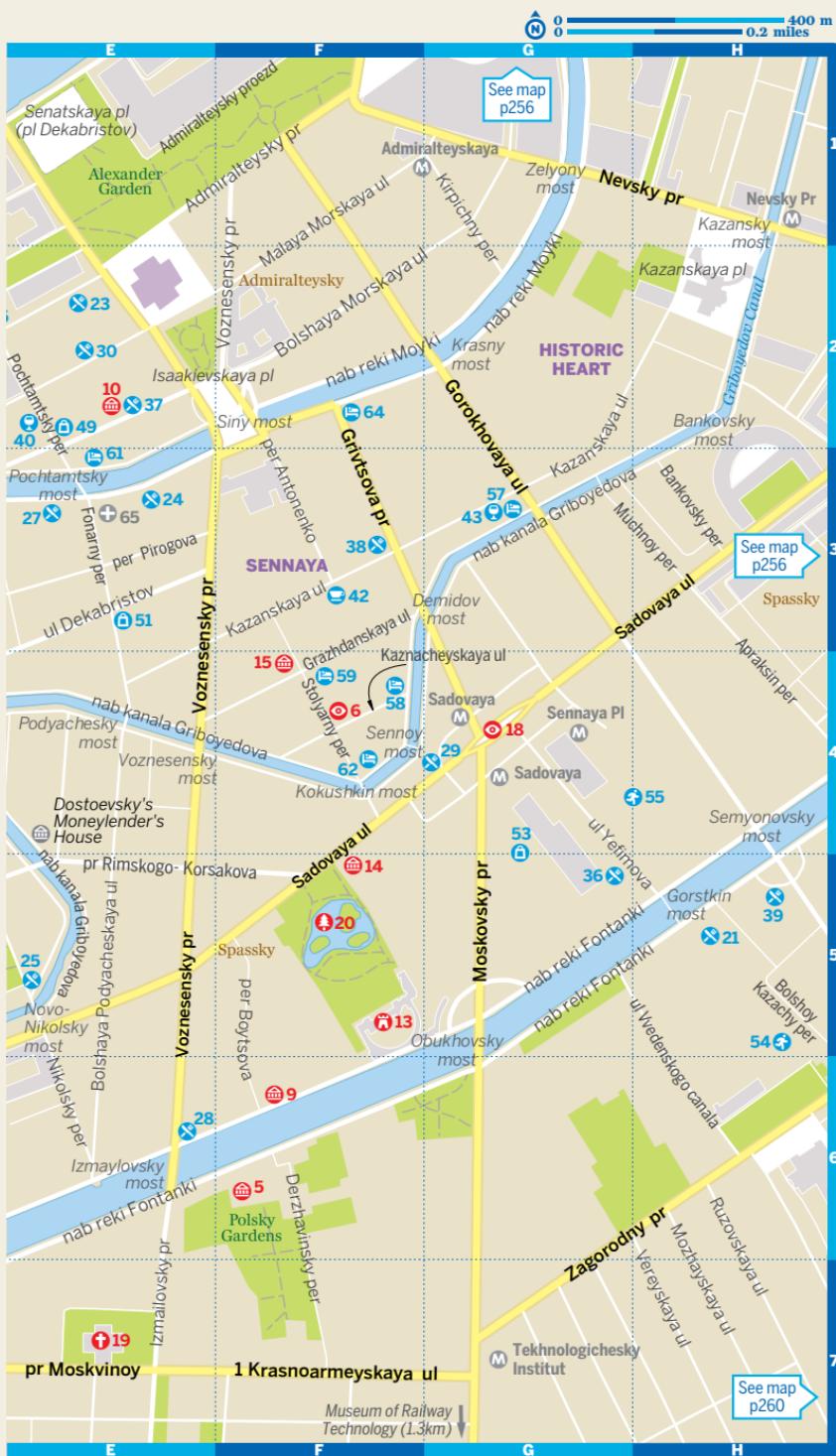
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SENNAYA & KOLOMNA



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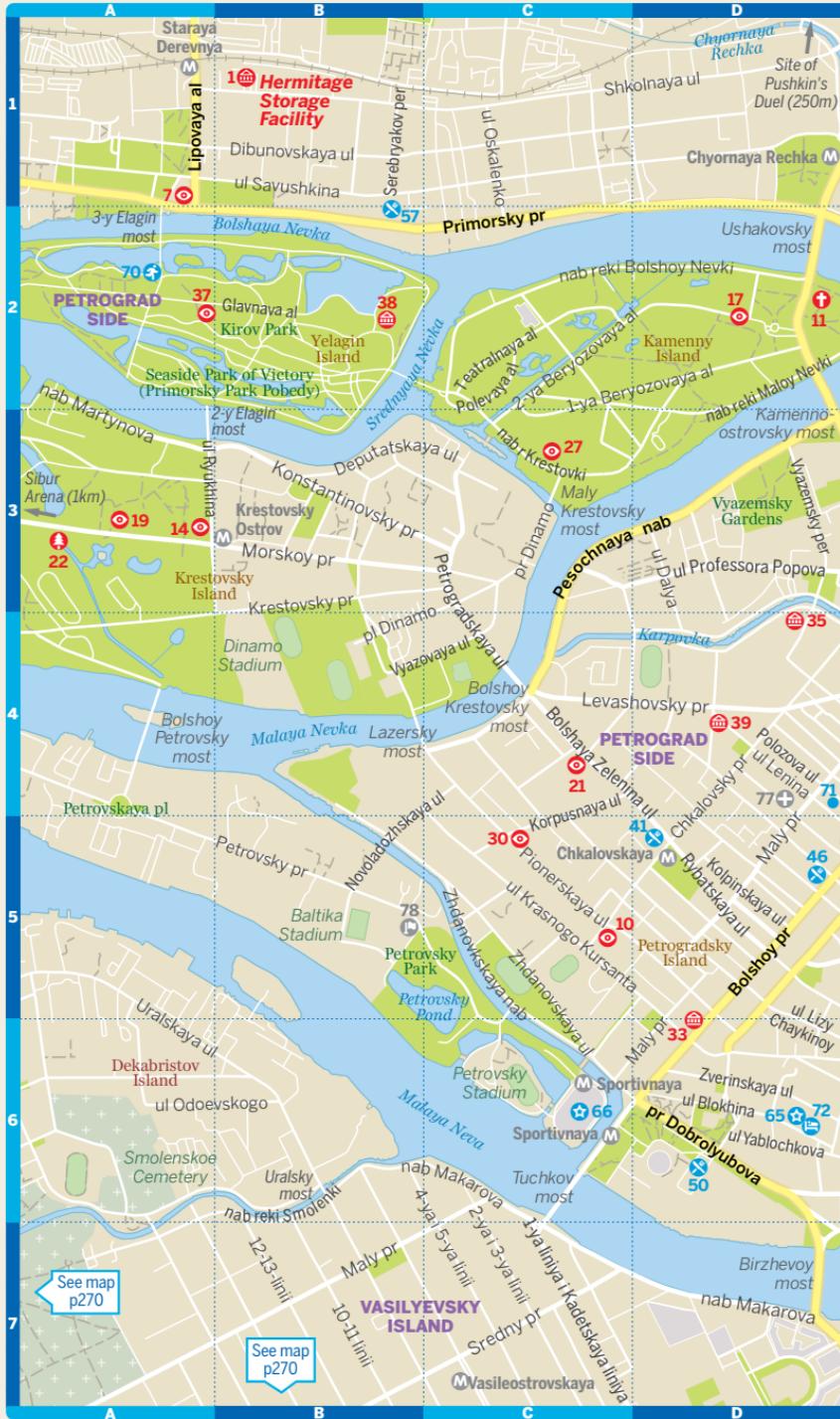
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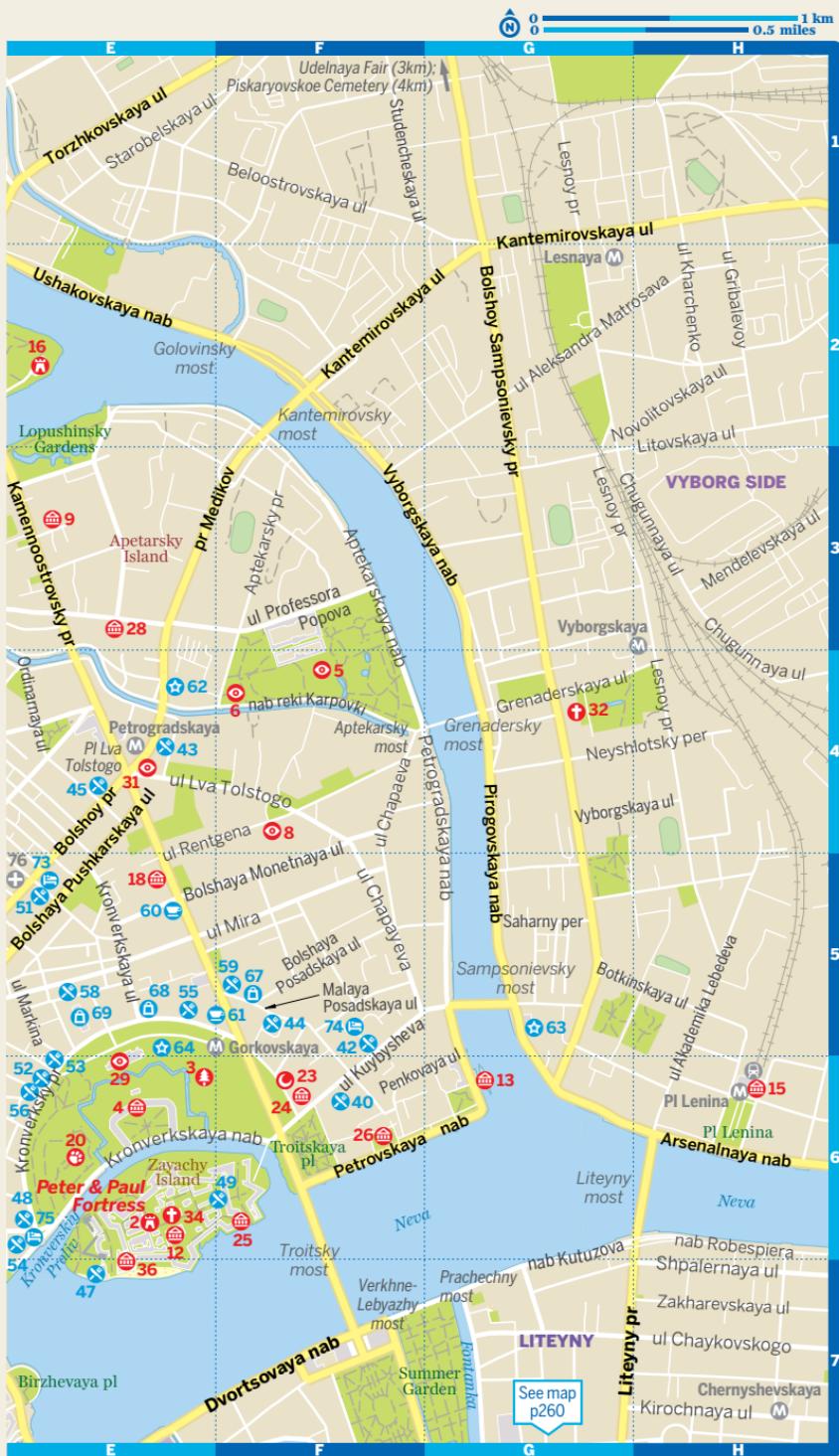
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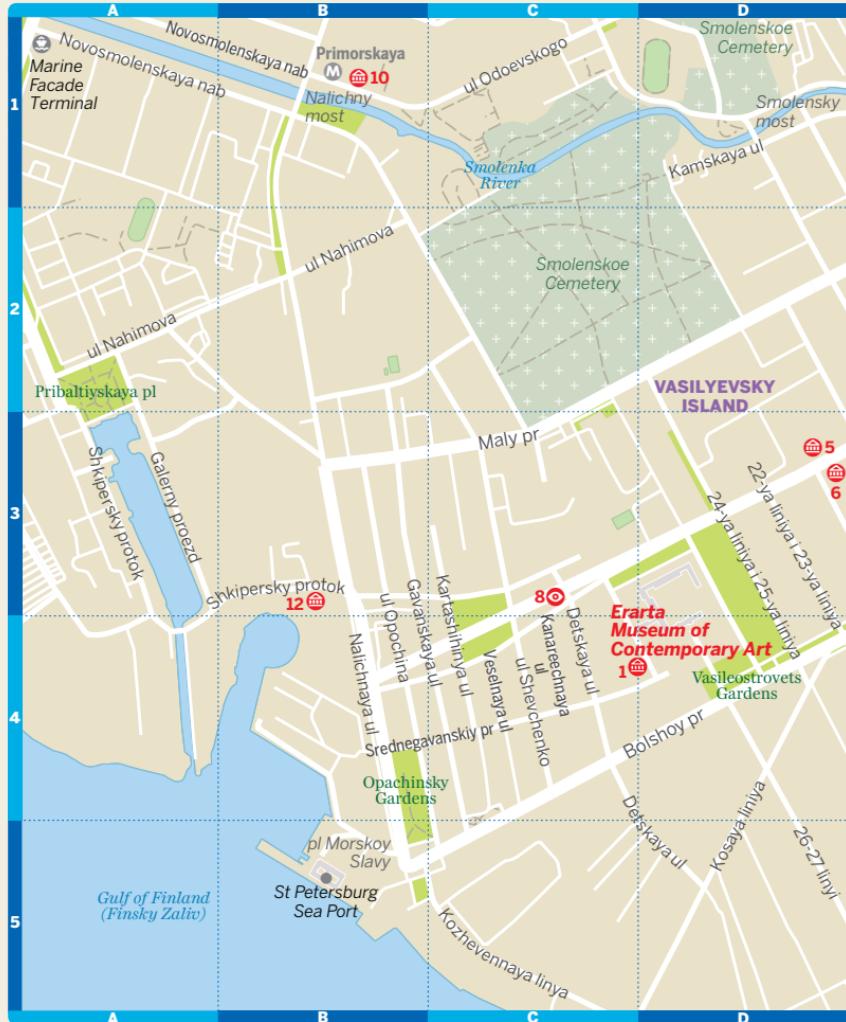
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PETROGRAD & VYBORG SIDES



VASILYEVSKY ISLAND



Top Sights

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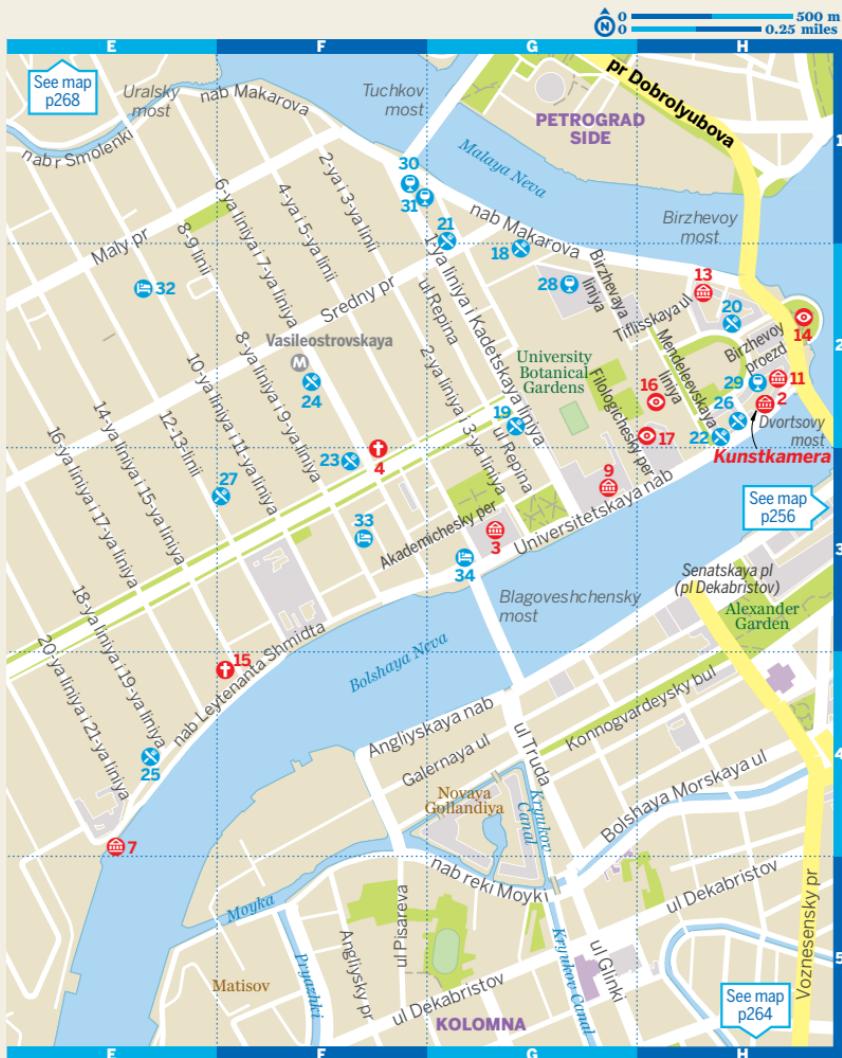
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