This stroll explores the venerable centre of St Petersburg, taking in some of its main monuments as you criss-cross its waterways.

**Start** Dvortsova pl  
**Distance** 2km  
**Duration** Three hours

**1** At the corner of Nevsky pr, the Alexander Column is perfectly framed under the triumphal arch with the Winter Palace behind.

**2** Cross the river over Pevchesky Most and head north to the residence of Russia’s most celebrated poet at the Pushkin Flat-Museum (www.museumpushkin.ru; ☑ 10.30am-6pm Wed-Mon).

**3** Konyushennaya pl is dominated by 18th-century court stables. In the middle stands the Church of the Saviour Not Made by Human Hand (☐ 9am-7pm).

**4** Across the canal, you’ll now be ready for the spectacular Church of the Saviour on the Spilled Blood.

**5** Detour to find the statue of Pushkin in ploshchad Iskusstv, ringed by cultural institutions, including the Russian Museum and Mikhailovsky Theatre (www.mikhailovsky.ru).

**6** At the junction of Nevsky pr and nab kanala Griboyedova, admire the Style Moderne Singer Building, in contrast to the Kazan Cathedral (☐ 8.30am-7.30pm) opposite.

**7** Return to Nevsky pr and explore the exterior vaulted gallery surrounding the Bolshoy Gostiny Dvor (http://bgd.ru; ☑ 10am-10pm), the 18th-century trading arcade.

**Take a Break...** Finish your walk at one of the grand Kupetz Eliseevs food hall’s cafes.

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**Classic Photo** Spectacular view of Church of the Saviour on the Spilled Blood from Teatralny most near the intersection of the Moyka and Griboyedov Canal.