



St Petersburg's Historic Heart

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

Start Dvortsovaya pl

Distance 2km

Duration Three hours



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).

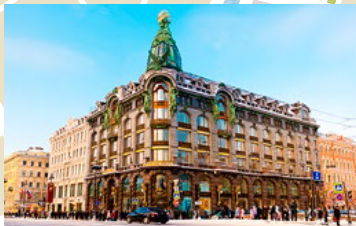
Classic Photo Spectacular view of Church of the Saviour on the Spilled Blood from Teatralny most near the intersection of the Moyka and Griboyedov Canal.



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

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

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.

