

In This Book

QuickStart Guide

Your keys to understanding the cities – we help you decide what to do and how to do it



Need to Know

Tips for a smooth trip



Neighbourhoods

What's where

Explore Moscow & St Petersburg

The best things to see and do, neighbourhood by neighbourhood



Top Sights

Make the most of your visit



Local Life

The insider's city

The Best of Moscow & St Petersburg

The cities' highlights in handy lists to help you plan



Best Walks

See the city on foot



Moscow & St Petersburg's Best...

The best experiences

Survival Guide

Tips and tricks for a seamless, hassle-free experience



Getting Around

Travel like a local



Essential Information

Including where to stay

Our selection of the cities' best places to eat, drink and experience:

 **Sights**

 **Eating**

 **Drinking**

 **Entertainment**

 **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Telephone Numbers |  Family-Friendly |
|  Opening Hours |  Pet-Friendly |
|  Parking |  Bus |
|  Nonsmoking |  Ferry |
|  Internet Access |  Metro |
|  Wi-Fi Access |  Subway |
|  Vegetarian Selection |  Tram |
|  English-Language Menu |  Train |

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:



Bar Hemingway

16  Map p233, B2

Legend has it that Hemingway, wielding a machine gun, created this timber-paneled bar during his stay in Moscow. The bar is a showpiece is a favorite hangout for Papa Hemingway in town. Dress code: smart casual. www.barhemingway.com; Hôtel Ritz Paris; 6.30pm-2a

Lonely Planet's Moscow & St Petersburg

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the destination.

Inside you'll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We've split the cities into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you'll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the cities: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our 'Local Life' pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Moscow and St Petersburg.

And of course you'll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day's exploration.

It's your guarantee of a really great experience.

Our Promise

You can trust our travel information because Lonely Planet authors visit the places we write about, each and every edition. We never accept freebies for positive coverage, so you can rely on us to tell it like it is.

QuickStart Guide 7

Moscow & St Petersburg Top Sights	8
Moscow & St Petersburg Local Life	12
Moscow & St Petersburg Day Planner	14
Need to Know	16
Moscow Neighbourhoods	18
St Petersburg Neighbourhoods	19

Explore

21

Moscow

- 22 Kremlin & Kitay Gorod
- 36 Presnya & Tverskoy
- 54 Arbat, Khamovniki & Zamoskvorechie
- 72 Meshchansky & Basmanny

St Petersburg

- 88 Historic Heart
- 106 Sennaya, Kolomna & Vasilyevsky Island
- 122 Smolny & Vosstaniya
- 134 Petrograd & Vyborg Sides

Worth a Trip:

Park Pobedy	84
The Soviet South	146



The Best of Moscow & St Petersburg 149

Moscow & St Petersburg's Best Walks

Moscow Metro:
Underground Art 150

St Petersburg's
Historic Heart 152

Moscow & St Petersburg's Best...

Museums & Galleries 154

Imperial History 156

Soviet History 157

Contemporary Art 158

Architecture 159

Tours 160

Eating 162

Drinking & Nightlife 164

Entertainment 166

For Free 168

For Kids 170

Shopping 172

Survival Guide 173

Before You Go 174

Arriving in
Moscow 175

Getting Around
Moscow 176

Arriving in
St Petersburg 177

Getting Around
St Petersburg 177

Essential Information 178

Language 181



QuickStart Guide

Moscow & St Petersburg Top Sights	8
Moscow & St Petersburg Local Life	12
Moscow & St Petersburg Day Planner	14
Need to Know	16
Moscow Neighbourhoods	18
St Petersburg Neighbourhoods	19

Welcome to Moscow & St Petersburg

Two capitals, past and present. Two urban landscapes, rich with arts, architecture, culture and dramatic histories. Yet these two cities could hardly be more different. From Moscow's red-brick fortress and Stalinist skyscrapers to St Petersburg's picturesque canals and baroque facades, the Russian capitals are a study in extraordinary but exquisite contrast.



Moscow & St Petersburg Top Sights



MARINADA/SHUTTERSTOCK ©

Red Square & St Basil's Cathedral

(Moscow; p28)

Majestic centrepiece of
Moscow.

State Hermitage Museum

(St Petersburg; p90)

Dazzling imperial art
collection and interiors.



ANNA PAKUTINA/SHUTTERSTOCK ©