

TOP 15 EVENTS IN ST. PETERSBURG

winter 2019-2020



Ice Rink at New Holland Island

When: till 15 March 2020

Where: New Holland

Entrance fee: 150-350 roubles

New Holland Ice Rink is a fantastic place to have fun with friends, drink hot mulled wine and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere. There is a heated recreation area on the stage which can be accessed directly from the Ice Rink without having to take the skates off. Here you can taste Trdelniks (Czech pastries made of rolled dough with fillings), Dutch stroopwafels with caramel and a variety of warming drinks. The Ice Rink is open daily.



Ilya Repin. To the 175th Anniversary of the Artist's Birth

When: till 9 March 2020

Where: The State Russian Museum

Entrance fee: 350 roubles

The year 2019 marks the 175th anniversary of Ilya Repin's birth, the greatest painter of the second half of the XIX century, whose name is associated with the establishment and flourishing of realism in the national fine arts. The large-scale exhibition includes works from the Russian Museum, the State Tretyakov Gallery, the Ateneum Art Museum (Finland), the Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts, the Repin Museum-Estate "Penaty", the Abramtsevo Museum-Reserve and other collections.



St. Petersburg Christmas Fair

When: 12 December 2019 – 13 January 2020

Where: Malaya Sadovaya Street and Manezhnaya Square

Entrance fee: free

Every day from 12 pm till 10 pm the houses of merchants from Russia and many countries of the world will welcome the visitors. Guests will get to know about Russian traditions, culture of different regions of Russia and even of different countries, how the Italians and Germans celebrate Christmas, what songs Indians and Chinese sing and what Latvians and Swiss eat! Visitors are invited to taste national dishes of Russian regions cuisine, buy souvenirs and make traditional gifts with their own hands.



XX International Music Festival "Arts Square"

When: 14-24 December 2019

Where: St. Petersburg Academic Philharmonia

Entrance fee: from 1200 roubles

The musical forum offers a wide variety of fascinating events and encounters with world's leading musicians. The best pieces of symphonic, opera and chamber music will be performed by highly estimated musicians. Among the participants are: the State Russian Museum, Mikhailovsky Theatre, Church of the Savior on Spilled Blood, Theatre of Musical Comedy. The main part of the program is hosted by the D. D. Shostakovich St. Petersburg Academic Philharmonia Hall.



The Race of Fathers Frost

When: 21 December 2019

Where: Palace Square, city centre

Entrance fee: free

The most New Year's Race of Russia will be held on 21 December 2019 in the center of St. Petersburg on Palace Square. The race amounting up to 2,500 m will be opened by the All-Russian Father Frost from Veliky Ustyug! Join fairy tale wizards, register for the race and get the following benefits: a present from Father Frost, a Father Frost costume, a locker, the concert program, professional photos and videos, and many other pleasant surprises that will make your day. Do not forget that miracles are there where you believe in them!



Between jazz and chanson

When: 22 December 2019

Where: The Samoilovs apartment

Entrance fee: 500 roubles

The author's program of the composer and pianist Igor Druk and the pop and jazz singer Veronika Gerasimova. The program also involves saxophone and cello music. In jazz and chanson, performers invariably focus on their own understanding of the genre. At the same time, they manage to maintain the sophistication of the sound of each masterpiece, written by great composers and authors of the last century.



New Year Strauss Gala Concert

When: 25 December – 7 January 2020

Where: St. Peter and Paul Cathedral

Entrance fee: 700 roubles

The Strauss-Kamerata Orchestra invites everyone to take a breath from the New Year's bustle and spend the last moments of the departing year in a particularly bright way! The concerts of the Strauss Gala will charge everyone with energy and a sense of magic: the magnificent Imperial Waltz, the Polish Trick Truck, the Spring Waltz, Mozart, Gardel and, of course, the audience's beloved "Radetzky March".



Music by Candles. Christmas Melodies

When: 28-29 December 2019

Where: Jaani Kirik concert hall

Entrance fee: from 1800 roubles

One of the most beautiful and romantic places of the Northern Capital - Jaani Kirik concert hall - will host a festive organ concert "Music by Candles. Christmas Melodies". An unusual program of Christmas organ music is waiting for you! Special guests of the concert will be the piano, flute and violin performers. Jaani Kirik Hall will be decorated with hundreds of candles!



Morozko Ice Show by Ilya Averbukh

When: 28 December 2019 – 7 January 2020

Where: Yubileiny sports complex

Entrance fee: from 800 roubles

This winter St. Petersburg guests will see the Morozko tale directed by the main Russian ice wizard Ilya Averbukh. A total of 26 performances are planned. The classical folklore plot of a fairy tale loved from a very young age will be enhanced by modern special effects and large-scale decorations. They will make it possible to "recreate" all the fabulous attributes: the Faraway Kingdom, the enchanted forest, the hut of Baba Yaga, the flight of the Firebird and even light a fire on ice.



Christmas Classics: Seasons

When: 30 December 2019; 5, 7 January 2020

Where: Planetarium 1

Entrance fee: from 1800 roubles

The show reveals the versatility of St. Petersburg's beauty at all times of the year. The immortal masterpieces of classical music by A. Vivaldi, A. Piazzolla, F. Glass will be performed by the Strings of Petersburg ensemble. Live music will be accompanied by an impressive visual series: Christmas motifs will be projected onto the huge Planetarium's dome, as well as panoramic views of St. Petersburg at different times of the year: in spring, summer and autumn, winter and spring again.



New Year's Eve at Palace Square

When: 31 December 2019

Where: Palace Square

Entrance fee: free

Festivities on New Year's Eve are one of the good traditions of St. Petersburg. This year, festivities will begin at 11 pm on December 31 and will last until 4 am on January 1. New Year's festive performances will unfold on an interactive platform at Palace Square. Petersburgers and city guests will find a bewitching Ice-Mirror Show with light technologies, pyrotechnic and laser special effects. The concert program will feature stars of such television projects as "The Voice", "The Songs", "The Main Stage", "The New Star", etc.



The New Year's Fair in Gatchina

When: 1-8 January 2020

Where: Gatchina Park

Entrance fee: free

The New Year's Fair in Gatchina is a family holiday that the Museum-Reserve holds during the winter holidays. Concerts, excursions, workshops, children's programs in the Gatchina and Priorytsky palaces, the Christmas market and much more await guests from January 1 to January 8, 2020.



Christmas Star Fire Festival

When: early January (to be specified)

Where: the Spit of Vasilievsky Island

Entrance fee: free

On Christmas and New Year holidays, St. Petersburg residents and guests will enjoy a big celebration and unforgettable show with colorful fireworks, as well as a large-scale laser and light performances by the Theatre of Fire. Festival venues will be located near the Spit of Vasilievsky Island, and also along the Universitetskaya naberezhnaya. Everyone is welcome to come to the festival!



Nevsky Casket

When: 7-9 February 2020

Where: ExpoForum

Entrance fee: free

An exhibition and fair of folk handicrafts "Nevsky casket" will be held in ExpoForum on February 7-9, 2020. The Nevsky Casket is the largest event for stimulating development of the market of national art crafts and popularizing the products of national crafts among residents and guests of St. Petersburg. The project is intended to become the largest platform for development of the market of folk art crafts in order to preserve and popularize folk traditions among city dwellers and visitors.



Maslenitsa celebrations

When: 1 March 2020

Where: different venues

Entrance fee: free

Maslenitsa is an Eastern Slavic religious and folk holiday, celebrated during the last week before the Great Lent. People have a good time until late in the evening, eating pancakes with all kinds of fillings dancing to music groups, drinking tea, go sliding down snowy slopes or sledding. The climax of Maslenitsa is when the effigy of straw Maslenitsa is burned. This is a way to mark the coming of spring. Workshops and parades take place on the main squares of the city and its suburbs.