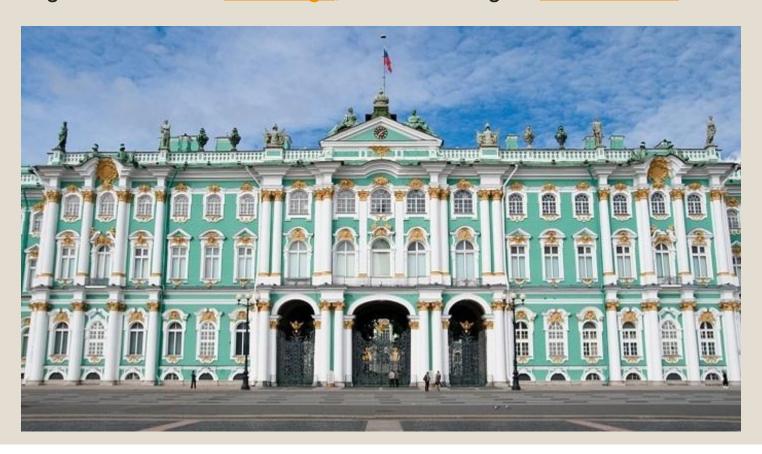# ST. PETERSBURG

Cultural Capital

◦ Saint Petersburg is often considered Russia's cultural capital. The Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Hermitage

◦ Saint Petersburg is home to the Hermitage, one of the largest art museums in the world.

Geofraphy

◦ The Neva River flows through much of the centre of the city. Left – the Spit of Vasilievsky Island, center – River Neva, Peter and Paul Fortress and Trinity Bridge, right – Palace Embankment with the Winter Palace

History

◦ At the end of the 17th century, Peter the Great, who was interested in seafaring and maritime affairs, wanted Russia to gain a seaport to trade with the rest of Europe.

◦ The city was built by conscripted peasants from all over Russia; a number of Swedish prisoners of war were also involved in some years under the supervision of Alexander Menshikov.

Dramatic Theatre.

◦ St Petersuburg has a number of dramatic theatres and drama schools. These include the Student Theatre on Mokhovaya street.

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Thank you for your attention.