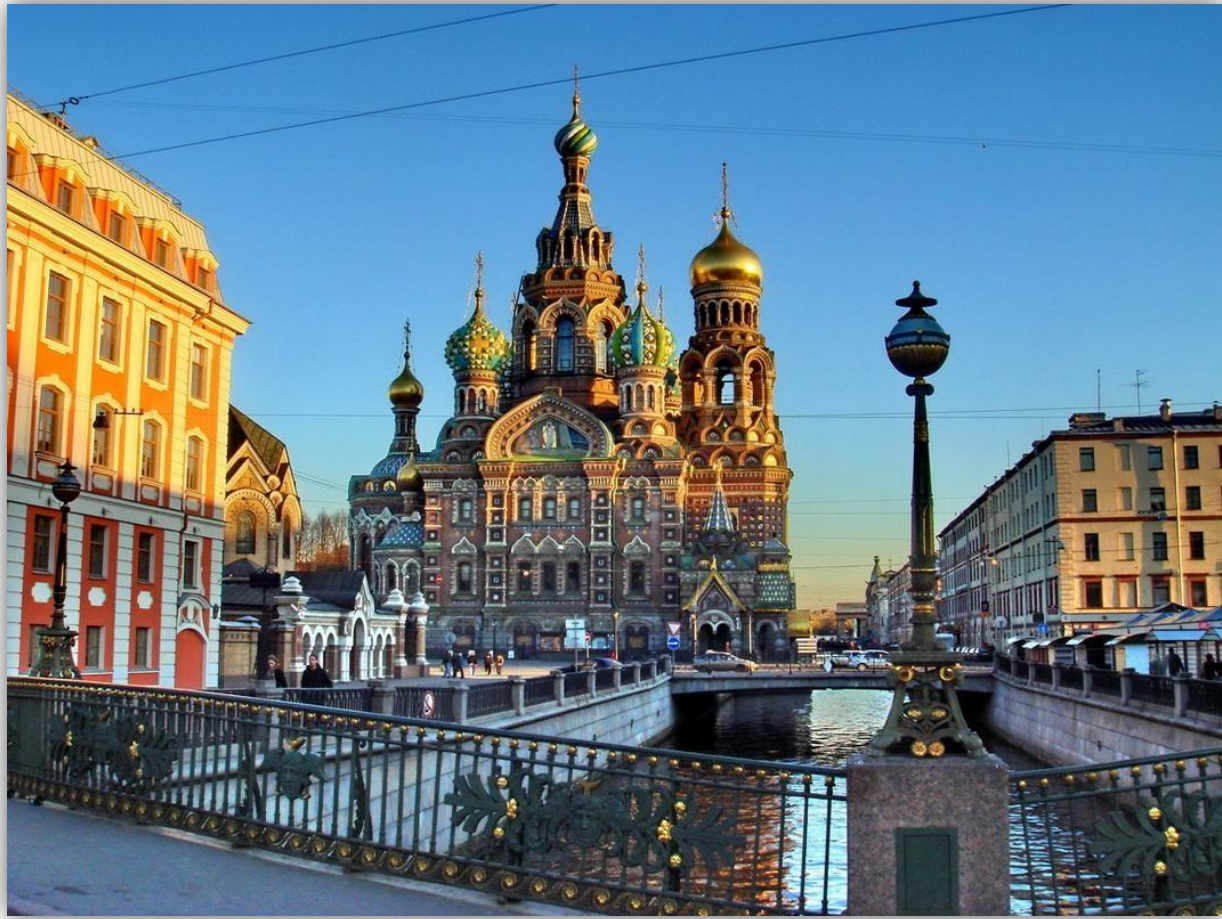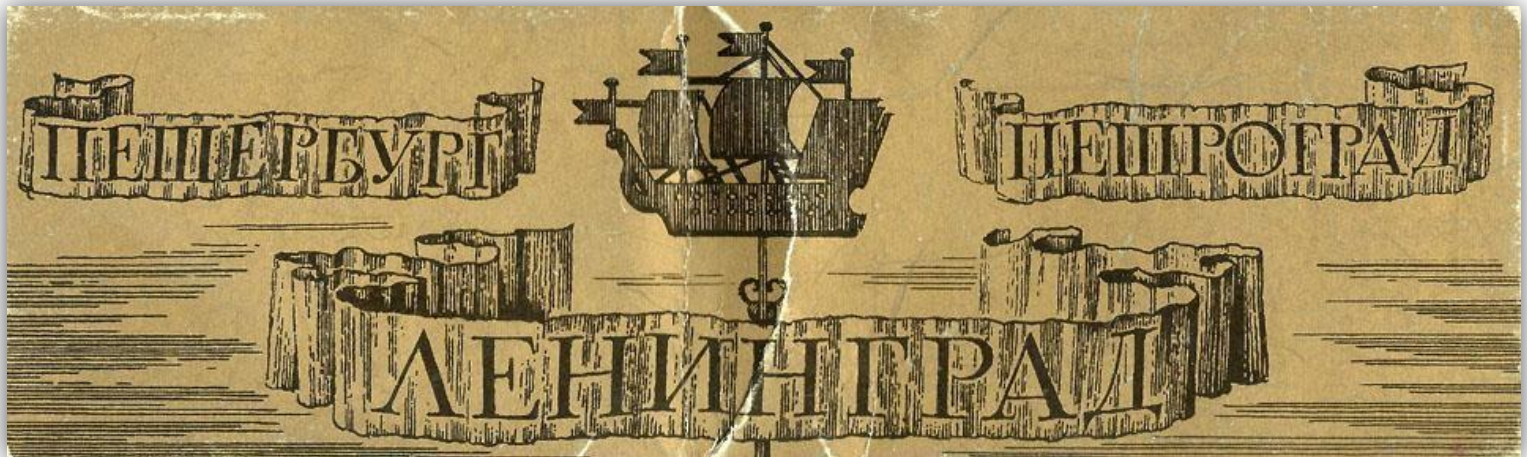# Saint Petersburg

Location

Saint Petersburg is the second largest city in Russia.

It is located on the Neva River at the head of the Gulf of Finland on the Baltic Sea.

The name of the city

In 1914 the name of the city was changed from *Saint Petersburg* to *Petrograd*, in 1924 to *Leningrad*, and in 1991, back to *Saint Petersburg*.

History

Saint Petersburg was founded by Tsar Peter the Great on May 27 1703.

Between 1713-1728 and 1732-1918, Saint Petersburg was the imperial capital of Russia.

Peter the Great

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2nd largest city

It is Russia's 2nd largest city after Moscow with
5 million inhabitants (2012).

Saint Petersburg is a major European cultural center,
and also an important Russian port on the Baltic Sea.

Cultural centre

The Historic Centre of Saint Petersburg and Related Groups of Monuments constitute a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Saint Petersburg is also home to The Hermitage, one of the largest art museums in the world.

The Hermitage

Economy

Saint Petersburg is a major trade gateway, financial and industrial centre of Russia specialising in oil and gas trade, shipbuilding yards, aerospace industry, radio and electronics, software and computers and many other businesses.

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The Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum is a major Russian investment forum

Economy

Icebreaker Moscow during the final stage of construction on the Baltic Shipyard

The Saint Petersburg docks at dawn

Climate

Saint Petersburg has a humid continental climate. Distinct moderating influence of the Baltic Sea cyclones result in warm, humid and short summers and long, cold wet winters.

Climate

The average maximum temperature in July is 23 °C. A winter minimum of −43 °C was recorded in 1883. The average annual temperature is 5.8 °C.

The Neva River within the city limits usually freezes up in November-December and break-up occurs in April.

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