



## **Mission to St. Petersburg** **May 15-19, 2008 / 10-14 Iyar 5768**

*Be part of this important moment of history in our FSU movement and join our members in St. Petersburg in dedicating the first Progressive Synagogue-Center in the city.*

- **See first hand the work of the World Union and the inspiring growth of Progressive/Reform Judaism in St. Petersburg**
- **Meet the local leaders and constituents of the movement and hear about their achievements and challenges**
- **Join fellow leaders and congregants to make this a global experience**
- **Enjoy the experience of White Nights in St. Petersburg**

**REGISTER NOW! SPACE IS LIMITED!**  
**\$1,175 (USD) PER PERSON, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY**

### **TOUR INCLUDES:**

- *4 nights in St. Petersburg at Petro Palace Hotel (a 4 star hotel)*
- *Breakfast and dinner daily*
- *Transportation by 1<sup>st</sup> class coach (air-conditioned) throughout the program*
- *English speaking guide accompany group*
- *Excursions and entrance fees according to the program*
- *VAT of 18%*

## ITINERARY DETAILS\*

### Day 1, Thursday, May 15

Arrival in St. Petersburg...Travel to Petro Palace Hotel...this day will begin with an orientation tour in St. Petersburg including: Spit of Vasilyevsky Island, St. Isaac's Cathedral, Peter and Paul Fortress and Nevsky Prospekt...Dinner will be with Sha'arei Shalom Rabbi Stas Wojciechowicz, congregants and other World Union leaders who will discuss Progressive Judaism in the FSU with a special focus on the growing community in St. Petersburg...Overnight Petro Palace Hotel see: <http://www.allrussiahotels.com/russia/petersburg/hotel/petropalacehotel.html>.

### Day 2, Friday, May 16

Breakfast...Day of touring, including the incomparable Hermitage Museum and local Jewish heritage sites: the Jewish Community Center, the Choral Synagogue and the "Formula of Sorrow", and St. Petersburg's memorial to the victims of the Holocaust... In the evening we will gather for a special Kabbalat Shabbat service that will include a dedication of the new Sha'arei Shalom Synagogue-Center in St. Petersburg. A festive Shabbat dinner will be held with congregation members... Overnight Petro Palace Hotel.

### Day 3, Saturday, May 17

Breakfast...Shabbat morning services...Afternoon of local sites including the Summer Gardens, and the Church of our Savior...Havdallah followed by dinner with congregational Netzer youth...Optional cultural program or cruise on the Neva River this evening... Overnight Petro Palace Hotel.

### Day 4, Sunday, May 18

Breakfast...Day of touring, including Peterhof Palace, built by Peter the Great as the Russian answer to Versailles. This imperial summer residence is a historical and architectural monument of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Peterhof was a residence used for Gala Receptions only. It is known as the "Capital of Fountains", the most splendid group of them being the Great Cascade and is still be restored following the destruction of World War II...This final day will conclude with a festive farewell gala dinner... Overnight Petro Palace Hotel.

### Monday, May 19

Breakfast...Check out from hotel...travel to airport for departure...

*\*Itinerary subject to change*

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**QUESTIONS? For additional program information contact Debbie Pulik:**  
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Tour does not include: Round trip airfare, any border taxes or visas, tips to guides, driver and dining room waiters, travel insurance (highly recommended) or items of a personal nature. A deposit of \$250 is required by January 15, 2008 (\$100 of which is non-refundable). There will be a cancellation charge of \$100 if cancelled once booked. \$250 per person charge if cancelled 31-60 days before departure. 100% penalties apply if cancelled 30 days or less before departure. Additional airline penalties may apply.