



Saint Petersburg

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Introduction

Reflecting on the theme of the project, we went through a lot of options. We started with the St. Petersburg metro, and ended up with historical sights. We tried to guess what might be interesting and for which reason. But one way or another, we made a decision, taking as a basis, perhaps, one of the most extensive of the possible topics.



The topic is...

Since 1712, our hometown - St. Petersburg became the capital of the Russian Empire. Beginning from Peter the First and until the last emperor – Nicholas the Second, the whole dynasty lived in the city, having managed to tie up a lot of places around the city with their famous surname. As you understand, we`re going to give a talk about Saint-Petersburg tourist attractions which are connected with the Romanovs. We will cover 3 objects located in the city and suburbs.



The first step:

So, let`s get started. Imagine that we stroll through the Saint – Petersburg streets. Around city that has begun to be built near the wooden Peter and Paul`s fortress. After passing through the future Trinity Square, we will see a small wooden house guarded by guardsmen. Having asked a rare passer-by – a carpenter - we learn that this is the first building of the city. The worker smiled slyly when we tried to ask more, and, referring to the unfinished business, hurried off. Interested, we came closer. Suddenly, the door of the house opens, and from there appears a tall man. He is dressed in a uniform, on his head - a wig and a triangular hat. Behind him run three officials who are trying to ask something. In amazement, we recognize the person - the emperor, Peter the First.



We just got acquainted with the Peter's house. This is the first building in St. Petersburg, the summer residence of the king, Peter I, in the period from 1703 to 1708. This small wooden house was built by carpenters near Troitskaya Square in just three days. It can be seen on Petrovskaya Embankment, 6.

Second step:



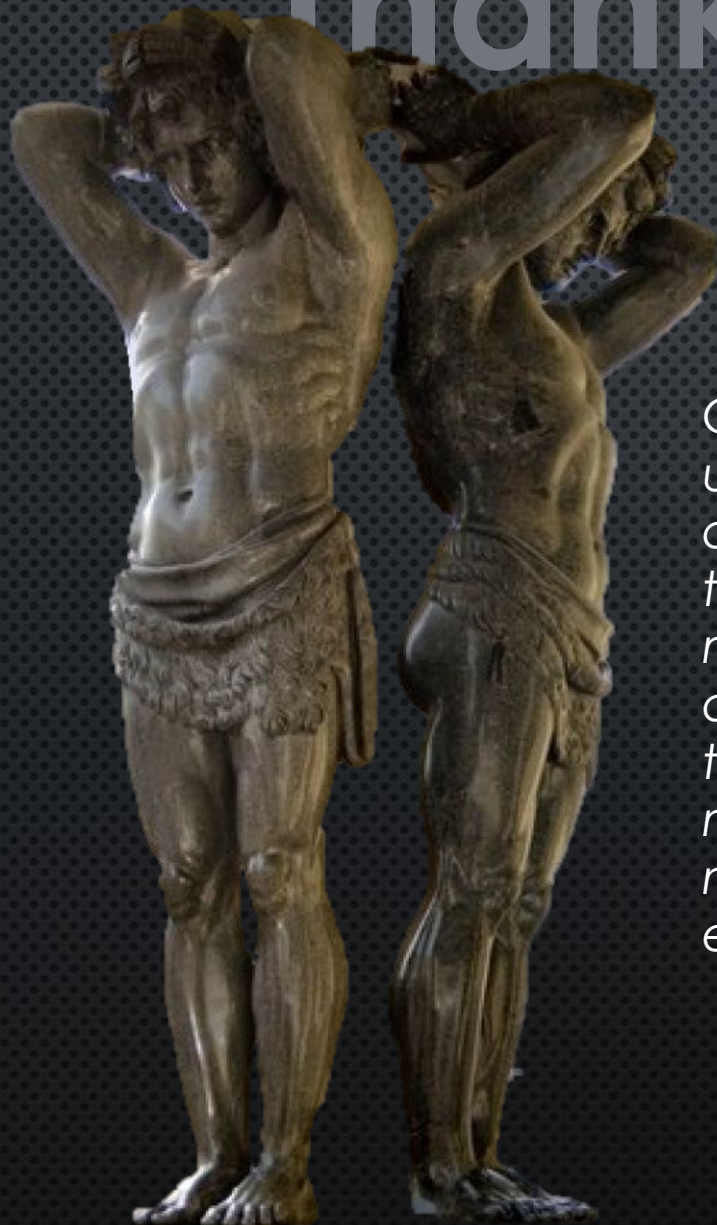
Continuing our walk in time we move to 1710. We will go by a cart along the bulk road to the shore of the Gulf of Finland. After 3 hours, or 30 kilometers from the city, there opens a chic view of the erected palace complex. Years later this place, sprinkled with dozens of fountains and avenues, will be called Peterhof. A magnificent park ensemble was founded by Peter the Great. Creating this the emperor dreamed of surpassing the famous Versailles. From the XVIII to the beginning of the XX century the palace was the main summer residence of the imperial family.

Third step:

Continuing our journey, I again propose to overcome 40 kilometers from the center of St. Petersburg, in the south, to the shores of the Gulf of Finland. Like Petrodvorets, local buildings began their existence in 1710. One by one, the complex's buildings grew, gardens expanded, and channels were dug. The intelligentsia from all over the city, wearing magnificent outfits, loved to come here for the holidays arranged by the owners of the place.

At the beginning of the XVIII century, Peter I presented this picturesque plot of land on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland to his companion Prince Menshikov. The legend tells us that on the lands chosen to build the palace, they found a small greenhouse with pomeranian orange trees. In translation from German, the orange tree sounds like "Oranienbaum". In honor of this unusual finding, the homestead got its name. Thus began the history of the creation of a large palace ensemble "Oranienbaum". From 1743-1762 the palace complex was the residence of Grand Duke Peter Fedorovich - the future Emperor Peter III and his wife - the future Empress Catherine II. Today, the museum-reserve is a part of the World Heritage monument "The Historical Center of St. Petersburg".

Thanks for watching!



Guests, thank you for taking a walk with us. I assure you that you have heard only a part of what can be said about the beauties of St. Petersburg. Our magnificent city is famous for hundreds of places, the description of which can take days, weeks. We tried to talk as much as possible about the selected masterpieces. We hope that you enjoyed our little excursion.

