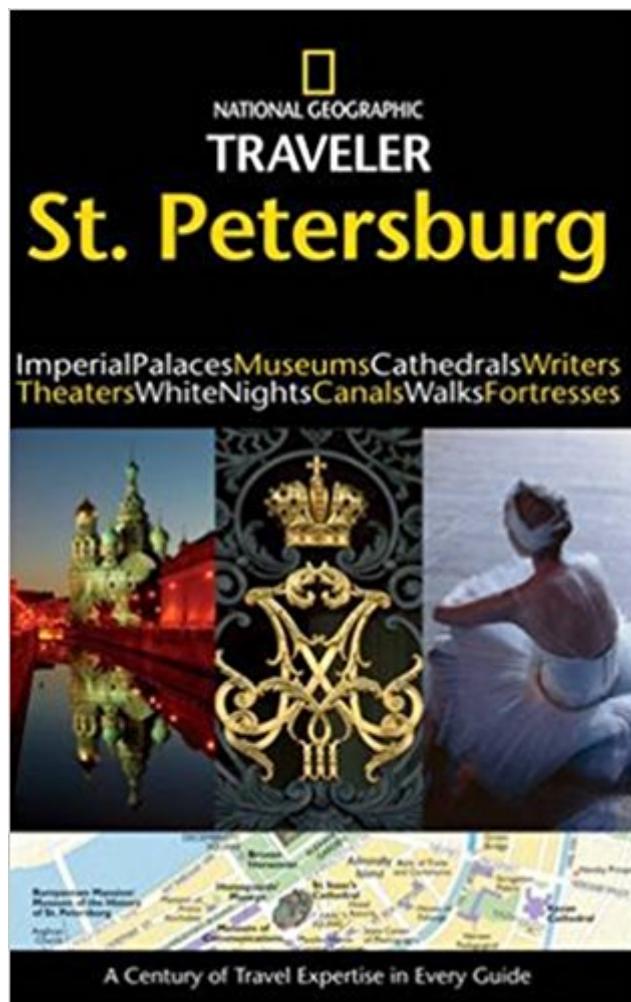


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This new Traveler guide brings you the best of St. Petersburg, the enchanted, canal-crossed gem built by Peter the Great. Having survived three revolutions and three name changes, the city still lives on gloriously. The guide reviews St. Petersburg's remarkable history, illuminating the city's love affair with history, architecture, ballet, and painting. You'll find directions to and descriptions of all the main sites—the formidable SS. Peter and Paul Fortress; the famed Hermitage Museum, housed in a series of historic buildings including the baroque Winter Palace; Palace Square; St. Isaac's Cathedral; Nevsky Prospekt; along with such lesser known attractions as the Church of Spilled Blood, Peter the Great's cabin, and the fascinating Museum of Musical Instruments. Each book offers a wealth of practical information—including insider picks of hotels, restaurants, and driving and walking tours; combined with the sophisticated reporting and stunning photographs that are the hallmark of National Geographic.

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Great book with all the information I was looking for ; also great price and condition

I am a subscriber to National Geographic Traveler. We will be traveling to Russia, including St. Petersburg, in which we are especially interested. This guide to St. Petersburg seems to contain enough maps and information to make our tour successful and helpful. Their are good descriptions of important buildings and monuments with maps and photos. It is divided into city sections so that

one can pick a place or site to visit easily. Carol Bess

Excellent travellers' guide of what to do and see in St. Petersburg. As good as the Michelin Guides, which we have always enjoyed.

National Geographic Traveler, as usual, is absolutely a delight to read. We purchased the book a few weeks prior to our trip to St. Petersburg and the book is well worth the cost. The book is very comprehensive and includes a huge section on history & culture, Excursions, as well as the various regions of the City. I also like the "Travelwise" section at the end of the book explaining the various miscellaneous items (Passports & visa explanations, climate, practical advices, etiquette & local customs, tipping, etc). Overall an excellent resource for our trip.

Colorful, compact city guides are useful companions if you are visiting just one metropolis. And National Geographic's first Russia title is a beautiful, well-written addition to this niche. Rare in this genre, the book has a single author (Jeremy Howard) and photographer (Yuri Belinsky). Both cover the territory with affection. The travel information is thorough and the attention to detail (i.e. museum hours right alongside the relevant text, instead of hidden away) is noteworthy. And, of course, since this is National Geographic, the maps are superb. (Reviewed in *A Russian Life*)

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