



## TEFL in SAINT PETERSBURG, RUSSIA

### Course dates 2019

- January 28, 2019 - February 22, 2019
- May 27, 2019 - June 21, 2019
- August 26, 2019 - September 20, 2019
- September 30, 2019 - October 25, 2019

### Get TEFL certified in one of the most elegant cities in the world!

St Petersburg is quite rightly known throughout the world for its beauty and culture. So unlike the Russian cities that came before it, with its strict geometric lines and an elegance reminiscent of Europe's most alluring capitals. St. Petersburg is built on more than a hundred islands in the NEA Delta linked by canals and arched bridges, it is often called the "northern Venice," and its elegant embankments are reminiscent of those of Paris. The city's focal point is the Admiralty; its most-visited attraction, a stone's throw away, the Winter Palace. Three major avenues radiate outward from the Admiralty: Nevsky Prospect (St. Petersburg's main shopping street), Gorokhovaya Ulitsa, and Voznesensky Prospect.

### Via Lingua TEFL Training Center

In St Petersburg the CTEFL courses are run in cooperation with the Benedict School - the biggest and most popular language school in the city. The St Petersburg centre is located in the heart of the city, near the Winter Palace, Square and the Hermitage. A great variety of cultural, shopping and entertainment facilities are at hand. Survival Russian Lessons are also provided as part of the package.

### Teaching English in Russia

As there are many openings at the Benedict school for newly qualified teachers. St Petersburg is the perfect place for taking a TEFL course. For a growing number of young Russians, English is the key to a better job and a ticket to a new life abroad, hence the EFL boom. Oil, tourism, and services outsourcing are among the major industries where good English is essential. Private English language schools abound. Most the schools employ a mix of local and native-speaker teachers. Demand for the latter is so high that even new teachers are overloaded with work.



### Food and Clothing

Nothing, absolutely nothing, tastes better than hot Russian crepes with caviar, mushrooms, caramel, berries, or what have you with a cup of tea on a cold winter street. Russian cuisine is derived from the vast number of cultures contained within its expansive borders. With Eastern cooking methods and staples such as fish,

poultry, game, mushrooms, berries and honey with various breads supplemented by crops of rye, wheat, barley and millet, the country's flavorful soups and stews are the perfect defense against Russia's often-harsh climate.

St. Petersburg weather is COLD, so dress accordingly -- down coat, hat, gloves and possibly long johns. Waterproof boots are a must; the streets are muddy even if it's not snowing. Dress conservatively; bright colors will really make you stand out.

## Climate

St Petersburg's climate is mild, though unpredictable. Winters are cold, with freezing winds and snowfall, and temperatures average about 9°F to 10°F (-13°C to -12°C) in January and February (the coldest months), sometimes dropping lower. June to August is usually the warmest time of year, though temperatures are still relatively low and average in the mid-60s Fahrenheit (about 20°C). Summer tends to be the most popular time to travel to St Petersburg.

## Excursions and Cultural Highlights

With the possible exception of the Louvre, there is no museum in the world that rivals the Hermitage in size and quality. Its collection is so large that it would take years to view it in its entirety--at last count, there were nearly three million works on exhibit. The museum is especially strong in Italian Renaissance and French Impressionist paintings, as well as possessing outstanding collections of works by Rembrandt, Picasso, and Matisse. Visitors should also take advantage of its excellent Greek and Roman antiquities collection and its exhibits of Siberian and Central Asian art. Not least among the attractions of the Hermitage is the museum itself, with its fine interior decoration and architectural detail.

## Accommodation

Upon request, Via Lingua is able to book housing for you. We strive to meet your requirements and work to meet your needs and make your stay enjoyable.

## Special Offers

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