

“White Nights of St.Petersburg” - Special Russian Language Courses



The Cathedral of the Resurrection

White Nights is the period of time when the centre of the Sun goes down beyond the horizon at midnight for about 7 degrees. St. Petersburg is the place where you can observe this phenomenon within more than 50 days. It begins on the 25th/26th of May and ends on the 16th/17th of July. People from all over the world come to our city to watch this spectacular season of the year. The White Nights of St.Petersburg are famous in all parts of the world and attract attention of not only tourists, but also the citizens of St. Petersburg. This is the time when the city changes its image, it becomes more romantic as this is the

best time for spending nights walking around. The white night falls down invisibly as the slightest shadow. This is the phenomenon of St.Petersburg. During the White Nights, when the Sun goes down beyond the horizon, its beams are still lightening the city. This is the only place in the world where the period of time during the year is the symbol of the city. Wonderful landscapes in the dim light of the White Nights makes the city look really superb. And when you see the bridges rise their powerful wings over the Neva framed by the marvelous embankments, parks and palaces, you'll not be indifferent, you'll be eager to come here again and again.

*Nor may the darkness mount, to smother The golden cloudland of the light,
For soon one dawn succeeds another With barely half-an-hour of night.*

A. Pushkin “The Bronze Horseman”

Technically speaking the so-called "White Nights" are not unique to St Petersburg, but only here have the northern nights received such a poetic acclaim. What could be more romantic than walking along rivers and canals when night is as bright as early evening? It is the world's only metropolis where such a phenomenon takes place every summer. Every year there are days when the downtown St Petersburg is full of people, even at night. It is a great time for those in love...

For High School graduates who usually get their diplomas about June 21-22. From late May to early July nights are bright in St Petersburg, but the real White Nights normally last from June 11 to July 2. The nature of the White Nights (Beliye Nochi) can be explained by the geographical location of St. Petersburg. It is the world's most northern city with a population over 1 million. St Petersburg is located at 59 degrees 57' North (roughly on the same latitude as Oslo, Norway, the southern tip of Greenland and Seward, Alaska). Due to such a high latitude the sun does not go under the horizon deep enough for the sky to get dark. The dusk meets the dawn and it is so bright that in summer they do not turn street lighting on.



The Palace Bridge and Kunstkammer

"White Nights of St.Petersburg" - Special Russian Language Courses

The time when the White Nights come to St.Petersburg is traditionally considered to be the beginning of various international music, theatre and sport festivals.

The "Stars of the White Nights at Mariinsky Theatre" Festival

This Festival has become famous all over the world. Since 1993 it has become the event where the artistic aims of the performers met the demands of the artistic interests of the audience. The beauty of the White Nights, sung by Pushkin, creates the unique atmosphere of the Festival, where we can watch the brilliant acting of the best Russian and foreign actors and actresses. You can watch and listen to the masterpieces of the Russian and European composers: Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Berlioz, Mozart, etc. Modern music is also presented at the Festival. Some musical fragments will be presented to the public for the first time in Russia.



The Mariinsky Ballet

The "White Nights" Jazz Festival.

The official name of the Festival is THE SWING OF THE WHITE NIGHT. The organizer of the Festival is David Goloschoykin, Russian jazz musician, and the St.Petersburg Jazz Music Philharmonic Society. Both well-known and new jazz bands take part in the Festival. The most important and interesting event of the Festival is the joint performance of Russian and foreign jazzmen in the Ellington Hall and in the open air near the Mikhailovskiy Castle.

The "Palaces of St.Petersburg" Festival of the Classical Music.

The 11th annual costume Festival is held in most beautiful palaces of St.Petersburg and its suburbs. The program of the Festival includes dancing and costumes show. The Festival was founded in 1990 by the famous piano player Konstantin Orbelyan. 11 countries take part in the Festival.

The "Message to People" Film Festival.

Animation, short-time and documentary films created by the directors from various countries of the world take part in the Festival. The program includes meeting with the film creators.

The "White Nights" Rock Music Festival.

Usually is held in the open air: The Kirov Stadium. The history of the Festival goes back to 1988. The official name of the Festival is OPEN YOUR WINDOWS! The main aim is to "open the windows" for the young talented groups. World-famous rock groups are usually the guests of the Festival. LIFE MUSIC!

The Annual "Vivat St.Petersburg!" Costume Show.

It is held in the beginning of June. The program includes Theatre Characters' Parade, Life Pictures, Episodes from Theatre Plays. The shows will take place in the Arts Square, Theatre Square, Mohovaya Street, Summer Garden and near the Engineers' Castle. There will be Festival shows in most of the music and night clubs of St.Petersburg. Specially organised groups of people from all districts of the city as well as the delegations from foreign countries will take place in the Festival. You'll see the Parade of specially designed platforms of the biggest companies of St.Petersburg and Moscow, various state organisations and educational institutions.



The Costume Show

The first Festival of the kind was held in 1721 in order to commemorate the victory of Russia in the North War.

"White Nights of St. Petersburg" - Special Russian Language Courses



The Peter and Paul Fortress

The "White Nights of St.Petersburg" International Motoshow.

Its the first International Motoshow held by the "Bike Brothers" MotoClub under the support of the St.Petersburg Administration. The first part is the great show held in one of the main squares of St.Petersburg. The program includes Russian Pop Stars performance, Stunt people and Motoextreme Drivers from the "Risk" Club show, the Russian National Mototrial team show, various contests and prizes from the sponsors, Moto Fashion Show and a lot of other events. The great fireworks will indicate the end of the Festival.

Water Festivities.

The widest part of the Neva River will be the place for the Aqua Race Formula I World Cup. This is the competition of the best pilots and the most powerful and fast boats in the world. The AquaBike World Cup as well as the Yacht Regata also take place during the White Nights period.

The Jogging Festival of St.Petersburg.

The SAMSUNG WHITE NIGHTS Jogging Festival of St.Petersburg will start in the Palace Square. Its held under the support of the Government of St.Petersburg and the St.Petersburg Track & Field Federation. This is the kind of the competition where the participation is more important than the victory. Everybody can take part in this competition. This is the family festival and those who have no possibility to run 5 km distance because of the age can simply walk it. The main thing about this Festival is participation and good mood.



***Just feel it and enjoy!
With ProBa Educational Centre!***

<http://www.russian-learning.com>

to view detailed course description go to the next page...



THE SCHOOL...



Reception

Too little time, but have been learning loads in this short time! Thanks! Your program fitted perfectly with my vacation plans. I'm really glad I came to do this course, the environment in this school is something completely different from my experience. Extremely friendly and personal atmosphere and gret teachers. I might very well come back at some point!

Jonas Helseth, Norway

Why study at our Centre?

Studying in Russia is a life-altering experience. Living in a different culture will help you see the world from a completely different perspective. It is an amazing experience that will change your life.



Our library

Studying in Russia is a chance to gain true language fluency The only way to truly become fluent in a language is to be immersed in it. If you've studied a language for several years and wish to gain fluency in that language, we can offer you the opportunity to gain fluency in a short time.

Studying abroad is the perfect way to grow as a person. You will broaden your horizons, develop your intellect, and overcome your inhibitions. You will meet new people, see new places, expose yourself to new cultures, engage new ideas and return with a better understanding of the world, your studies, and yourself.

The top 7 reasons you should choose our courses:

- Quality education with much lower cost
- Admission is flexible, easier and open for all levels
- You may start learn the language from "zero"
- Smaller class size, easier communication with instructors
- Our educational system is friendly to international students
- Wide variety of courses and educational programs
- Special designed short-term programs meet the needs of daily life

Learn about yourself, be independent!

Studying abroad is an occasion to challenge yourself with new situations that will test you abilities to adapt and learn. You may find yourself questioning some of your most long-held beliefs. All you need to succeed is an open mind and a good sense of humor.

Good teacher, good group, good family, good course material, good atmosphere, value for money, very helpful! I only come back if I can stay again with my host family - two very nice and interesting people!

I highly recommend this school. High quality education at a fair price. Teachers with a real interest in their students, also after school is out. Not only commitment, but really involvement.

Not only a school of Russian Language, but also of Russian life, history and culture.

Henk Slabbekoorn, Holland



WI-FI internet access allows you to have free internet connection in the school not only at our Internet Corner, but also from your own laptop in the classroom

"White Nights of St.Petersburg" - Special Russian Language Courses



In order to give our guests the possibility to not only to master their knowledge of the Russian Language, but also to visit our city during the famous White Nights, we have designed The "White Nights Language Courses". Also we propose the cultural program included in the Course fee and the tickets to the various cultural events in our office on request.

Course dates: Language Course starts on Monday, the 13th of June 2011 and ends on the 24th of June, 2011. The accommodation is paid from Saturday, the 11th of June through Saturday, the 25th of June.

Levels: from total Beginner to Advanced.

Summary:

20 lessons per week (4 hours/day)

- maximum 6 participants per group
- course fee include accommodation in the Host family, single room, HP

Course fee (total two weeks) **EURO 550**

Following services are included in the course fee:

Transfer from the airport, entry test, teaching material, course certificate, information material, cultural program (2 excursions), accommodation in the host family: single room, half board.

Prolongation and additional information:

Prolongation of the course is possible as Mini-Group course:

- Language Course: EURO 160/week
- Accommodation, HB: EURO 170/week, additional day - EURO 27
- Supplementary individual lessons: EURO 20/hour

Enrollment

To obtain the official invitation from our Centre the following paperwork should be submitted to our office:

1. Filled-in enrollment form (you may print the form from the next page).
2. A photocopy of your valid passport, pages with photo.

Actual Address

197110 Zagorodny 17
St.Petersburg, Russia
Phone: +007 8129061308
Fax: +007 9219061308
info@russian-learning.com

International Mail Address

(Please send your mail to this address)
ProBa P.O. Box 109
Lappeenranta Fin - 53101
FINLAND
<http://www.russian-learning.com>

**To download full color school brochure with all courses description, please, visit
<http://www.russian-learning.com>**

Enrollment form

ProBa Centre for Russian as a Foreign Language in St. Petersburg

Personal Data

Name _____ First name _____ Sex _____
Address _____ Zip - City _____ Country _____
Tel.(day) _____ Tel.(evening) _____ Fax _____
Who to contact in case of emergency during your stay in Russia _____

Visa related data

Arrival not earlier than _____ Departure not later than _____
Profession, employer, work/study address, tel. _____

Nationality _____ Place of birth _____ Date of birth _____
Pass number _____ Valid to _____

Course chosen

Course type	number of lessons per week	begin	duration (weeks)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mini-Group	20 lessons	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	20 lessons	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	30 lessons	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Live and study at teacher	20 lessons	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Crash	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Semester	_____	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Russian Project	20 lessons	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> White Nights Courses	20 lessons	_____	_____

Mother tongue _____ Other languages spoken (best first) _____

Your level of knowledge in Russian

Beginner Elementary Intermediate Advanced

The Country and city, where you are going to get the Russian entry visa.....

Previous Russian language courses in Russia (please specify course length and year).....

Accommodation

ProBa organizes Host family (please specify requirements, eg. Non-smoking)

Students hostel Hotel _____

Participant organizes accommodation independently

Date _____ Signature _____

Notes _____