

Welcome
to
Institute of Problems in
Mechanical Engineering

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GETTING TO CAMPUS

(For the map of Metro Lines, please see page 6)

From Pulkovo Airport:

Public transport:

- Take city buses number 39, 39A or Minivan Taxi number K39 to get to Moskovskaya metro station. The bus stop is in front of the Arrivals hall exit.
- From Moskovskaya take metro line No. 2 (Direction: Parnas) and follow to Nevsky Prospect (7 stops after the Airport)
- Change to line No. 3 (Direction: Primorskaya) and get off at the station Vasileostrovskaya. Campus is located 1.5 km from the Vasileostrovskaya metro station (See map on page 4).

Taxi:

- Take taxi from the airport to Bolshoj pr. V.O., 61 (in Russian: Большой пр. В.О., 61). Note, that you should ask a taxi driver about the price before you sit into the car. The approximate cost of a taxi from the airport to Campus is 1000 rub (about 15 euros). To book a taxi upon arrival at the airport address the official counter «Taxi Pulkovo» located in the arrival areas of both terminals. Employee at the counter will inform you about the exact fixed price of the trip, will invite a taxi out of the list of official carriers and will provide you with an invoice that has to be paid to the taxi driver at the end of the trip. **Don't use unofficial taxi!**

From Moskovskiy Railway station:

Public transport:

- Take metro line No. 3 (Direction: Primorskaya) and get off at the station Vasileostrovskaya.

From Finlyandsky (Finland) Railway station:

Public transport:

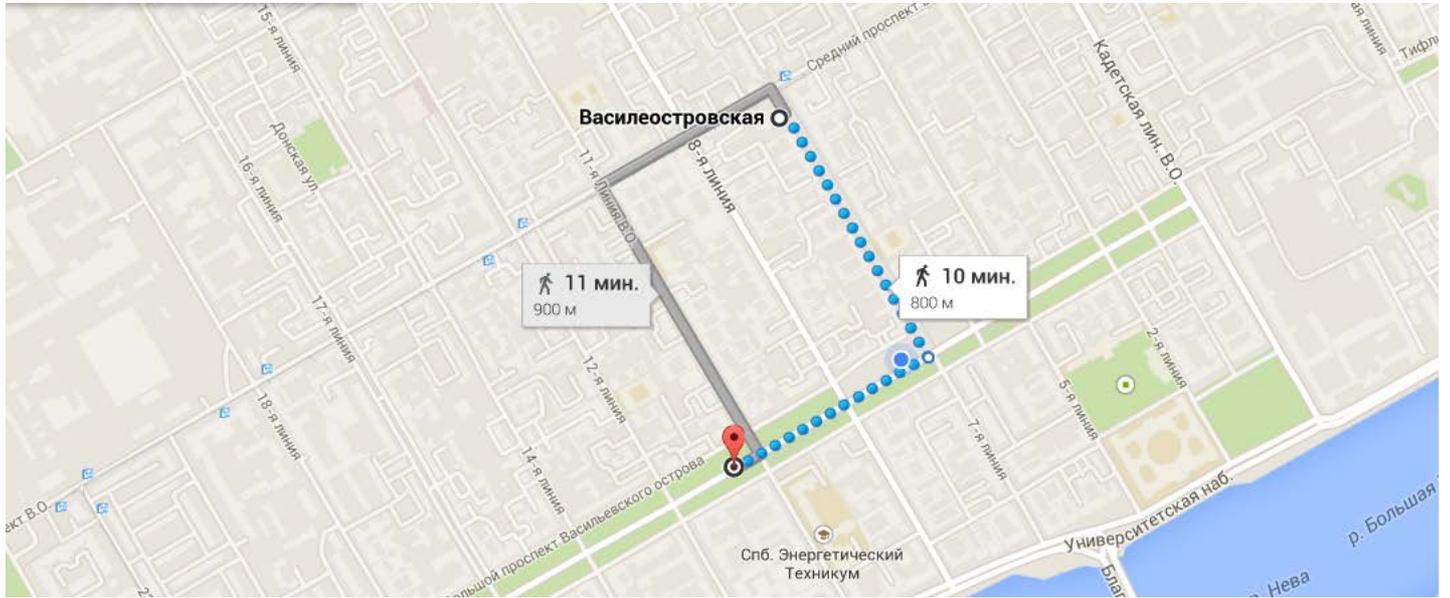
- Take metro line No. 1 (Direction: Prospekt Veteranov) and follow to Ploshchad Vosstaniya
- Change to line No. 3 (Direction: Primorskaya) and get off at the station Vasileostrovskaya. Campus is located 1.5 km from the Vasileostrovskaya metro station (See map on page 4).

ATTENTION!!PUBLIC TRANSPORT DOESN'T WORK BETWEEN 00:00AND06:00AM!!

For all directions you can also take Taxi. Campus Address for Taxi: Большой пр. В.О., 61

CAMPUS LOCATION

EECI International Graduate School on Control 2017 (EECI-IGSC-2017) M22 will be held close to the historical center of Saint Petersburg at Vasilyevsky Island, Bolshoj pr. V.O., 61. See map [here](#) or below.



GETTING TO DOWNTOWN

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- From Moskovskaya take metro line No. 2 (Direction: Parnas) and follow to Nevsky Prospect (7 stops after the Airport)

From Moskovskiy Railway station:

- Take metro line No. 3 (Direction: Primorskaya) and get off at the station Gostinyy Dvor.

From Finlyandsky (Finland) Railway station:

- Take metro line No. 1 (Direction: Prospekt Veteranov) and follow to Ploshchad Vosstaniya
- Change to line No. 3 (Direction: Primorskaya) and get off at the station Gostinyy Dvor.

From Campus:

- Take metro and get off at the station Gostinyy Dvor.
Note that you can also walk from Campus to Downtown. Campus is located 30 minutes walking from the Hermitage and 50 minutes walking from central metro station Gostinyy Dvor.

Ticket Prices:

Metro (all directions): 45 rubles

Tram, Bus, Trolley bus: 40 rubles

You can buy metro coins from coins machines, as well as from ticket offices at the entrance of each station. You can buy a ticket for Tram, Bus, Trolley bus inside the vehicle from the conductor.

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Map for Metro Lines



СХЕМА ЛИНИЙ ПЕТЕРБУРГСКОГО МЕТРОПОЛИТЕНА THE SAINT PETERSBURG SUBWAY MAP



УСЛОВНЫЕ ОБОЗНАЧЕНИЯ MAP SYMBOLS

- Линии метрополитена Subway Lines:** M1, M2, M3, M4, M5, M6
- Станции пересадок Change for another line:** (Two overlapping circles)
- Станция строится или проектируется The station is under construction:** (Circle with a diagonal line)
- Железнодорожные вокзалы, станции, платформы Railroad stations:** (Train icon)
- Автовокзал Bus station:** (Bus icon)
- Автобус в аэропорт Bus to airport:** (Bus icon with airport symbol)
- Музей метро Metro museum:** (Museum icon)
- Порты Sea and river ports:** (Anchor icon)

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AFTER ARRIVING TO CAMPUS

The venue of the event is the Institute of Problems in Mechanical Engineering (61, Bolshoy ave.V.O., 199178, Saint-Petersburg).

Classroom: Conference hall on the 3rd Floor.

Meeting & Registration will be held at the lobby.

Language: The official language of the Graduate School is English.

Letter of Invitation: Upon request, the department will send a personal invitation to participant. This invitation is meant only to help visitors raise travel funds or to obtain a visa, and is not a commitment on the part of the organizers to provide any financial support.

Would you have any question, do not hesitate to contact us:

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Places to eat near Campus

There are numerous of places on Sredniy prospect and some on Bolshoy pr:

KwakInn Belgium Beer Restaurant

Serves Belgium national dishes and beer.

Address: Bolshoy prospect, 37 (in Russian: Большой пр., д. 37)

Republic of coffee

Address: Bolshoy prospect, 47 (in Russian: Большой пр., д. 47)

MarketPlace

Address: 7th Liniya VO, 34 (in Russian: 7я линия ВО, д. 34)

KFC, Burger King

Address: Sredniy prospect, 38 (in Russian: Средний пр., д. 38)

See tripadvisor.com for more suggestions:

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g298507-d6118231-Reviews-Subway-St_Petersburg_Northwestern_District.html#MAPVIEW

Enter into the search: Bolshoy V.O. pr., 61, Sankt-Peterburg, Russia, 199106

Budget hotels near Campus

Vasilyevsky Island

Stasov Hotel

Address: 1-ya Liniya V. O. 16

Approx. price per night: € 42

Web site: <http://stasovhotel.com/>

Mini Hotel Raiskiy Ugolok

Address: Repina Street 11 Apt 5

Approx. price per night: € 58

Web site: <http://www.edhotel.ru/>

Rinaldi na Vasilevskom

Address: 4 Liniya Vasilyevskogo Ostrova 13

Approx. price per night: € 58

Web site: <http://www.rinaldi.ru/hotel/optimum/Vasilevsky/>

Online Hostel

Address: 6-ya Liniya Vasil`evskogo Ostrova 27 App 1

Approx. price per night: € 56

Web site: <http://online-hostel.com/>

Hostel Avantage at Smolenka

Address: Kamskaya Street 4

Approx. price per night: € 45

Web site: <http://avantage-hotel.spb.ru/>

Hostel Days

Address: Malyy Prospekt V.O. 37

Approx. price per night: € 40

Web site: <https://www.facebook.com/hostel.days.7/about>

Hostel at Suslov Cultural Foundation

Address: 6-ya liniya V.O. 47

Approx. price per night: € 15

Hotel Kadetskaya 29

Address: Kadetskaya Liniya 29

Approx. price per night: € 45

Central District

Mir Hostel

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 16

Approx. price per night: € 47

Web site: <http://mirhostel.com/>

FD Hostel

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 11

Approx. price per night: € 38

Web site: <http://fdhostel.ru/>

Central Hostel

Address: Nevsky Prospekt 5

Approx. price per night: € 40

Web site: <http://www.centralhostel.ru/>

Cozy Place

Address: Gorokhovaya Street 3 Apt 23

Approx. price per night: €34

Almaz Hotel

Address: Yakubovicha Street 2

Approx. price per night: **€ 45**

Web site: <http://www.almaz24.ru/>

The Isaac Hotel

Address: Yakubovicha Street 2

Approx. price per night: **€25**

Deluxe Hotel on Galernaya

Address: Galernaya Str.4

Approx. price per night: € 41

Web site: <http://www.spbdeluxe.ru/delux.html>

Information about hotels and hostels was taken from booking.com. We recommend you to read the reviews before you book.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ST. PETERSBURG

Climate: In April the weather in St. Petersburg is generally cool and sometimes rainy. Raincoat, sweaters and jackets are recommended for outdoor activities. Average temperatures vary around 10°C

Visa Requirements: All participants are required a valid passport to enter Russia. Citizens of some countries may obtain visa before arrival and some may obtain it at the airport upon arrival. For further information please contact the nearest Russian Embassy or Consulate to check the visa regulations.

Liability and Insurance: The department is not able to take any responsibility whatsoever for injury or damage involving persons and property during the Graduate School. Participants are advised to take out their own personal travel and health insurance for their trip.

Links on St. Petersburg

St-Petersburg Official City Guide <http://www.saint-petersburg.com/>

City Tourist Portal <http://visit-petersburg.ru/?lang=en>

Travel guide from Wikivoyage [http://en.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Saint_Petersburg_\(Russia\)](http://en.wikivoyage.org/wiki/Saint_Petersburg_(Russia))

Must-See St. Petersburg Sights

<http://goeasteurope.about.com/od/russia/tp/mustseepetersburg.htm>

St-Petersburg, Virtual Tour 360° Aerial Panorama http://www.airpano.com/360Degree-VirtualTour.php?3D=Saint-Petersburg-Virtual-Tour&set_language=2

Saint Petersburg Things to Do

http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/Europe/Russia/Gorod_Sankt_Peterburg/Saint_Petersburg-564323/Things_To_Do-Saint_Petersburg-TG-C-1.html

Electricity: The electrical current in Russia is 220 volts, 50 cycles alternating current (AC); wall outlets take Continental-type plugs, with two round prongs.

Currency: The monetary unit is the Russian ruble (RUB), which comes in bank notes of 10, 50, 100, 500, 1000 and 5000. In St. Petersburg, traveler checks are rarely accepted. ATMs can be found in most of Russian towns. Most international credit cards or bank cards are accepted (a strip of logos is usually displayed above the ATM). Some of ATMs have a language key to enable you to read the instructions in English.

Fine & Dine: Original and varied, Russian cuisine is famous for exotic soups, cabbage schi and solyanka, which is made of assorted meats. Russians are great lovers of pelmeni, small Siberian meat pies boiled in broth.

Russia is mainly a northern country with long-lasting cold winter. The food should give us much energy and warmth to survive during the winter time. So, the essential components of Russian cuisine are the ones, which provide more carbohydrates and fat rather than proteins. Fresh fruits and vegetables are rarely used in food. So, the top five components of a Russian meal are potatoes, bread, eggs, meat (especially beef) and butter. Other popular foods include cabbage, milk, sour cream, curds, mushrooms, lard, cucumbers, tomatoes, apples, berries, honey, sugar, salt, garlic, and onions.

In addition to the many restaurants that serve traditional and international menus to satisfy the varied tastes of their guests, many nightclubs, cafes and bars offer fine menus along with a wide range of entertainment choices.

Working Hours & Holidays: Banks are open weekdays from 9 AM until 8 PM, Saturday from 9 AM until 5 PM. Museums are generally open from 10 AM to 6 PM. Some of museums could be closed on Monday or Tuesday.

Most of the stores are open seven days a week. Moreover, a lot of food shops and restaurants are open 24 hours per day.

Be on Guard! Beware of Thieves!

Like in every big city, pickpockets are a problem in St. Petersburg. Pickpockets often work in groups and use tricks to disorient and confuse their prey. Information below may be useful for visitors.

Pickpocket places

Nevsky Prospekt is St. Petersburg main thoroughfare but is also a popular place for pickpocket gangs, particularly during tourist season. Keep your valuables out of reach and be cautious of people who bump into you or stop short and turn around in front of you. The entrances to the metro, the metro and other public transportation are also popular. Sadly, theatres are also popular. Mind your belongs at cafes, or any place where you are likely to be not focused on things and people around you.

What to do if you are robbed?

Police hotlines 112 (emergency line).

If thieves grab you bank and credit cards, cancel them as soon as possible. Thieves are quick to plunder accounts. If your passport was stolen, contact your consulate for help. Often passports are recovered and delivered consulates by friendly people.

Thieves disguised as police, tourists (and expatriates) complain about being stopped at night by people purporting to be police officers. Most often, they ask for documentation or want to search victims for drugs/weapons. Be aware, these may not always be real police officers. If this happens be polite but demand to see their identification or car registration. If you are in doubt try to get to crowd location and ask for people to help. There is safety in numbers and russians will be able to identify if it is a scam.

Host City St. Petersburg

General

St. Petersburg is founded in 1703 by Peter the Great, and currently counts almost 5 million inhabitants. The city is considered the "Window on Europe" because of its western orientation. In 2003 Petersburg celebrated its 300 years existence.

Till the October revolution of 1917, Saint Petersburg was the capital of Russia. During the communist era the city was renamed Leningrad. In 1991 the population chose back the old name. The most tragic period in the Petersburg history is the 900-day siege by the Germans during World War II. In this period almost one million citizens died. Saint Petersburg is the hometown of ex-president Dmitry Medvedev and current president Vladimir Putin.

Culture

St. Petersburg is the cultural capital of Russia. Many composers (Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgsky) and writers (Dostoyevsky, Pushkin) come from this city. There are many museums of which the most famous is the Hermitage. Here all the biggest artists of the world are represented: Picasso, Leonardo da Vinci, Van Gogh, Renoir, Rubens and Rembrandt.

The Russian museum is impressive too. Here, the most important pieces of Russian art are exposed, of which the paintings of Ilya Repin are the most famous. The "Kunstkamera" is the museum with a personal collection of Peter the Great, mainly consisting of embryos with all kind of anatomic deficiencies. The Kunstkamera is situated at the Vasilevsky Island, nearly opposite the Hermitage.

The Peter and Paul Fortress is located on a separate island. This fort is characterized by a cathedral with a sharp golden bell-tower, with the guardian angel of Saint Petersburg on top. In the Peter and Paul Fortress the Romanov dynasty is buried (from Peter I till Alexander III).

Apart from museums, Saint Petersburg has many theaters. The Mariinsky Theatre is the home theatre of the world famous Kirov-ballet and director Valery Gergiev. The Mariinsky Theatre hosts a large number of operas and ballets which are worth visiting during your stay. Apart from the Mariinsky Theater, there are the Mussorgsky Theatre (opera and ballet), the BDT (drama theatre) and Alexandrinsky Theater (all kind of spectacles).

St. Petersburg has a lots of churches and cathedrals.

Public Transport

Distances in Petersburg, a 5 million city, are pretty big. Travelling from the one end to the other end of the city will roughly take 40 kilometers. The latest years the car park quickly increased, resulting in much traffic jams on weekdays.

The most important type of transport is the metro. As metro stations are relatively far situated from each other (average about 4 kilometers), it is possible to travel from one to the other side of the city in 30-40 minutes. Take into account that the metro is quite deep, and that each trip you will spend 6 minutes on the escalator (3 minutes going down, 3 minutes going up). The metro system works like in Paris, that is: a flat fee for all trips. You can travel with one metro coin until you come back at the surface.

The public transport also consists of busses, trolley busses, trams and so called "marshrutkas" (taxi busses). The latter are micro-busses which travel along a certain route and which you can halt on any place at this route. All above ground transport works with a flat fee (no matter if you step out the next stop or the last stop). Public transport is relatively cheap, compared to other European cities.

The most central metro station is "Nevsky Prospekt" or "Gostinyj Dvor". From our Campus (metro Vasileostrovskaya) that is one metro stop.

Shopping

St. Petersburg has a growing number of stores offering a variety of goods and services including everything from hand-made arts, crafts, and souvenirs to fresh fruits and vegetables. Shopping along the city's festive main thoroughfare, Nevsky Prospekt makes you feel more like a native Piterbyrzhets (Petersburger), and offers the best variety of stores in the city. Bolshoi Prospekt on Vasilyevsky Island also offers a comparatively good selection of stores.

Many stores accept credit cards, and all stores accept only rubles that you can buy at a number of conveniently located currency exchange points throughout the city. You're likely to get the best exchange rates on Nevsky Prospekt, but be sure to bring along your passport. Without a passport you cannot change money.

Finally, before you do shopping, have a look our handy list of stores, markets and galleries and plan you're shopping destinations to save time and money. Good Luck!