SAINT PETERSBURG, THE WEDDING CAPITAL OF RUSSIA

Saint Petersburg is one of the most romantic cities in the world and a perfect venue for the most magical and exciting event in life — the wedding.

St. Petersburg with its magnificent palaces, bridges, monuments of architecture and art, rivers and canals, viewing points and granite embankments comes into view as one great setting for a wedding photo shoot. The city which was the capital of the Russian Empire for nearly 3 centuries, now seems to be a truly ideal place for a wedding celebration.

As a venue for organizing celebrations, the city on the Neva can offer imperial palaces and parks, countryside estates of nobility and residences of grand dukes, luxurious hotels with magnificent historic interiors, as well as temples for marriage services of almost all confessions and even pavilions of the Lenfilm movie studio. All these options and many other ones will enable you to organize a dream wedding of any thematic focus.

If you would like to turn a wedding celebration into one of the most memorable and unique events in your life, and if you are willing to surprise and impress the guests of the wedding ceremony, come to Saint Petersburg!

Thus your wedding in the city on the Neva will become a magnificent and magical celebration! A celebration of love and fulfillment of desires!
MARRIAGES ARE MADE IN PALACES

The culmination point of a wedding celebration is a marriage registration ceremony! The solemn “yes”, an exchange of engagement rings and a kiss of the bridal couple, who has just tied the knot of marriage — these are the things that evoke the most pleasant excitement! At such a moment, everything should be arranged at the highest level: music, solemn speeches, photographs of the delighted bride and groom, and the surrounding interiors.

Saint Petersburg gives a unique opportunity to newlyweds to bond their union not only in one of the numerous registry offices located in every district of the city, but also to add a metropolitan luster to such an important event by officially registering a marriage at the wedding palace. Exactly, in a real palace, where magnificent interiors will give a special imperial status to one of the most important and exciting moments in the love story of each couple.

It was in Saint Petersburg (at that time — in Leningrad) in 1959 when the first Marriage Registration Palace in Russia was opened in the historic interiors of the palace belonging to prince Andrey Vladimirovich, the cousin of Emperor Nicholas II.

To get further information about places of official registration, conditions and order of marriage and necessary documents please follow http://kzags.gov.spb.ru.
Marriage Registration Palace 1
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The most beautiful and popular Marriage Registration Palace in Saint Petersburg is located on Angliyskaya embankment. Luxurious interiors of the numerous halls and a stunning grand staircase can become a full-fledged place for an amazing wedding photo shoot. The wedding palace on Angliyskaya embankment is the only Marriage Registration Palace in Saint Petersburg with two registration halls — the large and the small ones.
Marriage Registration Palaces

The Marriage Registration Palace on Furshkatzkaya street is the second most popular one in the Northern Capital. Like the Palace on Angliyskaya embankment, it offers its guests to go up the grand staircase and hold a marriage registration ceremony in a huge bright hall with magnificent old interiors. Wedding photo shoot here will be a perfect addition to this important moment when a new family sets up.
The building of the Marriage Registration Palace, located in Pushkin, is situated in close proximity to the magnificent Tsarskolesky Palace and Park Ensemble, which makes it even more attractive among couples who are going to celebrate birth of their family in a grand way. The wedding palace is surrounded by a small park with a pond, which enables to arrange a beautiful wedding photo shoot with guests right after an official ceremony of marriage registration.
The newest Marriage Registration Palace is located in Peterhof. It was opened in early 2017 in the reconstructed mansion of the Town Hall, surrounded by an improved garden with a fountain, fanciful alleys, swings and a huge summerhouse.

The Marriage Registration Palace N-4 wins over others by its proximity to famous parks and palaces of Peterhof, which makes it very attractive for registering family ties at any time of the year. Interiors of the palace are spacious and lit with light. The palace is located in the heart of Peterhof, on the shores of Olga’s Pond.
WEDDING IN THE PALACE INTERIORS

Saint Petersburg is a city of palaces. And many couples come here just to celebrate their wedding, not only with taste, but also with chic — in the real palace interiors. A wedding event in the palace is a celebration filled not only with solemnity and romance, but also with a spirit of history and aristocracy. Palaces and castles of Saint Petersburg and its suburbs have unique rich interiors, historic secrets and mysteries. Each of them is built by famous Russian and European architects. Thus a wedding organized in such a place will definitely turn into a work of art. Palaces of Saint Petersburg seem to be originally meant for lavish celebrations, fabulously beautiful wedding dresses and unforgettable impressions. Radiance of gold and crystal, stucco molding, paintings and interior items, huge antique mirrors and windows with stained-glass windows — all these things can give a royal touch to the wedding ceremony.

Both palace interiors and adjacent gardens and parks are extremely beautiful and picturesque. They will become an excellent venue for organizing a wedding party or a banquet, as well as an unusually romantic place for an offsite solemn registration of marriage, and also for a wedding photography.

If you decide to celebrate a wedding in the palace, you and your guests will be able to feel the true spirit and history of Saint Petersburg, feel the times of kings and emperors, the times of beautiful traditions and magnificent palace receptions.
The Gatchina Palace

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The Gatchina Palace and Park complex is located 50 kilometers away from Saint Petersburg, in Gatchina.

On the territory of the Gatchina Palace and Park Ensemble you can organise a wedding photo shoot, plan an offsite ceremonial registration of marriage, arrange a buffet reception or a magnificent wedding banquet.

Refined interiors of the palace and picturesque views of Gatchina Park are ideal for organising a genuinely royal wedding, which will impress imagination of even the most sophisticated guests! Both newlyweds and all participants of the celebrations will appreciate the luxurious banquet halls and living rooms.

Make your celebration unique in the inimitable atmosphere of the big White Hall or in the halls of the Aleksandrovskaya audience area, and invite your guests to stroll in the shade of centuries-old trees in Gatchina Park on a warm summer day.

Whatever you choose, the Gatchina Palace and its surroundings will create a unique romantic setting for the wedding ceremony, and splendid love atmosphere will remain with you for many years to come.
Konstantin Palace

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Palace interieurs

Konstantin Palace (since 2003 – the National Congress Palace) is the most beautiful architecture and landscape art monument located on the picturesque coast of the Gulf of Finland, less than 20 km away from Saint Petersburg’s city centre.

The palace and park complex includes a magnificent Konstantin Palace, Lower and Upper Parks, the Pavilion of Negotiations on Petrovsky Island, a modern Press Center, a five-star Baltic Star Hotel, 20 two-storeyed cottages “Consular Village”, the Horse Corps and a Sightseeing Tour Desk.

The complex is justly considered one of the most prestigious places for events of any level – all rooms are equipped at a state-of-the-art level.

The G20 and G8 summits, meetings of the Russia-EU format, negotiations between heads of states and governments, official visits are all held in the state residence.

In addition to official events, the complex hosts conferences, anniversaries, balls and, of course, weddings – the Konstantin Palace is rightfully considered one of the most luxurious and romantic places for the first family celebration.
Palace interiors

Pavlovsk is a summer residence of Emperor Paul I, son of Catherine II, and his wife Maria Feodorovna. It is one of the most romantic palace and park ensembles of the late XVIII century similar to the Palladian villa.

The atmosphere of refined and sophisticated historic interiors of the Pavlovsk Palace will turn your celebration into a truly fabulous and memorable event.

Tranquility and festive mood, palace interiors and modern service, charm of the past and value of the present are the best contrasts which will make your event exquisite and unforgettable.

Ceremonial halls of the Pavlovsk Palace, the Concert Hall, the Rose Pavilion, the Round Hall Pavilion, the Aviary Pavilion, the Gonzaga Gallery and Maria Feodorovna’s Private Garden are ready to open their doors to you on the appointed day and turn your first family celebration into a fairy tale.

A horse ride walk through the amazingly beautiful landscape Pavlovsk Park, where scenic views alternate one after another like pieces of scenery, will become an unforgettable accent of this day. And a wedding photo shoot in the interiors of the Pavlovsk Palace, which amaze visitors with refined decor and unique collections, will help save vivid memories.

Discover all the beauty and charm of a suburban imperial residence – Pavlovsk!
The Tsarskeye Selo
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The Tsarskoye Selo Palace and Park Ensemble is a brilliant monument of world architecture and landscape art of the XVIII and early XX centuries. It is located at a distance of 25 kilometers south of St. Petersburg, in Pushkin. A great many outstanding architects, sculptors and painters embodied designs of crown-bearing customers here.

We invite the future newlyweds to spend an unforgettable wedding day on the territory of the Tsarskoye Selo Museum-Preserve—in the halls of the Catherine Palace, Catherine and Alexander parks.

This special day can be marked with a peculiar musical and theatrical program, a ceremonial meeting of the participants, a tour of the Catherine Palace with musical accompaniment (harpichord, flute), a classical music concert, the presence of actors—historical figures of the Empress Catherine II times, a dinner or a buffet in the halls of the Catherine Palace.

In summer there is a unique opportunity to take a gondola tour along the Great Pond. Comfortably seated in soft purple chairs, the newlyweds can not only enjoy amazing views of the park and pavilions from the water, but also make a whole series of unusually romantic photographs.
The Yusupov Palace is a unique architectural ensemble of the XVIII–XX centuries, a historical and cultural monument of federal significance, which has won fame of an “encyclopedia” of St. Peters burg aristocratic interior.

Today the Yusupov Palace is one of the rare aristocratic mansions of Saint Petersburg, where not only ceremonial apartments, art gallery rooms, a miniature home theater have remained intact, but also the luxurious living areas of the Yusupov family that have preserved the warmth and charm of the former owners.

The most important day of your life can become an exceptional event, if you spend it in the “patrimonial nest” of the Yusupov family:
- Wedding celebrations in the Yusupov Palace is an opportunity to unite in one place:
  - Offsite registration in elegant interiors;
  - Marriage service in the unique home church of the princes Yusupov;
  - Romantic photo shoot in the main halls of the palace;
  - Gala dinner in the palace halls, the court of honour or the modern space “Stable wing”.

Do not doubt — the festive beginning of your life as a couple in the Yusupov Palace will be a memorable and happy event for you and your guests.
Wedding Fashion

Saint Petersburg is not only the wedding capital of Russia, but also the capital of Russian wedding fashion. This is the city which every year in November hosts a one-of-a-kind event in Russia — Saint Petersburg Bridal Week, which features Russian and foreign wedding brands shown for brides and brides-to-be.

Over the past few years, the fashion horizon has seen a large number of worthy Saint Petersburg wedding designers and brands developing in different price segments, though sewing wedding dresses with unchanging taste and high quality. Wedding dresses of young Saint Petersburg designers are not second to attires by the world’s leading couturiers in images and virtuosity of clothing execution.

Many brides come to the city on the Neva to get a dream dress. Petersburg multibrand wedding salons compile their collections in such a way so as each bride could proudly say: “I’ve bought my wedding dress in Saint Petersburg”.
When planning a wedding celebration, many couples traditionally prefer to arrange a wedding in summer. However, any season has its pros and cons.

Spring wedding takes place in the most romantic time of the year. In spring nature comes to life, not only flowers and trees but also rivers, canals and even embankments liven up. The city gets filled with sunlight, singing birds, the scent of young greenery and a fresh warm breeze. These days St. Petersburg keeps changing every day. Everything is fragrant with romance, festivities and a feeling of approaching summer.

In summer Saint Petersburg goes through the famous season of white nights, when the atmosphere of love and romantic can be felt in every turn of the street, every shadow of the square, every reflection of the sun, in the waves of numerous rivers and canals. A wedding feast can be arranged in light tents, on the open verandas of cafes and restaurants or even on the deck of a boat. Warm summer evenings smoothly change into the twilight of the night, enabling celebrations to run over midnight. The bride is beautiful and charming wearing a light wedding dress, and cold champagne wonderfully matches the surrounding atmosphere of love.
Autumn traditionally tops the list of wedding seasons. This is the most favorite time for fun. Days are still filled with summer warmth, but are not so hot as before. Saint Petersburg at this time is lapped in flowers and lavish greenery. And during the golden autumn it also fascinates with all possible shades of yellow, green, orange, red... The city is ready to offer you a lot of colors and hues of autumn foliage for the wedding photo shoot. Well, if the wedding day was sunny, but suddenly burst into tears, then do not be hasty in disappointment. According to an old saying, in this case the newly-made family will live in joy and wealth.

You have decided to arrange a wedding in winter? This is a great choice! Urban and rural snow landscapes, sleigh rides with snow-white horses harnessed, rosy-coloured cheeks of the bride and groom, a winter tea party with a samovar and pies for the guests and much, much more! Gorgeous hotels and countryside residences work well for winter weddings. After all they have everything for arranging celebrations at the highest level. And by the way, affordable prices are offered exactly during winter — in the so-called low season.

As a result whatever time of the year you choose for the wedding celebration, when preparing a wedding in Saint Petersburg, you need to take into account that the weather here is not just changeable and capricious, but also really unpredictable in any season. But all these things are insignificant trifles when it comes to sincere desire of a couple to unite in a legitimate marriage and make celebrations truly magical.
Saint Petersburg hotels for newlyweds

Saint Petersburg is a city of imperial palaces, parks and countryside residences. But even local hotels are ready to impress their guests with truly luxurious interiors with beautiful and grandiose finishing which is ideal for the most romantic wedding dream.

Both in the historic center of the huge metropolis and next to countryside residences in the nearest suburbs. Both in quiet streets and directly on the busy city highway – Nevsky Prospect.

Hotels in Saint Petersburg represent a perfect “stage” for the most luxurious weddings. Palace furnishings, magnificent interiors for photos, granite columns and gilded ceilings, crystal chandeliers, stunningly beautiful ceremonial staircases, beautiful halls for a wedding banquet and offsite ceremonial registration, as well as superbly furnished luxury rooms with breathtaking views onto the city’s sights.

Wedding is a special day and it will become fairly unforgettable if you decide to celebrate it in one of the luxury hotels of Saint Petersburg.
Wedding banquets in restaurants of the Northern Capital

A wedding event can be arranged in different ways — sometimes it is a big celebration with a huge number of guests, and at times it is a chamber festivity only for close relatives. Saint Petersburg restaurants offer their halls both for small “cozy” weddings and for big cheerful and noisy companies. Whichever version of celebration you choose — in any case everyone will feel at ease.

Wedding celebrations in the magnificent atmosphere of Saint Petersburg restaurants will be thought through to the smallest detail, and no guest will be left without proper attention.

Saint Petersburg restaurants are ready to offer a wide variety of dishes from all over the world. As well as the famous Saint Petersburg cuisine, which is a unique gastronomic phenomenon that has evolved as a result of a merger of two gastronomic cultures: traditional Russian cuisine and elegant French one with some additions of other national culinary recipes.

All guests can enjoy sophisticated, amazingly delicious and imaginatively designed festive dishes, which represent the true masterpieces of culinary art.
CONCLUSION

A wedding is not just a festivity, it is a jewel in the necklace of family history! We suggest that you decorate your life with a real gem! Wedding celebration in Saint Petersburg will become an amazing and memorable event not only for newlyweds, but also for all guests of the wedding ceremony. A bit of imagination and creative approach — and this wedding day will be remembered for many years to come.

You are more than welcome to arrive in Saint Petersburg to celebrate your wedding!

We are sure, you will be impressed!

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