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Survival Guide for Master Exchange



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WELCOME TO THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT!

Dear International Students—

On behalf of all of us at the Saint Petersburg University Graduate School of Management, I would like to welcome you to what we hope will be a period of your life that can only be described as a life-changing experience: one which gives you a new perspective on the world, a valuable new international network of friends and future business contacts and especially – those moments to remember, where you discover wonderful things that you otherwise never would have experienced.

Study abroad will always bring challenges: from discovering how to get the courses you need to figuring out how to get just about everything practical to work in your life in this new setting - from public transportation to relations between the sexes. And on top of all of this, you have chosen to “think out of the box” by choosing to do your student exchange in a country, which is still unknown territory for many and by wrestling with a very different new language. You have made a strong move which, by the way, just might be what catches the eye of a future employer when you are looking for that exciting international job after graduation.

In the meanwhile, all of this will not come easily and there might well be times when you feel like pulling out your hair and shouting “What am I doing here?” If that happens, we want you to know that you are welcome to come in to the office and have a talk with us – we are here to help.

Our international program is a work in progress and one which we hope, with your help - to make even better as we go along. So please let us know if something is not working well or if you have a good idea that could make life for our international students even better.

Добро пожаловать в Санкт-Петербург! ('Welcome to Saint Petersburg!')



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This Student Guide is dedicated to the many GSOM students who have either worked on it as interns, served as buddies or buddy coordinators and all of those who just take time out of their normal daily routines to make our international students feel welcome here

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1 | ABOUT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

1.1 | Saint Petersburg State University (SPbU)

<http://eng.spbu.ru>

St. Petersburg University was established in 1724 by an edict of Peter the Great. After almost 300 years, it is a leading higher education and research institution

- 30 000 students;
- 24 faculties;
- 8 Nobel Prize laureates;
- Member of 13 international associations;
- Cooperation with more than 230 foreign higher education institutions.

1.2 | Graduate School of Management (SPbU GSOM)

<http://gsom.spbu.ru/en>

Mission:

Graduate School of Management SPbU is a leading Russian business school that through a global vision bridges ideas, professionals and organizations to educate leaders, create and disseminate managerial knowledge for impactful societal and economic change.

The School of Management at St. Petersburg University was launched in 1993 in partnership with Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley – with 4 full-time professors and 33 Bachelor students. It started as a Russian Business School with a global vision. Today it is the #1 Business School in Russia and in Eastern Europe



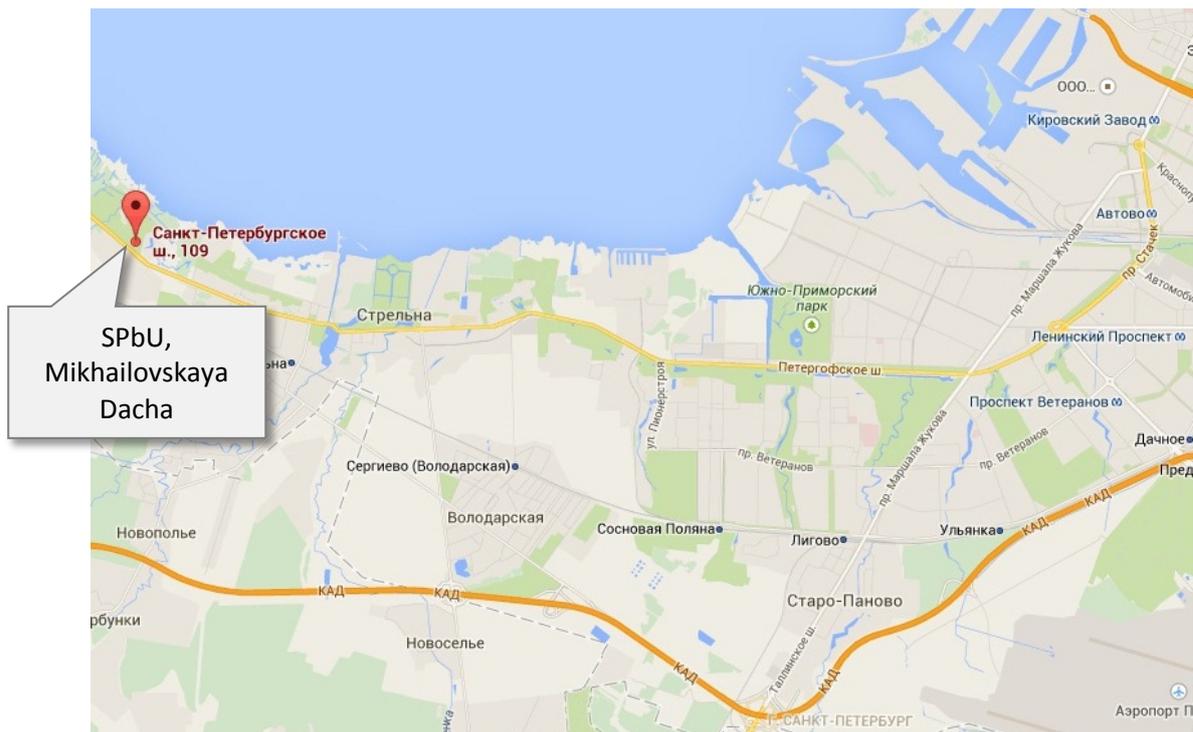
1.3 | GSOM locations

GSOM is located in two locations:

- Volkhovsky pereulok, 3 (also written as Volkhovsky per.) - Main building & Master programs



- Mikhailovskaya Dacha, Sankt Peterburgskoe shosse, 109, Peterhof – Bachelor programs



NB! There are number of locations in St. Petersburg having the same core name, alongside with a different second word. The 'pereulok' word is for a smaller street or a lane in Russian, while 'ulitsa' is for a street and 'prospekt' is for a larger street or Boulevard. Volkhovsky Pr. is in a very different part of the city.

Make sure you pay enough attention to this Russian location-naming peculiarity before using your navigator, since the slight difference in the name may cost you a good hour of riding the Metro back and forth — as in the 'Volkhovskiy' example.

1.3.1 | Contact information

Master programs

Location: Volkhovsky pereulok, 3, room 210

Tel.: +7 (812) 323 8448

E-mail: mib@gsom.pu.ru

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 9:30 – 18:00

Bachelor programs

Location: Mikhailovskaya Dacha, Sankt Peterburgskoe shosse, 109, Peterhof

Tel: +7 (812) 3241270 (additional 70-30)

E-mail: delnik@gsom.pu.ru

Office hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 19:30

1.3.2 | International office

International office is your first port of call for enquiries regarding courses, grade reports, housing and much more.

Location

Main building at Volkhovky pereulok, 3, room 207

Contact information

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2| DOCUMENTATION ISSUES

2.1| General information

All citizens of non-CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) countries are required to have a valid visa when entering Russia. Your international passport serves as your primary ID on the territory of the country.

Here is a summary of the things you should not forget to bring with you once you depart from home and while in the process of applying:

	Document	Things to check and bring with you
<input type="checkbox"/>	International Passport	<input type="checkbox"/> It must be valid for at least 18 months beyond your stay in Russia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Valid Russian Visa	<input type="checkbox"/> Your name must be written in the visa properly <input type="checkbox"/> The class of the visa must be Student: УЧЁБА <input type="checkbox"/> Valid for 90 days <input type="checkbox"/> Validity period must start <u>not later</u> than the date of your <u>arrival</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Migration Card	<input type="checkbox"/> If you arrive by plane, you will receive it upon passing through immigration. Check that the card is filled in properly. If you arrive by bus, train or car, you will have to do it yourself. <input type="checkbox"/> Check that the date of your arrival is stamped on the card at the Passport Control <input type="checkbox"/> Be sure to put it in a safe place where you are not going to lose it until you depart from Russia
<input type="checkbox"/>	Photographs	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 items (3x4cm, any colour, either gloss or matte paper): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 photos are for the International Office • 1 photo is for the Dorms

2.2| Migration Card – Your Record of Entry

The purpose of this document is to verify your date of arrival, so you need to hand the paper over to the Passport Control officer and to make sure that you have got a stamp made in the ‘Въезд / Arrival’ section with the date of your arrival in the frame. Please, double-check you have gone through all the necessary steps and that you do have a stamped Migration Card by the airport exit, **otherwise you will not be able to register yourself as a student upon arrival and will have to restore it at the Federal**

«В» (Выезд/Departure)

Российская Федерация Russian Federation

Миграционная карта Migration Card 000001 0000001

Фамилия/Surname **S U R N A M E**

Имя/Given name **N A M E**

Отчество/Patronymic

Дата рождения/Date of birth: 01 January 1900

Пол/Sex: Муж/Male (X) Жен/Female

№ паспорта/Passport No: 8888888888

Гражданство/Nationality: C I T I Z E N S H I P

Цель визита/Purpose of visit: Служебная/Service, Туризм/Tourist, Коммерческая/Commercial, Учеба/Education, Частная/Private

Адрес (организация) в России/Address (host organization) in Russia: See your invitation!

Срок пребывания/Term of stay: С/From DD MM YYYY До/Until DD MM YYYY

Въезд/Arrival: Place for entry stamp

Migration Services and police station, the offices where few people speak English.

Please do not get misled by seemingly casual appearance of this document. It is an important legal document and is required **both** for registering upon arrival, and also when leaving Russia — otherwise you may not be given a new visa in the future.

You need to fill in the document correctly (it is not too complicated and there are different types of Cards printed in many major foreign languages, so you should not have any problems with it).

NB! Note, however, that if you make a mistake, you should begin over on a new form rather than just writing over the mistake.

When you are already in Russia and obtain multiple entry visa, every time you go abroad the border police will take your migration card. When you enter Russia again, **you must** make sure that:

- you have got a new migration card
- the border police have stamped it (on the day of crossing the border)

NB! In Russia it is possible that police might stop you in the street to check your documents.
You should always have with you a copy of your passport and a copy of your migration and registration cards!

2.3 | Local registration upon arrival

According to the Migration Legislation of Russian Federation you and your visa must be registered **within 2 working days upon your arrival**. We will organize that on the first day of Introduction week, but if you arrive at some other time, please come the International Office **immediately** after your arrival.

To register, you must submit the following to the GSOM International Office:

- Passport with a visa and a stamped migration card
- 3 photos, size 3x4cm (any colour, any paper type, can be taken upon your arrival to SPb)

IMPORTANT NOTICE IF YOU DECIDE TO DROP DORMS OPTION

According to the President's Decree published in July, 8th 2018, the University is no longer entitled to register students at its address, the procedure we used to do for all international students regardless of their actual place of stay in SPb. An international citizen entering Russia must be registered at the address of his actual stay.

! The introduction of this decree means that those students who will choose to stay at a private place will have to deal with the registration procedure individually together with the owner of the place they rent.

Those who stay in the Dorms will be registered by the University at the address of the dorms so basically things will stay the same (International office will separately inform you about the procedures at a relevant time).

! IF YOU RENT A PRIVATE PLACE, make 100% sure that the owner agrees to proceed with your MIGRATION REGISTRATION and does it promptly upon the establishment of the contract but **no later than 6 days since your arrival*** (on the 7th day the procedure must be fully completed meaning that you must have the registration paper on this day) - we will not be able TO EXTEND YOUR VISA until you do not obtain the migration registration paper. Thus, any delay with it will automatically lead to a delay with visa extension.

***Moreover, a delay may lead to extra expenses and in the worst cases to fines and deportation.**

 An owner may fail to know what migration registration is (МИГРАЦИОННЫЙ УЧЕТ). If that's the case, when discussing the matter, outline that you want the owner to go with you to MFC (МФЦ, multifunctional centers) or one of the departments of Russian Ministry of Internal Affairs (отдел МВД) with your passports, your migration card and the contract to register your arrival (ПОСТАВИТЬ НА МИГРАЦИОННЫЙ УЧЕТ). As a result you will receive a strip of A4 paper which you will have to scan in our office and always have with you (or its copy) together with the migration card.

† It may be worth mentioning that the owner will have to re-register you after:

- visa extension
- each time you stay in a hotel or hostel in SPb
- you go outside of the city (again, if you stay in hotels or hostels) and outside of the country.

† Your first registration is supposed to be valid until the validity date of your first visa, all the following re-registrations are supposed to be valid until the validity date of the extended visa.

2.4 | Multiple-entry visa

In order to enter Russia, you will be granted a one-time visa valid for 90 days; this is a normal procedure as described by visa legislation. You will in any case further need to prolong your stay in the country and if you want to be able to go abroad to obtain a multi-visa.

As soon as you come to GSOM, you will be registered for the whole period of study (semester/academic year) and will be able to apply for a multiple entry visa valid till the end of your study at GSOM that replaces your single 90 day visa.

The process of getting a multiple entry visa takes 5 weeks, during which **you will not be able to leave Russia and St. Petersburg particularly** (please, plan your stay in Russia accordingly). Please be aware that many documents are required by the Federal Migration Service for a multiple entry visa. And these documents can be issued only after your arrival to Russia. Therefore, the shortest period of getting a multiple visa **cannot be less than 5 weeks** since the day you leave your passport for visa extension in the International Office. The fee for a multiple visa is 1600 rubles.

2.5 | Russian Student ID

On the 1st day of Intro week you will also be registered as a student.

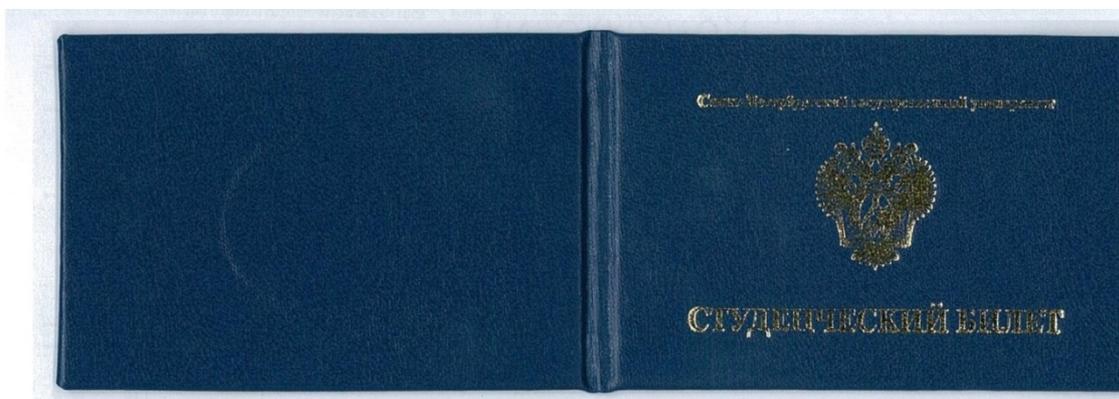
Within ab. 2 weeks after that you will receive your Russian Student ID.

With the student ID you will be able to:

- get the transportation card for students;
- get a student discount in museums and other places;
- use student sport facilities and enter the buildings of the university and the dormitories.

2.5.1 | Chipping your student ID

This is how the cover looks like:

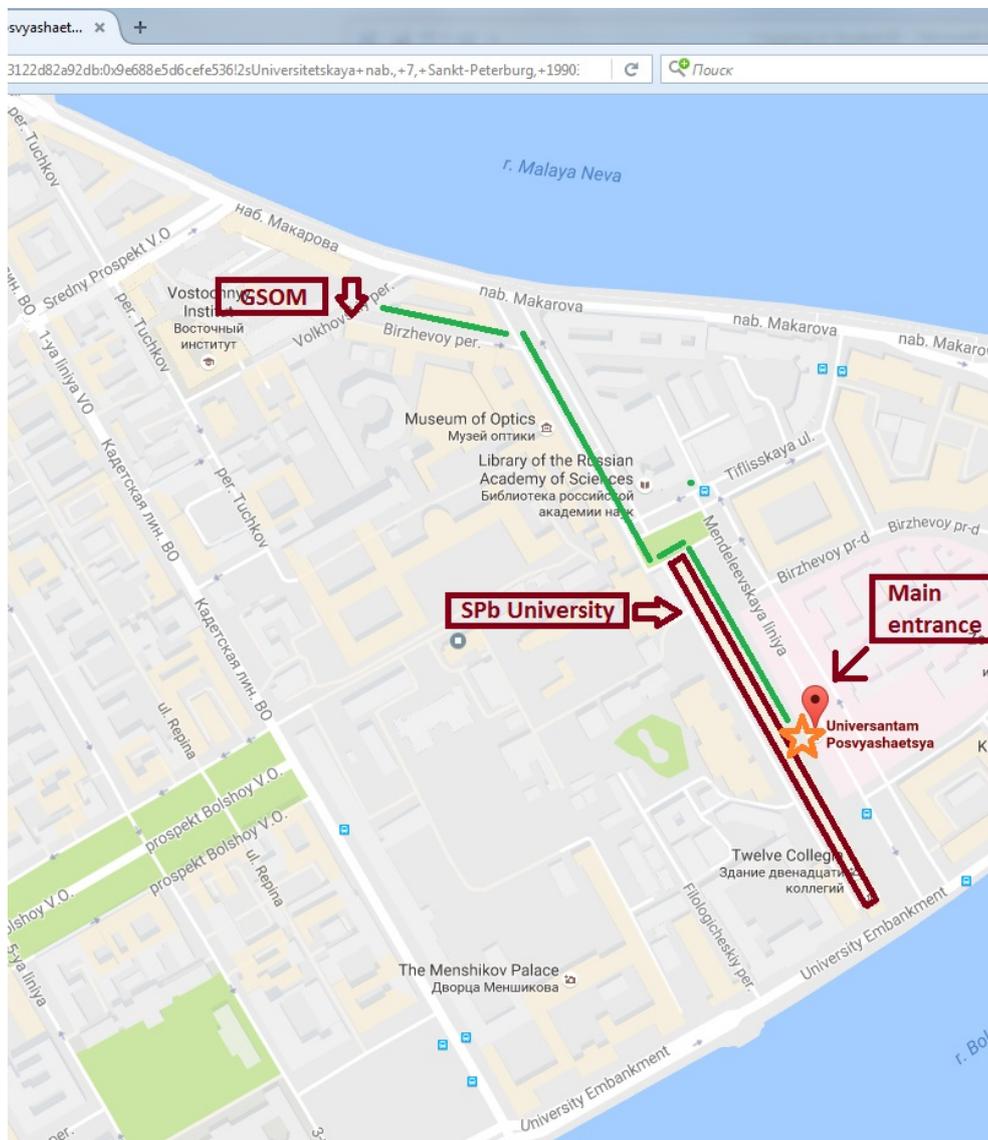


Please mind that its **chip that must be activated in order to enter the premises of the Dorms and Mikhailovskaya Dacha campus.**

Generally, chips are needed in order to enter University buildings and dormitories (if chipped twice).

Chipping is done by following 1-3 steps:

1. If it has no chip, which is very unlikely (International office will inform you on that), go to Universitetskaya naberezhnaya, dom 7/9, room 12 (main University entrance where the bronze angel stands (see map attached), turn to the right upon entering the building into the hall, room 12 is the first door to the right). That is the place where they put chips on your student IDs



2. If you live in the Dorms, go to the Dorms office to activate your chip for the dormitory validators:

Master students	Bachelor students
Kapitanskaya ulitsa, dom 20\2	Botanicheskaya ulitsa, dom 66\2

3. The chips are supposed to work for the GSOM campuses by default. If yours doesn't function properly, address either the International Office or the Program office (bachelor\master).

3 | YOUR FIRST DAYS IN SAINT PETERSBURG AND GSOM

3.1 | Arrival

Your buddy will meet you at the airport or at the train or bus station. Make sure that you and your buddy will be able to recognize each other. Make sure that you have received a migration card and have filled it in as soon as you have crossed the border!

The first thing you need to do after arrival is to register in the dormitory and get your place. The easiest way to get to the dorm is by taxi. It costs around 1000 rubles. Your buddy will order it after he or she meets you and you are sure that all of your luggage has arrived to Saint Petersburg. Do not use any offers of transport in the arrival hall except from the official taxi counter!

Just in case, the address of the dorm for **master program students** is **Kapitanskaya, 3** and for bachelor students: **Khalturina, 15/2, Peterhof**.

You can also use public transport to get to the dorm, but it might become a challenge with a lot of luggage, as in order to get to the Master program Dormitory you will need to make 3 changes:

- From the airport take a bus 39 to metro station Moskovskaya
- On Moskovskaya metro station choose direction Parnas and go till metro station Nevsky prospect
- Change to another line – metro station Gostiny Dvor and choose direction Primorskaya – it's your station to get off the metro
- From metro station Primorskaya you need a bus 7, 47, 151, 152 to get to the dorm, a stop is called Kapitanskaya ulitsa

See the bachelor guide for the instructions on how to get to the Dormitories in Peterhof.

3.2 | Dormitory

All arriving international students will be offered housing in a university student dormitory. If you for some reason choose not to make use of the space which has been reserved for you, please let us know immediately, as there is a long list of students waiting for rooms at dormitories. The rooms and facilities are very basic. But they save you effort in searching for a place to stay right upon your arrival, are relatively close to the Master Building and give you easy access to social contact with other students and a real taste of student life in Russia.

Again, the address of the dorm all incoming **master program** students will stay in is Kapitanskaya, 3.

Apartments

There are two types of apartments at Kapitanskaya. The first type is a two-bedroom apartment with a separate toilette, a bathroom and a kitchen, which are shared by four people; meaning that two students share one bedroom. The other apartments are with three bedrooms for seven people sharing also a toilet, a bathroom and a kitchen; meaning that one room is shared by three people. The room shared by 2 persons is equipped with two beds, two cupboards, two chairs, two nightstands, a small TV and one table. The bedroom shared by 3 persons is equipped with three beds, three cupboards, three chairs, three nightstands, a small TV and one table as well.

The kitchen is equipped by a fridge and a stove. Crockery, cutlery and pans are not provided.

There are always guards at the entrance of the dorm checking for entrance card therefore living in the apartment is safe.

Photos (see Общежитие на ул. Кораблестроителей)
<http://campus.spbu.ru/obshchezhitiya/295-fotografii-obschegitii.html>

3.2.1 | Registration in the dormitory

To register in the dormitory you need to give your passport and a photograph to a lady at the “reception”. She will ask you to read few papers about safety and rules and sign that you are acquainted with them.

You will be provided with a temporary paper pass. After a while, approx. in 2 weeks you will have your student ID (see the section STYUDENT ID) and will use it in order to enter the dorms.

They will give you a key to your room (which you will need to return to a superintendent each time you leave the dorms), bed linen, a pillow, a towel, and a blanket.

To finish your registration within few days after arrival you will need to present your lung x-rays, it is a general rule for all students in Russia. You can make it in the city center, on Vosstaniya, 1 (metro station Ploschad Vosstaniya). Do not forget to take your passport. This procedure costs 300 rubles (year 2017). Give the report to the dorm’s administrator afterwards. The buddies will help you with this.

3.2.2 | Payments

The dorm costs 4960 rubles per 31 days (Fall Semester A.Y. 2017/2018 Price). You can pay either for each month separately or for several months at once **in advance: the delay in payment is unacceptable.**

- Do not wait for several months with the payment as you might be charged extra fee for a late payment).
- In case of paying in advance, we do not recommend to pay for the last month of your stay until you have your return ticket and are sure about your date of departure, because they recalculate the fee according to the number of days you stayed. You can pay for the final month when you are sure when you move out exactly.

To get a receipt for the payment you need to address the comendadnt of the dorms. You can bring the payment paper to Sberbank Bank across the street to pay (we recommend do to pay to a casier, not via machine as the latter is in Russian only, note that there’s a small commission applied to this payment) and then return the confirmation to a comendant. Keep a copy (a photo) of a receipt.

NB: On rare occasions you may have to go to Housing service office to get the payment paper (Korablestroiteley street, 20) where you will need your passport (later – Russian student ID) and the room number.

How to get there from the dorm: bus 7, 151, 152, trolleybus 10. Bus stop “Korablestroiteley 19”. You will see three twin buildings just next to the bus stop. You need the one in the middle, look for the white annex.

Working hours: Mon-Fri, 9.00-17.45

The payment can be done at the same place, at the dorms’ cashier with no commission. Please keep in mind, they do not accept bank cards, you must pay in cash. Save the receipt and show it to the dorms’ administration on the 1st floor.

In any case, always keep your receipts for payment so that you can avoid misunderstandings in the future.

3.2.3 | Rules of order in the dormitory

Guests can visit you but to let them in you need to come downstairs and show your entrance card. Your guest leaves a document at the entrance, which is given back when they exit. Guests cannot stay for a night unless previous permission is granted* and payment made.

** It is not possible to host any guests in the dorms for a night stay unless they already have registration in the city. This document is received as a rule in hotels or hostels upon checking in – which makes it pointless to later address the Dorms for a place there.*

While staying in the dorm you must accept to abide by the rules of order in effect for all university buildings, as prescribed in the section on the university's internal regulations section on "Providing order and security on the territory of the University":

9.2. The following is prohibited on campus:

- Conduct which could prevent or disrupt normal operation of any unit
- Smoking outside places specially designated and equipped for this purpose
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages, including those with a low alcoholic content
- Storage, use or distribution of toxic substances or drugs or similar substances (the list of which is determined by the competent authorities)
- Gambling
- Appearing under the influence of drugs, toxic substance or drugs
- Bringing animals into the building
- Storage, distribution or use of explosives and pyrotechnics
- The disturbance of peace and quiet at night - from 23:00 to 07:00.

NB! Please read these carefully and be prepared to respect them **to the letter**. We know that part of student life is to enjoy yourself and the company of other students and we hope that doing exactly this will be part of the good memories that you take home with you. We must, however, ask you to do this outside of the university residences. We are aware that you might see other students, whether Russian or other international students, who break these rules, but this **will not be accepted as an excuse**, if a formal complaint is lodged against you. SPbU GSOM has no authority over the dormitories and is greatly dependent on a good relationship with the Housing administration if we are to be able to continue to offer university housing to all of our arriving students who would like to have it. If you break these rules, you might find yourself involved in a very **unpleasant formal procedure** which could jeopardize your stay at the university and which certainly will involve **reporting to your home university**. There will be very little that we at GSOM can do to assist you if this happens.

3.2.4| Laundry

There are two laundries in the area close to the dorms for master program students.

- **Korablestroiteley, 20/3**

This laundry is located in the building right next to the one you went to make a payment for the dorm. Look for the blue sign "ПРАЧЕЧНАЯ САМООБСЛУЖИВАНИЯ". It's called self-service, but you don't need to stay there the whole time. You bring your clothes, pay right there via automate and leave your clothes there to the laundry staff. Your clothes would be ready in 2-3 hours depending on the queue.

- **Капитанская, 3**

There are laundromats in your dorm as well, but keep in mind that you have to pay at Korablestroiteley, 20/3.

The cost for one load is 100 rubles and 80 rubles for drying (Fall 2016 Prices).

3.2.5| Internet access

There are two options to get internet in your room in the dorm: internet access provided by the University and mobile modem.

SPbU internet

To get SPbU internet you have to take your laptop and passport to the SPbU Telecommunications Center to sign a contract. This center is located behind the main university building (Universitetskaya nab, 7-9), in Rector's wing, room 1.

Working hours: Mon-Fri 10:30-16:30

Keep in mind that you will need either an Ethernet cable or Wi-Fi router to connect to the Internet.

Ask you Buddy for assistance.



Available Internet tariffs according to the year 2015:

Cost	Speed	Limit of incoming traffic
400 rubles	25 Mbit / s	2000 GB
650 rubles	50 Mbit / s	5000 GB
200 rubles	10 Mbit / s	1000 GB

Together with the contract you will get a 5-digit number that you will use for payment. The easiest way to pay for the internet is through terminals Unikassa. Please, keep in mind that Unikassa charges a 5% commission from your payment, so you always need to include this extra 5% in your payment.

There are 2 terminals close to the dorm on Kapitanskaya:

- Korablestroiteley 40 (9:00 – 21:00)
- Odoevskogo 31, Ulybka Radugi shop (9:00 – 21:00)

Tech support: 326 49 90 (Russian speaking staff), working hours Mon-Fri 09:00-18:00

Mobile modem internet

Another option for internet access in the dorm is mobile modem. You can buy it in any mobile provider office (MTS, Beeline, Megafon, Tele2 are major ones), but pay attention to the speed and cost of the internet tariff.

3.2.6| Deregistering from the Dorms

According to the rules of the Dormitory in order to move out, a student has to **complete all of the following steps** of the procedure for deregistration:

1. the student **must** inform the person at the reception about the date of leaving the dorm! **Please note** that this information is not official and is not the proof of your leaving the dorm;
2. the student then receives the bill, either in advance or on the day of moving out (until lunch time only).

Please note that in case you receive the bill on the day of moving out, you have to pay it **the same day**. Any delay can be considered as a prolongation of your stay at the dorm.

3. the student pays the bill and **brings the receipt and the bill back** to the dorm, they make a copy of it
4. the student must turn in
 - **the bed clothes, the pillow and the towels** to the room where it was given to him (or to the receptionist if the student doesn't move out during working hours);
 - **the dorm pass and the key** (to the receptionist)

Optional Step:

If the student moves out during working hours he is usually asked **to sign a document** stating that he is officially deregistered. **Please, ask** for such document at the reception (in Russian 'Дополнительное соглашение о расторжении Договора на проживание') stating that you are allowed to take his things and leave the room. Please keep this paper as it may be used as a proof that you have completed the deregistration procedure.

NB!

Please note that if any of the 4 steps is skipped, the procedure is not formally completed and you will then remain on the list of the Dormitory as its resident and the accounting office will keep issuing **bills for every new month until all steps of the deregistration process are completed**.

3.3| Introduction week

Every semester begins with the Introduction Week. The first days in a new country is always a challenge, so in order to speed up the adaptation process at GSOM, the International Office together with the Buddy Team have plans for your first week in Saint Petersburg.

The introduction week usually consists of several parts:

- Registration process and sessions committed to important information from GSOM academic offices;
- Guest lectures or company visits to the leading Russian manufactures and service providers;
- Russian language crash course to give you the best possible start;
- City tour, different excursions and a lot of fun!

NB! On the first working day upon arrival **all students** (bachelors and masters) must come to the main building on **Volkhovskiy pereulok, 3** to go through registration process. Don't forget your passport, migration card and 2 photographs size 3*4

Attendance during the Introduction day is expected while social events are always optional, including those cultural and entertaining parts, organized by the Buddy Team that will cost some money.

However, we assure you that attending the Introduction Week is the best way to create a social network and start exploring the unique Russian culture together with all exchange students and the Buddy Team!

During or right before\after the Introduction Week you will also register for your courses. Registration is expected to be right before the classes start, but you will get an information letter from the office with all the details closer to these dates.

4 | EVERYDAY LIFE

4.1 | Public transport

There are several types of transportation you'll use in your everyday life:

- Metro <http://bestspb.ru/imgs/shema-metro-spb-biq-18rus.jpg>
- Busses, trolleybuses and trams
- Minibuses ("marshrutka")

4.1.1 | Schedule

Metro working hours are about from 5:40 to 0:30 but it depends on each station. Here are working hours of some stations, that you might use the most:

Station	Open	Close
Primorskaya	05:33	00:03
Nevskiy prospect	05:36	00:28
Gostiniy dvor	05:36	00:28
Ploschad Vosstaniya	05:44	00:25
Mayakovskaya	05:42	00:25
Gorkovskaya	05:38	00:26
Petrogradskaya	05:36	00:28
Sportivnaya	05:34	00:16
Admiralteyskaya	05:38	00:15

For other stations check here: <http://www.metro.spb.ru/en/rejimrabortystancii.html> (or google St. Petersburg metro working hours)

NB! Be careful if you have to switch from one line to another: all changes close at 0.15.

Buses, trolleybuses and trams work from 5:30-6:00 to 00:00-00:30 (it depends on a route and particular stop). You can check buses schedule at <http://transport.orgp.spb.ru/Portal/transport/main?lang=en> but buses do not always follow it properly, you can use SPb Transport Online or Wikiroutes apps in real time mode to check whether some bus is coming soon or not.

There are **night buses**, which follow routes of metro lines. They work from April, 30th till November, 15th on weekends and public holidays from 00:00 to 06:00 considering bridges opening time with interval of 30 minutes.

Check routes here:

Line 1 <http://transport.orgp.spb.ru/Portal/transport/route/5625>

Line 2 <http://transport.orgp.spb.ru/Portal/transport/route/5627>

Line 3 <http://transport.orgp.spb.ru/Portal/transport/route/5626>

Line 4 <http://transport.orgp.spb.ru/Portal/transport/route/5646>

Line 5 <http://transport.orgp.spb.ru/Portal/transport/route/5628>

4.1.2 | Apps and sites to check routes

There are some apps that will help you a lot during your stay in St.Petersburg.



2GIS: offline map with information about organizations and transport routes. Available for all smartphones OS. You can also install PC version or use their website. In Russian only.



SPb Transport Online: mobile app to track buses, trolleybuses and trams location in real time. In Russian only.



Wikiroutes.info: website for public transport routes, schedules etc. Can track buses in real time mode. Available in English.

RUSAVTOBUS.RU

Rusavtobus.ru: website and iPhone app for planning your route. Available in English.



Metropolitan or Yandex.Metro: mobile app with metro map, can search for fastest routes and calculate time needed for a ride.



Yandex Transport: mobile app to track public transport in real time mode. Also has info about routes, schedules etc.

4.1.3 | Tickets

Prices for single ride in public transport in 2015:

Metro	45 rubles
Bus, tram, trolleybus	40 rubles
Minibus within the city	Approx. 50 rubles

Students of Russian universities can use **student transportation card** – БСК (BSK) which:

- Cost 250 rub + 1035 rubles monthly (year 2018)
- Includes 100 rides on metro and unlimited number of rides by buses, trams and trolleybuses
- Is accepted in **some** minibuses (marshrutkas)



You can get BSK only with your passport (copy of your passport is not recommended) so make sure you apply for it BEFORE you submit passport for visa extension.

Here is a short instruction how to get your BSK, but you better ask your buddy to help you with it.

1. Order it online (see the section “Useful Instructions from the International Office”)
2. Order it at any metro station (prepare 250 rub and 3*4 size photo, remember to bring your passport and student ID with you if you already have it, the card will be ready in 10 days)
3. Go to ЗАО «Транскарт» (ZAO “Transcard”). Take your passport and student ID.

Location: Chernoretsky pereulok 2 (“Ploschad Alexandra Nevskogo-2” metro station, turn to the right when you exit the station and look for a high porch).

Working hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 – 19:00

Tel.: 301 9774

- There you make a picture and take a receipt for the payment. The card costs **250 rubles**.
- Go to a bank to pay the receipt. The closest bank office is Открытие (Otkrytie) located at the Hotel Moskva, Alexandra Nevskogo square, 2 (entrance from the Neva embankment).
- Come back to “Transcard” with paid receipt and get you card.

TIPS:

- 1) Normally, it is possible to apply for BSK with the official start of the semester.
- 2) Sometimes you are not found in the Metro database because of the international passports and Russian passport differences. If that happens, inform the International Office immediately – we will re-upload your data.

Until you get your student ID, you can buy tokens or tickets each time you use public transport or get «Подорожник» (“**Podorozhnik**”) transport card (recommended option).

- Can be purchased in metro stations
- Price for card – 55 rubles
- You can put any sum of money on it
- Use it to pay for all means of transport (including almost all minibuses)



NB! Mind that you will not be able to use it during 15 minutes in the same mean of transport as there is time limit.

Prices for transportation when you use “Podorozhnik”:

From 1 to 10 rides during a month	36 rubles
From 11 to 20 rides during a month	35 rubles
From 21 to 30 rides during a month	34 rubles
From 31 to 40 rides during a month	33 rubles
More than 40 rides during a month	32 rubles

4.1.4 | How to get to the airport

If you need to meet your guests, coming to visit you, at the airport, here is how you can go by public transport:

1. Go to “Moskovskaya” metro station
2. Get to the bus station (look for the signs at the metro station, saying “Bus to the airport”)
3. Take one of the following

	№	Price (year 2017)	Time for a road	Interval
Bus	39	40 roubles	30-35 mins	12-20 mins
Express bus	39A	40 roubles	15-20 mins	25-30 mins
Commercial minibus	K39	50 roubles	15-20 mins	7 mins

4.1.5 | How to get to the university from dorms

To Bachelor programs building (Sankt Peterburgskoye shosse, 9):

http://gsom.spbu.ru/events/event2017_03_25/how/

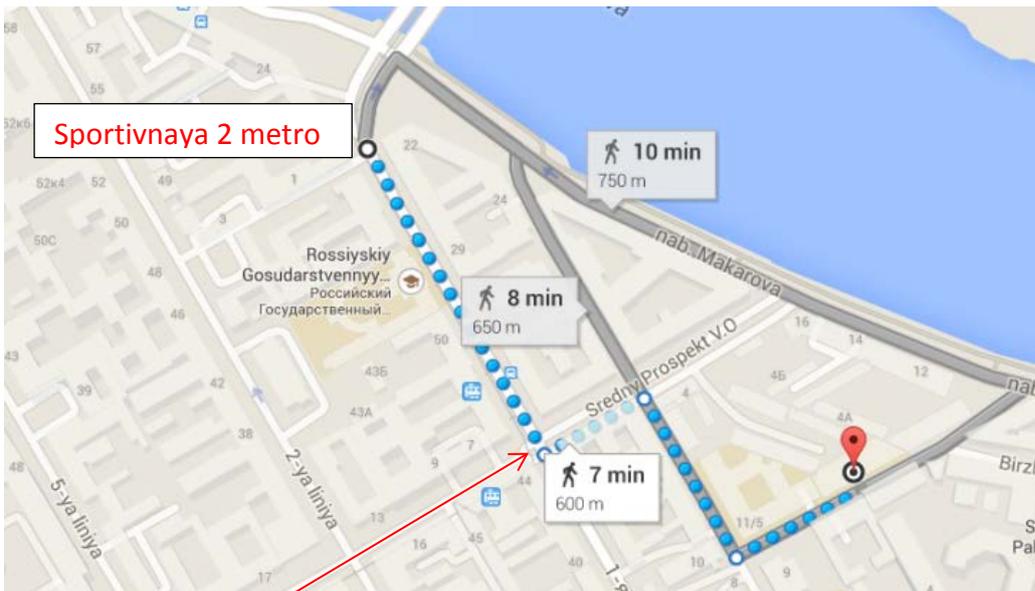
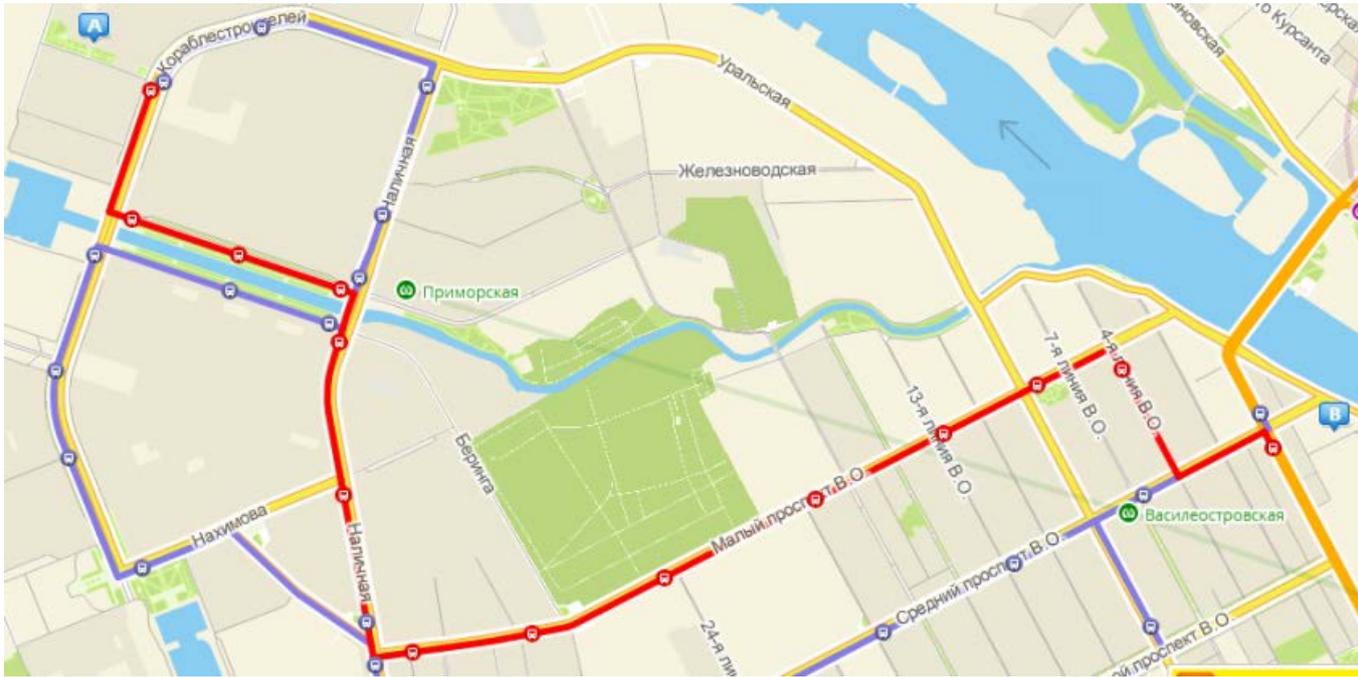
To Master programs building (Volkhovsky pereulok, 3)

By Bus:

- Bus 47 to the station 1 & Kadetskaya linii
- Walk

By metro:

- Take Buses 7, 47, 151 to Primorskaya metro station
- Go by metro to Sportivnaya 2 or Vasileostrovskaya metro station, then – on foot



Vasileostrovskaya metro

4.2 | Shopping

Saint Petersburg city offers great number of places for shopping where you can find goods that suit particular all tastes and budgets. Almost all shops work 7 days per week from 10am till 10pm. Some shops work 24/7.

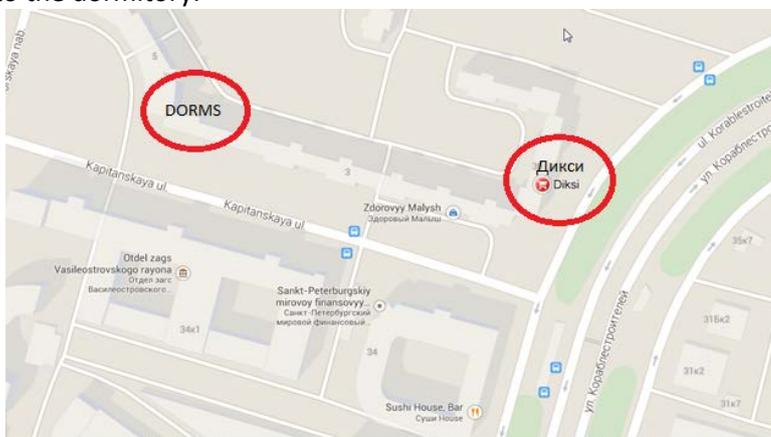
4.2.1 | Grocery stores

Here are grocery stores located close to the dormitory:



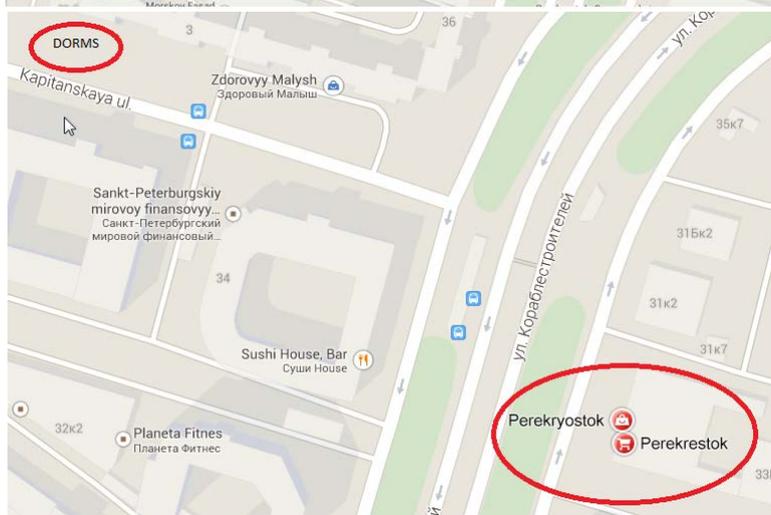
DIXI (dixy.ru/en)

ДИКСИ Dixi (Дикси) is the chain of food and everyday products. Prices are low, though the assortment of products is not wide. There is Dixy shop just next to the dorm at Kapitanskaya.



Perekrestok (perekrestok.ru)

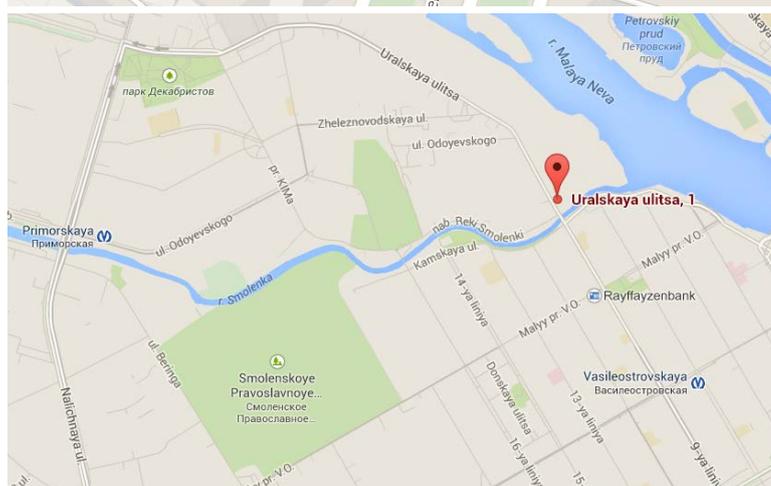
Perekrestok is also chain of food and everyday products. Price level of this chain is higher than of DIXI, however the assortment is also wider. One of the stores is located within walking distance from the dormitory.



Lenta (lenta.com)

In hypermarket Lenta you can find wide range of products under one roof, including full groceries lines and general merchandise.

Location: Uralskaya str., 29/1
Buses 7, 47, 151, 152,
Trolleybus 10



NB! There are some unbreakable rules for grocery shopping in St. Petersburg:

- Legal drinking age is 18 y.o. for drinks >12%Vol. and 21 y.o. for drinks <12%Vol.
- Alcohol of any type is not sold at night, between 10pm and 11am.
- Legal smoking age is 18 y.o. Cigarette and tobacco displays are banned in supermarkets. To get cigarette pack, please, ask a cashier.
- A cashier can ask you to show your passport/ID (not driving license, not student ID) at the moment of

purchase to check your age.

4.2.2 | Household goods

Basic household goods can be found in supermarkets and hypermarkets mentioned above. However there are chains of stores that are specialized in household goods.



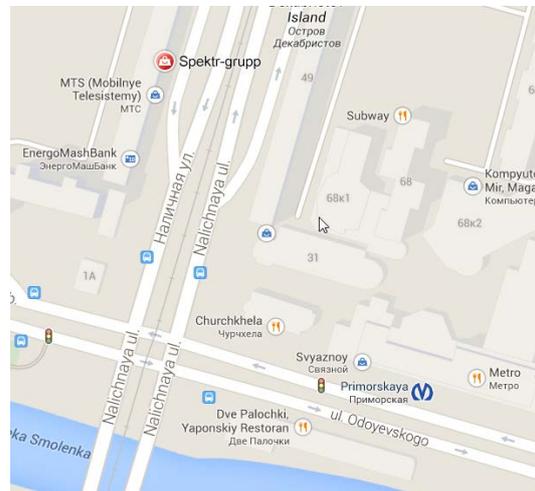
Ulibka Radugy (r-ulybka.ru/shops)

Ulibka Radugy is a chain of stores where you can find household goods, personal hygiene goods and cosmetics. There is one shop just in front of Primorskaya metro station.



Spectr (spectrgroup.ru)

Spectr is an alternative chain of stores where you can find household goods, personal hygiene goods and cosmetics. There is one shop next to Primorskaya metro station, on the way to the dorms.



4.2.3 | Shopping malls

Shopping malls are distributed all over the city and sometimes are located close to a metro station and sometimes – not. The most popular shopping malls are those located in the city center – Stockmann and Galeria.



Stockmann is a Finnish chain of shopping centers and a good place to shop for clothing, homewares and other miscellany. Stockmann department store is located in front of metro Ploshad' Vosstaniya (exit to Vosstaniya street)

Working hours: 10am-11pm



Galeria shopping and entertainment center is situated in the very heart of St. Petersburg, on the crossing of two major prospects of the city — Nevsky and Ligovsky, in front of Ploshad' Vosstaniya (exit to Ligovsky prospect)

Working hours: 10am-11pm

4.2.4| Furniture

As you all probably know the best place to get furniture at a low price is IKEA. There are two IKEAs in St. Petersburg, they both are located at the edge of city area, in the largest shopping malls MEGA:

➤ **IKEA Parnas**

Working hours

10am-11pm

How to get there

- from metro **Prospect Prosvescheniya** – bus 104, 148 and K1
- from metro **Grazhdansky Prospect** – bus K2.



➤ **IKEA Dybenko**

Working hours

10am-11pm

How to get there

- from metro Dybenko street (orange line) – bus K3
- from metro Lomonosovskaya – bus K4.

4.3| Emergency numbers

112 - This is a single emergency Russian hotline for calls from cell phones in emergency situations. Calls can be made even when there is no SIM card, no money on the account, the phone or phone's keypad is locked.

04 - Gas tech service. Dial if you smell gas.

03 - Ambulance

4.4 | Health

4.4.1 | Pharmacies close to the dorm

Pervaya Pomoshch (Первая помощь)

Odoevskogo str., 31 (close to metro station Primorskaya)

Rodnik zdorovya (Родник здоровья)

Korablestroiteley str., 34 (close to the dorm)

Аптека Dlya Vas (Аптека для Вас)

Korablestroiteley str., 36 (close to the dorm)

4.4.2 | Medical care

We hope that during your stay you will not need medical care. But if you do, always **check your insurance policy or contact your insurance company at first place** and follow their instructions to make sure that they will cover your costs.

After you contacted your insurance company, in case you need\want to, you may check the following:

Private medical centers

To receive assistance in English you may use private medical centers services but keep in mind that services of such clinics are quite expensive, unless your insurance policy will cover this.

Here you can find three private clinics. All of them have multilingual staff and offer 24-hour doctor availability, house calls, and emergency care. Dentistry, pharmacy and laboratory services are available on site. The majority of Russian doctors have received Western training on top of their very good Russian education. Medical costs are considerably higher than those charged by normal Russian hospitals and clinics.

Euromed Clinic - recommended

Location: Suvorovskiy pr., 60

Tel.: 327-0301 (24/7)

<http://en.euromed.ru/>

American Medical Center (rather expensive)

Location: Moika emb., 78

Tel.: 740 2090 (24/7),

<http://www.amclinic.com/>

International Clinic Medem

Location: Marata str. 6,

Tel.: 336-3333, 336-3336 (24 hours)

<http://medem.ru/en/>

4.5| Sports

4.5.1| GSOM Sports

You can visit website for information on sports in GSOM http://en.sport.spbu.ru/sport_sport_club.php or contact the person in charge, Igor Veretenin by e-mail veretenin@gsom.pu.ru

4.5.2| Fitness centers/gyms

Unfortunately, there are no gyms on campus. But you can buy a card to the fitness center Planeta Fitness, which is the nearest to the dorm, and besides is the largest fitness center with a swimming pool in the city.

Planeta Fitness

Location: Korablestroiteley, 32/2

Tel.: 449 3311

Working hours: Mon-Fri 7.00-23.00, Sat-Sun 9.00-22.00

You can check out pictures of the center here:

http://www.spb.fitness.ru/clubs/find_club/photogallery/?SECTION_CODE=SPB&ID=507

As it is the nearest fitness center to your dorm, and many incoming students go there, we try to negotiate a special price for you as a group. Approximate prices for this year are in the table below. Tell your buddy if you want to join in order to organize a group and register you in the fitness center.

	Fitness only, rub. monthly	Fitness + Aqua, rub. monthly
3 months	7500	10300
4 months	8500	11300

*prices of the year 2015

4.5.2| Football

There are two pitches right behind the Master students dorm and all you need is a football and people to be enthusiastic to show up ☺ So feel free to organize yourself via Facebook group.

We have a GSOM Football tournament, which is held each semester and takes 1 month to complete. The students organize it themselves, so it's important to socialize and get to know the people who are into football.

4.5.3| Swimming pools

Apart from the swimming pool in Planeta Fitness, you can use the:

- **University swimming pool** which has 6 lanes, each 25 m length. A session is 60 min long.

Location: Universitetskaya nab., 7-9 Tel.: 328 9514

Working hours: 08.00 – 22.00 daily, closed from July until mid of September

Prices of the year 2015:

- 1 month (4 sessions) – 1000 rubles
- 3 months (12 sessions) – 2500 rubles
- 5 months (20 sessions) – 4000 rubles

- Public swimming pool **SKA** (prices are considerably higher)

Location: Sredniy pr., 87 Tel.: 322 4505

Working hours: 07.00 – 22.00 daily

Prices: 1 session > 550 rub; 11 sessions > 5000 rub; 19 sessions > 8000 rub

5 | UNIVERSITY LIFE

5.1 | GSOM rules

In order to simplify your learning experience, keep in mind the rules that you have to follow:

- Attendance is mandatory, especially for seminars
- Since in-class work counts as a part of your final grade you must complete homework and take part in in-class assignments

NB: In case you miss an assignment, you must have a written proof of your reason in order to address GSOM with the request to provide you with an opportunity to make up for the missed task. The final decision still depends on the professor as some of the tasks cannot be compensated such as group work and other.

- Alcohol is prohibited in SPbU buildings as well as attendance while intoxicated
- Smoking in the university buildings is prohibited. You can only smoke outside but at a distance from the entrance
- Eating during classes is not allowed
- Sitting in overclothes in class is not allowed. You may take off the jacket and take it in class with you or leave it in the cloakroom

5.2 | Exams

Evaluation

Before each exam, right after the end of each course Evaluation session is opened. If you fail to evaluate the courses on time, you won't be able to see your grade for the course in the system after the exam.

NB! Evaluation of each class is open before and only up to the exam.

Presence at the exams (as well as at the assignments)

It is obligatory to be present at the exam and in-class assignments. No individual schedule is set for either GSOM or exchange students.

In case of illness/accident:

- Inform International office by e-mail/phone about your absence as soon as it'll be possible for you.
- Send a sick leave certificate copy (with the registered beginning date) to the manager.
- Bring a certificate to the office *no later than three days from the end date appointed in that paper.*

Online exams

There are 2 kinds of exams: in-class and online.

In-class exams may be either open book or closed book exams.

The online exams are available at a set time in the university system. Some of them are online with the requirement of your presence in the classroom (e.g. online closed-book).

The International office sends out the instruction on how to proceed with them in the system together with the exam schedule.

General online exams guidelines

1. An On-line exam starts at the time indicated in the official schedule. The duration of the test is indicated in the syllabus of the course.
2. You have to take the exam during the time which is indicated in the syllabus. In most cases it is 2 academic hours (90 min.).

3. After you finish the test, you have to upload it to the system. If there are any problems with uploading the test you should **immediately** send an e-mail with your file and a screenshot (as a *.jpg file), displaying the problem and the time when it happens to the program manager within 10 minutes after the end of the test. If you upload or send the test after this limited period, the test would be graded as failed.
4. Please note that communication among students taken the exam or any other forms of cheating is strictly forbidden and will have serious consequences when discovered.
5. Plagiarism – the use of another person’s text without indicating the source – is similarly considered to be cheating.

5.3 | Paper Demonstration

When you receive the schedule with the exams there are three dates in it set for each of the courses:

- 1) the date of the consultation – the time to revise the information and discuss pending questions with the teacher before the exam;
- 2) the date of the exam – an official and the only time to pass the course;
- 3) the date of paper demonstration - an official and the only time to ask questions about the grading of your exam.

Please note that the professors have the right to deny to discuss the exam results with you any other time except for the paper demonstration time.

5.4 | Re-sits

All students have the right to take part in the re-sit session while they are still officially GSOM exchange students (i.e. until the end of their exchange semester).

Here is what you must keep in mind with this regard:

- **Dates => availability of such option**

Both Fall and Spring semester has mid-term exam session for a number of courses and the general exam session for the rest of the courses.

Fall semester re-sits schedule is scattered, thus it is better to double-check with the international office the availability of such option.

In Spring semester the re-sits for the **mid-term 4th year courses exam session** are scheduled almost right after the session itself enabling exchangers to participate in 2nd and 3rd attempts without any obstacles to that.

In Spring semester the re-sits for **3rd year midterm session** and **general exam sessions which are held in the end of the semesters** are organized in September (for Spring semester) and in February (for Fall semester), which makes it impossible for the exchangers to participate in it because by this time you are no longer GSOM exchange student.

All in all, only mid-term re-sits are available to the exchangers.

- **Number of attempts**

In case you fail to be present at the first exam attempt due to medical reasons, the attempts during the re-sit session will be considered as your 1st and 2nd attempts giving you the chance of individually scheduled 3rd attempt if needed.

In case you appear to absent from the first attempt due to any other reason but medical, the re-sits are considered as 2nd and 3rd attempts.

5.5 | Grading system

GSOM uses the absolute scale when grading (50 percent – passing grade).

Points	RF Grades	ECTS Grades
90 – 100	Excellent (5)	A
85 – 89	Excellent (5)	B
83 – 84	Good (4)	B
75 – 82	Good (4)	C
71 – 74	Good (4)	D
65 – 70	Satisfactory (3)	D
50 – 64	Satisfactory (3)	E
< 50	Failed	F

5.6 | IT facilities

In the core of the GSOM IT system, there is a cluster of 55 servers, guaranteeing system reliability and durable data storage. In both GSOM buildings, wireless broadband Internet access is granted for all the students, professors and visitors. There is also a print & copy system, available for registered users.

While studying in GSOM you will use 2 IT-systems.

Blackboard

<https://bb.spbu.ru/>

Here you will find all information about courses you are enrolled in as well as course materials (slides, assignments, readings etc.). You will also upload your assignments here.

Incoming students receive their personal logins (ST) and passwords before the start of the semester.

University account

SPbU uses BlackBoard platform to manage your studying process: register for courses, fill evaluation forms, pass online exams, check grades etc.

The login and password are given before course registration. The same login and password will be used for computers in libraries and computer rooms as well as to access corporate email (possible to enter with google mail) to which you will be receiving the information from GSOM offices during the semester.

Service desk

Master programs building

Mon-Sat 08:30-21:30

Tel.: 323 84 54, ext. 888

5.7 | Libraries

The GSOM Library is a branch of SPbU Scientific Library. GSOM students and staff, as members of the SPbU community, may use the core collection of the Scientific Library, as well as the collections and services of each branch of the Scientific Library.

The library is able to provide a number of open-space reading rooms with open access to the collection (including periodicals), as well as some group work areas, with the total capacity of 175 places. The facilities provided include:

- Computers with a high-speed access to the Internet, connected to the databases;
- Photocopying & scanning machines;
- Wireless connection to the Internet;
- Electronic catalogues;
- Electronic RFID book registry terminals.

The Library consists of two divisions, in both GSOM buildings. Both Bachelor and Master students are allowed to use either of them, as well as all the provided facilities, access to which is granted GSOM-wide.

The following is the normal Library working schedule, though you should be aware of the fact that during the vacations period, the Library open hours are usually reduced. The latest schedule is always available at the GSOM Library web-page: <http://www.gsom.spbu.ru/en/library/>.

Library in the Master programs building

Mon	9:30–21:00
Tue	9:30–21:00
Wed	9:30–21:00
Thu	9:30–21:00
Fri	9:30–21:00
Sat	9:00–20:00
Sun	closed

Contacts

Library Department on
Volkhovsky, 3
Tel.: +7 (812) 323 8443
E-mail: library@gsom.pu.ru

Library rules

On your first day in GSOM you will receive a Library Card. It is free, personal, non-transferable and must be returned to the Library after the end of the study program.

The Library aims to offer its users a clean and peaceful work environment:

- Food and drinks (except bottled water) may not be brought in.
- Activities resulting in bothersome noise are not allowed: using mobile phones, conversation in loud voices, working in groups (except in the group study room), etc.
- Overclothes should be left at the Cloakroom on the ground floor before entering the Library.
- Personal property and study materials should not be left unattended on study tables when the owner leaves the Library to attend class or for other extended periods.

The library is not responsible for personal books, papers, laptops or other items left in the Library.

You may read other rules on the website: http://www.gsom.spbu.ru/en/library/library_rules/

Search for Information On-line

Here is a list of resources available in English, which you may find useful while preparing your work during the semester in GSOM:

- GSOM Library web-page:
<http://www.gsom.spbu.ru/en/library/>
- The list of the database resources available for GSOM students for free, by subject and content type:
www.gsom.spbu.ru/en/library/subject_and_content_type/
A-Z list of databases:
<http://www.gsom.spbu.ru/en/library/index/>
- GSOM OpenArchive Project — digital repository of the GSOM research publications:
<http://dspace.gsom.pu.ru/jspui/>
- Combined Russian & international periodicals search engine “A-Z Journal Finder”:
http://www.gsom.spbu.ru/en/library/az_journal_finder/

Printing

Your library card can be used to print documents in the university. You can put money on the card in the bookstore to use printers. The cost of printing is 3 rubles per page.

Wi-Fi and library computers

You will receive an ID and password to connect to the GSOM IT system - BlackBoard. They are also needed to connect to the university Wi-Fi (name: SPbU) and to use university computers.

Conference room booking

You can book a conference room in Master building in order to work on the project with your team. To book the room you should contact the library department in Master programs building via telephone or e-mail and inform about desired reservation time.

6| GOING OUT

6.1| Places to visit

Saint Petersburg is well known for huge amount of tourist attractions as well as a lot of festivals, temporary exhibitions and theatrical performances. To find out more about “must visit” places as well as about upcoming events we recommend you to visit some of these web-sites.

Web-site	Description	Language
The Village (Saint Petersburg) http://www.the-village.ru	This web-site provides a lot of useful information about upcoming events along with news and just interesting articles	Russian
KudaGo (Saint Petersburg) http://kudago.com/spb/	The web-site which is devoted to most interesting places and activities in Saint Petersburg . Here you can find all information about upcoming events, concerts and festivals, where they will be held etc.	Russian
City tourist portal http://visit-petersburg.ru/	This web-site is mostly devoted to places of tourist attraction in Saint Petersburg , but you can also find some useful information about interesting events in Saint Petersburg .	English
Blog-Fiesta (Saint Petersburg) http://www.blog-fiesta.com/	This web-site is for people who are interested in the events of St. Petersburg and all that is connected with the city. There is a lot if information about interesting and extraordinary events in the city.	Russian
TripAdvisor (Saint Petersburg) http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g298507-Activities-St_Petersburg_Northwestern_District.html	One of the most popular web-site about traveling, sightseeing and amusement. (Almost) All you need to know about attractions in Paint-Petersburg is in here.	English

6.2 | Great cultural opportunities!

There are many great cultural opportunities to be had in St. Petersburg, both the classic and world famous Mariinsky Theatre— more on them in a minute, as well as concerts with local and international performers. One site where you can check your options which gives a pretty good overview is: <http://www.inyourpocket.com/russia/st-petersburg/concerts-culture-events-entertainment>

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Cinema-freaks can check out the web-site <https://spb.subscity.ru/> for the movies in the original.

You must be aware that in almost all of the commercial cinemas, ALL showings are dubbed in Russian (although you might be surprised about how much of an action film you understand even though it is in Russian!). That is why it is better to study the web-site before

arranging an evening out in the cinema.

Among the most popular places there are Dom Cinema, see <http://www.domkino.spb.ru/> or <http://www.rodinakino.ru/> (both sites are in Russian but you can see the titles in English or French etc of the non-Russian films and both venues generally show films in the original version with Russian subtitles.

The Angletterre Cinema Lounge, see: <http://www.angletterrecinema.ru/en>, shows all films in the original versions (a good selection in English) with Russian subtitles. The same is true for The Cinema (<http://artpokaz.com/>) which is by the way located at the Art Centre (<http://www.loftprojectetagi.ru/en/>) where you can attend a modern art exhibition or meet interesting people, and for Formula Kino <http://www.formulakino.ru/raspisanie/kino/>, where you can find films in the original shown on the silver screens in different parts of the city.

The Mariinsky gets its own billing

While studying at GSOM, you have access to both the Old and New Stages of one of the world's greatest theatres with classic and contemporary opera and ballet, as well as concerts in the nearby concert Hall. Not only do you have access, but as a student with a visa allowing you to study in Russia, you can purchase tickets for personal use at substantial discounts. Go to the Mariinsky's site at: <http://www.mariinsky.ru/en/> . The Russian operas generally have synchronised English supratitles on the electronic banner above the stage. Furthermore, as a student at GSOM, you will get a list early each month showing approximately 30 performances to be offered the following month with very good discounts for GSOM students and staff.



6.3 | Bars and clubs

BARS

СПб

One of the most popular bars among young people: quite wide range of courses and drinks, affordable price and unfussy atmosphere. Here are several locations.

- Korablestroiteley str., 30 ([Primorskaya](#))
- 7th Line of Vasilievskiy island, 42 ([Sportivnaya 2](#))
- Nevsky pr., 8 ([Admiralteyskaya](#))
- Sadovaya str., 14 ([Nevsky prospect](#))
- Marata str., 1 ([Mayakovskaya](#))



Other locations: <http://www.barspb.ru/bars/map/>

Prices: <http://www.barspb.ru/menu/>

Please, keep in mind, they might ask you to show your ID at the entrance.

KillFish discount bar

This popular chain is believed to offer the lowest prices in the city with tolerable quality of the food and drinks. Be aware of different promos offered on the website (ask Russian speaking friend to translate :))

- Korablestroiteley str., 31/2 ([Primorskaya](#))
- Sadovaya str., 45 ([Sadovaya](#))
- Mokhovaya str., 31; Vosstaniya str., 30 ([Chernyshevskaya](#))



Other locations: <http://killfish.ru/bars.html>

Prices: <http://killfish.ru/menu.html>

Sidreria (Сидрерия)

The perfect place for cider fans. The widest in the city range of sorts of cider for affordable prices.

- Karavannaya, 6 ([Gostiniy Dvor](#))

Daiquiri bar

The most famous cocktail bar in SPb. Perfect place to enjoy cocktail atmosphere and the craftsmanship of professional barmen.

- Bolshaya Konushennaya str., 1 ([Nevsky prospect](#))
- Gorokhovaya str., 49 ([Sadovaya](#))

Prices: http://dbar.ru/#menu_2

Cocabar

Three sorts of branded beer, wide range of cocktails, Italian food and cozy atmosphere – good place to warm up on rainy days in Saint P.

- Sadovaya str., 13 ([Sadovaya](#))

Prices: <http://cocabar.ru/menu/>

IRISH PUBS

O'Hooligans

- Bolshaya Konushennaya str., 14 ([Nevsky prospect](#))
- Bakunina str., 5 ([Ploshad Vosstaniya](#))

<http://www.ohooligans.ru/>

Mollie's group

- Italyanskaya str., 29; Kazanskaya str., 5 ([Nevsky prospect](#))
- Rubinschteina, 36 ([Mayakovskaya](#))

Other locations: <http://molly.su/all-bars/>

Each pub has different name, check the link above!

TIP! If you want to watch a football match in one of these bars and pubs, reserve the table in advance!

CLUBS

Dumskaya street

The cult street or the bar ghetto. Motley crowd, cheap alcohol and lot of fun! The cult bars are Fidel and Dachka.

- Dumskaya street ([Nevsky prospect/ Gostiniy Dvor](#))

Lomonosov Bar

Next to Dumskaya street. Free karaoke on the 1st floor, popular commercial music on the 2nd – one of the most favorite places among exchange students. Dress code.

- Lomonosova str., 1 ([Nevsky prospect/ Gostiniy Dvor](#))

Soul Kitchen

Pop and electronic music, “home party” atmosphere. Dress code

- Lomonosova str., 1 ([Nevsky prospect/ Gostiniy Dvor](#))

Stackenschneider <https://vk.com/stackenschneiderbar>

House, techno, deep. One of the best places with electronic music. Dress code.

- Millionnaya str., 10 ([Nevsky prospect](#))

Radiobaby <http://www.radiobaby.com/club/>

- Kazanskaya str., 7 in the courtyard ([Nevsky prospect](#))

Circus <http://club-circus.ru/>

House, deep and little bit of techno. Dress code

- Konyushennaya square, 2 ([Nevsky prospect](#))

L.U.X. <http://vk.com/luxnightclub>

- Konyushennaya square, 2/ Griboedova channel, 7 ([Nevsky prospect](#))

Estrada

A quite fancy night club offering high-quality music and karaoke. Dress code

- Sadovaya str., 17 ([Gostiniy Dvor](#))

6.3 | Bridge schedules

Saint Petersburg is called the Venice of the North because of its many rivers and canals in the city. But every night during the navigation period the city is split into two parts, because 13 bridges, that cross Neva River, open at night for at least four hours to let large ships pass. This is why you must pay attention to the bridge schedules otherwise you may have to stay on the wrong side of the city for the whole night waiting for the opportunity to get home.

The bridges are drawn from May 5 till November 20 (approximately).

By following the link you can find the most recent schedule: <https://en.mostotrest-spb.ru/>

6.4 | Taxi numbers

If you are too late to get home by public transport, here are several numbers where you can order a taxi.

- 318 0318 (www.spb.rutaxi.ru/en/index.html). With this taxi you can get a minor discount if you tell the operator promotion code **710**.
- 777 1777 (www.777taxi.ru)
- 324 7777 (www.taxi068.ru)

TIP! At some taxi services you can order a cab online. And sometimes it is considerably cheaper. For instance, taxi “Vezet” (rutaxi.ru) claims a 25% discount for online orders. Check out their mobile app as well, available for all major mobile OS. Another application to call for a taxi from your smartphone is GetTaxi.

TIP! Do not use the services of unofficial taxi drivers. There is a number of unpleasant accidents ending with money loss.

7| TRAVELING

The most memorable time of your exchange semester can be connected with traveling around Russia and Northern European countries. While travelling, it is important to keep up to date with the travel status of places you plan to visit.

NB! Each time you travel **take your passport and migration card** with you!

7.1| Traveling regulations for international students

According to Russian laws, every person has to be registered in a city, if he or she stays there for more than 3 days. If you are staying at a hotel/hostel, its administration will do it for you.

It is crucially important that you notify the international office about your trip each time you leave the city, especially if your trip is abroad, as well as about the fact that you have returned back by bringing new migration/registration card and your passport to the office. Since the university is responsible for you and your safety, administration of GSOM must register the fact that you're gone and when you are back in St. Petersburg. So to avoid fees and fines notify international office each time.

If you are traveling abroad, the border police will take and keep your migration card every time you leave the country. When you enter Russia again, you must:

- Be sure to get a new migration card
- The border police **must** stamp it (on the day of crossing the border)

NB! When you are **back in Russia** from abroad, don't forget to **send a scanned copy** of your new migration card to Ekaterina Zhulanova (e.zhulanova@gsom.pu.ru) **within 1 working day** after entering Russia.

NB! When you are back in St. Petersburg after traveling within Russia or after your stay in any hotel/hostel of St.Petersburg, send the address of a hotel/hostel you stayed in last time and dates of your trip also to Ekaterina Zhulanova (e.zhulanova@gsom.pu.ru).

7.2| Russian railways and Russian airlines

Russian Railways (RZD) is one of the most common mean of transport for long-distance traveling and suburban traveling. Direct routes link Russia with many national railway systems in Europe and Asia such as: Finland, France, Germany, Poland, China, Mongolia, North Korea etc. along with many Russian cities.



You can **buy tickets** both on railway stations and online via RZD website <http://pass.rzd.ru/main-pass/public/en>

To buy tickets you may use either websites of these companies, or any internet agent, e.g. Skyscanner, AviaSales, Ozon-Travel.

Via <http://rasp.yandex.ru/> you can find all information about timetables (trains, local trains, airlines, buses etc.), but the web-site is in Russian.

- You have to keep in mind that it is necessary to **take your passport** while traveling on long-distance trains.
- You can get **discount** for local trains during the school year, however you have to present your Russian student ID.

Along with trains you may use **airplanes** to travel. The list of Russian airlines includes:

- Aeroflot

The largest airline in Russia, an extensive network of routes across Russia and many countries of the world

- Rossiya Airlines
Domestic and international flights from St. Petersburg
- UTair
The leader on domestic routes Russia
- Sibir (S7 Airlines)
Extensive route network from Moscow and Novosibirsk
- Transaero
Leading Russian carrier for travel and long-haul routes

TIP! Buy tickets and book hotels only via **reliable** sites or official sites.

7.3| Trans-Siberia

The Trans-Siberian Railway is a network of railways connecting Moscow with the Russian Far East and the Sea of Japan and one of the most well-known routes for traveling in Russia. For all of you who are interested in this long trip across Russia, check <http://www.trans-siberia.com/>



7.4| Tourist offices in St. Petersburg

A range of tourist information and advice is available at The City Tourist Information Centre offices. You can also call their Tourist help line +7 (812) 300 33 33, 24 hours a day for an English-speaking hotline who can tell you everything from the opening hours of the local supermarket to what to do if you've just landed in the drunk tank. You can check their website - <http://eng.ispb.info/>. There are 9 tourist information points within the city.



The main one: Sadovaya str. 14 (metro Gostiny Dvor), tel. 310 28 22. Open Mon-Fri 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 12:00 - 18:00

Others are located at:

1. Sadovaya str. 37, open Mon-Fri 10:00 - 19:00, Sat 12:00 - 18:00
2. Dvortsovaya ploshad (Palace square - close to the Hermitage), tel. 982 82 53, open Mon-Sun 10:00 - 19:00
3. Isaakievskaya ploshad (St. Isaac's square), open Mon-Sun 10:00 - 19:00
4. Ploshad Rastrelli (Rastrelli square - close to Smolny cathedral), open Mon-Fri 08:30 - 16:00
5. Ploshad Vosstaniya (next to Moskovsky train station), open Mon-Fri 10:00 - 19:00
6. Airport Pulkovo, open Mon-Sun 10:00 - 19:00.

7.5| Websites for traveling

One of the most useful sites with information about sightseeing, hotels etc. is TripAdvisor. There you can also find useful tips that are necessary to keep in mind.



<http://www.visitrussia.org.uk/> - this web-site also contains useful information about main tours in Russia and gives you an idea what to visit while being in Russia

TIP! Think about your trip **in advance**: plan the route, accommodation, places to visit etc. Since it can be quite hard to find a person who speaks English, it is better to have a plan, a map and any other information needed for your trip.

8 | USEFUL INSTRUCTIONS FROM GSOM INTERNATIONAL OFFICE

By following the link you can download GSOM instructions, maps and files for international students: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1azLMkPaZ9INTZmTUI6Y3JHdGs>