



Saint - Petersburg 2011



Educa

centre for foreign languages



Russian language school
Volunteer and Internship programmes
in Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Our courses:

Group courses: General Russian



Our students achieve the best results through intensive **group** interaction in a productive, imaginative and enjoyable environment. With small classes ranging from 2 to 6 students you will get personalized attention and every opportunity to speak and participate. This way you'll be able to progress at maximum speed.



Educa offers 2 types of Group Courses:

Standard Group – 20 lessons per week
Intensive Group – 30 lessons per week

Standard Group course is designed to develop and improve all areas of practical Russian, including reading, writing, speaking and listening. We aim to enhance your communicational skills whether for everyday life, travel or business purposes.

Intensive group course is a saturated version of the standard Group course. As you will attend 30 group lessons per week, we aim to enhance your general communication skills even faster.

Individual courses

Educa has a wealth of **one-to-one** courses on offer at all language levels. The one-to-one format enables you to benefit from full personal attention from your teacher. If you have specialized requests and wish to improve a particular skill or language area, one-to-one is your best option. The course is continually adapted to your individual progress and requirements.

We offer tailor-made individual courses:

- General Russian:

- Specially-Oriented General Russian:
 - culture-oriented course
 - history-oriented course
 - job-oriented course
 - grammar-oriented course
 - Russian for tourists
 - Russian for small talk
- Russian for Specific Purposes:
 - Business Russian
 - Economical Russian
 - Technological Russian
 - Academic Russian

Our location:

Educa is located in the centre of St.Petersburg in an exclusive and fashionable district on Petrogradskiy Island. It's only a 15 minute walk to the Neva Embankment and the Peter and Paul Fortress. The school is 3 minutes on foot from Petrogradskaya metro station, which is only 2

Our facilities:

- 19 comfortable classrooms
- Student area
- Free Internet access and WiFi
- Snack facilities
- Cafe (on the ground floor)
- Library

Timetable:

Monday

9:30	Placement test
10:00-11:30	Standard course
11:45-13:15	
14:00-15:30	Intensive course
15:45-17:15	Super Intensive course

The most popular levels of intensity:

- Light 15 lessons per week
- Standard 20 lessons per week
- Intensive 30 lessons per week
- Super Intensive 40 lessons per week

Katharina from Sweden

One-to-one

I liked the course a lot. It helped me to get started again with Russian language. And all teachers gave attention to my special demands. Wrote down the words I asked for, talked about sociological things and so on. Very good!

You can make your individual course more diversified by booking our **Full Immersion** course which offers you the complete St. Petersburg experience. During the week you will enjoy a combination of regular classes at school and outside classes in the form of cultural excursions through-

stops away from Nevskiy Prospect.

The school is set in a large and traditional, four-storey, 20th century building. Our offices and classrooms are on the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Tuesday

10:00-11:30	Standard course
11:45-13:15	
13:30-14:10	Come together club
15:00-16:30	Intensive course
16:45-18:15	Super Intensive course

Wednesday-Friday

10:00-11:30	Standard course
11:45-13:15	
14:00-15:30	Intensive course
15:45-17:15	Super Intensive course

Each lesson lasts 45 minutes. For your convenience lessons may start at any time during office hours upon advanced agreement.

together with some common activity with other students and the possibility of taking advantage of the cultural richness of a city like St. Petersburg. In the end I can say it was a wonderful experience, which I hope to renew soon.

Combined courses

Cultural, practical and fun, our **combined courses** have been designed to give you the ultimate Russian experience by enabling you to choose an extra subject according to your interests or goals.

On a weekly basis, a combined course includes 20 or 30 group lessons of General

Martin from Germany

Combined 20+10

Nice and good reachable school near the centre of Petersburg. The teachers are all native speakers, good international flair inside the school and good cultural program. If there are any problems assistants of school help the pupils.

I recommend a combined course which is a very good way to learn Russian language and a good mixture of learning in group and learning eye-to-eye with teacher to assume a big variety of useful topics.

I enjoyed the time very much and learned a lot in my 5 weeks there. Came back for another course and also had nothing to complain.

All in All great experience.

out the city, accompanied by a teacher, during which you will need to deal with different real communicational situations.

Full Immersion 20+10 : 20 indoor lessons + 10 outdoor
Full Immersion 30+10 : 30 indoor lessons + 10 outdoor
Full immersion 20+20 : 20 indoor lessons + 20 outdoor

Vincenzo from Italy **Individual 20**

I began studying at Educa LS in June 2000 after my friend had

advised me that school. Since then I have had 3 courses with different characteristics. A full-month course was the chance to experience living in a family and the support of the school even in the preparation of my trip. During shorter courses I was pleased by the possibility of tailoring the course to the personal needs and time available. The teaching makes full use of all the available media, including multimedia. I experienced mainly intensive courses and found them very efficient,



The most popular combinations:

Combined 20+5: 20 group + 5 individual lessons
Combined 20+10: 20 group + 10 individual lessons
Combined 20+15: 20 group + 15 individual lessons
Combined 30+5: 30 group + 5 individual lessons

Russian and any number of the individual lessons of the subject of your choice.

Prices



Group courses

Course name	Price per week
Standard Group 20	195 Euro
Intensive Group 30	255 Euro

Individual courses

Course name	Price per week
1 lesson of General* Russian	18 Euro
1 lesson of Russian for Specific purpose**	20 Euro
1 Walking lesson	25 Euro
Light 15	270 Euro
General Individual 20	360 Euro
Russian for Specific purpose 20	400 Euro
General Individual 30	525 Euro
Russian for Specific purpose 30	600 Euro
Super-Intensive 40	680 Euro
Full Immersion 20 class + 10 walking	600 Euro
Full Immersion 30 class + 10 walking	750 Euro
Full Immersion 20 class + 20 walking	840 Euro

* General Russian and Specially-Oriented General Russian: it might be cultural, historical, job, grammar-oriented course, Russian for tourists, Russian for small talk and other

** Russian for Specific purpose: Business Russian, Academic Russian, Technological Russian, Economical Russian

Combined courses

Course name	Price per week
Combined 20 group + 5 individual	285 Euro
Combined 30 group + 5 individual	345 Euro
Combined 20 group + 10 individual	375 Euro
Combined 20 group + 15 individual	475 Euro

Our advantages:

1. Our prices. Compare them with competitors.
2. Mini-groups.
3. No season supplements.
4. Start date - every Monday. Other days are also possible.



5. Group hours are converted into individual with a discount price (if there is no group of your level).
6. Student card which allows discount entry to museums.
7. End-of-course certificate of achievement.



VISA SUPPORT

Visa invitation letter:

For a term less than 30 days: we arrange a tourist invitation letter for students who come for the short-term. It takes 1-2 days to prepare the visa invitation letter and then we send the documents via email. It is sufficient to print the documents to go to the Embassy. We provide our students with clear instructions on how to apply for the visa at the Russian consulate.

For a term more than 30 days: the visa invitation for a long-term stay is issued by the Federal Migration Service. It takes about a month to get it from the migration office. The original of such invitation is required when applying for the visa, so we send it with a courier.

Visa registration

All foreigners must register their visas with the Russian authorities within three working days after arrival in Russia. Our team provides full assistance.



Accommodation

Host family*	Price per week
Single room, bed & breakfast	160 Euro
Single room, half board	190 Euro

* No fixed arrival day. Students can arrive and depart any day they like.

Additional fees

Service	Price
Registration fee	30 Euro
Volunteer/Internship placement fee	150 Euro
Accommodation fee	20 Euro
Transfer (one way)	40 Euro
Visa invitation letter (up to 30 days)	15 Euro
Visa invitation letter (up to 3 months)	30 Euro
Visa registration	20 Euro



Our students

Western Europe 77%

German 30%
 British 9%
 French 6%
 Austrian 5%
 Swiss 5%
 Belgian 4%
 Slovak 3%
 Polish 3%
 Spanish 3%
 Other 9%

Eastern Europe 8%

Northern America 8%

Asia 5%

Other 2%

Volunteer Programmes:

There are cultural and charitable projects on offer. Russia is one of the most multifaceted countries of the world. In many ways, the country is still developing and as a result there are many opportunities for volunteers who wish to improve the lives of some of the less fortunate. At the same time St Petersburg is a city with wide history and culture. Hence, opportunities to preserve and advance its cultural status are plentiful.

**Total length of the programme:
a minimum of 8 weeks**

Charitable

- **Work with children in an orphanage**

Andreas from Germany

My mission during my three months in the orphanage in central St. Petersburg was to give personal attention to the children and adolescents. Connecting to them has been possible through activities like playing sports (football, basketball, table tennis, badminton), learning English in small groups or just listening to music together. Telling the children about life in other countries was for them as interesting as it was for me to learn about life in Russia, especially in an orphanage. The numerous happy and sad stories have made the experience unforgettable for me.

Cultural

- **Museums** And the possibilities are constantly increasing. If your desired field is
- **Archaeological** not mentioned above, we will endeavour to find an appropriate place-
- **Archives** ment for you.

Jillian from the UK

Thanks to the voluntary programme at Educa. I've been doing voluntary work at the Hermitage for six months now. At the beginning of this time I was able to get interesting experiences helping out with conferences, events and general customer service, all of which was a great chance to see what goes on in this amazing museum whilst being able to practice my Russian.

However most of my time I have spent working in the Archaeology department where I've been learning to do archaeological illustrations. As part of this work I was invited to spend several weeks this summer at the department's archaeological excavation in Smolensk. What a fabulous experience which gave me the opportunity to camp in the middle of the forest side by side with Hermitage staff and other volunteers and get involved with archaeology from the beginning.

Internship Programmes:

Dynamic and varied, the St. Petersburg world of work is continually broadening its horizons. Russia has become a considerable trading partner in many areas from tourism to industry and therefore an insight into Russian culture is invaluable to any company. As an intern in one of St. Petersburg's rapidly developing industries, one can expect to acquire an essential understanding of the Russian workplace and mentality and gain highly sought after skills.

Educa has established internships in the following areas:

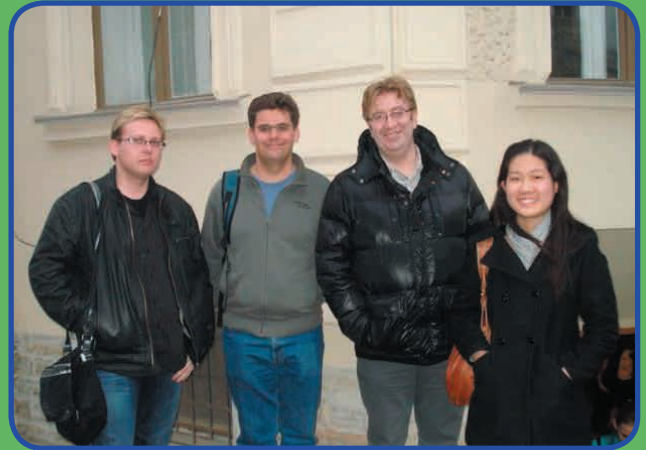
- **Teaching English**
- **Education**
- **Tourism**
- **Media and Journalism**
- **Information Technology**
- **Conservation and the Environment.**

Free of charge "Come together club"

The social programme at our school is an important part of learning the language. One of the most popular items on the agenda is the weekly "Come Together" Club where all the

Daniel from Brazil

Tea programme: Absolutely fantastic!!! A lot of information about Russian culture.



students – present and former – are invited to in order to drink tea, eat tasty Russian sweets and biscuits and learn more about Russia through songs, stories and videos. It's great fun and a wonderful way to meet your fellow students.



The Volunteer and Internship programmes include:

- A minimum 4 week Intensive Russian course (30 lessons per week)
- A minimum 4 week Volunteer or Internship Programme (unpaid)

Volunteer and Internship Programmes Application Requirements:

Minimum Age: 18 years

Language Requirements:

- Moderate level of English
- At least Pre-Intermediate level of Russian after completing the Russian course at Educa

Applicants should send:

- Educa enrolment form
- An up-to-date copy of CV
- A letter of motivation, mentioning the desired field of volunteering or internship.
- Police check and general medical check (for charitable project participants)

Accommodation

Whether you prefer to stay with our host families or in hotels or hostels, our Accommodation Officer will be happy to advise and provide any assistance with booking your accommodation.

Host Family Accommodation

We strongly recommend students to choose host family accommodation when visiting St. Petersburg to study Russian. Not only does staying with a host family provide the perfect opportunity to experience real Russian life in friendly and welcoming company, it also gives students the chance to improve their Russian outside the classroom.

Our host families have been carefully selected according to the following criteria:

- The quality of accommodation as well as the warmth of hospitality offered
- The hosts speak standard educated Russian
- The hosts are genuinely interested in helping students to develop fluency in Russian
- The hosts are sociable and keen to make new friends and learn about the lives and cultures of students from other countries

Jurij from Germany

I had a great, relaxing stay at my host family and couldn't wish for more!

Flat Accommodation

Students who prefer living on their own can rent an apartment with the help of our school. Educa has several studio, 1 room and 2 room modern apartments located in the very city centre.

Hotel / Hostel Accommodation

Over the years Educa has built good relationships with a range of hotels and hostels. We are happy to make reservations on your behalf.

Social programme

St. Petersburg is the cultural capital of Russia, which means there is always plenty on the agenda, like organized guided walking tours through the city, trips to the famous Mariinsky Theatre, the cinema or one of the many museums. There are also excursions to the beautiful parks and palaces of Peterhof and Pushkin. Usually students are happy to join those organized trips because it is a good opportunity to meet other people, to practice Russian with other students and employees of the school.

Our Team

Our Teachers

All the teachers at our school are RFL (Russian as Foreign Language) qualified and have experience in teaching general Russian as well as Business Russian in the country and abroad.

The teachers aim to make lessons enjoyable and interesting, creating a friendly atmosphere that encourages the students to learn the language as quickly as possible.

We make use of communicative methods to teach Russian.



Stephen Adamovicz

I am now retired but I taught for many years in a Canadian high school (students aged 15-18). I understand the nature of teaching and the qualities of a fine teacher. The teachers I had at Educa were extremely good. My primary teacher from whom I received individual instruction and group instructions was superlative. One of the best I have had in a long academic career. Her ear for detail, knowledge and patience were outstanding.

Our administration



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the Principal



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