A wide-angle photograph of the Peterhof Palace and its Grand Cascade in Saint Petersburg, Russia, during winter. The palace is a large, ornate building with a blue roof and yellow and white facade. In the foreground, the Grand Cascade features multiple tiers of fountains with water spraying upwards and outwards. The surrounding landscape is covered in snow, with evergreen trees and manicured hedges. The sky is overcast.

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An aerial photograph of the Peterhof Palace and its extensive gardens in St. Petersburg, Russia. The image shows the large, light-colored palace building with multiple windows and a central dome. In the foreground, there are several large, ornate fountains with water spraying upwards. The gardens are meticulously landscaped with green lawns, paths, and various types of trees. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with clear shadows cast by the buildings and trees.

History

Peterhof is a small town, suburb of St. Petersburg. It is located on the shores of the Gulf of Finland, at a distance about 30 kilometers south-west of the center of St. Petersburg.

Peterhof got its name from the German word Peterhof - "Peter's Court". From 1944 to 1997 the town was called "Petrodvorets".

Peterhof was founded in 1710 as the emperor's country residence. It received the city status in 1762.

A photograph of the Peterhof Palace and Gardens in Saint Petersburg, Russia. The image shows a large, ornate yellow and white palace building with multiple windows and a central dome. In the foreground, there are several large, active fountains with water spraying upwards. A wide, stone staircase with ornate balustrades and golden statues leads up towards the palace. People are visible walking on the stairs and near the fountains. The sky is overcast and grey.

The Peterhof ensemble consists of a set of palaces, gardens, museums and other buildings. It subsequently became the most lavish and popular of the Russian royal summer residences.



The Grand Palace is located in the heart of Peterhof. It is built in the Baroque style. The author of the project is Francesco Bartolomeo Rastrelli. The palace is a three-storey building of almost 300 metres in length. Until 1917, it was the residence of the Tsars. In 1918 it was transformed into a museum.

The image shows a wide-angle view of the Peterhof Grand Palace, a massive Baroque-style building with a long facade, many windows, and a prominent balcony with ornate railings. In the foreground on the right, there is a large, dark statue of a figure holding a staff or scepter, standing on a pedestal. The background features a large, domed structure, likely the Catherine's Palace. The sky is overcast with soft clouds, and the overall lighting is somewhat dim, suggesting an overcast day.


The most famous town landmark is the "Peterhof" museum. The Museum Peterhof includes: "Peterhof Grand Palace," "Upper Garden", "Lower Park" and other objects.

The most interesting place for tourists (in summer) in Peterhof is "Lower Park". Lower Park has an area about 102 hectares. The park stretches from west to east along the coast of the Gulf of Finland by 2.5 kilometers. Its width from north to south is about 500 meters.





The main decorations of the park are its fountains. There are about 150 of them.



The Grand cascade is the most impressive fountain construction of the Peterhof ensemble.

"Samson Rending the Lion's Jaws" is the main sculptural group of the Grand cascade.



A photograph of the Peterhof Palace in Saint Petersburg, Russia, featuring the Grand Cascade of fountains and golden statues. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. In the foreground, a large golden statue of a woman in classical attire stands on the left, and another golden statue of a man stands in the middle ground. Multiple fountains with water spraying upwards are visible throughout the scene. The Peterhof Palace building is in the background.

In 1990 the Peterhof ensemble was
declared a World Heritage Site by
UNESCO.



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