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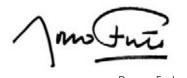




ST PETERSBURG'S MOST ELEGANT HOSPITALITY

I'm proud to present the Hotel Astoria which, following its recent refurbishment, we believe is the best luxury hotel in St Petersburg.

The hotel is centrally located on St Isaac's Square and is a tribute to this beautiful and historical city. Let me show you around ...



THE ORIGINAL STORY





The Hotel Astoria opened its doors in 1912 and has enjoyed a historical past. Constructed by architect Lidval, its elegant interior design surpassing that of its competitors, the hotel was perceived as a true work of international collaboration, having involved the skills of both Western European and Russian companies. Telephones were installed in all rooms, most of which had ensuite facilities, and an efficient heating system, driven by hot water and low-pressure steam, ensured that even the harshest Russian winter would not affect the guest's visit. Having been commissioned by the Russian military during the First World War, the Astoria was reinstated as a hotel in 1926.



TASTEFUL DESIGN, PURE COMFORT



As with all of my hotels, we continue to preserve the identity of the Astoria, allowing it to reflect its location and history within the décor and furnishings. Our Director of Design, Olga Polizzi, has been responsible for the simple and elegant interior décor throughout. She introduced new colour schemes, fabrics and furniture and revitalised the ornaments and objets d'art already present. Where possible local suppliers were used in order to create an authentic Russian ambience, for example the linen and the porcelain crockery found throughout the hotel. These and other more personal touches combine to give the hotel a charming and welcoming feel. All 223 bedrooms are air-conditioned, fitted with the latest facilities, including broadband access, and have marble bathrooms; many have stunning views over St Isaac's Square.

EXCEPTIONAL SUITES







We have six large presidential suites which are individually decorated and feature paintings, sculptures, ceramics, furniture, chandeliers and lighting from the Astoria's original collection. Each is located on the corner of the building overlooking the Statue of Nicholas I and the Mariinsky Palace, St Isaac's Square and Cathedral. Additional features include a spacious entrance hall, guest cloakroom, dining room and lounge with DVD/CD player and office area. The master bedroom has a vanity area with a walk-in closet. The ensuite bathroom is spacious and decorated in white marble with a separate shower unit. The guest bedroom has its own ensuite bathroom. There are also 12 one-bedroom deluxe suites and 12 junior suites. As with the bedrooms, all suites have stylish parquet flooring and Russian linen sheets on the beds. The junior suites have a designated seating area with armchairs and a coffee table.

RESTAURANT AND BARS





Our fashionable restaurant, Davidov, enjoys a very good reputation. The chef offers a fine selection of Russian and European dishes accompanied by an extensive wine list. If you would prefer a lighter snack, or would simply like to savour the best caviar in Russia, we have a very good vodka and caviar bar in Davidov, where even the most fainthearted will find it hard to resist sampling Russia's traditional fare. There are 100 assorted vodkas to try, so do allow plenty of time for a visit! You may also like to visit our Kandinsky Bar which offers a wide range of cocktails. Afternoon tea is served in the Rotonda Lounge.





A MAGICAL LOCATION





St Petersburg is a beautiful city, founded in 1703 by Peter the Great and built on the River Neva delta on the Gulf of Finland. The city is interspersed by picturesque canals and the varied architecture of the city's 150 palaces. Many of the main attractions are within walking distance of the hotel, such as the famous Hermitage Museum.





In early summer the "White Nights" are a popular attraction, whilst the scenic winter period offers additional ballet and opera performances at the renowned Mariinsky (formerly Kirov) Theatre. The hotel is just thirty minutes by car from the airport and is close to the mainline rail station for trains to Moscow.



IMPECCABLE SERVICE





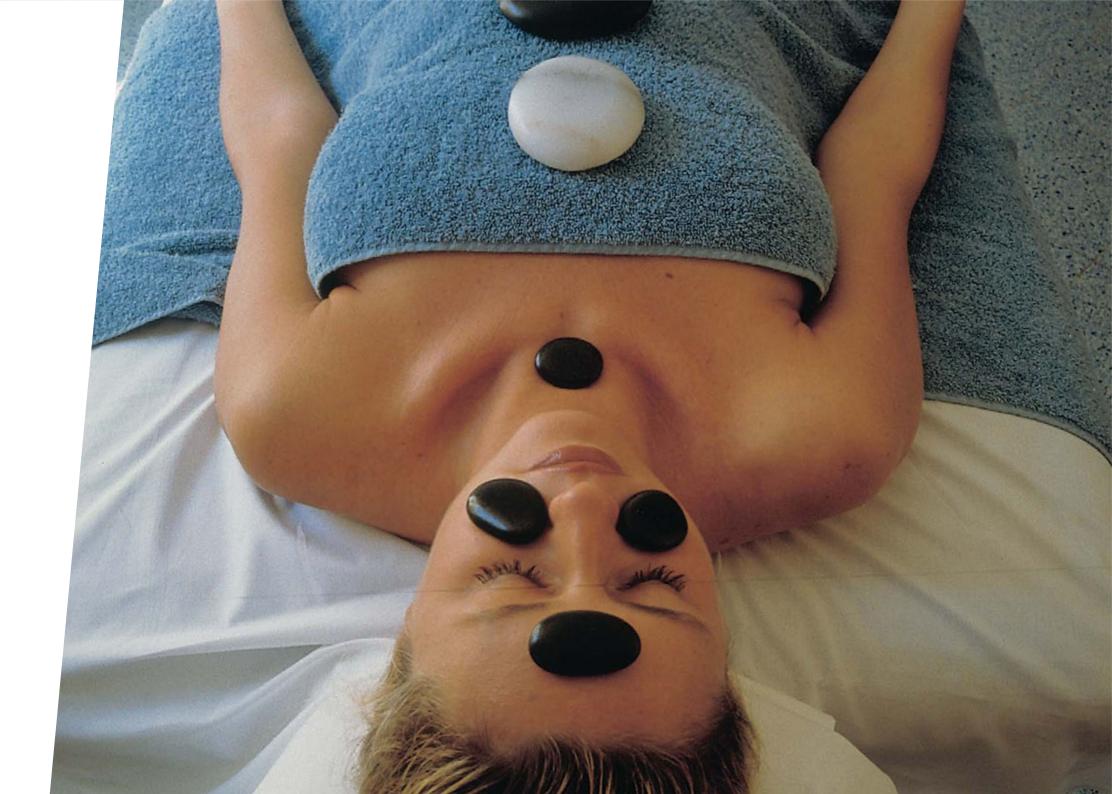
As a frequent traveller myself I am well aware that the standard of facilities and service can make all the difference to your visit, whether on business or pleasure. I am personally involved in the detail of the business and my aim is to ensure that all your needs are met. We have implemented ongoing training programmes to ensure that the service delivery at the Astoria will meet these high standards. Our concierge is on hand at all times to help with recommendations and reservations for the main attractions of the city, and the staff are there to assist you with anything you may require.

CONFERENCES AND EVENTS





We recently added three new meeting rooms to the hotel, all of which offer the latest equipment, broadband access, wireless internet connections and individual place settings for each guest. For a small, informal dinner party you may also like to consider one of our presidential suites. A new, fully-equipped business centre is available for guests' use. The Winter Garden has an ornate glass ceiling allowing plenty of natural light and making it an elegant setting for larger events. It can be combined with the Ballroom to accommodate receptions for up to 450 guests. Additional meeting facilities are available within our four-star sister hotel next door, the Angleterre Hotel, which we refurbished recently. These include five meeting rooms and an auditorium for 205 with a four-language simultaneous translation service. Whatever your requirements, our team will be happy to tailor-make your event to suit your needs.

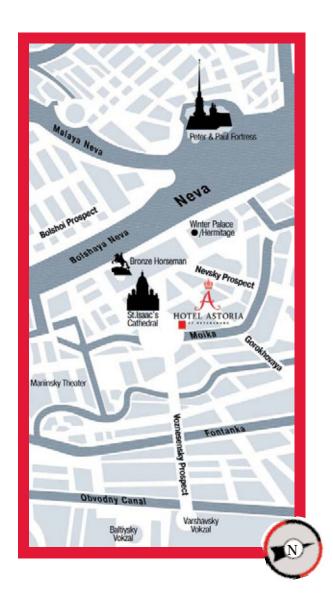


SPA & FITNESS CENTRE





It is important to have the option of keeping fit when you are away from home. Being interested in general fitness myself, I am pleased that we have a gym in the hotel which is equipped with the latest machines for aerobic and anaerobic exercise. We also have a new wellbeing centre which has a sauna, steam room and four rooms offering massage and a wide selection of Clarins treatments.



"A TRULY FIVE-STAR RUSSIAN EXPERIENCE"

At the Hotel Astoria we offer you:

ACCOMMODATION

- 223 air-conditioned bedrooms, including 30 suites, many of which have views over St Isaac's Square
- In-room: two-line phones, voice messaging, dataport, interactive TV, minibar, safe

DINING

- Davidov Restaurant
- Davidov vodka and caviar bar
- Kandinsky Bar
- Rotonda Lounge
- Borsalino Brasserie & Bar in adjacent Angleterre Hotel

CONFERENCE & BANQUETING

- Fully-equipped business centre
- Winter Garden and Ballroom for up to 450 people
- 3 meeting rooms for up to 22 people
- 5 meeting rooms in adjacent Angleterre Hotel plus an auditorium for 205 with four simultaneous language translation facilities

HEALTH AND FITNESS

- Gym
- 4 treatment rooms
- Sauna and steam rooms
- Lobby library

SERVICE PROMISES

- Instant message delivery
- Room service arrives on time
- Same-day laundry service
- Valeting and pressing service upon request
- Additional servicing of your room in the evening
- Full concierge facilities
- Fast check-in and check-out
- Transfer to/from airport, if required













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