



"Diving into the White Night near St. Petersburg"

Voyage objective: Cultural Discovery of St. Petersburg and Scuba Diving Programme in the Northern Ladoga Lake.

Trip date: June 2006 – July 2006, from St. Petersburg, Russia

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Programme

Day 1, Saturday

Arrival in St. Petersburg (Pulkovo Air Terminal)

Hotel Accommodation

Dinner

City Sightseeing Bus Tour (if time permits)

Day 2, Sunday

City Sightseeing Bus Tour (included are visits to St. Isaak's Memorial Cathedral, Peter-and-Paul's Fortress and the Central Navy Museum)

Lunch

State Hermitage Museum

Dinner

Theatre (Classical music presentation or Folk show – depending on City repertoire)

Day 3, Monday

Bus transfer to Priozersk (2-hour ride)

Accommodation on the Diving Boat

Passage to the northern part of Ladoga Lake

Check-dive (15 meters deep) on the wreck of a barge (sank during World War II)

Passage to the "Litovka" skerry (a beautiful place):

vertical cliff down to 35 m, with abundant underwater fauna

"White Night" dive

Day 4-5, Tuesday-Wednesday

Night passage to the Lahdenpohkya skerry

Dive on the wreck of the "Sevastopol", a military boat (appr. 55 m long), which sank during World War II and is now imbedded between appr. 10-30 m

Dive on the wrecks of a pontoon and a "laboratory" (15 m deep)

Dive along an underwater stone wall with caves

Day 6, Thursday

The "big" underwater stone wall (appr. 40 m deep)

St. Sergius Island (the Putsaari) – a 19-th century stone quarry (where granite for the palaces and embankments in St. Petersburg was extracted)

(Oboronny Island – some underwater objects – optional, if time permits)

Return to Priozersk, bus transfer to St. Petersburg

Day 7, Friday

Bus excursion to one of the suburban Park-and-Palace architectural ensembles in Tsarskoye Selo (Pushkin), Pavlovsk or Petrodvorets

Lunch

Russian State Museum

Dinner

Day 8, Saturday

A museum – if possible (depending on flight time)

Bus transfer to Pulkovo Air Terminal

Conditions of the Programme

The St. Petersburg programme includes the following pre-paid services: microbus transfer from \ to Pulkovo Air Terminal, hotel accommodation in single rooms, 3 meals per day, English-speaking professional guide (minimum 8 hours per day), rented microbus (8 hours per day) and tickets to the museums and a theatre.

The Ladoga part of the Program will be led by a 5-Star PADI Dive Center and includes the following: accommodation onboard the diving vessel, diving services of two PADI Instructors, 3 meals per day, tea and coffee all day, air bottles, compressor, dive-weights, diving insurance, bus transfers from St.Petersburg to Priozersk and return. Rental of diving gear (if necessary). Additional cold and/or hot drinks are not included. Normally, there will be 2 (or 3) dives per day.

Some elements of the Ladoga part of the programme or particular diving sites may be changed depending on weather conditions.

Divers' Boat

Diving Vessel "Yaroslavets" type

Length	21 m
Width	4 m
Draught	1,2 m
Metal hull	

The boat has 2 cabins: one in the bow – 4 single berths; the stern cabin with an electric fireplace has 2 twin berths and 2 single berths.

The boat has a pressure chamber, a WC and a shower.

The 6-m auxiliary boat is a "Quick Silver" RIB with a 30 hp. engine.



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General information:

Diving in the Ladoga is for well trained divers, with their own gear, dry suit or warm 7mm semi-dry, powerful light. Please, send us an e-mail with a copy of your diving licenses. A recent medical certificate and the original licenses will be required on board.

You will receive additional valuable information upon receipt of your application.

Price per diver: USD 1'680

Price non-diver: USD 1'450

Deposit requirements:

25% booking deposit
25% end of March 2006
50% middle of Mai 2006

Included:

All activities described in this programme

A Swiss guide and diver speaking French, Italian and English will be on board.

Not included:

Airfares, trains, taxis, etc, accommodation, meals and all other expenses from your home to St. Petersburg and back, passport and visa expenses; government arrival and departure taxes. We advise you to contract the usual personal cancellation and baggage insurance.

We can organise any extension of your trip, either before of after the original programme.

How to book:

You can book the programme "Diving into the White Night" directly through us or via our agreed partners, to be found under the link "travel agencies". If you prefer using your favorite travel agent, we are pleased to offer you this possibility, on condition that they contact us. Thank you for asking your agent to send us an e-mail with their legal address and the name of the person in charge of your reservation.