

# Palatial Accommodations in St. Petersburg

A FORMER PALACE IN THE CITY OFFERS AN EXPERIENCE BEFITTING ITS HISTORICALLY RICH SURROUNDINGS.

**TALEON IMPERIAL HOTEL** Andrew Harper calls the Taleon Imperial Hotel “The obvious choice for anyone wanting a taste of czarist grandeur.” As the former residence of an aristocratic merchant family, the Taleon Imperial is reflective of the architectural and artistic splendor for which St. Petersburg is known. Opulence defines the 89 accommodations: the Eliseev Suite features original period furnishings, restored wall paintings, parquet floors and a marble and onyx bathroom with gold-plated fixtures. Each suite and room is individually decorated and gloriously appointed with oil paintings, Italian furnishings and handsome wall treatments, and many overlook the Moika River. Butler service is available 24 hours a day for every room category—a service unique to the Taleon.



Centrally sited at the intersection of the river and Nevsky Prospekt, the hotel is a five-minute walk from Palace Square, the State Hermitage Museum, St. Isaac’s Cathedral and the Kazan Cathedral. In the summertime, water taxis on the quay in front of the hotel offer city tours by boat, and there are ample shopping opportunities nearby.

Dining at the hotel is an imperative; Mr. Harper calls the Taleon Restaurant “one of the best in the city.” Master chef Alexander Dregolsky has earned great praise for his European and

Russian cuisine; in particular, his Sunday brunch is not to be missed. Dregolsky also oversees the Taleon’s Victoria Restaurant, where traditional Russian fare is on offer along with views of the city’s rooftops.

More casual dining options are available in the Atrium Café and Lobby Bar, while the Walnut Lounge offers cigars and cognac.



The hotel’s services extend to its Wellness Center, with a Finnish sauna, Russian and Turkish steam rooms, chlorine-free pool and a full range of body treatments; a fitness center and salon are also available.

The opulence, style and range of services of the Taleon Imperial Hotel are unmatched in the city. And as Andrew Harper noted, “This hotel couldn’t be anywhere else in the world but St. Petersburg.”

**MEMBER PRIVILEGES** Andrew Harper members receive guaranteed preferred rates, daily buffet breakfast, early check-in, late checkout and a 30-minute neck massage per person. When booking the Superior Suite category or higher, receive a transfer from the St. Petersburg airport to the hotel.

**SPECIAL OFFER** Enjoy a complimentary private tour of the 18th-century Sheremetev Palace with a candlelit dessert for two. **ALSO INCLUDES** Harper member privileges (excluding massage), roundtrip airport transfers from \$600. **DATES** Offer valid for stays from July 15, 2009 to December 27, 2009. Based on availability and subject to change.

