

Newsletter December 2008 – Russian Language Courses in Saint Petersburg

**Dear alumni, future participants, and potential students,**

We would like to keep you updated about our activities. In this newsletter:

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End of the year

For us, the year 2008 was the year that we decided that our program (which ran since 2002 exclusively for people from the Netherlands and Belgium) should be opened for participants from other countries. Since June, we have welcomed participants from USA, Canada, Spain, UK, Germany, France, Sweden, Finland, Poland, Italy, Denmark, Austria and Czech Republic. We are happy that we did this step and hope to host in 2009 an even more international range of students.



LLC Petrion / Russian-in-Petersburg, in name of the course administration, drivers, accountant, partners, and of course our teachers (see above), we wish you all the best for 2009, and that during the coming year you will make much progress when learning Russian. **С НОВЫМ ГОДОМ !**

Extra course in summer

An extra Group Crash Course (level Basic) and Individual Crash Course (all levels) will be added to the program of the 2009 summer: the arrival date 05-09-2009, departure date 19-09-2009. For the dates of the other summer crash courses, have a look at <http://www.russianinpetersburg.com/russian-language-crash-courses.htm>.

Coming with your partner

It is mentioned on our website (but some say not that we do not mention this very clear !), so therefore we stress it here again: if you want to come with somebody else, who is not planning to attend our language course, then please note that we can offer:

- accommodation in our shared apartment (you will then have a double room)
- accommodation in a host family
- to rent together an own apartment
- to provide services for your partner (visa support / airport transfers / city guide)



our accommodation

Website

As you may have seen already, in November we have added a german, french and polish version of our website, thanks to the efforts of Ortrun, Katia and Adam !

To give a short impression of Petersburg, studying Russian and our language courses, we have recently put online a short introduction video. Have a look at: <http://www.russianinpetersburg.com/russian-language-video.htm>

References

In recent months new testimonials appeared on our website. If you want to read them all, please have a look at: www.russianinpetersburg.com/testimonials-students.htm.
References of two of our recent participants we put here:

Kaleena (24) - Lakeway, Texas - Founder of an exporting company, participation August 2008

The countries that I work with are Russian speaking countries and Russian is essential for my business, so that work is as efficient and customer oriented as possible. It is a wonderful but some times challenging language but the instructors were amazing and dedicated to helping me reach my goals. I can't say enough about the instructors; they truly were the reason I enjoyed my lessons and the language so much.



student group with Kaleena on the left

I discovered the program through a business associate who had participated in the program. I decided to take the Program B Super and it was definitely intense but well worth it. I hope to come back in a year and increase my knowledge of Russian.

Kristina (53) Brussels – entrepreneur, participation October 2008

During the last years, the number of Russian clients of my company is growing. Two of my employers speak Russian. And also my husband speaks Russian as a second language. I decided, I can not stay behind, so I had to learn Russian ! First I took evening courses in my country, this provided me a base, but two weeks of individual classes in Russia made my progress excellarating! Besides, I now feel very motivated and will with more enthousiasm continue my evening courses in Belgium.

The arrival, the stay, the lessons... everything was perfectly organised by Bart. My teacher Alexandra was very nice and patient. Although my memory does not always work perfect, she got difficult words in my head. My husband was positively surprised by the progress in such a short period.



teacher Alexandra and Kristina (on the right)

I very well got along with my dutch room mate Wendy. To go for a walk together or shopping, it was always an adventure! We did not know if we said things in the right way, but as far as the reaction of the people to whom we talked, we decided that we were on the good way. Anyway, two weeks was too short, I soon want to return !

To conclude

In case you do not want to receive our newsletter, please send a mail to info@russianinpetersburg.com and mention as subject "CANCEL NEWSLETTER". If you have other questions/remarks, do not hesitate to contact us,

Kind regards,

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