

# Learning Russian in St. Petersburg ProBa Language School



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*all you need is Russian...*

## About us

**ProBa Educational Centre** was established in 1995 and has developed a reputation for its friendly and personal atmosphere, together with its attention to high academic standards of Russian teaching. At present ProBa is one of the leading institutions offering academic courses of the Russian Language for Foreigners and intensive language practice.



The most famous are our Individual (One-to-One) study programs. Some of them include language practice on topical questions depending upon the personal needs of students. Using the direct teaching method as the basis for classical academic education, we also offer our own exclusive, Russian Language audio courses and computer programs, which assist students in gaining fast and maximum progress as well as excellent results even during short-term courses. Our Russian classes are open all year and offer a combination of pronunciation work, grammar and vocabulary input and speaking, reading, writing and listening skills. The school is open

throughout the year with classes at all levels from beginner to advanced.

All our teachers are certified as the teachers of Russian for Foreigners, know at least two foreign languages and many of them have some scientific works and publications in the sphere of Philology. The classes are held in new modern classrooms. Our students are people of different ages and occupations from European countries, the USA and Japan.

Our school is located in the very heart of the city-centre: near Nevsky Prospect – the main street of St. Petersburg. The State Hermitage, Kazan Cathedral, Russian Museum, Church of the Spiled Blood are all within easy walking distance.

Located in the very centre of the city, ProBa is one of the most central language schools in St. Petersburg. Learn to speak and understand Russian in a historical building in Central St. Petersburg – maybe the best location in the city for a language course! Walk to the Nevski Prospect, Kazan Cathedral, Summer Garden or Hermitage in minutes!

Students are within easy walking distance of shops, museums, galleries and a wide choice of restaurants, bars and cafes. However, our goal is to give the student more than just Russian Language Tuition



*Group Courses*



*We offer courses in small group*

During the course we offer rich cultural program including excursions and tours to other Russian cities. Some excursions are, so called, study excursions, when a guide uses “adapted” Russian to help the students not only get some extra vocabulary knowledge, but also to practice there conversational skills. These excursions are arranged in the way that even a beginner will not waste the time but enlarge his Russian vocabulary. Study excursions are the part of the educational program and usually are devoted to different topics covered in classrooms.



Our Travel Office can help you to organize train tickets, accommodation and excursions in any Russian city.

For a serious Russian language school in Central St. Petersburg, we offer low prices, plus a superb location. Whatever your reason for studying our goal is to make sure that you enjoy your course and receive the maximum benefit from your time in Russia.



## Our district - Nevsky Prospect

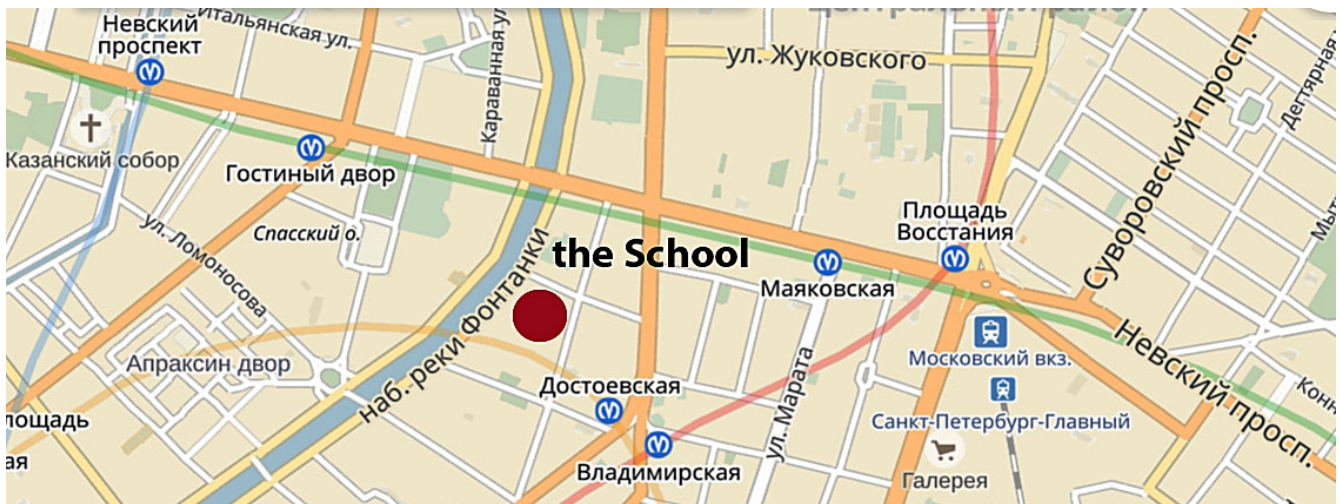
Nevsky Prospekt is the main thoroughfare of the city. It was the most illustrious embodiment of the grandeur of the capital of the Russian Empire, the development of a capitalist city, the tragedy of the siege and the turbulent political life of the recent years. The largest museums and libraries, theatres and concert halls, shops and banks, hotels and restaurants are located on this street.

Our school is located in short walking distance from following metro stations: Mayakovskaya, Gostinny Dvor, Nevsky Prospekt, Dostoevskaya, Vladimirskaya.

**Learn Russian at ProBa - near Nevsky Prospekt - it's meant to be in the focus of cultural life, business activities and public amusements of St. Petersburg.**



The Kazan Cathedral



**State Hermitage is located in few minutes walk from the school.**

The collection of the State Hermitage includes more than three million works of art and artefacts of the world culture. Among them are paintings, graphic works, sculptures and works of applied art, archaeological finds and numismatic material.



## What do we offer?

- \* *Group courses with 20 lessons per week*
- \* *Individual courses with 15, 20, 30 and 36 lessons per week*
- \* *Crash courses with 40 or more lessons per week*
- \* *Live and have the language course at the teacher's home*
- \* *Study and work in Russia (teaching in Russia and volunteer programs)*
- \* *Semester in Russia*
- \* *Accommodation with a Russian family, in shared flat or at the student's hostel*
- \* *An attractive cultural program*

## Cultural Program

St. Petersburg is beautiful at any time of the year. In an effort to acquaint our students with this magnificent city, we offer rich cultural program, such as sight-seeing tours, theater tickets (opera/ballet), museums and galleries (e.g. the Hermitage), factory visits, shopping tours and excursions to the countryside and to the suburbs and other cities Moscow, Novgorod, Pskov.

As a rule, the excursions are in Russian adapted according to the participants' level of the language. Our study excursions help the students to practice their conversational skills. But we also have the possibility to arrange excursions in German, French or English.

Upon arrival all the students receive the written information about current situation and night-life of St. Petersburg (restaurants, bars, night clubs, disco) - "Welcome Package for ProBa students". There's also a lot of ground to cover—how to get here, what to expect from the weather, how to hail a taxi and much more. You'll find essential information to help you make the first steps upon arrival.



*Study Excursion with our teacher Olga*

All students of ProBa Language Centre get Student Card which gives you the possibility to get significant discounts in different cultural places. For example - visit to the State Hermitage is free for our students.

Our Travel Office can help you to organize train tickets, accommodation and excursions to any Russian city. Please visit our Facebook page for more information and download list of excursion from our site.

## Accreditations



Since 2004 the ProBa Russian Language Centre is a member of "ASTRA", The Association of Schools and Teachers of Russian Abroad. It means that the ProBa school is a reliable and permanent school, with an excellent programme of Russian language studies, first-class teaching, an interesting and varied programme of social activities



Our school is recognised as Bildungsurlaub for 2013-2018 by the Federal State of Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany. Based on an agreement of the federal government of 1976, as an employee you have a right to individual further education in Germany. This is a great way for German workers to enjoy learning Russian, therefore increasing their employee value, while also maintaining their job security and normal salary.



Our school is recognised as Bildungsurlaub for 2015-2018 by the Federal State of Hamburg, Germany



In 2006 our Russian courses are certified by S.A.F.E. (Study Abroad Federation of Educators, USA – Analogue of European Standard EN 14804). Our number one priority is keeping your stay safe and secure. Schools participating in the SAFE program have certified that they meet all requirements for the comfort and security.



ProBa Language Centre is nominated as "Customer Satisfaction Excellence Award" by Languagecourse.Net in 2003, 2006, 2012, 2015. We are proud to be a straight-forward, honest business, that helps people apply to our Language Courses and learning the Russian Language. Our students love us – we believe you will too.



## Which course for whom?

*You are welcome to choose any type of our courses. The school is open all year round, we do not have holidays and in all cases you'll have reserved number of lessons.*

*GROUP COURSES and LIVING AT THE TEACHERS HOME COURSES are orientated primarily on participants with medium, little or no knowledge of Russian.*

*For advanced students, Russian language teachers, and interpreters, we offer a custom-designed INDIVIDUAL COURSES. Individual programs are also more suitable for Senior students.*

*For members of the international business community we present a specially developed, highly intensive CRASH COURSE.*

## Mini - Group courses

This course includes 20 lessons per week. "Direct Communication" methodics and interactive studying principals ensure rapid and excellent results in the process of education. To check the level of the Russian Language knowledge each student passes the entry test on the first day of studies.

The test results are the basis for groups' formation. Besides, each student has the possibility of having additional individual lessons which are not included in the course fee and should be booked on the spot. Normally we have 4-5 students per group. The maximum group size is 8 person.



Instruction in small groups increases the amount of instructional time that the teacher has to spend with each student during the lesson. This allows for increased interaction between the teacher and the students. You feel more comfortable in asking questions in our Mini Group Russian Courses, respond more frequently, and receive more corrective feedback. New groups start every Monday. Absolute beginners start every first and third Monday of the month.

## Live and have the language course at the teacher's home



The ProBa Language Centre offers you the language course at home by our carefully chosen qualified teachers.

The main concept of this course is that a student spends practically all the time with the teacher and has excellent possibilities for a very serious language practice. This course comprises 20 individual lessons per week.

Lessons are given at the teacher's home, where a student lives. The timetable is jointly determined by a student and a teacher. The quality of the course is guaranteed by the educational system of our company. The students may take part in all additional cultural activities offered by our school.

## Individual Standard and Semi - Intensive Course

These courses contain **15 and 20 lessons** per week. The choice of the starting dates and the course length depends on the participant's personal desire. The program of the course is jointly designed by the teacher and the student on the basis of special interests of study specified by the student in his/her enrollment form. You can request a special emphasis on a particular language skill or area of expertise in Russian. If you have special learning requirements, advise us in advance. You should feel free to bring with your materials in your language which pertain to your special needs.

## Individual Intensive Course - Business Intensive



These courses contain **30 one-to-one lessons** per week. One-to-One Russian instruction is available at all levels of ability. Your course is customized in approach, content and duration to suit your needs and wishes. International executives need Russian as a tool, not as a subject of study. Our Individual Intensive Courses do not just teach business Russian, they help professionals do business in Russian. Individual courses are completely student-focused and focus on skills such as communication skills, meetings, presentations and negotiations and on work-related contexts. The course materials we use are relevant to the student or work sector.

Individual Intensive Courses are the most suitable variant for people who are eager to spend a lot of time studying the language and to have a good command of Russian.

## Individual Mastership© Course

These courses contain **36 one-to-one lessons** per week. Individual Mastership Russian is a program of superintensive Individual tuition at a reasonable price.

This is a good opportunity to get quickly to a high level of the Russian Language for associate degree or in professional area. The course is held by one or two teachers, who are focused on different aspects. We carefully select Individual Mastership teachers so that they have good experience in intensive everyday work. This helps them deal with the specific needs of students.

## Crash Course (One-to-one Russian Business Course)

**Superintensive - 42 lessons in 7 days**

The Crash course is designed for participants wishing to get sufficient results in a very short period of time. The most suitable and useful variant of the Crash course is between 2 to 4 weeks. This course is specially developed for business people willing to acquire a sufficient knowledge of Russian in a fast and efficient way. Every participant receives a detailed programme beforehand so that he can choose those points he considers to be most important.

- \* *Intensive individual tuition with two or three teachers*
- \* *Accommodation with a Russian family or at a hotel*
- \* *Lunches at fine restaurants (with the teacher)*
- \* *Guided evening program*
- \* *Guided excursion program*
- \* *Chauffeur-driven car at disposal*
- \* *Free use of our office infrastructure.*



## Semester Course



We offer you the opportunity of having academic semester course at our Centre. This course is designed for people willing to achieve a high level of Russian language and spend an extended period of time in St.Petersburg.

The course includes serious study of different aspects of the Russian Language: Phonetics, Practical and Theoretical Grammar, Lexicology and Stylistics, and is accompanied by conversational, reading and writing practice.

- \* **12 weeks of studies, 20 lessons per week**

## Semester Program

### *Elementary Russian I and II*

Russian for Beginners (no knowledge required)

Phonetics; elements of grammar; reading of simple Russian prose; practice in speaking and audio-lingual work; elements of composition.

### *Intermediate Russian I and II*

(elementary or intermediate knowledge required)

Russian for Intermediate students. The grammatical structure of today's standard Russian; intensive practice in reading, conversation and composition; elements of lexicology, phraseology and stylistics.

### *Special program*

Russian for Professionals (advanced and native speaker competency required)

Theory and Practice of Translation; TORFL certification (Teaching of Russian as a Foreign Language); practice of modern Russian language: study of the Russian prose, theoretical and practical grammar of modern Russian; Lexicology; Stylistics; Phraseology; introduction to life in Russia that studies politics, society, history and culture.

First semester: September/October, Second semester: January/February, Summer semester: May/June.

## Study and Work in Russia- Russian Project

We offer you the unique opportunity of participating in a highly intensive Russian Language course and practical work.

### **Practical Work at Hospital**

We offer our clients to spend some time working as volunteers at one of the St. Petersburg hospitals. This is quite a usual and ordinary state hospital for people suffering from different diseases. There are two main departments in the hospital: Therapy and Surgical. According to our program volunteers will help people staying at the Therapy department of the hospital and geriatric center of St. Petersburg

During the certain period of time volunteers will act as ordinary nurses and work hand-to-hand with the Russian personnel of the department. Together with their Russian colleagues our volunteers will do their best to bring sick people back to normal life. This is really hard but noble job.

Usually our students work at the department of the Intensive Therapy assisting the Russian physicians in their everyday work. It is possible to work also at the General Surgery Department. The best way to have some short-term language and medical practice in Russia is to work as an assistant to a physician and to carry on usual procedures which occur at the Intensive Therapy Department. For students of medical universities we organize medical practice in Russia.



### **Practical Work - Teaching in Russia**

This project is targeted at participants willing to spend more time in Russia to achieve the high level of the Russian Language and to be engaged in practical teaching process of foreign languages to the Russian students. We invite you to have teaching practice with our Russian students. The average group size is 8 person.



The main aim of the project is to let students - as well as teachers - to understand the ways and methods of teaching in different countries of the world, to exchange views and opinions and to get an additional life experience.

**Try yourself as a teacher, test you abilities to adapt and learn!**

All positions/practice are offered on the volunteer basis - not paid positions.



## Host Family

We have a list of carefully chosen Russian host families in St. Petersburg working for our school. All rooms are personally checked by staff and must meet strict criteria before being included in our database. Each participant is accommodated in a single room having all the necessary conditions for rest and study.

Twin and Double Rooms are available on request. There are telephones with international access in all the apartments. The price for accommodation includes two meals - breakfast and dinner.

All our host families have apartments in the center and in the neighbourhood to a metro (underground) station. Accommodation with a Russian family is integral part of the language learning experience. This is the most suitable variant for those who are willing to understand spoken Russian perfectly as members of the families know usually a little of a foreign language.



All rooms are single. By special arrangement we can also provide twin or double room. You will have access to the communal parts of the house or flat. You will also be given your own front door key. All our homestays are conveniently located in the city-centre.

The hosts are Russian native speakers and you will be expected to speak in Russian in the family home. Hosts also reflect the diverse nature of the population of St. Petersburg and you can for example select a host with or without children, or a retired host, who may have more time on their hands to interact with you.

We recommend accommodation in the host family with two meals/day, because otherwise you should lose your time every evening to find appropriate cafe. Here is just one kitchen-dining room in Russian apartments, and it is an inconvenient situation when the host family will have dinner but you should wait in your room and then prepare something for yourself.

Also Russian women usually are not really happy when somebody uses the family kitchen and manages a household.

So half board is always included in the homestay and you're welcome to the evening dinner together with other members of the host family.



## Student Hostel - Dormitory



The participants also have the possibility of living in a Students' Hostel which is located in the centre of the city. We can accommodate our students in **double and single rooms**.

During the low season it is possible to be accommodated in double room for single use without any extra fee. Meals are not provided by the Hostel, but there are a lot of cafes on the Nevsky Prospect. We recommend our Youth-hostel because of centrally location. Living in the heart of the city you'll have more possibilities for

rest and sightseeing tours.

All the rooms are clean and have necessary conditions for rest and study. The big kitchen, duce and WC are common in the block.

Participants should specify the preferred variant of accommodation in the enrollment form. We can not always accommodate a student according to his/her desire as in summer, for example, hotels and hostels sometimes have no vacant rooms. Please, inform us of your desire to live in a hotel or hostel as earlier as possible. We offer special conditions for the group.



## Apartment for rent and Shared student flat

The school have the possibility to accommodate students in our shared flats as well as in the apartment for rent. All accommodations are located in the city-centre and not far from the school.



*Our hostel. Double room*



*Our hostel. Reception.*



*Our shared flat*

## How fast could I study Russian?

The process of studying the language in the country where its the native language is the most effective way to reach the desired level. The final result depends upon the level of knowledge a student had before and his/her desire to follow the teacher's instructions. The knowledge of the ABC is welcomed but not necessary in our school. You can start from the absolute "0". The process of education is arranged in the practical way for a student to use Russian in his/her everyday life - in the host family, during the excursions and just in the streets. The most effective type of the course is our Individual Courses. Their program is designed depending on the student's personal wishes and desires. But our Mini-Group Courses also give great possibilities for mastering communication skills.



*For most international students, money is always a major concern as you need to pay for flights abroad, tuition and all the other many related expenses of living and studying in Russia. Luckily we are here to help with our Student Card which provides you with a student discount in our city. You can save a considerable amount (ex. visit to the Hermitage is free for our students). All our students get the student card free of charge.*

## Cafeteria

The school offers tea, coffee and bottled water during the breaks free of charge. Those willing to have full lunch, we recommend to visit various cafes located in around the school. Moderate prices, a lot of young people and students. The good vegetarian café is located just opposite the school.



*Welcome to ProBa Russian School!*



### Mini-Group Courses

- ˘ 20 lessons per week
- ˘ maximum 8 participants per group
- ˘ course fee **does not** include accommodation

<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Course fee (two first weeks total)	EURO 450
<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Additional weeks	EURO 180

*Following services are included in the course fee for mini-group courses:*

transfer from the airport, entry test, tuition and teaching material, course certificate, information material, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet.

*Starting dates and length of mini-group courses:* each course starts on a Monday and ends on a Friday. The minimum course length is two weeks.

### Individual Standard Courses

- ˘ 20 individual lessons per week
- ˘ Courses fee **does not** include accommodation

<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Course fee (first week)	EURO 500
<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Additional weeks	EURO 390

*Following services are included in the course fee for individual standard courses:* transfers from and to the airport, guide-book and map of St. Petersburg, assessment test, tuition and teaching material, course certificate, information material, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet.

### Individual Intensive Courses

- ˘ 30 individual lessons per week
- ˘ Courses fee **does not** include accommodation

<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Course fee (first week)	EURO 700
<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Additional weeks	EURO 490

*Following services are included in the course fee for individual intensive courses:* transfers from and to the airport, guide-book and map of St. Petersburg, assessment test, tuition and teaching material, course certificate, information material, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet.

*Individual courses may start any Monday throughout the year. Course length is flexible.*

### Individual Mastership Course

- ˘ 36 Individual lessons per week
- ˘ Courses fee **does not** include accommodation

<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Course fee (first week)	EURO 750
<span style="color: black;">■</span>	Additional weeks	EURO 580

*Following services are included in the course fee:* transfer from the airport, assessment test, tuition and teaching material, course certificate, student card, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet.

*Starting dates:* Any day throughout the year. The minimum course length is one week.



## Semi - Intensive Course

15 Individual lessons per week

- first week EURO 420
- additional weeks EURO 370

*Following services are included in the course fee:* transfer from and to the airport, entry test, teaching material, 15 one-to-one lessons, course certificate, information material, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet

## Live and Study by the Teacher.

20 Individual lessons per week  
Accommodation and HB included

- Course fee (week) EURO 1200

*Following services are included in the course fee:* transfer from and to the airport, entry test, teaching material, 20 one-to-one lessons, course certificate, information material, accommodation by the teacher: single room, HalfBoard - two meals/day.

## Modular Crash Courses (One-to-one Russian Business Course)

Highly intensive individual course with a comprehensive frame program. Crash Courses may start any day throughout the year. Course length flexible. Final course fee depends on the number of modules chosen. Quoted price is based on a program combining following services (weekly program):

- Teaching: 42 lessons on 7 days (6/day), two teachers
- Restaurant-lunch with teacher (daily)
- Cultural evening performances with guide or teacher and guided half-day excursions (2/week)
- Chauffeur-driven car

- Course fee (week) EURO 2000

## Semester Course

12 weeks of studies  
20 lessons per week in small group ( max 8 students)

- Course fee (12 weeks) EURO 2250

Services included in the course fee: transfer from the airport, entry test, tuition and teaching material, course certificate, information material, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet

## Russian Project: Russian Course + Volunteers/Teaching

**Program Fee:**

- 4 weeks EURO 1950
- 8 weeks EURO 3290
- 12 weeks EURO 4190

Services included in the total fee: transfer from the airport, entry test, tuition and teaching material, course certificate, information material, tea/coffe during the brakes, free access to the Internet, accommodation in host family or in shared flat.

## Accommodation Prices

### Russian Host Family

- Single room, including breakfast and dinner (Half Board)
- Historical centre of the city and close to metro station

■ Price per week                      EURO 200

### Students Hostel, City - Centre

- Single                                      EURO 35 (per night)
- Double                                    EURO 30 (per night/person)

### Shared Student Flat, City-Centre

- Single room                            EURO 24 (per night)
- Double                                    upon request

## Why study at our Centre?

Studying in Russia is a life-altering experience. Living in a different culture will help you see the world from a completely different perspective. It is an amazing experience that will change your life.



*Our library, Individual Course*

Studying in Russia is a chance to gain true language fluency. The only way to truly become fluent in a language is to be immersed in it. If you've studied a language for several years and wish to gain fluency in that language, we can offer you the opportunity to gain fluency in a short time.

Even our "Study and Work" programs offer beginning language classes for students with no prior experience in the Russian language.

Studying abroad is the perfect way to grow as a person. You will broaden your horizons, develop your intellect, and overcome your inhibitions.

You will meet new people, see new places, expose yourself to new cultures, engage new ideas and return with a better understanding of the world, your studies, and yourself.

### The top 7 reasons you should choose our courses:

- Quality education with much lower cost
- Admission is flexible, easier and open for all levels
- You may start learn the language from "zero"
- Smaller class size, easier communication with instructors
- Our educational system is friendly to international students
- Wide variety of courses and educational programs
- Special designed short-term programs meet the needs of daily life



*School Reception*

*Too little time, but have been learning loads in this short time! Thanks! Your program fitted perfectly with my summer vacation plans. I'm really glad I came to do this course, the environment in this school is something completely different from my experience. Extremely friendly and personal atmosphere and great teachers. I might very well come back at some point!*

**Jonas Helseth, Norway**



## Learn about yourself, be independent!

Studying abroad is an occasion to challenge yourself with new situations that will test your abilities to adapt and learn. You may find yourself questioning some of your most long-held beliefs. All you need to succeed is an open mind and a good sense of humor.

*Good teacher, good group, good family, good course material, good atmosphere, value for money, very helpful! I only come back if I can stay again with my host family - two very nice and interesting people!*

*I highly recommend this school. High quality education at a fair price. Teachers with a real interest in their students, also after school is out. Not only commitment, but really involvement.*

*Not only a school of Russian Language, but also of Russian life, history and culture. **Henk Slabbekoorn, Holland***



*WI-FI internet access allows you to have free internet connection in the school not only at our Internet Corner, but also from your own laptop in the classroom*

## Publications

Our special educational programs are developed together with swiss company "Jugend Austausch Schweiz-Gus" for the western educational market and have necessary quality. We offer students and professionals the widest range of study programme options in Russia. You may get additional information about our Courses from the local Language Travel Agencies practically in any European country and USA.

What the ProBa Educational Centre is? Publications in the foreign press. Articles of professional educators and interviews with former ProBa students in various specialized and public newspapers and magazines.

**PROSPECT review, Netherlands:** "Very interesting lessons, good variation between the different aspects of the Russian Language, nice and friendly atmosphere. Fine accommodation and great city. Helpful people. Efficiency at all times in responding to queries. Excellent communication. Being accompanied to school - being met at the airport on the previous day - this all helps to give students a sense of security and also assurance that ProBa really cares."

**TRANSTIONS ABROAD, USA:** "The ProBa Centre offers large choice of programs for everyone: Individual and Group courses for foreigners year round, Semester in Russia, Study & Work and Volunteer programs..."

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**VOSTOTSCHNAJA, Switzerland:** "Changing the way of life is not always easy and painless but always challenging and troublesome. Imagine, you should leave your cosy and warm place and move somewhere to start your life from the very beginning. May be its not for everyone, but may be everyone should try it at least once in his life. We could assist you to make the proper choice. Join the Russian Project Volunteers' Service, which is now available in St.Petersburg, Russia, thanks to the ProBa International Language Centre, and may be you'll find what you need and want."



## General information

### Prolongation of accommodation

It is possible to prolong your accommodation after Language Course for the desired period of time. You need to specify in your Enrollment the dates of stay in St. Petersburg in order to reserve the accommodation in advance.

### Additional services offered by the School

Upon arrival you get "Welcome Package" with detailed information about the city and country as well as the map of our district. There you may find the list of additional services offered by the school: mobil phone with local number for rent, visa support for you friends and relatives, transfers and individual excursions. Please don't hesitate to contact school office for booking.

## Arrival and beginning of tuition

The courses start on Monday. If you stay with a Russian family, your accommodation is paid from Saturday to Saturday. You may arrive any day you wish and any time. You will be met at the airport by our staff and taken straight to your host family or other point of destination. Transfer from the airport is included in the package you have booked and therefore free of charge. Additional days in the host family will be charged at EURO 30/day. Payment of the total course fee without deduction not later than 14 days in advance (immediately if enrolling later).



*Individual Course*

## Interruption/discontinuance/absences

Interruption must be communicated in written form at least 10 days in advance. Under no circumstances has the participant the right to reclaim the total fee. A partial reimbursement is at the discretion of the school. Late arrival or absences during the course for which the school cannot be held responsible, will not be reimbursed. Absences cannot be compensated through additional lessons. The type of accommodation chosen by a student is provided for the whole period of stay in St. Petersburg. In case of changes the type of accommodation (e.g. moving from a host-family to a private apartment, hostel, etc. and vice versa), no reimbursement is possible.

## Russian entry visa

All travelers to Russia require an entry visa. We provide all clients with the official invitation which is necessary to obtain the entry visa. To prolong a visa in Russia is difficult, please determine yourself on our enrollment form how long your visa will be valid. To arrange your entry documents we need from 24 hours to one month (for long-term visa). Some delay are possible due to the big amount of invitations are processed during the hot season, so please send the documents in advance.

## Students with learning difficulties



Our teachers are certified by Lancaster University to organize courses for students with learning difficulties - dyslexia, dysgraphia etc. It is important to match supporting techniques to the student's issue. Our teacher can not only provide assistance for subject specific issues they can also assist a student in organising their approach to the classroom as a whole. Such courses may be organized upon request.

## Public holidays

The school is closed on following public holiday: JAN 1. All lessons scheduled for those days will be held before or after. No other days without classes

## Teaching material and schedule

Teaching material including textbook, exercise book, copies etc. are included in the course fee. Each lesson lasts 45 min.

## Certificate

All participants receive at the end of their course a certificate with grades, issued by the school. The certificate meets the requirements of ALTE (Association of Language Testers in Europe).

The program of Individual Courses and additional individual lessons is jointly designed by the teacher and the student on the basis of special interests of study and may include the Preparation Course for TORFL/TRKI exam. The additional fee for TRKI - test is EURO 80.

## Enrollment fee

Your invitation (should you require your entry visa) will be sent to you by only after we receive your confirmation of payment the **enrollment fee** (EURO 75) as this fee includes your documents legalization according to the regulation of Russian Foreign Affairs Ministry, payment of invitation fee and reservation of accommodation for all period of stay.

## Supplementary individual lessons

These will be charged at EURO 20 each and be booked in addition to the main course.



# ENROLLMENT

## How to enroll?

To obtain the official invitation from our Centre the following paperwork should be submitted to our office:

1. Filled-in enrollment form (you may print the form from the next page or fill in online).
2. A photocopy of your valid passport, pages with photo. Your pass must be valid for not less than three months prior to the intended date of departure from Russia.

The best variant is to send this documents by e-mail

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## School and students...

*It was a pleasure to study at ProBa. The Course was very personalized to my interests, progress, and level of understanding. The people were very friendly & helpful at all opportunities...*

*Gary Asher, USA*



*Ich kann das Institut weiterempfehlen, man wird freundlich betreut und erhaelt einen qualitativ hochwertigen, den individuellen Wuenschen angepassten Unterricht.*

*Martina Laux, Germany*

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Country Tel

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Arrival not earlier than Departure not later than

The Country/City where you will get Russian Entry visa

Course type (please select) Begin Duration (weeks)

Special interests of study

Mother tongue Other languages spoken

### Your level of knowledge in Russian

(please select)

Beginner  
Elementary  
Intermediate  
Advanced

### Accommodation

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Shared Flat  
Students hostel  
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