

Trans Siberian Express

Beijing to St Petersburg

Three options:



Beijing

Market Place delicacies



Scorpions, sparrows, huhu bugs



Tianamen Square

Mao's Mausoleum



The queue to see Mao



Tianamen Square and Tianamen Gate



Forbidden City

The Gate Of Supreme Harmony



The Hall of Supreme Harmony



Exterior and Interior

The outer wall

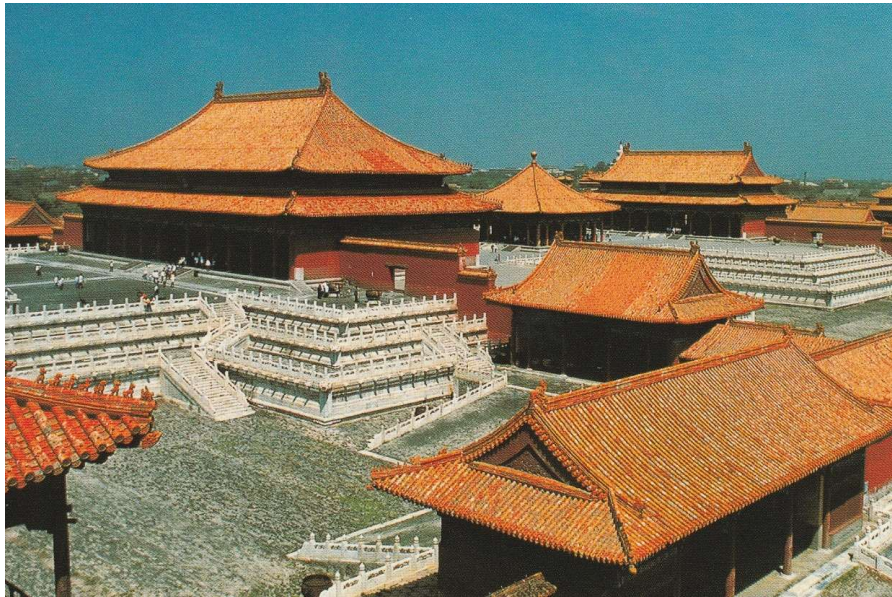


The Eastern Chamber of Warmth

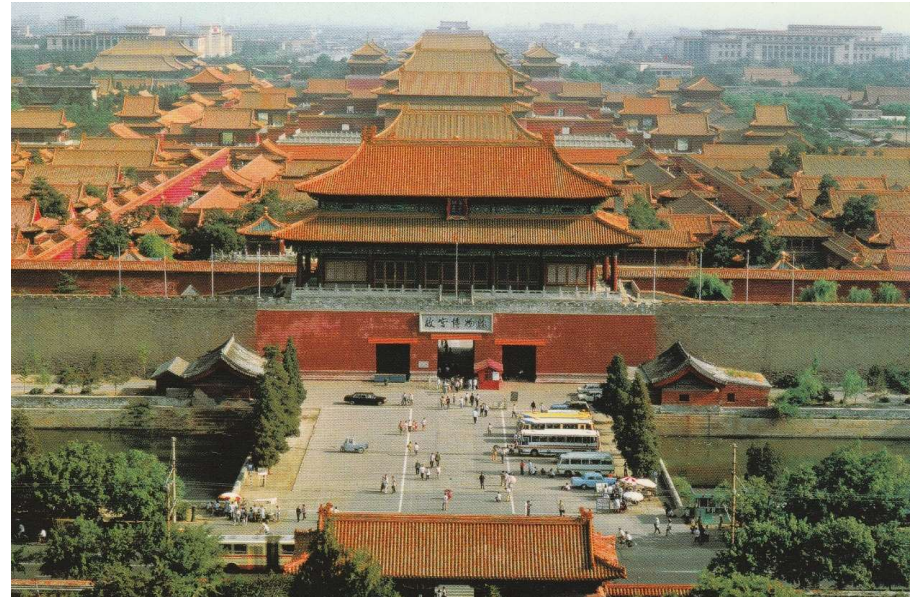


The Extent of the Forbidden City

Watchtower of the Forbidden City

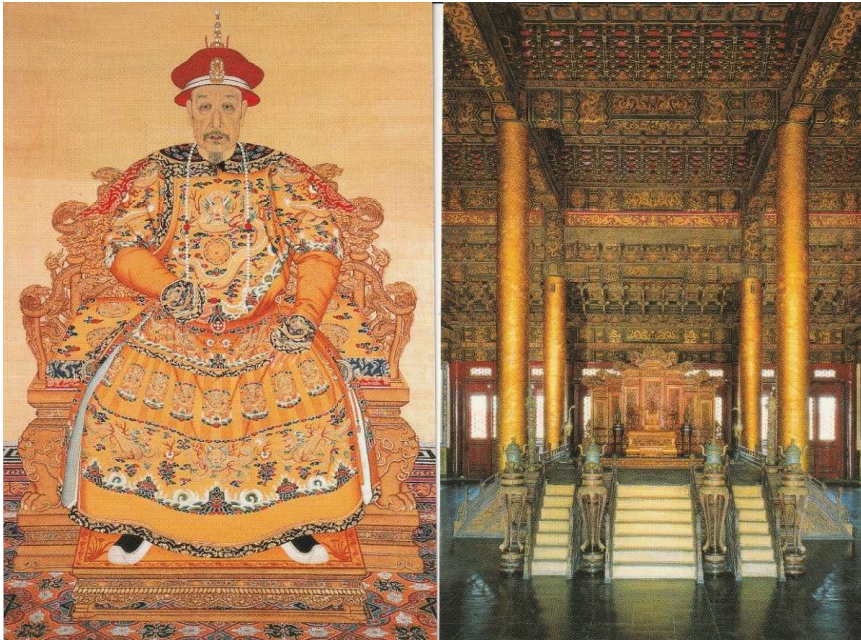


Gate of Military Prowess

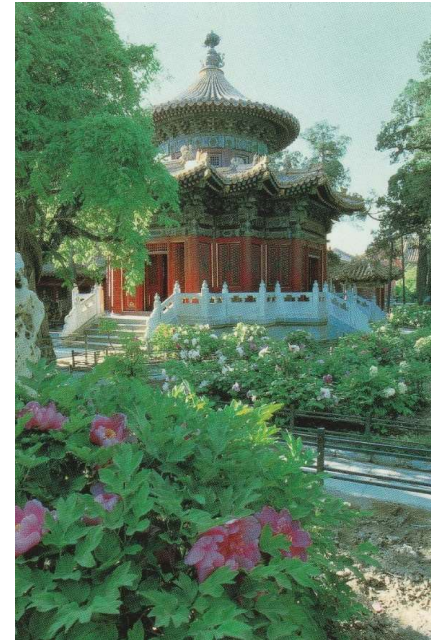


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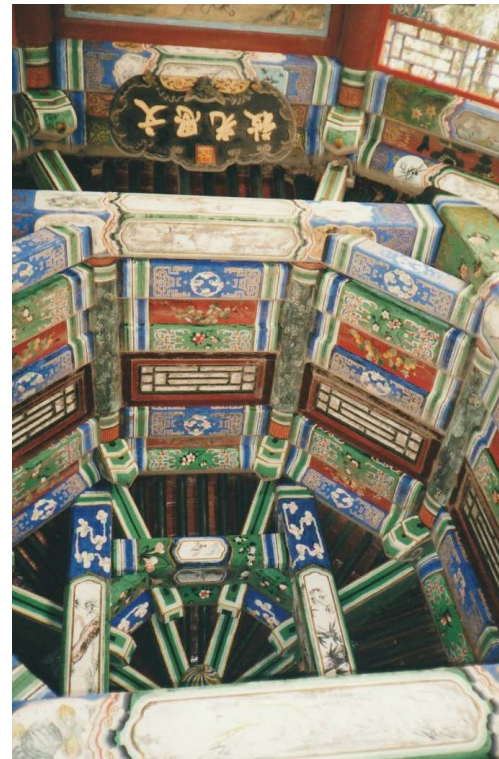
Emperor Quianlong & Eastern Chamber of Warmth



The Pavilion of Eternal Spring



The Summer Palace



The Lake at the Summer Palace



Pretty basic living in the Hutons



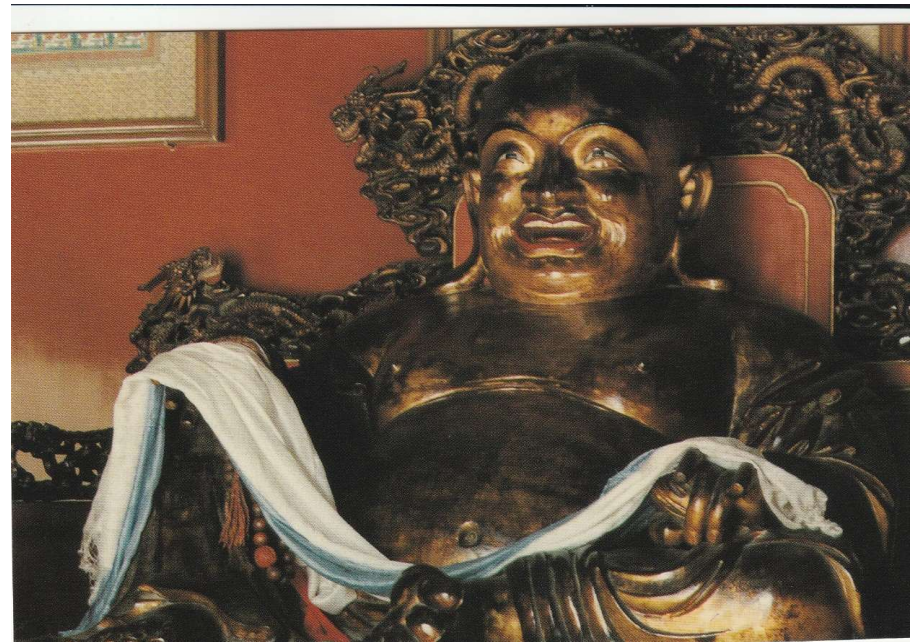
The Plight of the Elderly



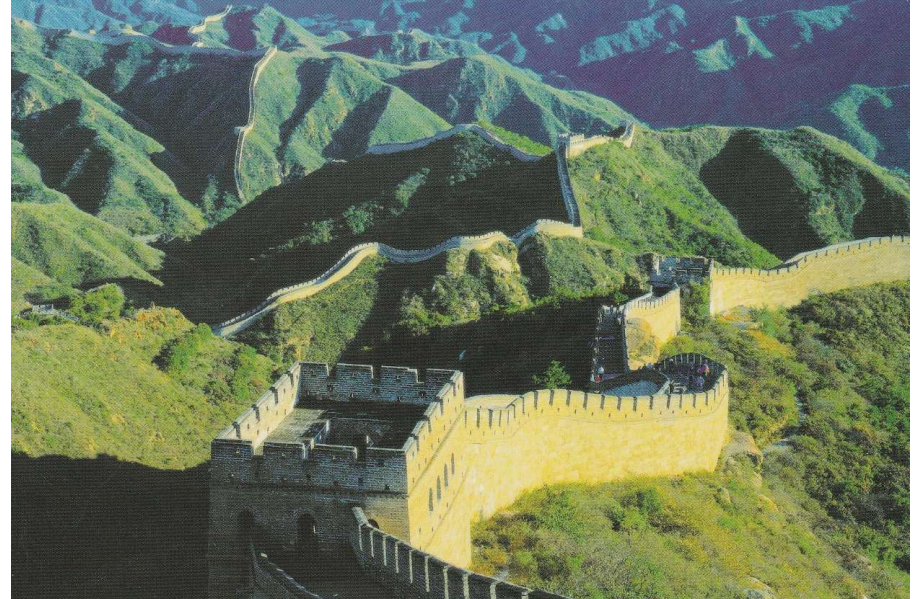
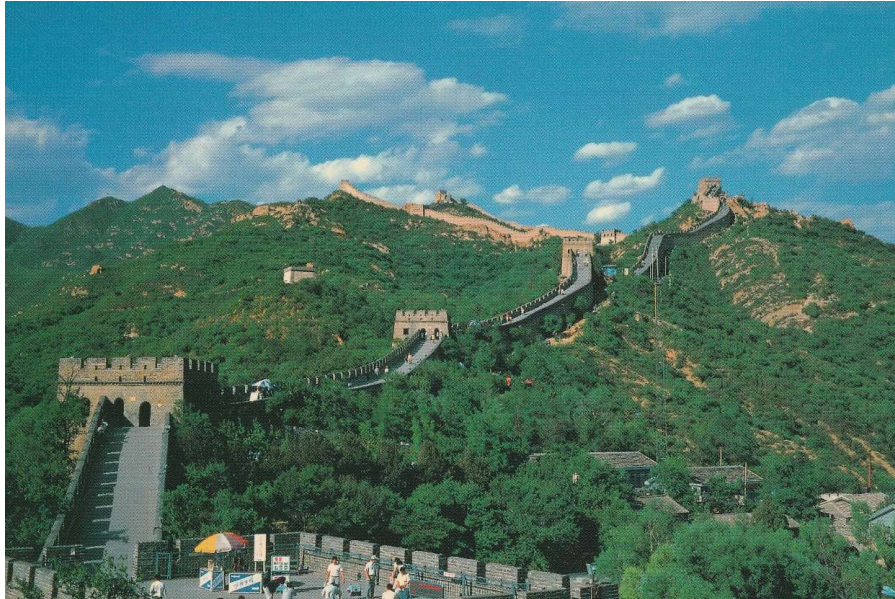
In contrast a feast...



Yonghegong (Palace of Peace and Harmony)- biggest Lamasery



The Badaling Section of the Great Wall



Bus drivers' rest stop



Medical Clinics (static and mobile)



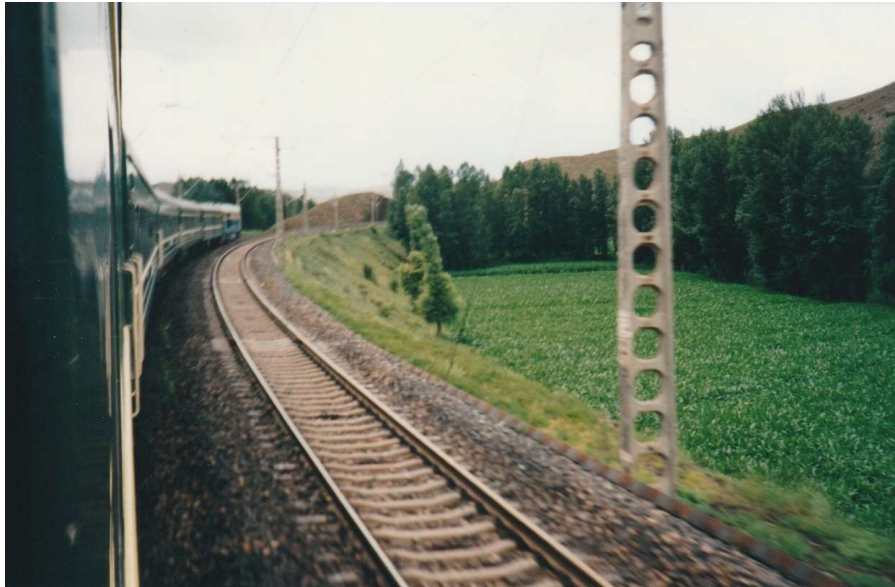
Interesting signs



Onto the Trans-Siberian Express



North of Beijing heading west to Mongolia



And on into the Gobi Desert



Bogey Changing Shed at Erlian



Our new set of wheels



Changing landscape as we enter Mongolia



Tapiologists and Gers



Ulan Bataar



Ulaanbataar

Mix of gers and houses



The Wrestling stadium



On the way to Terelj National Park



In Terelj National Park



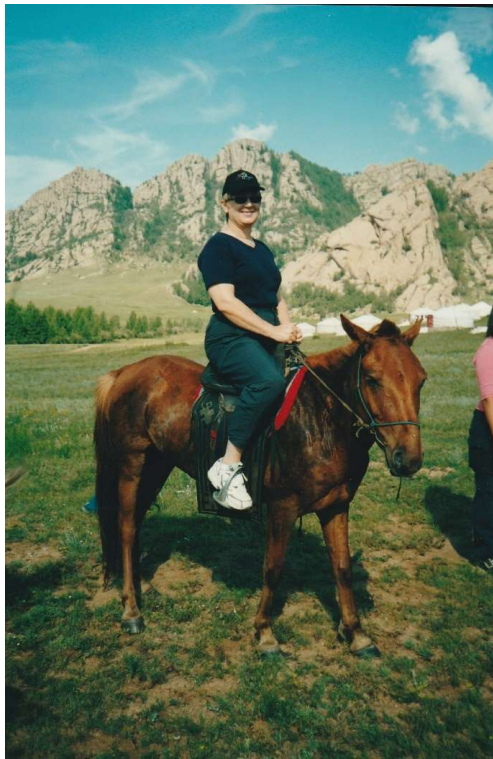
Mongolian wild life!



Sleeping in a ger



Horse ride to visit the neighbours



Catching the Mongolian train to Siberia



Train life



Sikh Bataar Station



Into Russia: Naushki Station



Quite picturesque

Gusinoye (Goose) Lake



Ob River



Siberia



Homestay at Lake Baikal



Siberian Hospitality



Bedroom and other houses



Lake Baikal



Lucky forever



The vastness of Baikal



Siberian Life



Siberian Life2



Negotiating a visit to the KGB Museum



Leaving Irkutsk for Moscow



From East to West Siberia

Fancy dining car – limited options



Yenisei River – 5200 kms long



Going through Vogotol



Provodnitsa



Potato Crops and Hawkers



Contrasting Landscapes: Forests and Rusty Iron



Train Restaurant (Pectopah)



Outskirts of Moscow



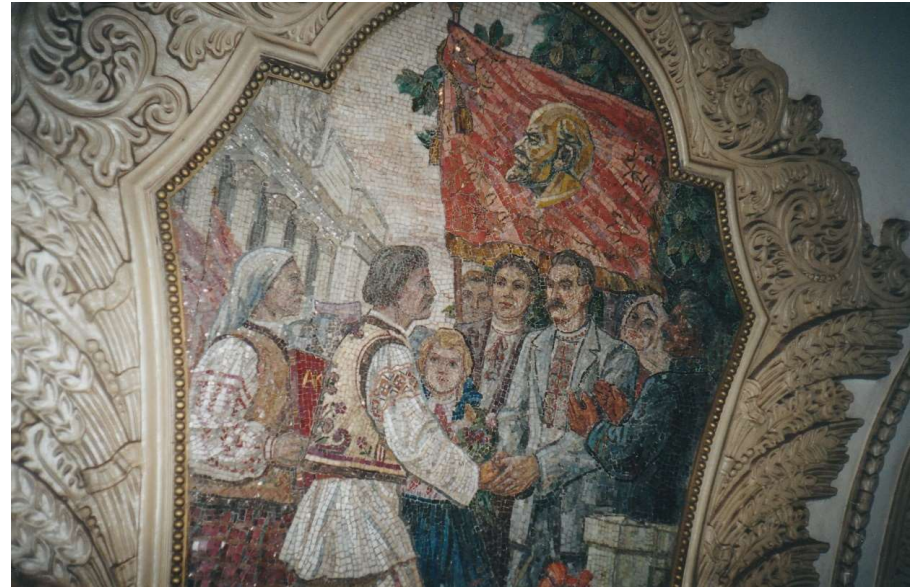
Dachas and Apartments



Ukrainia Hotel & The White House



The Moscow Metro



The Lubyanka & KGB Museum



Inside the KGB Museum



Murder and mayhem

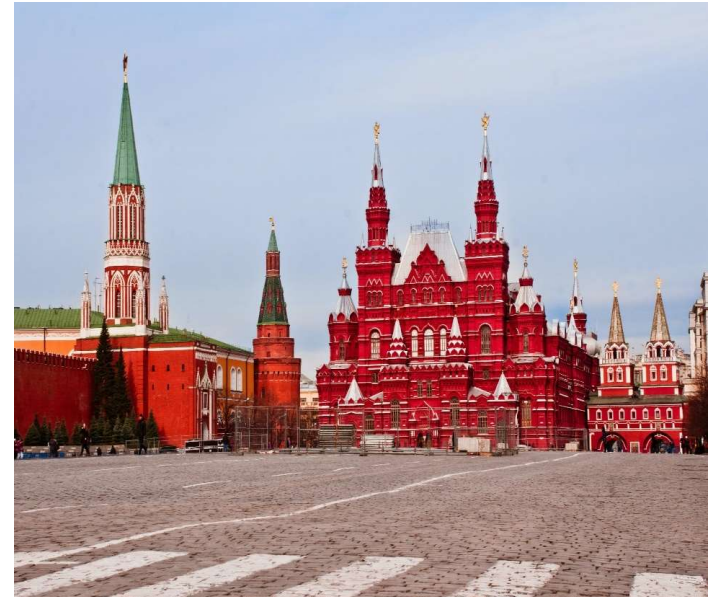
Where KGB Members were inducted



Stalin politburo stayed here



Red Square, the Kremlin, Lenin's Mausoleum



St Basil's



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



The GUM Store and Bolshoi Theatre



The Kremlin Palace and Putin's Office



Inside the Kremlin Walls and Kremlin Palace Museum



Ivan The Terrible



All that glitters



Cathedrals inside the Kremlin



Tsar Bell and Tsar Cannon



Universal logos in Old Arbut Street



View from Sparrow Hill



Brides and University of Moscow on Sparrow Hill



Bye Moscow & on to St Petersburg

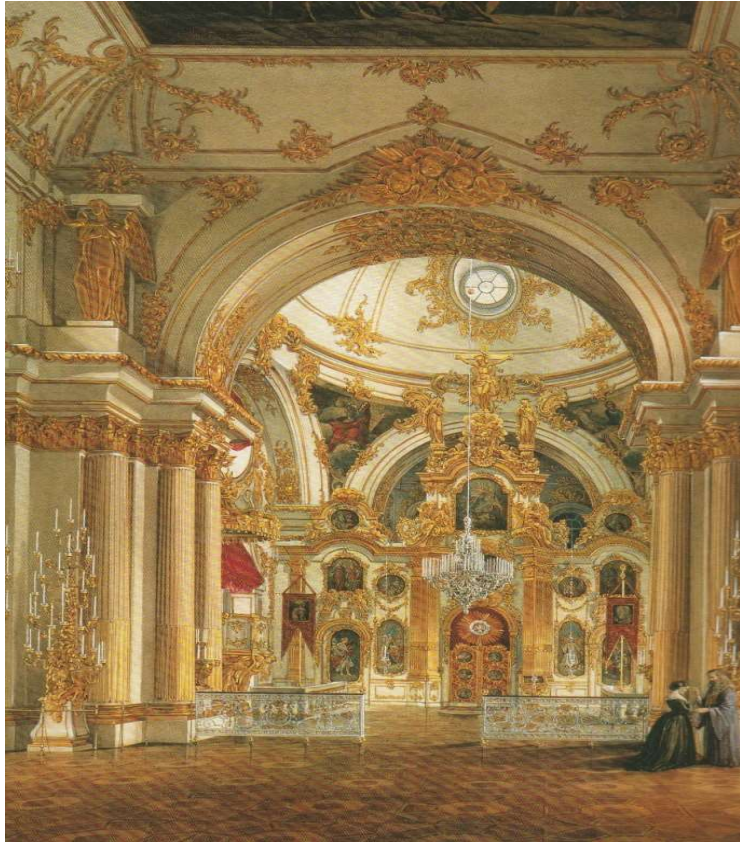


The Hermitage



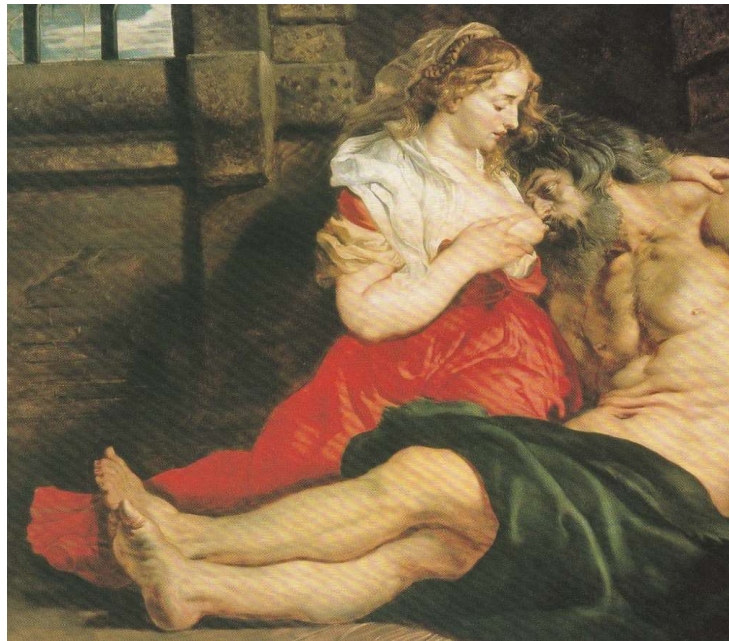
Every wall, floor and ceiling is an artwork



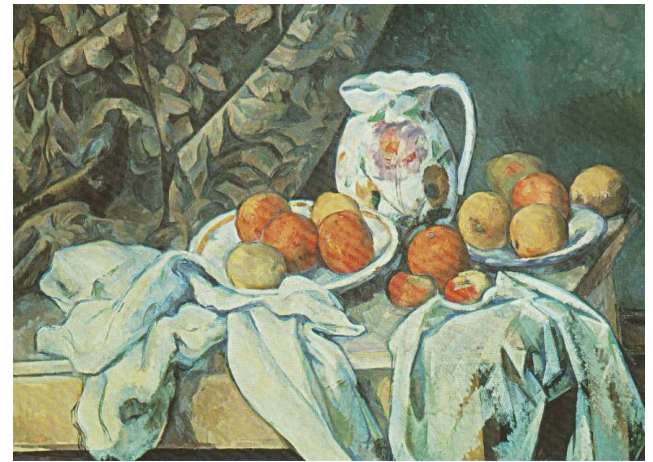
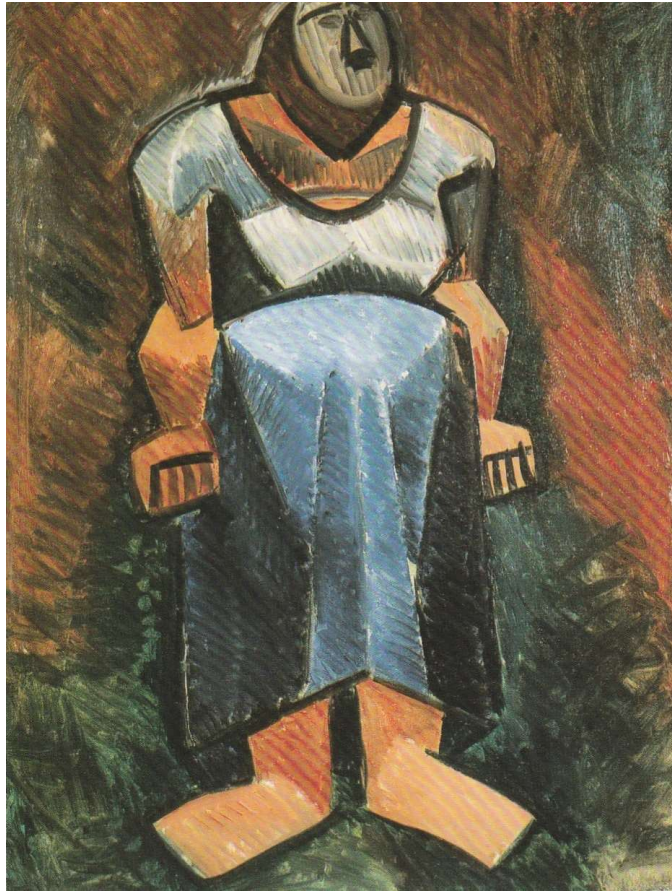




Rembrandt, Rubens and Van Dyk



Greco, Picasso & Cezanne



The Great Palace or Summer Palace



The Ballroom



The Audience Room & Lower Park



The Samson Fountain and Peter the Great's Study

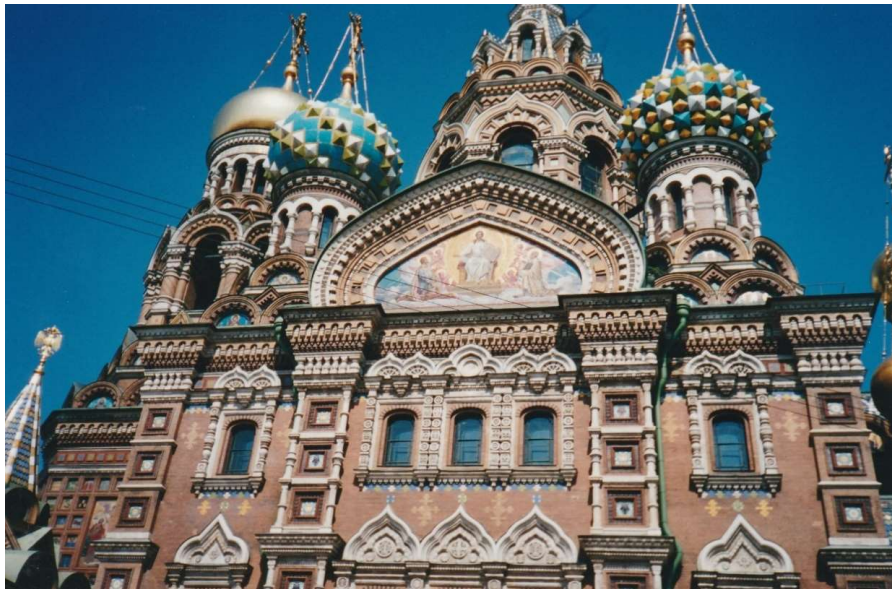


Entertainment in the Palace Grounds

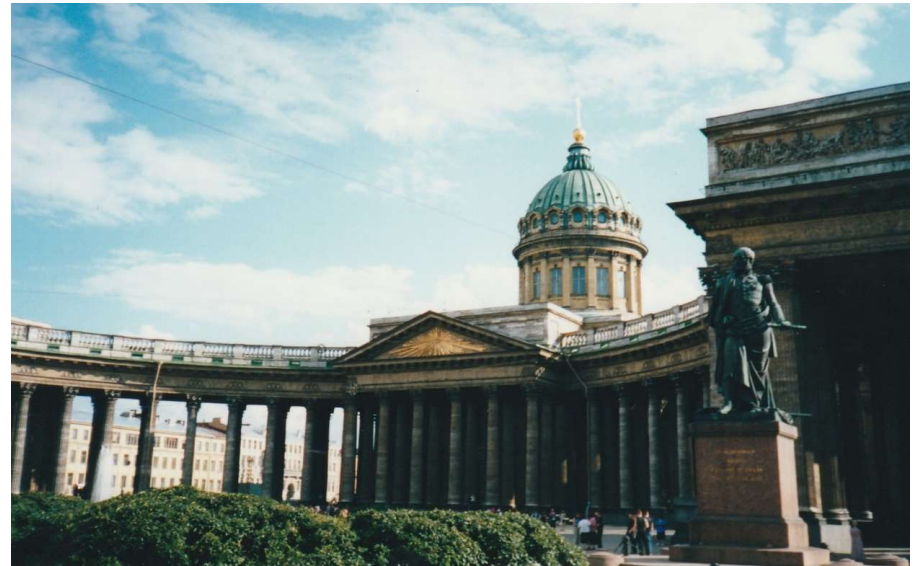


Back in the City of St Petersburg

Church of the Annunciation



Collanade of the Kazan Cathedral



Matrushkas



Boat cruise



Bye St Petersburg



Bintan Lagoon Resort in Indonesia

