

International Summer in Peterhof: students from all over the world discover the pearl of Russia

As part of the summer language and cultural camp, international students of our university went on an excursion to Peterhof, the famous residence of the Russian emperors and one of the most impressive palace and park ensembles in the world. Students from nine countries took part in the trip.: India, Zambia, Burundi, Kenya, Ethiopia, Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Cameroon and Cambodia.



From the first minutes of visiting the Grand Peterhof Palace, the students immersed themselves in the era of luxury and grandeur of the Russian Empire. They saw the state halls decorated with gold, crystal and paintings, and also learned about the life of the Russian tsars.



After the tour of the palace, the participants went to explore the famous parks of Peterhof. In the Upper Garden they were greeted by manicured alleys and symmetrical fountains, and in the Lower Park there was a stunning view of the Gulf of Finland and the Chess Mountain cascade. The culmination was the legendary Samson Fountain, symbolizing Russia's victory in the Northern War.

But the real surprise for the participants was the famous Peterhof «trick fountains»! Unprepared for such a fun «test», the students fell under the jets of water, surreptitiously gushing from the ground. Everyone got wet, but it only added to the laughter and joy.

With my friends and our teacher Elizabeth, we went on an amazing excursion to Peterhof! This was my first encounter with this amazing place, and it exceeded all expectations. Our guide took us through the palace and told us its story so fascinatingly that time flew by unnoticed. I really enjoyed everything — the tour was really interesting and memorable! said Dos Santos Pereira Danielson from Guinea-Bissau.



This trip is not just an excursion, but part of a large summer camp program where students learn Russian, participate in master classes and get acquainted with the culture of Russia. The University continues to organize such events, strengthening international ties and creating opportunities for intercultural dialogue.

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