

Unusual Monuments in Saint-Petersburg

Saint-Petersburg is one of the largest and most beautiful cities in the world. There are so many things to see!. But there are also some unusual monuments.

First of all, have you ever noticed a small hare near the Ioannovsky Bridge? This sculpture made by Vladimir Petrovichev appeared in May 2003. There is a legend that during the flooding a hare was found in Peter I` s shoe and so it survived. That`s why the island was named the Hare Island. The hare is made of the mixture of selumine and aluminium. During the boat-racing competition one of the boats crashed into the sculpture. After that the hare was put on one of the piles which protect the bridge from the ice drift.

In Malaya Sadovaya Street one can find a monument to two cats Elisey and Vasilisa. They are also made by Petrovichev. The sculpture of Elisey which weighs over 25 kg and is 33 cm high was put up here on 25 January 2000, Tatjana`s Day. The sculpture of Vasilisa appeared on 1 April, the All Fool`s day. There is a legend that if you manage to throw a coin to the pedestal of the monument, it will bring you luck!

Another unusual monument can be found in Konjushennaya Street. It is a meteorological pavilion with the clock created on the request of the Town council. The pavilion designed by N.E.Lansere represents a small meteorological station which fixes the temperature of the air. Inside the pavilion there is also a barograph and a thermograph made in the 20th century. The weekly results of the measurements can be seen through the windows of the pavilion.

Of course, I have not mentioned all the unusual monuments of the city but do not miss a chance to discover them for yourself if you come to Saint-Petersburg!

