



WHAT'S ON

The Opera in Odessa



The first opera house was opened in 1810 and destroyed by fire in 1873. The modern building was constructed in neo-baroque style and opened in 1887. The luxurious hall follows rococo style. Its unique acoustics allows delivering even a whisper from the stage to any part of the hall. The most recent renovation of the theatre was completed in 2007. Its repertoire includes famous operas, such as Carmen, Aida, La Traviata, Cavalleria Rusticana, I Pagliacci, Iolanta, Rigoletto etcetera. Tickets can be bought by AMBergh or at the theatre's ticket office.

NEWS

H&M Store on Nevsky

H&M (Hennes and Mauritz) will open a new store on 80 Nevsky Prospekt in St Petersburg. The store will occupy about 1,500 square meters. The Swedish retailer entered the Russian market in March 2009, and currently has six stores in the country, including one at the Mega Dybenko mall in St. Petersburg. All the others are located in Moscow.

St Petersburg Times

Putorana Plateau



UNESCO has included Russian biosphere reserve of Putorana Plateau in North-Eastern Siberia into a list

of monuments of natural heritage. The Plateau is located 100 kilometres north of the Arctic Circle. It is one the most ancient volcanic basalt table lands in the world. The plateau is very rich in the untouched huge elevated lakes, which come short of Baikal and Teletskoye Lake, elevated river systems and waterfalls. The biggest wild reindeer population in the world lives here and needs protection.

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Solar Power Station to Be Built

Construction of a first Russian solar power plant will start in 2011 in the city of Kislovodsk - a small town in North Caucasus located between the Black and Caspian seas. These ecologically friendly power plants will be built where the solar radiation has the highest intensity.

Cnews

Russian Schoolchildren Won Mathematics Olympics

Schoolchildren from Moscow, St. Petersburg, Belgorod Region and Saratov Region won 4 gold medals and 2 silver medals in the competition, thus showing the quality of Russian education. Winners of such contests can enter any higher education institution in Russia without entrance examinations.

Science & Technologies

Lawful Graffiti for Railroaders



For the Railroader's Day, which is the first Sunday of August, professional graffiti artists were legally offered to paint the fences along the railway. The Kazansky Station in Moscow can hardly be recognized now. A huge mural depicts logos of the Russian Railroad, pictures of

locomotives and ultramodern trains. This campaign was supposed to demonstrate the differences between the work of art and vandalism, and help to find the right way of self-expressing. Passengers of suburban trains will see from the windows a colourful mural 70 meters large.

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Comments from a student in St Petersburg

"I cannot be more satisfied with my experience in St. Petersburg! AMBergh really helped me with the administration and Visa, and the education at the school was beyond my expectations. I am very motivated now to continue learning Russian in San Francisco, and I already registered for a class!"

Leann R., USA

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