

## Art Residence in Kronstadt Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. How do I reach the residence? Will someone be meeting me at the airport/railway station?

You should inform the coordinator ([office@ncca-spb.ru](mailto:office@ncca-spb.ru)) of the date and time of your arrival at St Petersburg and your mobile phone number. A member of the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” staff will meet you at the prearranged location holding a sign with your name and will take you to the residence by car (it takes about an hour to get there).

### 2. Will I be issued any documents to certify my residency?

Upon your arrival at the residence you will be given a resident’s ID card with your photo, sealed and signed by director of the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO”, indicating the period of your stay and the address of the residence. This ID does not give rights for free admission to museums and galleries, unfortunately.

The guest shall also sign the residency rules at the Art Residence and the volunteer agreement.

### 3. What kind of things should I take with me (dishes, towels, bed sheets etc.)?

The residence house has a kitchen equipped with all necessary utensils so there is no need to bring dishes. You will also be provided with clean bed sheets and towels. Please bring HOUSE SLIPPERS. In spring, summer and autumn you may also need an umbrella.

### 4. What does Kronstadt Art Residence look like?

The residence house is located in the centre of Kronstadt in the park near the landmark Naval Cathedral of St. Nicholas. The two-storied building has two bedrooms, a drawing room and a studio. Wi-Fi Internet connection is available. Up to two people can use the facility simultaneously, provided that they agree to share the studio, kitchen and bathrooms.

### 5. Does anyone speak foreign languages in the Art Residence?

The staff of the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” speaks English. However you should be aware of the fact that outside the Art Residence people usually speak

only Russian. In case you need translation for the goals of your project – we can give you contacts of available translators/interpreters and you will have to cover fee for their services by yourself. The State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” does not cover these expenses.

**6. Will I be sharing the house with anyone? Whom may I ask for help or consultation?**

Mikhail and Darya, the staff members, will be staying at the house besides the guest artists; they will be keeping the house and helping the guests. You can consult Mikhail anytime: Mikhael.Crest(at)ncca-spb.ru

**7. Are there money exchange offices/banks in the vicinity?**

Please see the money exchange offices here on the map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zJ2KkCQs7qJc.kWQybUOo6YLM&usp=sharing>

**1) In the department of the bank “VTB24” (in Russian: «ВТБ24»):**

**Address: 57 prospekt Lenina, Kronstadt**

The Bank’s contact info: 8-800-100-24-24 (call-centre)

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10 am - 6 pm, dinner-hour 2 pm – 3 pm

**2) In the department of “Sberbank” (in Russian: «СБЕРБАНК»):**

**Address: 21/2 prospekt Lenina, Kronstadt**

The Bank’s contact info: +7 (812) 311-21-95

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9 am-8 pm, Sat 10 am- 6.30 pm, no dinner-hour

**3) In the department of the bank “Sankt-Peterburg” (in Russian: «САНКТ-ПЕТЕРБУРГ»):**

**Address: 16 prospekt Lenina, Kronstadt**

The Bank’s contact info: +7 (812) 329-50-50

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10 am-10 pm

**4) In the department of “Baltiyskiy bank” (in Russian: «БАЛТИЙСКИЙ БАНК»):**

**Address: 26 prospekt Lenina, Kronstadt**

The Bank’s contact info: +7 (812) 311-91-05/-06

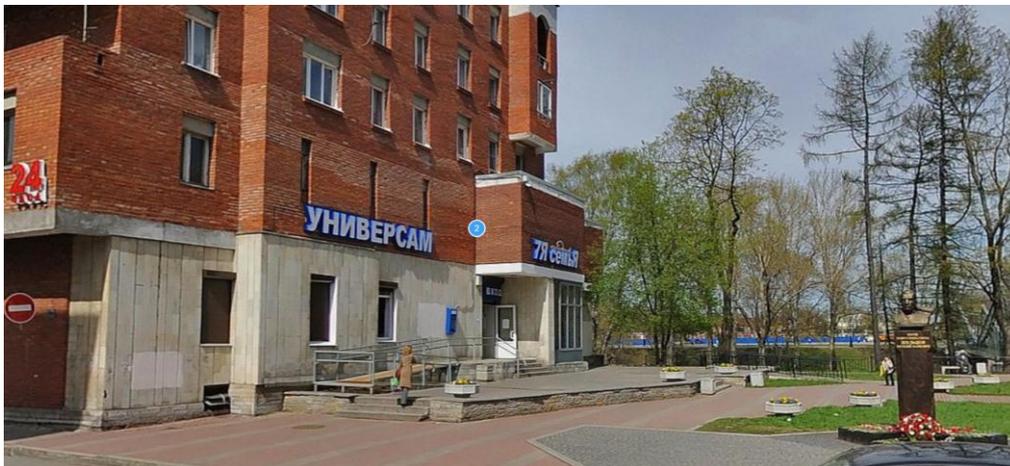
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10 am - 8 pm, Sat-Sun 11am – 6 pm, no dinner-hour

## 8. Where is the nearest grocery store that accepts bank cards?

Please see the grocery stores/ supermarkets on the map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zJ2KkCQs7qJc.kWQybUOo6YLM&usp=sharing>

- There is a “7Я” (“Sem’ya”) store (in Russian: «СЕМЬЯ») at the corner of Manezhny pereulok and Krasnaya ulitsa (Address: 2 Manezhny pereulok, Kronstadt)



- There is a “ДИКСИ” store (in Russian: «ДИКСИ») (Address: 11/41 ulitsa Leningradskaya, Kronstadt).



- There is also “Polushka” store (in Russian «ПОЛУШКА») (Address: 13 ulitsa Komsomola, Kronstadt).

## 9. How to get to St Petersburg and back?

Kronstadt is a separate small town 30 km from St.Petersburg (administratively considered as a district of St Petersburg) on the Kotlin Island at the Gulf of Finland. It is connected with the mainland with a dam bearing a motorway.

The residence house address is **2B Yakornaya ploshchad (square), Kronstadt, St Petersburg, 197762**

On the map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=zJ2KkCQs7qJc.kWQybUOo6YLM&usp=sharing>

There are the following transport connections between Kronstadt and St Petersburg:

- about 50 min from Chernaya Rechka (blue line) metro station: **minibus 405** (ticket price: 60 rubles, operates from 6 a.m. to midnight, interval about 15 minutes);
- about 40 min from Prospekt Prosveshcheniya (blue line) metro station: **minibus 407** (ticket price: 60 rubles, operates from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m.);
- about 40 min from Staraya Derevnya (violet line) metro station: **bus 101**.

In Kronstadt, all buses and minibuses stop at the city centre at the corner of Grazhdanskaya Street and Prospekt Lenina near the Gostinny Dvor and the fountain. From the bus stop one should walk 15 minutes in the direction of the main square of Kronstadt - Yakornaya square/the Naval Cathedral. The two-storied light-grey residence building is located on a channel across a small bridge.

#### **10. What is the weather like in Kronstadt?**

It is similar to the weather in St Petersburg or maybe a bit colder (by 0.5-0.8 degrees °C); it is also quite fast-changing.

**Winter:** average temperature is -5 °C to -10 °C. It is usually snowy and icy. In December the temperature may drop down to -25°C.

**Spring:** from 0 °C to + 10°C (with a thaw in late April or early May).

**Summer:** from + 10 °C to + 25 °C (often rainy)

**Autumn:** from + 10°C to – 5 °C (it usually starts snowing in November)

#### **11. Am I supposed to go to any events (exhibitions, master classes, city tours) during my stay?**

During your stay the staff of the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” will be informing you of current events of the branch in St.Petersburg by email. You are welcome to visit any of them should you be interested.

#### **12. Will there be any city events in St. Petersburg and Kronstadt during my stay? Do you recommend that I visit any particular galleries or museums?**

Please notice that the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” cannot provide you with any discounts for museum tickets.

##### **In Kronstadt**

For information on places of interest, fests, exhibitions and other events please visit the Kronstadt information centre at <http://en.visitkronshtadt.ru/> (English version available).

##### **In St.Petersburg**

For information about St.Petersburg (museums, galleries, concerts, exhibitions, restaurants, cafes) please visit <http://www.visit-petersburg.ru/en/> (in English).

**13. Can I leave residence/St.Petersburg for a couple of days?**

Yes, you can. If you plan to spend a night outside the residence or leave it for a few days (but no longer than for one week) please inform our staff member Mikhail Timofeev (Mikhael.Crest(at)ncca-spb.ru) and the curator of residence programs Elena Gubanova (gubanova.elena(at)ncca-spb.ru) not less than three days in advance, and make a record in the Register of residents' movement, providing there the details of the trip and contact information. **NB! Please always have with you: "Artist-in-Residence" ID card, copies of your passport, your medical insurance and the document that confirms registration of your visa.** Please, keep in mind that we cannot bear responsibility for you during your trips outside St. Petersburg.

**14. Whom can I discuss my project with? Am I supposed to make a public presentation at the end of my residency?**

After you have arrived at the residence you will be contacted by the curator of residence programs Elena Gubanova (gubanova.elena(at)ncca-spb.ru). You may discuss your artistic plans then with her.

If you like, you may crown your stay with a public presentation of your work, such as a lecture or a tea party where you will speak about your art. (Please discuss details with Elena Gubanova).

**15. Can I arrange an exhibition, presentation, lecture, etc. in other cultural centers or galleries?**

Yes, you can. But in this case please inform the curator of residence programs Elena Gubanova (gubanova.elena(at)ncca-spb.ru) not later than 2 months in advance. In addition to this, according to the paragraph 7 of the Volunteer Agreement (the Agreement on Voluntary Participation in Non-profit Activities), which every resident signs upon his/her arrival, you should refer to the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center "ROSIZO" when making presentations outside the Center. In the announcements and posters the logo of the North-Western Branch should be used, and at the events - the roll-up stand of the North-Western Branch should be placed. (office(at)ncca-spb.ru).

**16. Can I visit / make a research for my project in the local archives, libraries, museums etc.?**

Yes, you can. But in this case we need to write an official request letter to the institution. So you must inform us about your intentions not later than 2 months in advance.

**17. What kind of office equipment is available at the residence house?**

There is a projector, a monochrome A4 printer, and a scanner. Guests usually bring their own laptop computers. The members of the residence staff may have a spare computer.

**18. Is there an art supplies store in Kronstadt?**

Yes, there is an art supplies store: Kronstadt, 13 Lenina prospekt, shopping centre, section 302 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the right side).



You can also find plenty of them in St.Petersburg. For example, you can buy art materials in the “Union of artists” artshop (Bolshaya Morskaya ul., 38, tel. +7(812) 314-30-60, 315-74-26), in the “Salon khudozhnika” (“Artist’s salon”) artshop (Nevsky pr., 3, tel. +7(812) 312-44-34) or “Lavka khudozhnika” artshop (Marata ul., 10) and other shops.

#### **19. Is there a print center where I could print large scale photographs?**

There are high quality print centers in St Petersburg. For example, the one at 1 Vosstaniya Street near the “Ploshchad Vosstaniya” metro station (+7 (812) 719-95-04; <http://v1.spb.ru/>) and network of the photocenters “Yarkiy fotomarket” (+7 (812) 680 01 01; 635-55-02; <http://www.yarkiy.ru> ). In the center “Yarkiy fotomarket” the high-quality print of images of non-standard sizes is available.

#### **20. Which costs are covered by the North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO”?**

The residents are given free accommodation for up to 30 days. The North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” also provides free transfer from the airport/railway station and back. For foreign residents we provide official invitations necessary to get the visa and the visa registration in Russia upon arrival. For registration of the visa upon your arrival please send us a copy of your passport with visa in it, a copy of your migration card and a copy of your medical insurance (office(at)ncca-spb.ru). The North-Western branch of the State Museum and Exhibition Center “ROSIZO” does not cover: visa and transportation costs, meals, working materials, long distance phone calls or any other expenses connected to the stay, work, and public presentation of the work done during the residency.