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G-20 Leaders to Travel Round St. Pete by Boat

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As Russia started chairing the G-20 group of major economies over the weekend, the head of the presidential administration said foreign guests would travel by boat at next year's St. Petersburg summit to minimize disruption to residents.

Kremlin official Sergei Ivanov told Rossia 1 television on Saturday that the arrival of 33 visiting delegations would not paralyze the life of the country's northern capital.

Ivanov said G-20 events would be concentrated in the Konstantinovsky Palace to the city's southwest but that "delegation members living outside the palace would travel by sea."

"This includes those living in St. Petersburg hotels. They will be accommodated in hotels that are located close to quays," Ivanov told the state-run channel.

The same day, President Vladimir Putin said in statement that Russia's priorities as G-20

chair would be to stimulate economic growth and the creation of new jobs.

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