

TripAdvisor Ranks Hermitage Museum World's 6th Best

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American travel website TripAdvisor has named St. Petersburg's State Hermitage Museum the sixth best in the world, according to its "Travelers' Choice" ratings-based guide released on Wednesday.

"All the world's beauty in one museum. It lets your mind travel to all the places you always wanted to go," the website said in its description of the museum, apparently citing a user comment.

The list was topped by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, followed by the Musee d'Orsay in Paris and the Art Institute of Chicago. In fourth and fifth place were Madrid's Museo Nacional del Prado and the Musee du Louvre in Paris.

Founded by Catherine the Great in 1764, the Hermitage is the biggest museum in Russia and one of the biggest in the world with only a fraction of its collection of more than 3 million items on display.

The Church of the Savior on the Spilled Blood, one of St. Petersburg's landmark cathedrals, came in 12th on TripAdvisor's list of the best landmarks in the world.

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