

Alexander Pushkin's St. Petersburg Home Goes on Sale for \$860K

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A painting depicting Alexander Pushkin in St. Petersburg. commons.wikimedia

A part of history just went on sale for less than \$1 million in St. Petersburg, Russia's second-biggest city and former capital.

Two beautiful apartments rented by Russian literary classic Alexander Pushkin in the 19th century will only set you back 55 million rubles, or around \$858,500. The celebrated poet moved there in 1834 to accommodate his wife Natalia Pushkina and four children, then moved again to what became his last home in 1836.

"This apartment is a work of art," Ruslan Soyeshev, a realtor who represents the unnamed private seller, said on a website <u>dedicated</u> to the apartment.

Buyers will enjoy a view of the Neva River ("the people, birds, cars, military parades, <u>'Scarlet Sales,'</u> and much that's hidden from the eyes," Soyeshev says) along the Kutuzov Embankment.

Soyeshev said he lived in the apartments — with a combined area of 93.4 square meters — for a year as part of a "professional and creative experiment."

Pushkin penned all or parts of "The Captain's Daughter," "A History of Pugachev" and other classic works within its 4.5-meter walls, says historian Leonid Kudzeyevich.

Adding to the apartment's grandeur, Kudzeyevich says Pushkin also hosted <u>Nikolai Gogol</u>, Vasily Zhukovsky and other contemporaries there.

"This is the finding of the century," <u>said</u> Ignat Bushukhin, chief editor of RBC Realty. "It's priceless."

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