WINTER IN ST. PETERSBURG

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St. Petersburg is the northernmost multi-million metropolis in the world. Its name rings proud – not just to Russian ears. But the imperial façade is crumbling; the city’s true face is hiding behind it.

For almost two centuries, St. Petersburg was the capital of the Russian Empire. Tsar Peter the Great founded the city (also referred to as the “Window to the West”) in 1703. The film tells of the people in St. Petersburg, of the inhabitants of the shoddy kommunalkas – communal apartments, where up to 16 families share a hall, bathroom and kitchen. And of the newly rich who stage expensive balls in former royal palaces.

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