

## 11. The Elagin Island



Elagin Island is a unique natural-protected complex. It is the northernmost island at the mouth of the Neva, washed from the north of the Great Neva, from the south and south-east of Middle Nevka, and in the West by a narrow cape entering the Gulf of Finland. From the middle of the last century Elagin Island has been a royal residence passed into the possession of the state and has become the Central Park of Culture and Recreation.

On the territory of the park there is the Elagino-Island Palace, where operates the Museum of Russian Decorative and Applied Art operates. The Museum's interior is dedicated to the 18th and 20th centuries. The permanent exhibition is on the first and second floors, it displays the everyday life of past eras.

Every weekend there are an improvise dance floor with live music, performed by a military brass band, appears in the Square of the Konyushennaya Corps. In the summer in the Park an outdoor reading room starts working where visitors of all ages and preferences can find books according to their interest. In the western part of the island is a mini-zoo.

