

# TIMELINE

# Catherine the Great

**All dates are in the new-style calendar, which are eleven days after the corresponding dates in the old-style calendar**

**2 MAY 1729**
Born in Stettin, Kingdom of Prussia, Holy Roman Empire

**1744**
Arrives in Russia at the invitation of the Empress Elizabeth as the prospective bride of the Grand Duke Peter

**1745**
Marries Grand Duke Peter

**1 OCTOBER 1754**
Son Paul (the future Paul I) is born

**5 JANUARY 1762**
Empress Elizabeth dies

**9 JULY 1762**
Becomes Empress of Russia after overthrowing her husband, Peter III, in a coup

**17 JULY 1762**
The imprisoned Peter III dies in mysterious circumstances

**22 SEPTEMBER 1762**
Crowned at the Assumption Cathedral in Moscow

**1764**
Sets her former lover, Stanislaus Poniatowski, on the throne of Poland

**1767**
Writes her 'Instruction', a political doctrine outlining liberal, humanitarian political theories intended to be used as the basis of government reform and the formulation of a new legal code

**1768**
Becomes the first person in Russia to be vaccinated against smallpox

**1768–1774**
Russo-Turkish War results in defeat for the Ottoman Empire and the gaining of new territories for Russia

**1770**
Construction of the Hermitage begins, alongside the existing Winter Palace in St Petersburg

**1774**
Pugachev's Rebellion leads to outbreaks of violence and rioting

**1787**
Makes an expedition to the Crimea, arranged by her former lover Grigory Potemkin

**17 NOVEMBER 1796**
Dies in St Petersburg, Russia

