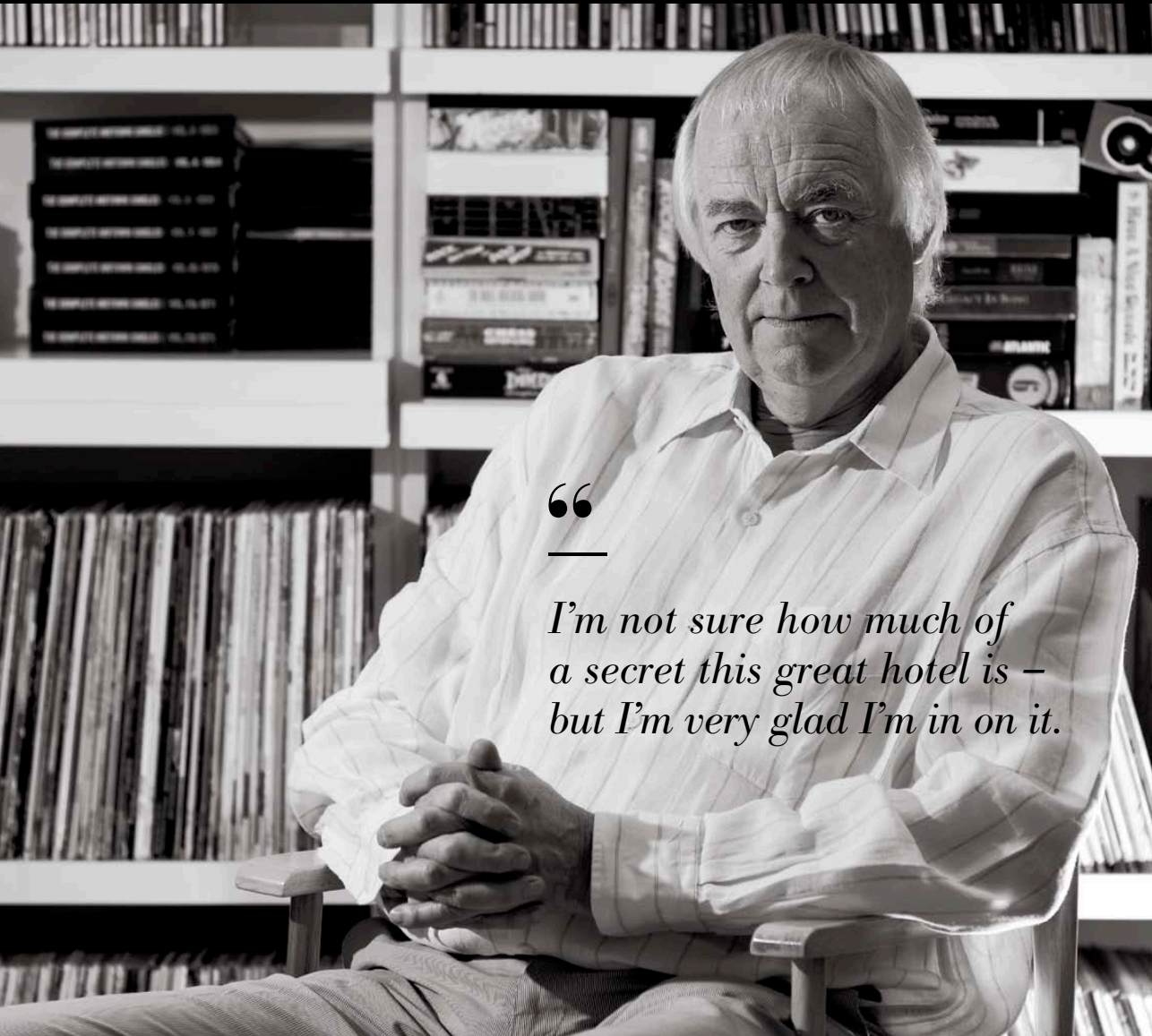


# TIM ON TRAVEL



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*I'm not sure how much of a secret this great hotel is – but I'm very glad I'm in on it.*

*The Oscar, Tony, Grammy and Golden Globe award-winning lyricist, Sir Tim Rice's songs resonate around the world.*

**TR** *What travel destination inspires you?*

**STR** The Grand Hotel Europe has always provided the perfect base for me from which to explore the many historical sites of St Petersburg and the dodgy bars. It's minutes away from the Hermitage Museum and the Winter Palace Square. It's directly opposite the Philharmonic Society, and is situated on Nevsky Prospekt which is the central hub of the city. It is also around the corner from the Russian Museum and Park.

**TR** *Any fond memories?*

**STR** Cricket is my passion. I took my cricket team Heartaches CC to St. Petersburg to play two matches against Peter's Imperials and we played in the Russian Museum park. A sort of cricket pitch had been laid out for the first time in this beautiful park's history. Unfortunately, two yards too long, which was my excuse for failing to win either encounter. Plus there seemed to be a lot of Sri Lankans and Australians in the allegedly Russian team.

**TR** *What is special about the Pavarotti Suite where you always stay?*

**STR** Well, it's obvious that it's named after the celebrated Italian tenor who stayed there during his final tours in 2004. But what is really special for me is the antique grand piano which is the focal point of the room and the source of some relaxation for me, if not for the people in the nearby suites.

## MAKE WAVES

The Katina is a new luxury speedboat which was imported from Venice and provides an exclusive and unique way to explore the city

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### NOTES ON TRAVEL

**1** PERFECT SUITE  
The Pavarotti Suite at the Grand Hotel Europe in St Petersburg is a personal favourite



**2** PERFECT LOCATION  
Explore the many historical sites of St Petersburg. The Russian Museum and Park are located around the corner from the Grand Hotel

