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#### INTRODUCTION

Kazan is the capital of Tatarstan Republic. Kazan is on the list of UNESCO World Heritage cities. Kazan is located on the left bank of the Volga river and it was founded more than one thousand years ago. So it is a very old place, with rich and fascinating history.



### POPULATION/ETHNICITY, RELIGION

The population of my city is multinational and enormous: about one and a half million people. The city's population consists mostly of ethnic Russians (48%) and ethnic Tatars (47%). The other ethnicities are Chuvash, Ukrainians, Azerbaijanis, Vietnamese, and Jews. Predominant faiths of Kazan city are Sunni Islam and Orthodox Christianity, with Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Judaism and the Bahá'í Faith also represented.



#### LANGUAGE

The Russian
 language is widely
 spoken in the city.
 Tatar is also
 widely spoken
 mainly by Tatars.



## CULTURE

The Islamic religion and culture of the people suffered persecution for over two and a half centuries. After the conquest of 1552, all the mosques in the Kazan city were demolished.

Later, religious intolerance impelled the Tatar aristocracy, who had already intermarried with the Russian aristocracy for two centuries, to be baptised in order to keep their privileges. Many Russian noble families had Tatar blood in their veins. Tatar ancestors are to be found in the genealogies of N.Karamzin, M.Lermontov, D.Mendeleev, A.Skriabin.

### CULTURE

Here were born the great poets Utyz Imyani, Gali Chokry, Kandaly, Gabdulla Tukay. Here the historical truth was preserved and ancient books and manuscripts, which by some miracle had survived the flames, were copied. Here the Kazan Tatars preserved what their ancestors had clung to under threat of death and terrible deprivation: the long poems and examples of calligraphy of the Bolgar and old Kazan times, their style of life, their patterns and ornaments, their songs.

# CULTURE







#### THEATRES AND MUSEUMS

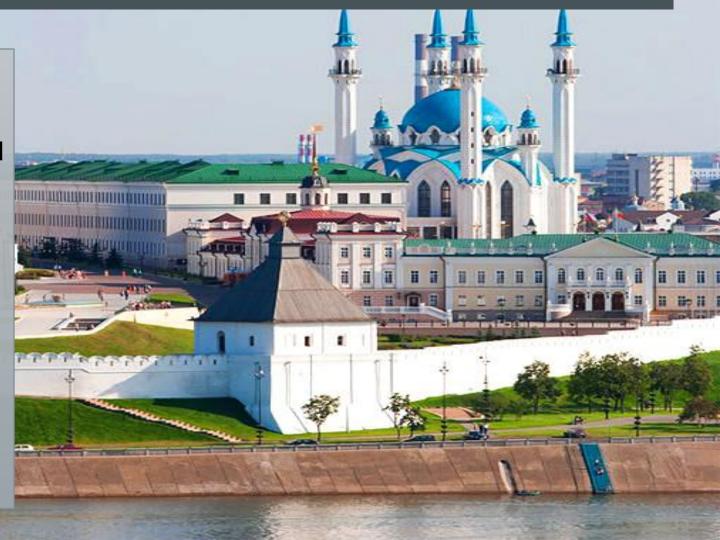
People of Kazan are also keen theatre lovers. Kazan State Opera And Ballet Theatre, Kachalov's Drama Theatre, Kamal's Tatar Academic Theatre, Young People's Theatre are the most popular among them, and the list is not full. A great number of cultural events take place in Kazan. These are Art exhibitions, concerts, theatre and musical festivals; some of them are held on the regular basis. The most popular and famous are the Annual Shalyapin's Opera festival held in February and Annual Nureyev's Festival of Classic Ballet held in May. Best singers and dancers from different Russian and foreign theatres take part in the festivals. All the tickets to the performances of the festivals are rapidly sold out on the first day.

#### THEATRES AND MUSEUMS

Museums play an important role in cultural life of our city. Kazan is the ancient city of almost a thousand-year history. The items connected with the history of Tatarstan are displayed in The National Museum of RT. There is also a collection of treasures of Tatarstan preserved and exhibited. A lot of prominent people lived and worked in Kazan and there are museums established in their memory. These are B. Urmanche's Museum, Gabdulla Tukay's Museum, M.Dzhalil's Museum-apartment, Salikh Saydashev's Museum, Sh. Kamal's Museum-apartment, and others

# SIGHTSEENG'S OF KAZAN

Kazan Kremlin - a holistic architectural ensemble that preserves the features of all swept over him centuries. It is framed by high white stone walls with characteristic loopholes and thirteen marquee towers. The chief attraction of Kremlin is standing inside a seven storied tower is Passage Syuyumbeki height 58 meters, characteristic profile that is visible everywhere, and compositionally balanced outlines travel the Spassky Tower, located at the opposite end of the Kremlin.



#### SIGHTSEENG'S OF KAZAN

#### Kul Sharif Mosque

The fact that Tsar Ivan IV, conquered Kazan, was fascinated by the many buildings of the city, including the mosque Kul-Sharif. Historical sources say that Ivan IV ordered the architectors Posnikov and Barma to build a church like Kazan mosque Kul-Sharif in downtown of Moscow. This church was supposed to symbolize the victory over Kazan by Ivan IV (of Muslims), which opened the way to the Caspian Sea and the transformation of Moscow Empire into the Russian Empire.



# SIGHTSEENG'S OF KAZAN

The most famous building of Kazan - Tower Soyembike - according to legend, dates back to the fall of the Kazan Khanate. Soyembike tower - not only the symbol of Kazan. This also is one of the few in the world of falling towers. At two meters above the Leaning Tower of Pisa, it is immediately after construction began to lurch to the east, because the west side it was built on the foundation of an old watchtower, was more stable.



## CLIMATE

Kazan has a humid continental climate and warm, often dry summers. As a result of its far inland position, summers are extremely warm for its latitude and winters are quite cold compared to areas further west in Europe.

The warmest month is July with daily mean temperature near 20.2 °C (68.4 °F), and the coldest month is January, with a daily mean of -10.4 °C (13.3 °F).

The city set its two hottest days on record during the 2010 Northern Hemisphere summer heat waves. Temperatures reached +39 °C (102 °F) in the hottest days during that time.

#### Coclusion

Kazan is the place which is worth visiting at least once in our life. Nowadays, due to numerous landmarks, Kazan is a popular tourism direction. The ensemble of its medieval Kremlin is very impressive, as well as fine mosque Qol Sharif. Everyone enjoy visiting parks, museums, theaters of Kazan: besides, this city is a center of many national and international festivals of classical and modern (including ethnic) music.

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