

10 THINGS TO DO IN KAZAN

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Kazan is a modern city with a thousand-year history. There is something to see, take pictures and where to have a wonderful time. Kazan is a city of amazing contrasts, so you can get acquainted with the traditions of Islam and Christianity, nostalgize over the Soviet past, see the masterpiece of the entertainment industry of the 21st century and walk around the carefully preserved ancient Tatar quarter in a very short time. The ideal time to visit the third capital of Russia is spring-summer, when the wonderful weather stands and you can find some large-scale event.



1. Do not let Syoumbike fall

Syuyumbike - the famous tower, one of the symbols of Kazan. A distinctive feature of the tower is that it belongs to the category of falling. The deviation of the spire from the vertical at the moment is almost two meters. The history of the Russian Tower of Pisa is lost in the centuries. Scientists do not have an answer when it was built (the most common version is the 17th century). Also, it is still unknown what role it played - there is a minaret, a chapel, and part of the palace of the Tatar Khanate. The name was received in honor of Queen Syuyumbike, who, according to legend, dropped from the tower after the capture of Kazan by Ivan the Terrible. Exactly about this tower, only one thing is known - if you "support" it a little, then luck is guaranteed for the whole day. So it's better to come here early, passing the crowds of tourists.



2. Visit the main temples of Christianity and Islam, just crossing the street

Kazan is an amazing place for rafting many cultures. As evidence, we can cite the fact that the Kul-Sharif mosque and the Cathedral of the Annunciation are a minute's walk from each other. In this case everything is peaceful! The cathedral, whose construction (from a small church) began in the 16th century, is majestic and beautiful. The iconostasis deserves special attention. In the cathedral are preserved the relics of Orthodox saints, there is a large library of Orthodox literature.

Kul-Sharif about the other. The mosque was built to the millennium of Kazan and was immediately declared the largest in Europe (which is not true). Kul-Sharif is a symbol of the Tatar revival. At the bottom of the mosque is the Museum of Islam (in our opinion, not the most notable place - rosary, silver Koran, etc.). It is much more interesting to climb a balcony for tourists and see a large hall for prayers - breathtaking. Do not forget that both churches require a certain "dress code." Do not come in shorts.



3. Visit the temple of all religions

Continuing the theme of religion, you can go from the Kazan Kremlin to the outskirts of the city and visit the International Cultural Center of Spiritual Unity, which is also called the Temple of All Religions. This building is under construction. Inside not to hit, but outside it is intriguing: it contains elements of 16 major religions of the world. Decide for yourself whether it is worthwhile to allocate time for a trip here, but that there is no such thing anywhere else - a fact.



4. Learn the Soviet

In Kazan, developing new, do not forget the old. In the city there are as many as three museums dedicated to the Soviet past. And it's not about boring collections of facts, figures or photographs, but rather interactive things that are more like rides than museum exhibits. So, in the museum of Soviet slot machines, you can gambit into a "sniper", score as many points in pinball (remember what it is?) Or check your strength in the "turner". In the museum of a happy childhood - toys, school desks and everything that surrounded a happy Soviet child in the 70-80's. A charge of nostalgia is provided. Finally, the Museum of Socialist Life - exhibits are collected literally from all over the country. Find the very Cheburashka that you had when you were a child, or the very spirits that your mother once used.



5. Take a walk along the embankment of the Kazanka River

A beautiful embankment begins near the Kazan Kremlin. The architectural dominant of this place is the Palace of farmers - a modern building of the Ministry of Agriculture of Tatarstan. On the promenade it is pleasant to walk, enjoying the views of the city. It is also recommended to rent a roller or bicycle. Separately it is worth noting the wedding built on the other bank of the river - from the embankment it can be seen in all its glory.



6. Visit the Kazan Arbat

Bauman Street is the main pedestrian artery of the city. It has a large number of local attractions. It is always full of tourists and there is always something to see. Monuments to the Kazan cat and coach of Catherine II, the Drama Theater and monasteries, historical and architectural masterpieces, cinemas and bars - there is entertainment for every taste and purse. On the other hand, the most expensive souvenirs are also sold here. Arbat, he and in Kazan Arbat.



7. Tasty food in the "Tea House"

"Tea House" is a dining room located at Bauman, 64. Here, having overcome the queue, you can enjoy the masterpieces of the Tatar cuisine. A little tip: it's better to go up to the second floor right away. There is a similar menu and prices, but you will be served by a waiter. As they say, there is no truth in the legs, so it's better to wait while sitting at the table. And in the restaurant opposite they serve about the same dishes, but the average check is several times larger.



8. To have a rest in "Riviera"

"Riviera" is more than an entertainment center. It is a modern temple of the entertainment industry. There is everything: one of the best water parks in Russia, the IMAX cinema, restaurants, fitness clubs, a hotel and much more. It is better to come here for a whole day to fully immerse yourself (literally and figuratively) on a holiday. We advise you to visit the complex in the summer - the open part of the water park will present truly unforgettable memories.



9. Walk around the Old Tatar Sloboda

The old Tatar Sloboda, bounded by the Lower Kaban Lake and the Bulak Canal (connecting Kazanku and Kaban lakes) in the east, the routes of the southern city railroad in the west, the Central Market in the North and Vakhitov Square in the south, is a perfect example of a place where history lives, and time has almost stopped. This region, formed in the XVII-XVIII centuries, is a unique ensemble of national Tatar architecture, where without exaggeration each house is associated with outstanding names for Tatar history and culture. Here you can see that old Kazan, its spirit lives here. After the noisy "Riviera" the most important thing is to take a breath and think about the high.



10. Visit the island-hail Sviyazhsk

Admiring Kazan and having plenty of it, you can and should pay attention to the neighborhood. The most important attraction is the island of Sviyazhsk. This city was founded by the troops of Ivan the Terrible as an outpost for the capture of Kazan. Today Sviyazhsk is a whole complex, which includes a monastery, temples and other historical monuments. Sviyazhsk is located 30 kilometers from Kazan. It is not necessary to go here with an excursion - it is better to save and get yourself (if you want, you can book a tour on the spot).

There are three options to do this. The first one is by car. The second option is to get on the water. On the city site of Sviyazhsk you can see the schedule. Tickets are bought at the ticket office of the River Station of Kazan. The first ship departs in the summer at 8:45. The journey takes two hours. The third option is on the train. The journey takes about an hour (depending on the route chosen). It is better to sit on the one that goes to the stop Sviyazhsk. Further on by-passing transport (near the railway station there are always several "private owners" on duty) to the island of the city.



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