

10 REASONS TO VISIT KAZAN

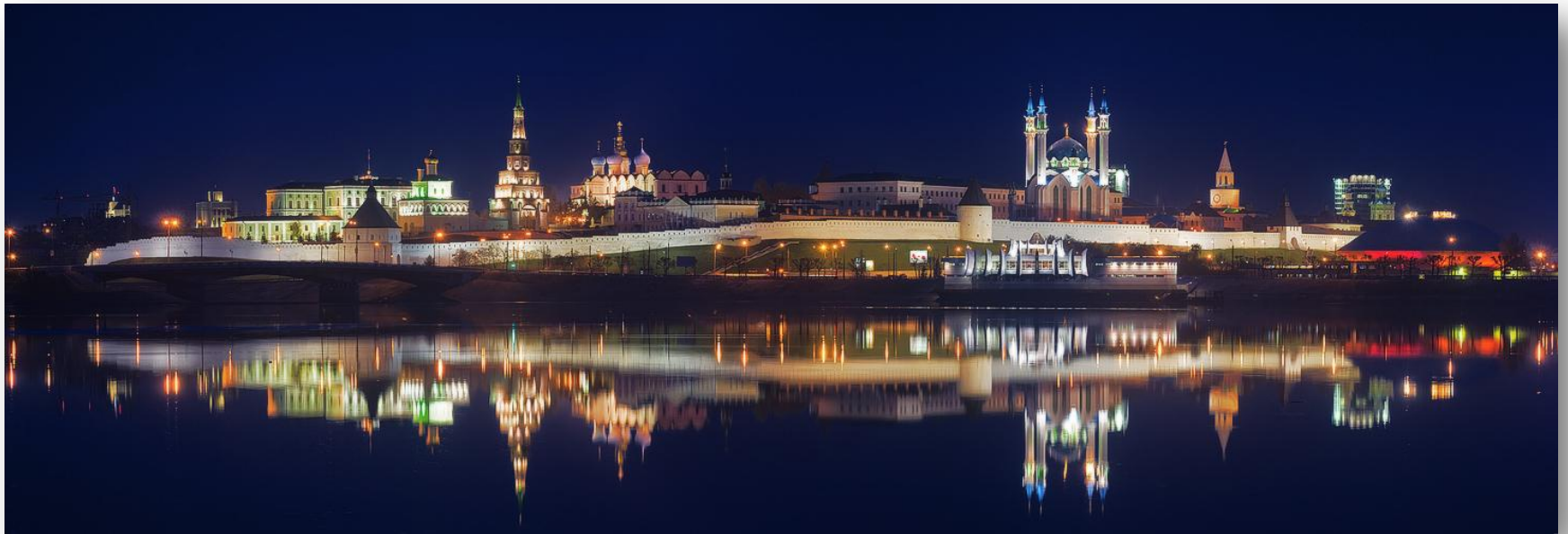


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1. WITH ITS RICH AND UNIQUE 1000-YEAR-OLD HISTORY, KAZAN IS ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICAL AND BEAUTIFUL CITIES ON THE VOLGA RIVER.



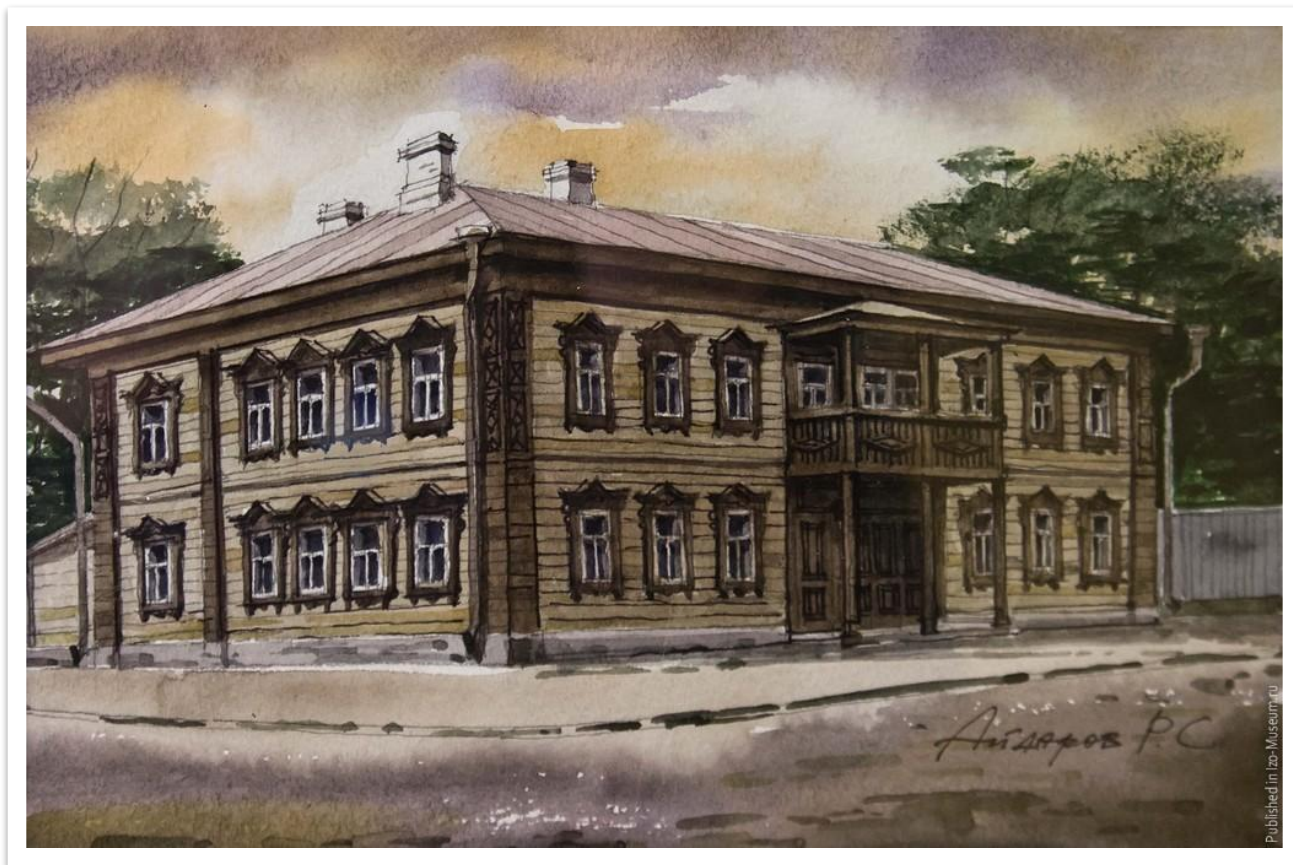
2. VISIT THE KAZAN KREMLIN, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE, AND BE STRUCK BY THE BEAUTY OF ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL AND KUL SHARIF MOSQUE.



3. SEE THE FAMOUS KAZAN ICON OF OUR LADY, RETURNED TO KAZAN FROM ROME IN 2004 AS A GIFT FROM POPE JOHN PAUL II.



4. VISIT THE WOODEN HOMES OF THE OLD TATAR SETTLEMENT HISTORIC DISTRICT, BUILT SEVERAL CENTURIES AGO, AND LEARN ABOUT THE WAY OF LIFE LED BY THE HIGHER CLASSES OF TATAR SOCIETY.



5. TAKE A BOAT TRIP ON THE RIVER VOLGA AND TAKE A VOLGA CRUISE FROM KAZAN TO MOSCOW OR SAINT PETERSBURG.



'6. GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE ORIENTAL TASTES OF TATAR FOOD. HERE YOU CAN TASTE REAL NATIONAL FOOD: 'CHAK-CHAK', (FRIED DOUGH BALLS COVERED IN HONEY), BELISH' (A RICE AND RAISIN FILLED PIE) AND 'OCHPOCHMAK' (MEAT AND POTATO PASTRIES).



7. TAKE PART IN TATAR FESTIVALS SUCH AS 'SABANTUY', FEATURING WITH FOLK GAMES, POLE CLIMBING, SACK RACES, TUG-OF-WAR, WEIGHTLIFTING, WATER-CARRYING RACES AND GRAIN-SACK FIGHTING.



8. ATTEND RUDOLF NURIEV INTERNATIONAL BALLET FESTIVAL AND THE SHALYAPIN INTERNATIONAL OPERA FESTIVAL, OR THE CREATION OF PEACE MUSIC FESTIVAL.



9. GO TO RAIFSKIY BOGORODITSKY MONASTERY; SEE THE UNIQUE ISLAND-TOWN SVIYAZHISK ON THE VOLGA RIVER. VISIT THE ANCIENT TOWN OF BULGAR, OFTEN CALLED 'MECCA OF THE NORTH.'



10. ENJOY AN OUTDOOR RECREATION, INCLUDING WALKING AND BICYCLE TOURS, HORSEBACK RIDING, RIVER VOYAGES ON THE VOLGA, AND WINTER TOURS INCLUDING SKIING AND SNOWBOARDING, OR CULINARY TOURS OF THE



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