

Project:
European monuments to
outstanding Russians

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Alexander Pushkin is famous all over the world. A monument to him appeared in Brussels in 1999. It was placed at a small city square. Very soon the monument became one of the city's attractions and therefore it was decided to give the name of the Russian poet to the whole square.

The figure of the poet is very expressive. The wind is blowing the folds of his coat. Pushkin is keeping his hand on the death-wound he got in the duel with Dantess. The poet is looking upward, into the eternal sky.



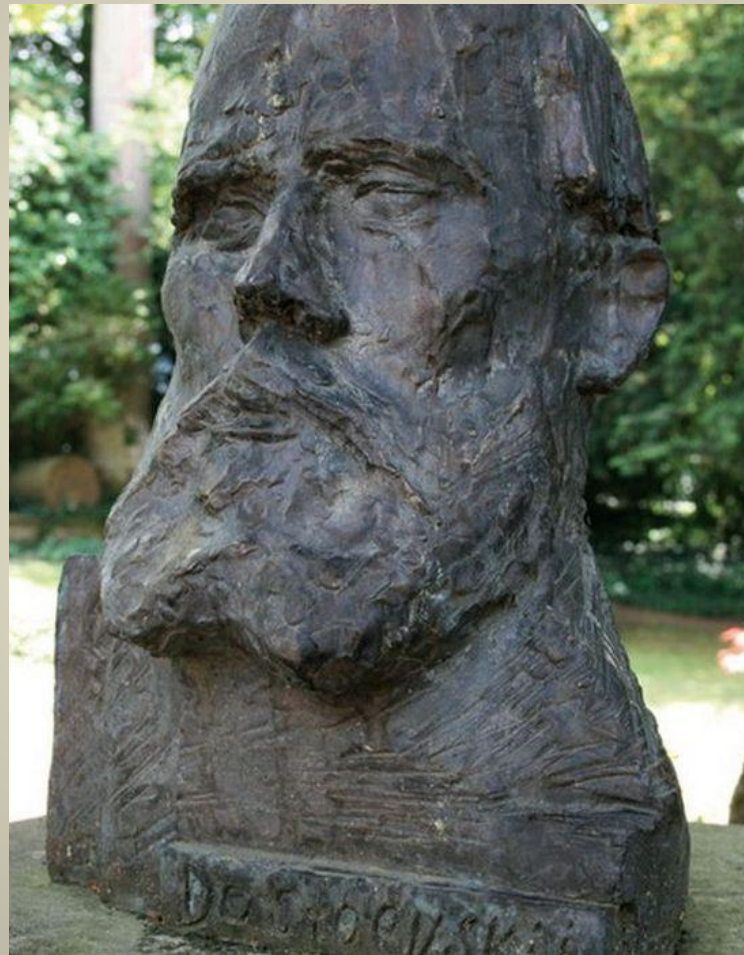
Ivan Turgenev's talent is well known and highly appreciated in Europe. The writer used to visit France very often and had lots of friends there. Gi De Maupassant was one of them. Turgenev was deeply in love with Pauline Viardot, the outstanding French singer. In memory of their love an unusual monument was created in the town of Bougival. You can see this sculpture in Turgenev's museum, situated in the town.



And this touching small monument is a symbol of love and loyalty. Have you recognized the dog? It's Turgenev's Mou Mou. It is still waiting for its master sitting on the mound in the middle of the pond. The story got its happy ending in the French town of Honfleur. The monument has become the symbol of this small seaport town.



And this is the monument to Fedor Dostoevskiy in Nice. It is situated in the recreation park. The father of psychological novel was known for his frequent trips to Europe. Some of his famous novels were written abroad.



Nikolay Gogol spent about five years of his life in Rome. The monument to this outstanding figure of Russian culture was erected in the city in 2002. Nikolay Vasilyevich used to say: «One falls in love with Rome not at once, but for sure and till the end of their days».



Vladimir Visotskiy, the famous Russian poet and singer loved to visit Montenegro. He was deeply impressed by the beauty of this country and wrote several poems about it. People of Montenegro still love and remember Visotskiy. The monument to him was erected in Podgorica, the capital of the country. On this monument one can read lines from Visotskiy's poem about the country. They are written both in Russian and Montenegrin.



The very first monument to the outstanding Russian composer, Sergey Rokhmaninov, was erected in Switzerland. The white column with the composer`s bust stands in the yard of the Rokhmaninovs` family estate «Senar» in the town of Hertenstein.



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