

Kazan attractions

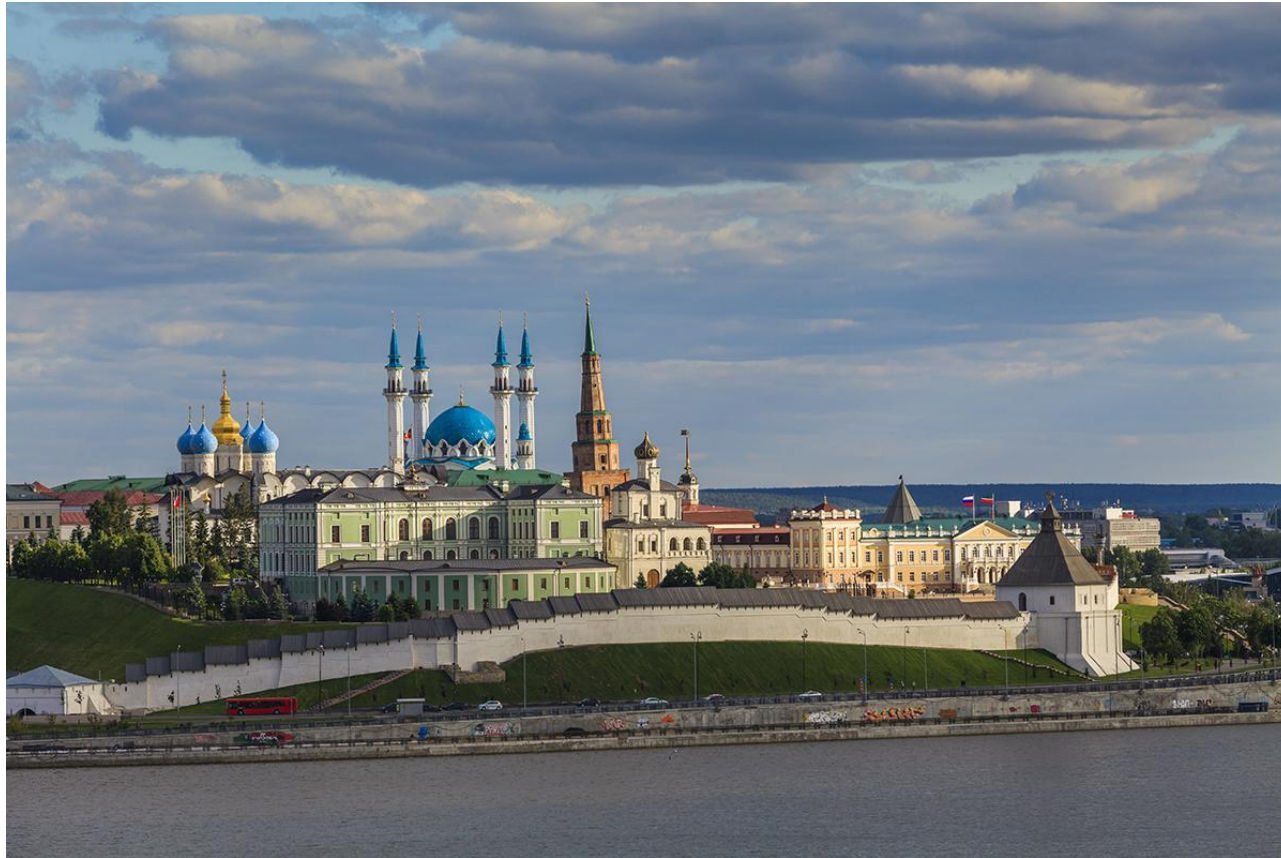
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On the territory of the Kremlin stands the oldest church of Kazan – the Annunciation Cathedral, the famous Syuyumbike leaning tower, as well as the largest mosque of the Republic of Tatarstan – Kul Sharif.





Opposing the Kremlin wall, along the Kazanka river there is the Kremlin Embankment – a place for walks and family holidays.





From the Spasskaya Tower of the Kazan Kremlin runs the street on which stand the most beautiful buildings of the city – the National Museum of the Republic of Tatarstan, Alexandrovsky Passage, the National Library.



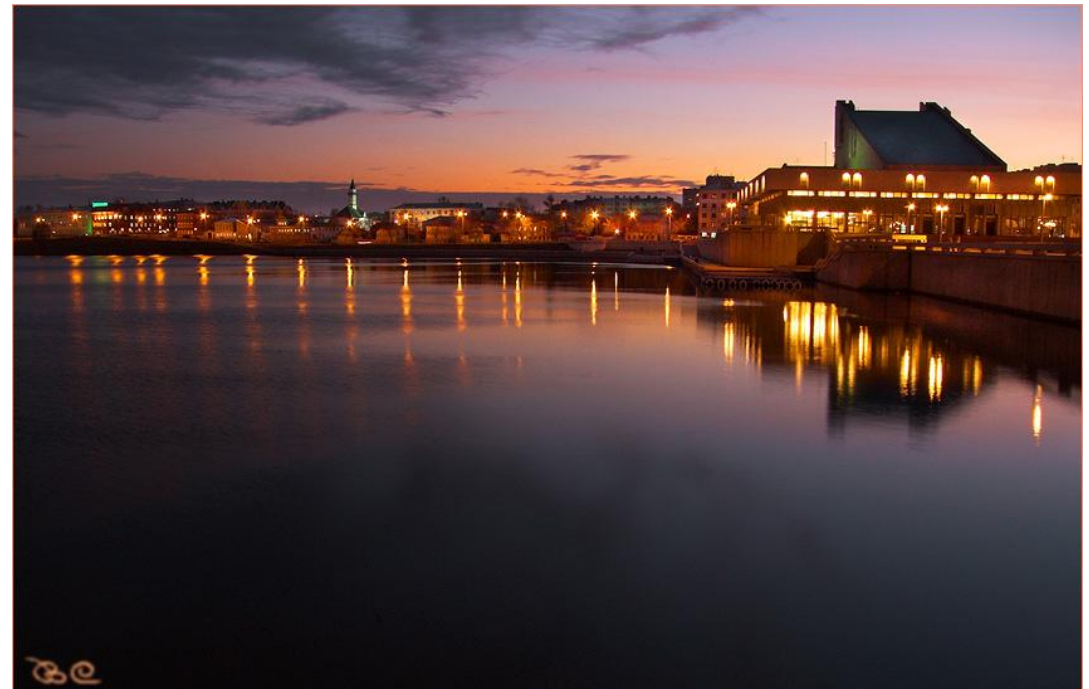
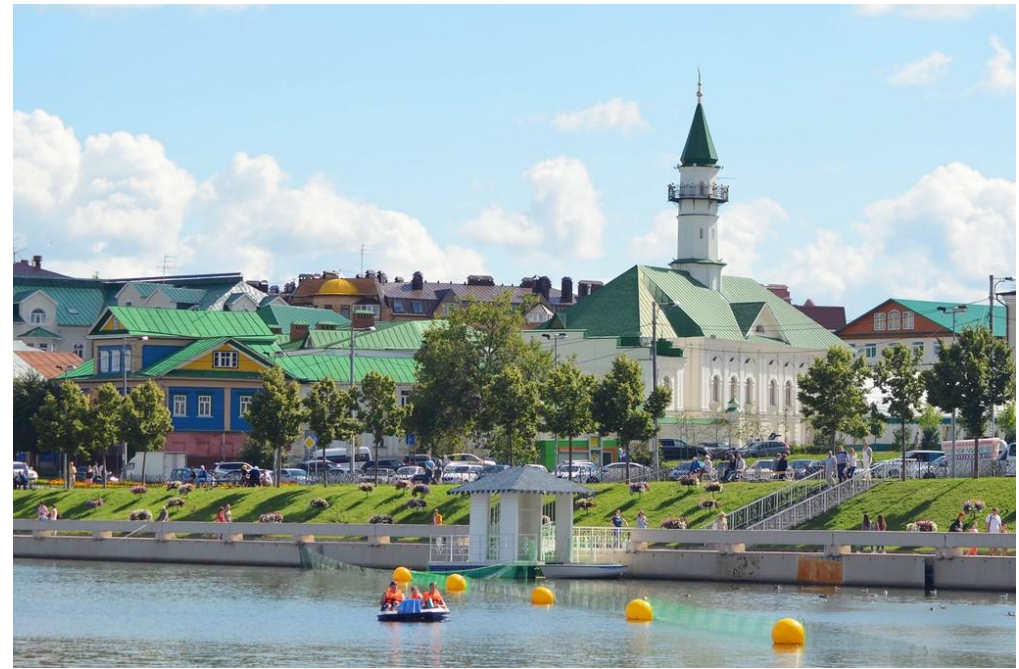
And finally, Kazan Federal University. One of the nine Russian federal universities, KFU is the oldest one after the Moscow University, founded in 1804.

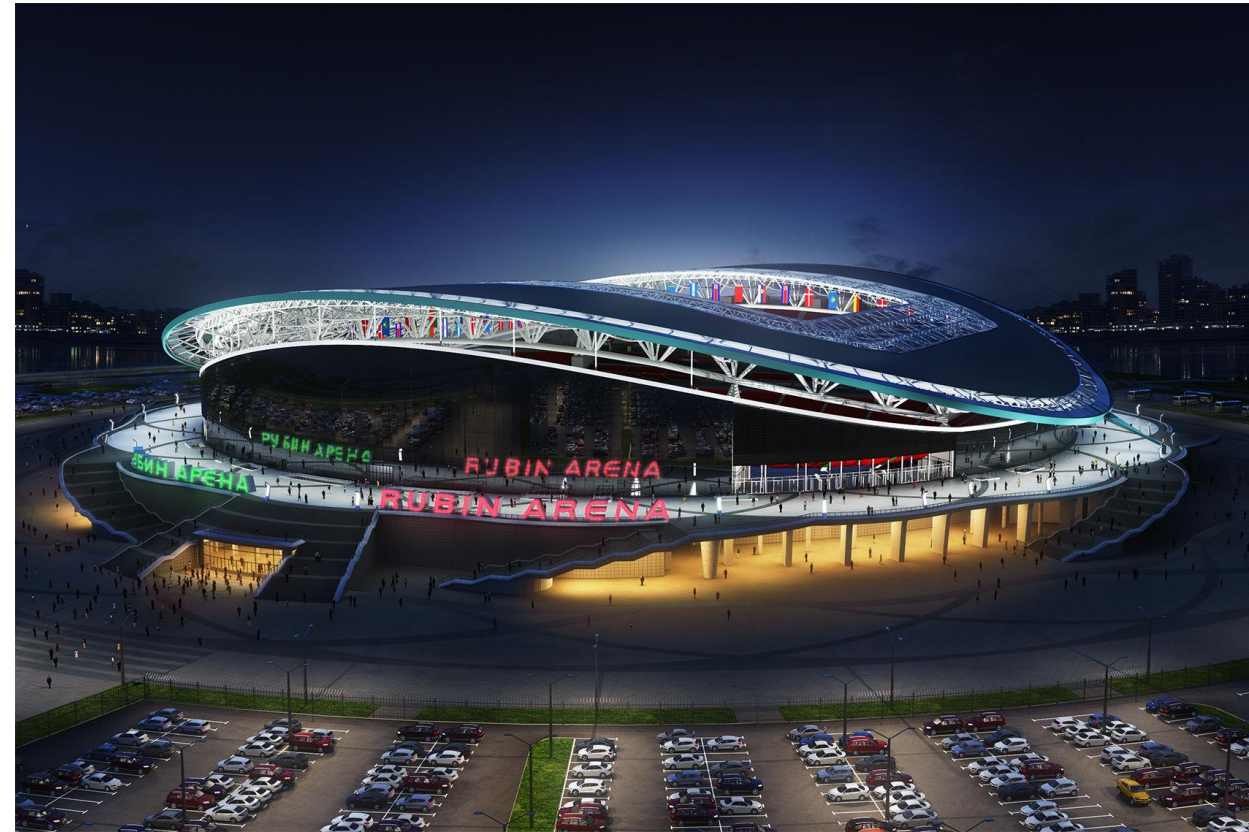


Go down one of the curved streets, and get to the pedestrian Baumana street, where the Bogoyavlensky Cathedral, whose bell tower has long been decorated with whimsical ornaments.



Baumana Street, one of the oldest streets in the city, starts at the Tysyacheletiya Square and flows into a pedestrian Peterburgskaya street. Turn around the corner and meet the splashing coolness of fountains near the mysterious lake Kaban. Enchanted town with tin roofs of merchant mansions and tall minarets of ancient mosques stretch on its left bank. Old-Tatar settlement was once the center of industrial and commercial life of Kazan; now is one of the oldest areas of the city which keeps the unique oriental flavor.





Speaking of modern attractions, we can also mention “Kazan” Family Center – a new wedding palace, built in the shape of a huge bowl, and “Kazan-Arena” stadium, which in 2013 host the opening and closing ceremonies of the 27th Summer Universiade, and is preparing for the FIFA World Cup in 2018.

Kazan has an incredible talent to organically combine the two elements. In this amazing city coexist antiquity and modernity, Asia and Europe, Islam and Orthodoxy, and Tartar hospitality becomes as wide as Russia

