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Let me introduce the travel agency GrandRus tours founded in 2006 and created to promote the city of Saint Petersburg as a tourist gateway to Russia.

We annually receive travellers from Europe, Asia, United States of America and Latin America. We have all the necessary tools at our disposal to ensure well-organized trips, such as special agreements with hotels, museums, restaurants and theatres; the transport service, an expert team of top professionals in the tourism area who possess real knowledge of foreign languages.

We organize both individual and group programs. We provide you with the consulting in order to obtain visas and provide all the necessary support services during your stay in Russia.

GrandRus tours keeps up with the latest trends, being an annual participant in tourism fairs in Tehran (TITEX), Madrid (FITUR), Helsinki (MATKA), Singapore (ITB), Buenos Aires (FIT), Rio de Janeiro (ABAV), São Paulo (WTM), Seoul (KOFTA) and Dubai (ATM).

Below you will find one of our programs. Please note that we are ready to follow any requirements and budgets. Contact our managers with your request via email - info@grandrus.com

KAZAN. ITINERARY

DAY 1

ARRIVAL IN KAZAN

Meals on Board/Lunch/Dinner

Arrival by train or plane to **Kazan**, the capital of Islamic Republic of Tatarstan, which is actually a region of Russia. Upon arrival, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the hotel for accommodation and lunch. In the evening take a magnificent view to the city during **Lights of Kazan Panoramic Tour**.



DAY 2

KAZAN

Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

This morning start with **City Tour of Kazan**. The tour includes a trip through the historic part of the city and the main streets. You will see Opera and Ballet Theater, Musa Jalil, Kazan Federal University, Kazan City Hall, Lake Kaban, Peter and Paul Cathedral and many other beautiful sights. You will see the Mother of God Monastery - the place of finding the icon of Our Lady of Kazan. Walk along the Old Tatar settlement, where the oldest stone mosque of Kazan - the Mardzhani mosque is located. Have a lunch with Tatar food, followed by cooking class. After lunch walk with a guide through the Kazan pearl - the **Kazan Kremlin**, with a visit to the **Kul-Sharif mosque** and the Annunciation Cathedral. Here you will see the famous Syuyumbike falling tower.



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DAY 3

ARRIVAL IN KAZAN

Meals on Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

After breakfast we have an excursion to the **SVIYAZHSK Island** (*UNESCO word heritage site*). This small town here was built by Ivan the Terrible during the capture of Kazan. You will see a wooden church, built in 1552 without a single nail. Visit monasteries with stone walls 3 meters thick. Take part in Interactive War Show.



Return to Kazan and proceed for the lunch. Later have time free and easy to stroll down the **Bauman street**, which is the central pedestrian street of the city with lots of cafes and shops located here. Visit **The Museum of the 1000th anniversary of the city of Kazan** which reveals the historical and cultural heritage of the Tatar people from ancient times to the present and brings the thousand-year history of the city through a variety of artistic and documentary material and authentic exhibits.

Dinner in restaurant and **transfer to the railway station or airport**.



KAZAN. OTHER SIGHTS

BOLGAR

A peculiar tourist Mecca of Tatarstan is the city of Bolgar (it is also called Bulgar, Great Bulgarians), built at the beginning of the X century. But the first settlements of people here appeared much earlier. The high bank of the Volga was a convenient place to base a settlement.



Bolgar

KREMLIN EMBANKMENT

From the white stone walls of the Kremlin to the building of the National Cultural Center "Kazan" lies the Kremlin Embankment. In the summer, it's just a pleasure to walk around, sit down at a table in one of the cozy cafes or restaurants, go rollerblading or cycling, and skate in winter.



Kremlin Embankment

KABAN LAKE

In the capital of Tatarstan and around the city there are a lot of different reservoirs: large and small, deep and not very. But the most famous reservoir is Kaban Lake, which has become one of the symbols of Kazan. The lake became widely known because of the legend about the Khan's treasures. According to the legend, when in 1552 the city was besieged by the army of Ivan the Terrible, the Kazan Khans threw their treasures into the water, so that they would not get to the Russian Tsar.



Kaban Lake

KAZAN ARENA

Kazan Arena is the third largest stadium in Russia (45,379 spectators) after the Zenit Arena in St. Petersburg and the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. Anyone can see the Arena outside, but always better to visit it during the guided tour and see the places that are normally accessible only to athletes and officials.



Kazan Arena

THE TEMPLE OF ALL RELIGIONS

The temple of all religions is an architectural treasure. It unites 16 elements of different religions, both modern like Orthodoxy, Catholicism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism, etc., and those that have disappeared like the ancient Assyrian religion.



The Temple of All Religions

FAMILY CENTER "KAZAN"

The registry office in the form of a giant bowl stylized as a unique architectural image of the entire city symbolizes the attitude of the people of Tatarstan to family and family values and unites the multinational world.



Family Center "Kazan"