



«Soul of tatar folk» Draft tour (3 days/ 2 nights)

Day 1

Coach hire and tour guide for 8 hour

09:45 Arrival at the airport in Kazan. Meeting with tour guide.



10:15

Bus and walking sightseeing “**Legends and Mysteries of the Millennium-old Kazan**” by bus. Enjoy the original beauty of Kazan, see the bright colors of its streets and squares with your own eyes, learn where teeming treasures of Khans of Kazan are kept and where water boiled in a cauldron with no fire by taking the sightseeing tour. The sites of the millennium-old city combine the culture of the West and traditions of the East: Old Tatar Settlement

where Tatar residents lived from the 16th century, Textiles Settlement originating as a result of industrial reforms by Peter I, fountain squares, Kaban lake with its mysteries and legends, a simulated Tatar village Tugan Avlym (My Native Village), a new building of the Puppet Show, Kazan Federal University, Liberty Square as a cultural and administrative center of Kazan. During the sightseeing tour, you will see a variety of minarets and cupolas, crescents and crosses, which is a proof of a good neighborliness of the two native peoples – Tatars and Russians.

12:30 Lunch in a restaurant.



Folklore program “**Yakyn Duslar**” will immerse you in the world of the ancient culture of the Tatar people. Each people of the world is unique, and its soul, hidden in spiritual creativity - folklore, is unique. All tourists have the opportunity from the first minute of their stay in Kazan to touch the age-old culture of the Tatar people.





14:00



A walking tour **"White-stone Fortress"**. The Kazan Kremlin is the main sight of the city; it is a UNESCO world heritage site. The Kremlin is an official residence of the President of the Republic of Tatarstan and a state museum-preserve attended by thousands of tourists every year. The white-stone Kremlin is the heart of the ancient city that incorporates the culture of the East and West. Minarets of the main mosque of the city – Qul Sharif – shoot up into

the sky, and cupolas of the Annunciation Cathedral, oldest one in Kazan, shine with gold. Inside the fortress, there is one of the symbols of Kazan – the famous "leaning" tower of Tsarina Suyumbike.

15:00



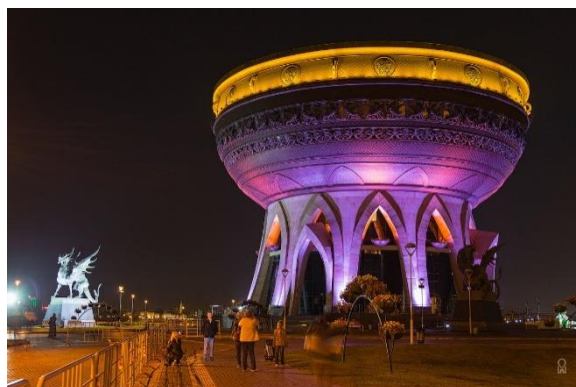
Master-class **"The Art of Arabic Calligraphy"**. Under the guidance of a skillful master you will get to know the art of Arabic calligraphy, learn: what is kalami and how to use it, what is the Arabic alphabet, the correctness of writing Arabic letters, words, etc. Taking the Kalami (pen) in hands, on beautiful postcards you will be taught to write your names with Arabic script.

16:00

National Museum of the Republic of Tatarstan. The museum occupies the building of the former Gostiny Dvor, which is a monument of architecture and history of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Tatarstan. The museum's funds were formed throughout its more than 120-year history with the participation of scientists from Kazan University and the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tatarstan, Kazan collectors. The museum collection numbers more than 850 thousand exhibits and reflects the history, culture and traditions of the peoples of the Volga region and Russia, Western and Eastern world cultures. The exhibits are presented in the expositions "The Ancient History of Tatarstan" and "Kazan Province in the XVIII Century".

17:45

Check-in at a hotel. Leisure time.



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Night city tour **"The Lights of Kazan"**

Do you know how streets of Kazan were lit before the electricity? You don't? If you are still full of vigor after an extensive sightseeing program and want to see a different Kazan, to hear about a different Kazan, then you are invited to immerse yourselves into the fairy-tale-like image of the capital. Kazan will show itself to you quiet and peaceful, but still full of lights

from back-lit historical and modern buildings. The tour will take place in the brightest sights of the night city.





Day 2

Coach hire and tour guide for 10 hour

C 07:00 Breakfast at the hotel.

09:30 Meeting at the hotel lobby. Departure for the sightseeing program.

10:00



The Chak-Chak Museum is a place where you will plunge into the atmosphere of the Tatar life and feel like guests in an old Tatar family.

Here you will learn the secrets of preparing the chak-chak, you will be introduced to the utensils that were used before, you will discover a lot of new things seemingly in the usual things.

They say that a Tatar can not eat, but tea will certainly drink! And here you will have aromatic tea from samovar, you will try chak-chak, boursak, Tatar pastila, as well as an old forgotten dish that we restored for you.

11:00



A walking tour of **Old-Tatar Settlement**.

Tour of the Old-Tatar Settlement is an opportunity to plunge into Kazan of the 18-19th centuries. There are thin mosque's minarets and Tatar merchants' houses. It was here that prominent figures of the Tatar people lived: the intelligentsia, the clergy, merchants and industrialists. You will learn the history of the

indigenous inhabitants of Kazan - the Tatars - about their education, occupation, culture, faith. You will learn for the puzzles of Lake Kaban, acquaintance with Shurale and the resourceful Batyr. During the walk you will learn why the "Tatar" mosques have a peculiar architectural form

13:00



Lunch in the restaurant with a master class of **"Secrets of the Tatar Cuisine"**. The culinary traditions of the Tatar cuisine shaped up for many centuries. Some of the best cooks will share their secrets of preparing the most popular Tatar meals such as chak-chak, echpochmak, vak belash, gubadia. During the master class each tourist may impress a skilled cook and participate in the preparation of the national meals.





A walking tour **"Streets of Kazan"** will acquaint you with the central city streets - st.



Bauman and st. The Kremlin. Bauman Street is one of the most favorite places to walk for both residents and guests of Kazan, a meeting point for people in love. During the tour, make a lot of amazing discoveries: jets of fountains, belfry and Epiphany church where Fyodor Shalyapin was baptized, a monument to Shalyapin himself, a building of the National Bank, zero milestone. Meet Su Anasy and learn the story of the Cat of Kazan whose monument always attracts crowds. Beyond competition is a replica of a luxury horse carriage

used by Catherine II to move around Kazan during her visit in 1767. Shiny windows of numerous souvenir shops are so luring. Being in Kazan and missing a walk in Bauman Street – one of the oldest streets in the city – is the same as missing something most important. The Kremlin street is 1050 historical meters of the Kremlin street is an encyclopedia of the Kazan life of many centuries. The Kremlin is a business street: it has very solid institutions, post office, city hall. The buildings of this street are the embodiment of the creativity of different styles, epochs and countries. The street ends with a complex of Kazan Federal University campus buildings.



Ushkova's house - amazing in beauty building. It was built in the early XX century, opposite the main building of the university. Alexei Ushkov married the daughter of university professor Zinaida Vysotskaya and presented her with a house as a wedding present. Wanting to impress his wife's imagination, Alexei planned to make an extraordinary house in which all the styles and directions of architecture and art would unite. The rooms are designed in the style of Baroque, Rococo, Gothic. The house was

preserved almost in its original form thanks to N.K. Krupskaya. Since 1919 the building contains the richest collection of the National Library of the Republic of Tatarstan. Here are a lot of students, a mansion for tourists is also open.





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Visiting the exhibition and entertainment complex **"City Panorama"** - a place of vivid impressions, where the past and present meet the future. Expositions dedicated to Kazan, its architecture, history and stages of development are waiting for you. You will travel through the labyrinths of the streets of the Old-

Tatar settlement, on the 360-degree circular video panorama, ancient photos from the life of Kazan revive. You can feel like a passenger of an old tram of the beginning of the 20th century, look at the city from a bird's eye view. On the unique models will appear Kazan of the 16th century, Kazan of the era of emperors and modern Kazan. Each building is made according to a separate project with an individual facade drawing. All house models are an exact copy of their originals.

16:15

Visit to the supermarket "Bakhetle". Ask any resident of Kazan: "Where can I buy fresh, homemade delicious pastries or traditional Tatar sweets?" A lot of them will respond you, no doubt, you can buy it in "Bakhetle".

17:00



Tasting session in a signature shop of "Arysh Maye". Each guest becomes a member of an exciting tour through the shop accompanied by a guide and tastes the signature alcoholic drinks. The gem of the collection by Tatspirtprom is "Khanskaya" vodka. The divine drink will give you the feeling of exaltation! A tasting session for four more drinks is arranged in a special tasting room. The guests are offered horse-meat sausage kyzylak, crackers, olives, cheese, pickling cucumbers, lemon as refreshments.

After the tasting session, the tourists can buy exclusive products by the company: bitters, aperitifs, vermouths, cognacs and cognac-based drinks, whiskey, table wines, dessert wines, sparkling wines, and, of course, Khanskaya vodka, as well as famous balms "Bugulma" and "Tatarstan".





The unique interactive program **"Tatar Biulyar"** will introduce guests to dance movements, etiquette, musical instruments, clothing and the famous Tatar dance music.

Specially for the program "Tatar bijular" were sewn women's and men's national costumes. During the study of all the wisdoms, etiquette and cunning of the Tatar dance, tourists dress up

18:00 in costumes, which allows them to immerse themselves in an atmosphere of unrestrained fun under incendiary rhythms.

The program begins with a national dinner for getting strength for rhythmic dances, . During the feast, the artists will start the show program, and after the meal all the guests dress up in national costumes and join to the artists. Professional artists of the theaters of Tatarstan will learn how to dance and give a lot of good impressions and bright photos to every tourist for an hour.

Movie: https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=14&v=RjWcAx4DN5A

19:30 Return to the hotel. Leisure time.

Day 3

Coach hire and tour guide for 7 hour

C 07:00 Breakfast at the hotel.

09:00 Meeting at the hotel lobby. Check-Out. Departure for the sightseeing program with the luggage.

Kazan horse racetrack. Kazan Racetrack is a modern complex of European level, considered one of the largest in Europe. Its total area is about 90 hectares. Equestrian competitions of international importance are held at the racetrack, as well as horse racing and jogging.

09:30 During the tour you will hear a story about the history of the racecourse and horse breeding in Tatarstan, visit the horse breeding museum, inspect the territory of the racecourse with access to the stands. From the stands you can see all the fields of the racetrack - a race track, a running track, a competition field, fields for dressage and training horses. Particularly interesting is the visit to the stables, where there is a possibility to ride and feed animals.





12:00



Master - class "Embroidering Tyubetei"

"Tyubetei" is an old Tatar national men's hat. Reading the pattern with which the skullcap was embroidered, it was easy to determine what his owner was doing and where he came from. An experienced master will disclose the secrets of Tatar ornaments and help to make and decorate a Tatar hat - the "Tyubetei". In the master class you can

make embroidery with your own hands. The finished product will remain with you as a souvenir and a memory of the beautiful city of Kazan.



Interactive program "Rich Landlord's House"

All guests of Kazan will certainly be invited to visit to the main house of the Tatar village - Rich Landlord's House. Wealthy owners of the house are Ebika and Babai. They will reveal many secrets from their way of life, customs and traditions of the Tatar people.

14:00

Ebika and Babai split guests for 2 groups that are located at the tables in the male and female half of the house. You will see hearty dinner of national dishes at the table (Tokmach soup, Pereyamach, Echpochmak, Chak-chak, Kosh Tele, Kystyby, Koymak, Tatar tea with dried apricots). Dear guests of Ebika and Babai will know about the favorite dishes of the Tatar people through legends and fairy tales.

A fascinating story in musical accompaniment will reveal interesting elements of national holidays of the summer and winter solstice - Navruz, Nardugan, Sabantuy and other holidays.

The most intimate and interesting moment will be acquaintance through the actors' game with the national traditions and customs of the Tatar people at the end of the evening. You are expected to get acquainted with the concepts of Suyul, Aulok Oy, Nika, Baby Tue.

Movie: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kp7fZT82Nps>

15:30 Transfer to the airport. End of the tour.

TOTAL COST: FROM 192 USD

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Tour cost per person is	10+1	15+1	20+1	25+1	30+1	35+1	40+1
Without hotel accommodation	354	304	262	234	217	204	192
Hostel	378	327	285	257	240	226	215
Aviator 2*	383	331	289	261	244	230	219
Davydov Inn 2*	389	338	295	268	250	236	225
Rubin Apart 3*	396	344	301	274	256	242	231
Davydov 3*	398	346	303	276	258	245	233
Osobnyak na Teatral`noy 3*	398	346	303	276	258	245	233
Amaks Safar 3*	402	350	308	280	262	249	237
Ostrovskiy 3*	402	350	308	280	262	249	237
Regatta2*	406	354	311	283	265	252	240
Crystal 3*	407	355	312	284	266	253	241
Olymp 3*	409	357	314	286	268	255	243
Ibis 3*	409	357	314	286	268	255	243
Relita 4*	410	358	315	287	269	256	244
Suleiman Palace 4*	411	359	316	288	270	257	245
Nogai 3*	411	359	316	288	270	257	245
Bilyar Palace 4*	415	363	320	292	275	261	249
Korston Tower 4*	415	363	320	292	275	261	249
Park Inn 4*	418	365	322	295	277	263	251
Grand Kazan 4*	429	376	333	305	287	273	262
Marriott 4*	437	384	341	313	295	281	270
Korston Royal 5*	439	386	343	315	297	283	272

*the price in EUR and USD at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation + 2%.

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The tour price another language, please clarify additionally.

- Transportation services during the program. Tour operator provides 19-seat Mercedes Sprinter minibus for groups till 16 people. If you need large comfortable bus for 43-seat with a luggage compartment for groups till 16 people, please clarify price additionally. Tour operator provides large comfortable bus for 43 places with a luggage compartment for groups from 16 people by default.
- Meals (set menu) according to the tour
- Individual radio guides (earphones)
- Admission tickets to sites