

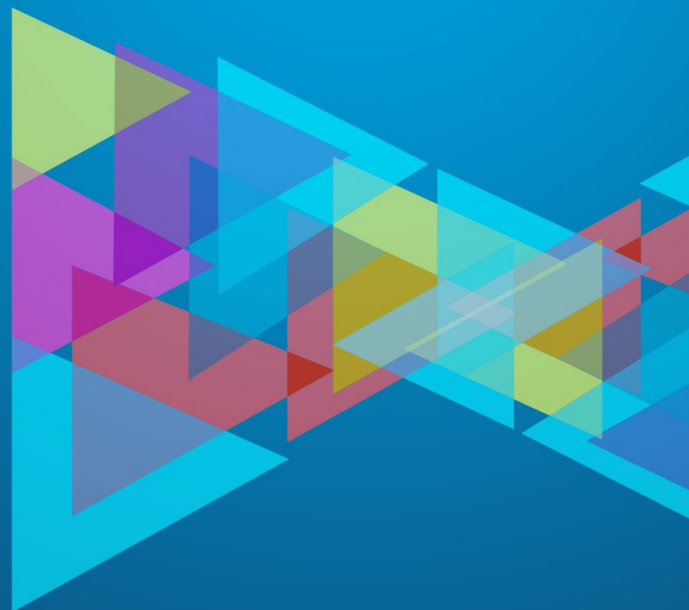


**Guide for  
International Students**

## Dear friend!

We are genuinely glad to greet you in Kazan, the city which is worthy of becoming real home for you. Our guide-book will help you familiarize in a new social and educational environment, learn a lot of interesting facts about Kazan, about everyday life of the city, customs and traditions of the population. We want to help you quickly orientate yourself in our city and make your stay in Kazan pleasant and unforgettable. That is why we offer you some necessary supplemental information you may need.

Welcome to Kazan! See you on the streets of our city!



## Welcome to Kazan!





## About Kazan

Kazan is the capital of the Republic of Tatarstan, third capital of Russia, it's one of the largest economic, scientific and cultural centres in the country.

The city celebrated its 1,000th anniversary in 2005.

### Did you know that...

The Syuyumbike Tower, the symbol of Kazan, is often referred to as the leaning tower as there is a deviation of 1.98 metres in its width from top to bottom.

*"In general the meaning of Kazan is great: it's a meeting point of two worlds. That's why Kazan has two origins: western and eastern ones and you can meet them at each crossroad: here, because of continuous interaction, they were compressed, became good friends, and turned into something very original in its nature"*

**Alexander Herzen,**  
Russian publicist, writer, philosopher



– representatives of over 100 nationalities – live in Kazan in the atmosphere of cultural, religious and linguistic diversity.

The Kazan Kremlin, a unique complex of archeological, historical and architectural monuments enrolled into the UNESCO World Heritage list, is the main tourist attraction of Kazan. It is open for visits and tours on a daily basis. Tourists visiting the territory of the architectural conservation area will see such places of interest as the



There are all the reasons to call the thousand-year-old Kazan a 'young' city, as it's the largest student city of Russia. There are nearly 200,000 students from 67 countries studying in Kazan, Russia's top higher education institutions are concentrated here, among them Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University, Tupolev Kazan National Research Technical University and Kazan National Research Technological University. Students of Kazan are always among winners of national and international contests and holders of state scholarships by international and national funds, they also excel in sports.

## Kazan has traditionally been one of top science cities in Russia.

It's in Kazan University where Nikolay Lobachevsky developed the non-Euclidean geometry, Alexander Butlerov invented the theory of chemical structure for organic compounds, Karl Claus discovered the chemical element Ruthenium, Yevgeny Zavoisky opened the Electronic Paramagnetic Resonance and Semyon Altshuler made a theoretical prediction of the Acoustic Paramagnetic Resonance. The 19th century saw the establishment of the Department of Oriental Studies in Kazan to whose development Professor Alexander Kasembek, a famous orientalist, historian and philologist, greatly contributed. Studies made by Professor Baudouin de Courtenay, an outstanding linguist and Slavist, served as a foundation for the Kazan School of Linguistics in the mid-1870s.

*Various renowned scientists have worked in Kazan's universities and scientific research centres at different times: physicians Karl Fuks and Nikolay Vinogradov; biochemist Vladimir Engelgardt; surgeons Alexander V. Vishnevsky and Alexander A. Vishnevsky; neurologist Leonid Omorokov; anatomists Peter Lesgaft and Evmeny Aristov; physiologists Nikolay Kovalevsky and Nikolay Mislavsky; astronomers Mikhail Lyapunov, Marian Kovalsky, Dmitry DUBYAGO, Alexander DUBYAGO; Russian historians Afanasy Schapov and Nikolay Likhachev; legal theorist Alexander Chebyshev-Dmitriev; orientalists Khristian Fren and Ilya Berezin; linguists Vasily Bogoroditsky, Nikolay Krushevsky and many others.*

Millennial Kazan lives an active cultural life. Current trends of culture are developing together with classical art. The festivals have become traditional here, such as international festivals of opera named after I.F.Shalyapin, of ballet named after R.Kh.Nurieva, of classical music named after S.V.Rakhmaninov, of opera openair «Kazan autumn», of modern music «Konkordia», of literature «Aksyonov-fest», of Muslim cinema, as well as the large student events, such as a student's «Oscar» – «Student of year» and a student creation festival «Students spring of the Republic of Tatarstan». 9 theatres are open to the public here in Kazan, as well as 34 state museums, private galleries, State Big concert hall named after S.Saydashev and 2 philharmonics. Kazan chamber orchestra «LaPrimavera» is famous far beyond Kazan. The national holidays of the Tatar and Russian peoples are celebrated in the city with much eclat.



Kazan actively develops its infrastructure; new sporting venues, industrial and social facilities, residential premises, roadways and traffic interchanges are being built. The city's economics follows an innovative way of development; Idea Technopark, one of the largest technoparks in Europe, and IT Park, the biggest IT centre in Russia, have been successfully functioning for several years in Kazan.



## About Kazan



ADMINISTRATIVE  
DIVISION

Kazan city  
is divided into  
7 administrative districts:

- ① – Aviastroitelny;
- ② – Vakhitovsky;
- ③ – Kirovsky;
- ④ – Moskovsky;
- ⑤ – Novo-Savinovsky;
- ⑥ – Privolzhsky;
- ⑦ – Sovetsky;

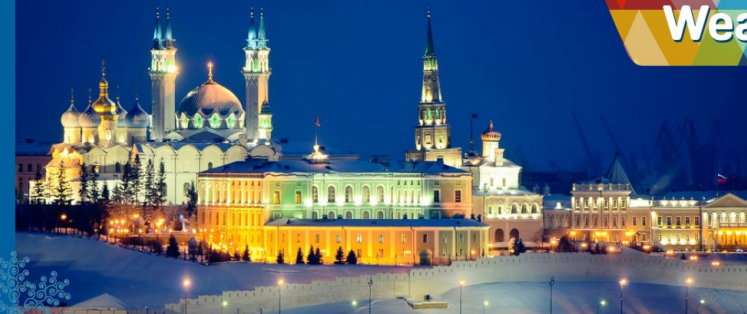
Since the end of 2010 the administrations of the following districts have been combined:

- ①⑤ **Novo-Savinovsky and Aviastroitelny**  
(on the base of Novo-Savinovskaya administration);
- ⑥② **Privolzhsky and Vakhitovsky**  
(on the base of Privolzhskaya administration);
- ④③ **Moskovsky and Kirovsky**  
(on the base of Kirovskaya administration);



Each of the districts is divided into a few accounting residential complexes not having any administrations. In the provincial townships some agencies of local self-government are organized. A district with the largest territory is Privolzhsky, a district with the largest number of population is Sovetsky, a district with the smallest territory and most densely populated is Novo-Savinovsky, a district with the smallest number of population is Vakhitovsky. two districts have the large provincial townships-exclaves – Sovetsky (township Derbyshki) and Kirovsky (township Yudino). There are regulatory bodies of city municipal education in Kazan, as well as regulatory bodies of the Republic of Tatarstan.

## Weather



**WINTER** in Kazan is characterized by moderately cold weather, sometimes thaws are possible as well as frosts  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Precipitation occurs, as a rule, as snow. Winter lasts from the beginning of November up to the end of March-beginning of April. An average daily temperature gets  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$ , as a rule, from the end of November up to the middle of March.



**SPRING** comes at the end of March-beginning of April. An average daily temperature exceeds the mark on a thermometer  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$  on April 1st on average, the mark  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$  on April 15th, and the mark  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$  on May 3d. A number of precipitation days is less than in the other periods of a year, there are less dull days compared to winter, and the relative humidity of the air is lower ( $68\%$  in April and  $59\%$  in May).



**AUTUMM** comes on average at the beginning of September, when the temperature falls below  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The temperature in the third decade of September goes below  $10^{\circ}\text{C}$ , and in the second decade of October it goes below  $5^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The first windchill occurs, as a rule, at the end of September–beginning of October.



**SUMMER** weather sets in fine on average on May 25th, when an average daily temperature starts steadily exceeding  $15^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Summer is characterized by warm or hot weather with a great number of sunny days.



# About Kazan



## HOW TO GET HERE

**Kazan** is one of the most important logistics and transportation hubs in Russia. Thanks to its favourable geographical position, the city has a well-designed ramified transport system that connects Kazan with federal regions of Russia and countries abroad. The city boasts a comprehensive transport system of railways, highways, airways and river routes.

The M7 Volga Federal Highway (E22) and three Russian federal highways R239, R241 and R242 travel through the city of Kazan. There are also the R-175 federal highway and Northern Europe – Western China (in construction) route in near proximity to the city.

### KAZAN'S TRANSPORTATION GATES ARE:

- Kazan International Airport;
- Main and Transit Railway Stations;
- Central and Southern Bus Terminals;
- River Port and Kazan Riverside Station.

## Kazan International Airport



The international airport «Kazan» is the largest civil airport of Tatarstan. It is situated 26 kilometers south-east of Kazan. Nowadays the airport serves about a million passengers per year, providing flights to tens of the cities of Russia and the different foreign countries. The following airlines carry out flights to the International airport «Kazan»: *S7, Turkish Airlines, FlyDubai, Ak Bars Aero, Aeroflot, Tatarstan, Transaero, Ural airlines, Utair.*

Kazan International Airport, Kazan, Tatarstan  
Tel.: +7 (843) 267-87-92, 267-88-82  
[www.airport.kazan.ru](http://www.airport.kazan.ru)

## Railway Station



The railway station operates 36 pairs of long-distance trains, including 13 local ones, and also commuter trains. With over 8 million passengers a year, Kazan's railway station is Tatarstan's busiest railway station in terms of passenger throughput. The trains from Siberia, Far East, Volga Region, Central Russia pass through the Kazan Railway Station. All means of public transport are available nearby, except for the underground railway. **5 августа 2012 года в столице Татарстана открылся второй ж/д вокзал – «Казань-2», через который проходят транзитные поезда.**

**Kazan Passazhirskaya**  
Square Privokzalnaya, bld. 1,  
Kazan, Tatarstan

**Kazan-2**  
Vorovsky str. 1,  
Kazan, Tatarstan

**Contacts:**  
+7 (800) 775-00-00;  
[www.rzd.ru](http://www.rzd.ru)

## Bus station



The bus station services all towns and cities surrounding Kazan and around Tatarstan. Intercity buses connect Kazan with such destinations as Nabarezhnye Chelny, Chistopol, Nizhnekamsk, Bugulma, Almetyevsk, Bavly, Ufa, Sterlitamak, Ulyanovsk. There are even bus services to Kazakhstan and Azerbaijan. The bus station handles about 4,000–5,000 passengers a day.

**Казанский автовокзал**  
15 Devyatov str., Kazan, Tatarstan  
Tel.: +7 (843) 293-04-00  
[www.avtovokzal-kzn.ru](http://www.avtovokzal-kzn.ru)

**Автовокзал «Южный»**  
207 Orenburgsky passage, Kazan, Tatarstan  
Tel.: +7 (843) 261-57-07  
[www.autovokzal.com](http://www.autovokzal.com)

## River Port



The river port operates passenger ships, both of regular international cruise lines and local connections (to Kamskoe Ustye, Tetyushi, Bolgary, Pechischi, Sviyazhsk and Sadovaya). The passenger throughput in summer reaches nearly 6,000 people a day. Besides, the river port offers non-regular leisure cruises, pleasure boat tours and tourist trips.

T1 Devyatov str., Kazan, Tatarstan  
Tel.: +7 (843) 233-08-08, 233-08-18



# About Kazan



## CITY TRANSPORT

Kazan has a developed infrastructure of city public transport: buses, trams, trolley-buses and metro. Tickets for travel on municipal public transport can be bought from a conductor – a person with a special badge (usually on a bag or a jacket). Besides, in Kazan a system of electronic transport cards exists. Buses, trams and trolleybuses are equipped with the readers for reading cards. An electronic transport card is a prototype of a ticket. Electronic transport cards are valid in all kinds of city transport of Kazan. They can be bought in the kiosks «Express pechat», post-offices, cash-desks of metro.



### Buses

Single journey fare – 19 rubles, transport card single journey fare – 17 rubles.



### Trolley buses

Single journey fare – 16 rubles, transport card single journey fare - 15 rubles.



### Trams

Single journey fare – 15 rubles, transport card single journey fare - 14 rubles.



### Underground

Single journey fare – 16 rubles, transport card single journey fare - 15 rubles.

**!** Сохраняйте билет в течение всей поездки в автобусе (трамвае, троллейбусе), так как в случае проверки необходимо будет предъявить его контролеру.



### Taxi

You can ring up a taxi to any place of the city day and night. A trip from one district to another within the city costs from 100 to 200 rubles (3-7 EUR).

Taxi to the airport can cost 500-1000 rubles (14-27 EUR).

Taxi-24, tel.: +7 (843) 21-000-21;  
Taxi BELIY BARS, tel.: +7 (843) 2-040-222;  
Taxi Lider, tel.: +7 (843) 230-00-00.

## ALL ENTERTAINMENTS OF KAZAN

Kazan is rich not only in the monuments and places of interest. The city never stays on its place, it lives 24 hours a day at any time of a year! What, where and when can you entertain yourself in Kazan?

### Theatres

#### Opera and Ballet Theatre named after Musa Jalil

Address: Square of Freedom, bld. 2  
Telephone: +7 (843) 231-57-10  
website: [www.kazan-opera.ru](http://www.kazan-opera.ru)

#### Tatar state Academic theater named after Galiaskar Kamal

Address: Tatarstan str, bld. 1  
Telephone: +7 (843) 293-03-74  
website: [www.kamalteatr.ru/rus](http://www.kamalteatr.ru/rus)

#### Kazan academic Russian Big drama theater named after Vasily Ivanovich Kachalov

Address: Bauman str, bld. 48  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-34-83  
website: [www.teatrkachalov.ru](http://www.teatrkachalov.ru)

#### Kazan State Youth Theatre

Address: Ostrovsky str, bld. 10  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-18-75  
website: [www.kazan-tuz.ru](http://www.kazan-tuz.ru)

#### Tatar state theater of drama and comedy named after Karim Tinchurin

Address: Gorky str, bld. 13  
Telephone: +7 (843) 238-56-17  
website: [www.rus.tinchurinteatr.ru](http://www.rus.tinchurinteatr.ru)

#### Tatar state theater of dolls «Ekiyat»

Address: Lukovsky str, bld. 21  
Telephone: +7 (843) 237-70-09  
website: [www.puppet-show.ru](http://www.puppet-show.ru)

#### State Big Concert Hall named after Salikh Saidashev

Address: Square of Freedom  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-17-17  
website: [www.gbkz-rt.ru](http://www.gbkz-rt.ru)

#### Youth «Theatre on Bulak»

Address: Pravo-Bulachnaya str, bld. 13  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-92-70  
website: [vk.com/teatrnabulake](http://vk.com/teatrnabulake)



## Cinemas

### Cinema Kinomax

Address: Ibraguimov ave., 56, TEC «Tandem»  
Telephone: +7 (843) 518-92-70  
website: www.kinomax.ru

### Cinema Kinomaxclub

Address: Pobeda ave., 91, TEC «Yuzhniy»  
Telephone: +7 (843) 233-39-10  
website: www.kinomax.ru

### Cinema Kinomechta

Address: Yamashev ave., 46/33, moll «Park House», 2d floor  
Telephone: +7 (843) 527-02-22  
website: www.kazan.kinomechta.com

### Cinema Korston

Address: Yershov str, 1a, TEC «Korston»  
Telephone: +7 (843) 279-31-21  
website: www.korston.ru

### Cinema Rodina

Address: Bauman str., bld.44/8  
Telephone: +7 (843) 2-937-937  
website: www.rodina-kazan.ru

### Cinema Karo fillm

Address: Peterburgstaya str., 1 TC «Koltso»  
Telephone: +7 (843) 238-20-20, 238-05-22  
website: www.karofilm.ru

### Cinema 3DPortcinema

Address: Amirkhan ave., 1 EC «RIVIERA»  
Telephone: +7 (843) 526-56-66  
website: www.suvar-kino.ru

### Cinema Grandcinema

Address: Spartakovskaya str., 6 TC «Suvarplaza»  
Telephone: +7(843) 526-53-33  
website: www.suvar-kino.ru

### Cinema Magia Kino

Address: Yamashev ave., 97  
Telephone: +7 (843) 227-52-85  
website: www.magiakino-kazan.ru

### Cinema Suvar

Address: Mavlyutov str., 45 TC «City-Center»  
Telephone: +7 (843) 200-78-29  
website: www.suvar-kino.ru

### Cinema MIR

Address: Dostoyevsky str., 30.  
Telephone: +7 (843) 238-25-24  
website: www.kinoteatr-mir.ru

### Cinema Relax Cinema

Address: Spartakovskaya str., 2 TC «Karavan»  
Telephone: +7(843) 247-54-47  
website: vip-kinoteatr.rf, VIP-кинотеатр.рф

## Museums

### STATE HISTORICAL-ARCHITECTURAL AND ART MUSEUM-PRESERVE «KAZAN KREMLIN»

#### Kremlin exhibition hall «Manege»

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7(843) 567-80-67  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/manege

#### Museum of Natural History of Tatarstan

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7 (843) 567-80-37  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/nature

#### Museum of Islamic culture

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7 (843) 567-81-25, 567-81-01  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/islam

#### Museum of nationhood of the Tatar people and the Republic of Tatarstan

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7(843) 567-80-24  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/statehood

#### Center «Hermitage-Kazan»

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7 (843) 567-80-32  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/hermitage

#### Museum-memorial of Great Patriotic War

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7 (843) 567-80-44  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/vov

#### National Gallery of Art of the Republic of Tatarstan

Address: Kazan Kremlin  
Telephone: +7 (843) 567-80-43  
website: www.kazan-kremlin.ru/museums/hazine

#### National museum of the Republic of Tatarstan

Address: Kremlevskaya str., bld. 2  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-89-84  
website: www.tatar.museum.ru/nm

#### State museum of fine arts of the Republic of Tatarstan

Address: Karl Marx str., bld. 64  
Telephone: +7 (843) 236-69-31  
website: www.izo-museum.ru



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Telephone: +7 (843) 236-69-31  
website: www.izo-museum.ru

### Museum of national culture NCC Kazan

Address: Pushkin str., bld. 86  
Telephone: +7 (843) 238-33-61  
website: www.horriyat.ru

### Literature museum of G. Tukay

Address: Tukay str., bld. 74  
Telephone: +7 (843) 293-17-66, 293-17-50  
website: www.tatar.museum.ru/Tukay

### Museum of E.A. Boratynsky

Address: Gorky str., bld. 25/28  
Telephone: +7 (843) 236-13-22  
website: www.tatar.museum.ru/Boratynsk

### Museum-apartment of M. Jalil

Address: Gorky str., bld. 17, apart. 28  
Telephone: +7 (843) 238-50-48  
website: www.tatar.museum.ru/Jalil

### Museum of Socialistic way of life

Address: Universitetskaya str., bld. 6  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-59-47  
website: www.muzeisb.ru

## Aquaparks

### Aquapark "Riviera"

Address: Fatikh Amirkhan str., bld. 1  
Telephone: +7 (843) 526-57-57  
website: www.kazanriviera.ru

### Aquapark "Baryonix"

Address: M.Gafuri str., bld. 46  
Telephone: +7 (843) 570-09-27  
website: www.kazanriviera.ru

## Amusement parks

### Culture and Leisure Park "Kyrlyay"

Address: Odnostoronnyaya Grivka str., 1 (Kremlin levee)  
Telephone: +7(843) 541-29-29

### National amusement park "Bibars Saray"

Address: Orenburg path, 8  
Telephone: + 7 (843) 258-31-70

## Sports arenas

### Basketball sports facility "Basket-hall"

Address: Spartakovskaya str., bld.1  
Telephone: +7 (843) 291-15-00, 291-15-70

### Palace of Sports "Tatneft Arena"

Address: Chistopolskaya str., bld. 42  
Telephone: +7 (843) 527-85-05, 527-85-50

### Central stadium

Address: Tashayak str., bld.2a  
Telephone: +7 (843) 292-57-02, 292-15-59

### Center of volleyball "St-Petersburg"

Address: Midkhat Bulatov str., bld. 1  
Telephone: +7 (843) 221-83-01

## Mountain skiing complexes

### Mountain skiing sports and fitness complex "Kazan"

Address: Verkhneuslonsky region, vil. Savino  
Telephone: + 7 (843) 221-66-11

### Mountain skiing complex "Kaskad" - Dubyazy

Address: Visokogorsky region, vil. Dubyazy  
Telephone: + 7 (84365) 5-20-16

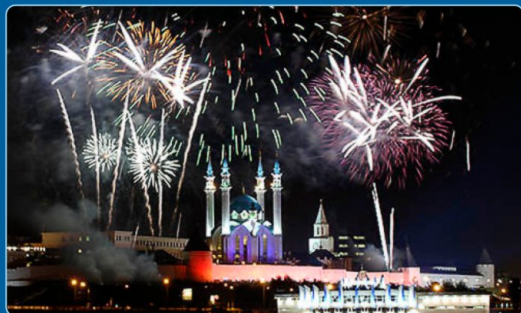


All the students of higher educational institutions are allowed to use the services of the state and municipal libraries for free, as well as see the state and municipal museums for free.



# About Kazan

## HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OFF



A few national holidays are considered to be the official days off in Russia. On these days all offices, business enterprises, educational institutions and banks do not work, and all shops work according to a shortened schedule. If a holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, then an unused day off moves to next Monday or it is added to the May holidays.

▶ **From 1 till 8 January. New Year holidays and Christmas**

New Year is one of the favourite holidays in Russia. It is celebrated loudly and happily, gathering together in a friendly company or seeing in the holiday with the family. By tradition, during the New Year holidays the Russians visit each other and give presents. The New Year holidays end with orthodox Christmas.

▶ **25 January. Tatiana Day**

The day of the Russian studentship is celebrated on 25 January – on the day when Orthodox Church recollects its martyr Tatiana. On this day in 1755 empress Elizabeth signed a Decree about foundation of Moscow university.

▶ **23 February. Defender of the Homeland Day**

Initially this day was celebrated as a day of foundation of Red Army. Gradually a purely military holiday became just men's. All women of Russia honor men as their defenders, helpers and beloved, give them presents. Traditionally on this day or on the eve colleagues of offices and enterprises organize cheerful corporate parties and holiday concerts.

▶ **8 March. International Women's Day**

It's one more favourite holiday in Russia, preserved from the Soviet times. It is a follow-up of Defender of the Homeland Day – on this day men give flowers and presents to women: colleagues, beloved, mothers and sisters. According to the tradition on this holiday all men try to discharge women from daily cares, do something nice to them and shower compliments. Just like on Defender of the Homeland Day, on 8 March they usually organize corporate parties and holiday concerts.

▶ **1 May. Holiday of spring and labour**

An initial name of the holiday was Day of international labour solidarity. Whatever this May Day is called, Day of labour solidarity or Holiday of spring and labour, for many Russians 1 May is traditionally symbolized as a revival and approach of spring. Heavy emotional charge, which it carries, is connected not only with the sense of the alchemy of spring, but also with the perception of 1 May as a common festivity, holding together all the Russians.

▶ **9 May. Victory Day**

In contrast with the rest of the world in Russia the Day of Victory over Fascist Germany is celebrated not on 8, but 9 May. This is explained by a time difference between Berlin where late at night on 8 May 1945 a Pact about capitulation of Germany was being signed, and Moscow where 9 May had already come. Numerous victims, who died in the USSR during the war, make this holiday «with tears in our eyes»: the relatives in many families lost their lives in that war. That is why Victory Day is a holy day for the Russians and a reason for being proud of their ancestors. In the evening in all the cities of the country the festive fireworks and salutes are let off.

▶ **1-9 May. May holidays**

In between 1 and 9 May by tradition in Russia a few days off are added in order to have long holidays taking into account Saturday and Sunday. On these days it is customary to go to the country together with the company of friends «to have shish-kebabs». Those who have garden plots spend long holidays on planting farm crops and cleaning up their country houses after the winter.

▶ **12 June. Day of Russia**

Day of Russia is one of the young holidays in the country. In 1994 the first president of the Russian Federation Boris Yeltsin assigned 12 June a state priority by his decree – Day of Declaration adoption about state sovereignty of Russia. The document itself was signed in 1990 on the first Congress of People's Deputies of the RSFSR in the circumstances when the former republics of the Soviet Union one by one were becoming independent. One can count a beginning of establishment of the new Russian statehood from this date. This holiday is a symbol of national solidarity and common responsibility for the present and future of our Homeland.

▶ **4 November. National unity day**

The holiday National unity day is one of the holidays of military glory. On this day in 1612 people's volunteer corps under command of Kuzma Minin and Dmitriy Pozharsky took China-town by storm, having set Moscow free from Polish invaders. Besides on this day orthodox Christians venerate memory of the Kazan icon of the Mother of God, who inspired militiamen to victory. This holiday is rather young – it was brought into force in 2004 as a substitute of anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution (7 November in 1917) having been being celebrated for more than 80 years. There are no traditions for the new holiday so far.



## Regional holiday dates

Beside the Russia-wide holidays, the citizens of Tatarstan celebrate four more regional holidays, which are also considered to be days off in the republic.



### Eid al-Fitr.

Uraza Bayram (Eid al-Fitr, Ramadan Bayram) is one of the largest holidays of Islam, concluding sacred month Ramadan. The religious congratulate each other by the words: «Id mubarak!» (blessed holiday!). At the eve and on the holiday itself they raise obligatory alms (zakat). The raised funds inure to benefit of the community (the poor, traveller and others) in the form of money or dry provisions.

On the holiday the Moslems perform a holiday ritual prayer (id-namaz), put on their best clothes, make traditional dishes, and after the holiday prayer they lay the festive table, invite their neighbours, relatives and friends to come over, make return guest visits with the presents, rejoice and have fun.

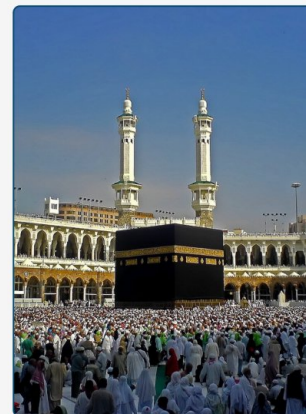
On the holiday which is cheerful for all the Muslims children take part in the different games, visit their neighbours, who dish out goodies. At this time it is also customary to see the relatives' graves, give out alms to the poor, give presents and ask each other for forgiveness.



### 30 August. Day of Kazan. Day of the Republic of Tatarstan

Birth of the holiday took place in 1990, when the Supreme Soviet of TASSR passed the Declaration about state sovereignty of the Tatar SSR – a historical document, which confirmed exercise of an indefeasible right of the Tatar nation, the whole multi-ethnic people of the republic for self-determination, a property right to land, mineral wealth and natural resources. In accordance with the law of the Republic of Tatarstan dated 29 August, 1991, the day of 30 August was announced in the republic to be a public holiday – Day of the Republic of Tatarstan. Since 2005 in honour of a millenium of the capital of Tatarstan 30 August also has been being celebrated as Day of Kazan city.

Over time the holiday became nationwide. The citizens of Tatarstan no matter what their religious persuasion is come out into the streets for folk festivals. You can hear the music, songs, jokes on many improvised stages. Celebrations culminate in the evening festive fireworks.



### Kurban Bayram.

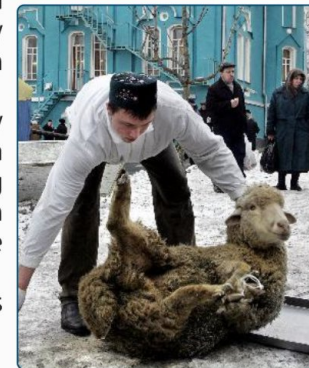
Kurban Bayram (or Eid al-Adha) is an Islamic holiday, marking the end of hadj, a pilgrim's journey to Mecca. The holiday is celebrated for 70 days after celebration of Uraza Bayram, that is on the 10-th day of the twelfth month of the Muslims' Lunar calendar. It lasts 3-4 days.

The rules of the holiday dictate to treat everybody, first of all the poor. On the days following after the holiday it is necessary to visit the relatives and friends.

The main point of the holiday is to make a sacrifice in Mina Valley. However not all the Muslims can make a pilgrim's journey to Mecca, for this reason the Muslims canons decates to perform a main part of ceremony wherever a Muslim finds himself.

Kurban Bayram starts to be celebrated from the very morning. Having finished lavation and put on some new clothes, a Muslim goes to a mosque for a morning prayer. After completing a namaz Mullah preaches a sermon. Upon completing a sermon the participants visit a graveyard, where they pray for the souls of the departed. Having come back home, the Muslims enter upon a ceremony of offering sacrifices.

The rules of the holiday dictates to treat everybody, first of all the poor. On the days following after the holiday it is necessary to visit the relatives and friends.



### 6 November. Day of Constitution of the Republic of Tatarstan

Adoption of the Constitution of the RT in 1992 became an important mark in the modern history of the republic. The Constitution reflected immutable devotion of Tatarstan to the principals of federalism and its trends to an active participation in building new Russia. On this day President of Tatarstan appeals to the citizens of the republic with the congratulations.





# About Kazan

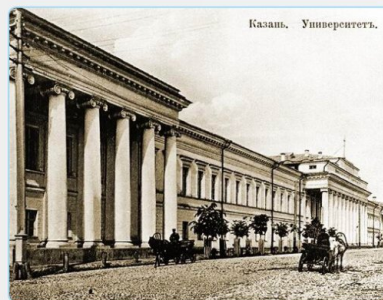
## EDUCATION AND STUDENTSHIP



Education in Kazan is always number one concern. Throughout the time of its existence, the city has casted itself as a cultural center with gifted and talented youth, who aspire to study not only for themselves, but for the benefit of society, development of different branches, arts and sciences in the future. Each Kazan prospective student knows that to study in a higher educational institution of his hometown is not only prestigious, but also very promising.

An enormous choice of the educational institutions of a different level in Kazan promotes young people to make a wise choice. In particular, in the city Suvorov Military School is in operation, where at an early age each boy is brought up as a real man.

A special place among the universities of Tatarstan and Russia is taken by a former imperial, and nowadays Kazan (Privolzhsky) federal university with the 200 years old history. Technical University named after A.N.Tupolev was an aeronautical institute before, then it was awarded a status of a national university. The technical university was founded in 1987 as an industrial college, but at the beginning of the XX century the college modified into a polytechnic institute, then later on based on the chemical faculty of the institute a chemical institute was created, and in 1992 it became an institute of chemical engineering.



If to describe the system of higher education in Kazan in whole, the institutes offer you to become an energy worker, a chemist, a physical scientist, a biologist, a businessman, a veterinary, a lawyer, an expert of military science, a programmer, a diplomat, a

politician, a teacher, a medical worker, a scholar and others. The whole knowledge base is available within a specialist educational establishment. Besides, not long ago in Kazan Institute of Culture in the world was founded, an analogue of which does not exist on the whole planet.

Much attention is paid to the education related to practicing Islam. The Russian Islamic university trains future Islamic churchmen, who will be many-sided people in all life aspects together with the religious knowledge. After graduating for the university students have an opportunity to continue scientific research on the base of their home educational institution or choose a way to one of the academical institutes, forming a part of the Russian Academy of Sciences.



A dream of every schoolboy is to leave school as soon as possible and enter a university. And this is not surprising, because a student life in each university is unique and diverse, rich in the different interesting events. First of all in the higher educational institutions of Kazan much attention is paid to sports among the youth. And a student theater can not only educe hidden talents but also may be a stimulus for a future professional career. More than one university of different specialization has grown within its walls many future actors and active participants of the Club of the cheerful and sharp-witted. Besides, on the base of the universities some voluntary movements and students committees are formed, which get from time to time a power over the whole university during the day, as well as some marvellous youth festivals are organized, in which all talented students can realize themselves.



## INFORMATION ABOUT UNIVERSITIES

### **Kazan state academy of veterinary medicine named after N.E.Bauman**

Address: 420029, Sibirsky path, bld. 35  
Telephone: +7 (843) 273-96-17, 273-96-17, 273-97-14  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 273-96-46  
e-mail: study@ksavm.senet.ru  
website: www.ksavm.senet.ru

### **Kazan state agriculture university**

Address: 420015, Karl Marx str., bld. 65  
Telephone: +7 (843) 236-65-22  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 236-65-22  
e-mail: info@ksha, rukgsha@bk.ru  
website: www.kazgau.ru

International department

Address: 420015, Karl Marx str., bld. 65  
Telephone: +7 (843) 236-64-71  
Fax: +7 (843) 236-66-51, 236-64-81  
e-mail: interdep.ksau@mail.ru

### **Kazan state university of architecture and engineering**

Address: 420043, Zelenaya str. bld. 1  
Telephone: +7 (843) 510-46-01  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 510-46-50  
e-mail: info@ksaba.ru, nizamov@kgasu.ru  
website: www.kgasu.ru

International department

Address: Kalinin str., 43, block 3, floor 2,  
room 3-219  
Telephone: +7 (843) 510-46-48, 526-93-13  
e-mail: interksaba@mail.ru

### **Kazan state medical university**

Address: 420012, Butlerov str., bld. 49  
Telephone: +7 (843) 236-06-52  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 236-12-72  
e-mail: rector@guk.kcn.ru  
website: www.kgmu.kcn.ru

Center of international education and cooperation

Address: Butlerov, bld. 49, floor 4  
(eastern flank),  
Department of International  
education - room 404  
Telephone: + 7 (843) 236-05-43, 236-03-93  
e-mail: info@kazansmu.com

Working time:  
Monday–Friday: 9:00–12:00 and 13:00–17:00

### **Kazan state technical university named after A.H. Tupolev-KAI**

Address: 420111, Karl Marx, bld. 10  
Telephone: +7 (843) 231-01-06, 238-41-10, 292-21-41  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 231-00-27  
e-mail: kai@kstu-kai.ru  
website: www.kai.ru

International business department

Address: Chetaev str., bld. 18 (2nd building of KAI)  
Telephone: +7 (843) 231-02-44  
e-mail: icd@kai.ru

### **Kazan state technical university**

Address: 420015, Karl Marx, bld. 68  
Telephone: +7 (843) 231-42-16  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 236-78-33  
e-mail: office@kstu.ru  
website: www.kstu.ru

International business department

Address: Karl Marx, 68, Block "A", office A-236  
Telephone: +7 (843) 231-43-19, int. tel. 43-19  
Fax: +7 (843) 236-57-68  
e-mail: inter@kstu.ru

Work pattern:  
Monday–Friday: 8:00–17:00

### **Kazan (Privolzhsky) federal university**

Address: 420008, Kremlevskaya str., bld. 18  
Telephone: +7 (843) 291-13-10, 233-71-09  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 221-34-02,  
292-73-40  
e-mail: public.mail@ksu.ru  
website: www.kpfu.ru



International activity

Address: 420008, Kremlevskaya str. 18,  
block 6, room 116  
Telephone: +7 (843) 233-75-12  
e-mail: inter@ksu.ru

Working time:  
Monday–Friday 9:00–17:00 (lunch: 12:00-13:00)

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#### **Kazan state power engineering university**

Address: 420066, Kransoselskaya str., bld. 51  
Telephone: +7 (843) 519-42-02  
Telephone of enrolment board: +7 (843) 519-42-23  
e-mail: kgeu@kgeu.ru  
website: www.kgeu.ru

International affairs department

Address: 420066, Kransoselskaya str.,  
bld. 51, room B-201a  
Telephone/Fax: +7 (843) 519-43-37  
e-mail: energouni@gmail.com

Work pattern:  
Monday–Friday: 8:30–17:30

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#### **Institute of economics, management and law**

Address: 420111, Moskovskaya str., bld. 42  
Telephone: +7 (843) 293-61-69  
e-mail: rector@ieml.ru  
website: www.ieml.ru

International department

Address: 420111, Moskovskaya str. 42, of.402  
Tel.: +7 (843) 231-92-90  
e-mail: internoffice@ieml.ru

Working time:  
Monday–Friday: 9.00–17.00 (lunch: 12.00-13.00)

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already here!**





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## ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLES OF TATARSTAN



Assembly of the representatives of the peoples living in the Republic of Tatarstan (Assembly of the Peoples of Tatarstan) was established on December 8, 2007 at the IX Conference of the Association of National Cultural Communities of the Republic of Tatarstan (ANCC RT) and is actually founded through transforming the Association into Assembly.

The Assembly was set up as the result of the implementation of the decision adopted by the participants of the Congress of the Peoples of Tatarstan, held in Kazan in November 2007. That decision was supported by the President of the Republic of Tatarstan Mintimer Shaimiev. All national non-governmental organizations that comprised ANCC RT, as well as new communities joined the Assembly.

The founders of the Assembly also include 11 individuals who hold leading and decision-making positions in the public or non-governmental organizations of the Republic. The Assembly is headed by Farid Mukhametshin – the Chairman of the State Council of the Republic of Tatarstan.

## PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Peoples' Friendship House (PFH) was opened on May 26, 1999 in order to provide state support for non-governmental national and cultural organizations within the Association of National Cultural Communities of RT (now – the Assembly of the Peoples of Tatarstan), to revive, preserve and develop culture of the peoples of the Republic of Tatarstan.



The House occupied the old mansion in Ostrovsky Street.

For a long time the House of Friendship was one of the divisions of the National Cultural Center «Kazan». Then, it was given the status of a municipal institution, and in 2005, the President of the Republic of Tatarstan Mintimer Shaimiev signed the decree of "Tatarstan Peoples' Friendship House". According to it the Friendship House became an independent Republic organization funded from the budget of the Republic. Substantial funds were allocated to complete the second phase of the reconstruction of the Peoples' Friendship House. The premises were provided for all the communities, which got the chance to effectively implement its ethnic and cultural activities.

## NEW PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP HOUSE



On the 29th of August, 2012, on the 20th anniversary of the Assembly, the new building of the Tatarstan Peoples' Friendship House was solemnly opened in the presence of top officials of the republic.

It should be noted that the new Friendship House is designed and equipped to meet the needs of disabled people so that they could feel comfortable and safe here: there is a ramp, an elevator, fire-safe facilities for wheelchair users, special paths for the visually.

Friendship House has become the main venue of all the events organized by Assembly of the Peoples of Tatarstan, as well as the workstation for ethnic and cultural movement of the Republic.

## National Communities

Afghans	Kryashens
Arabs	Lezgins
Armenians	Mari
Assyrians	Meskhethian Turks
Azerbaijanis	Mordovians
Bashkirs	Ossetians
Belarusians	Peoples of Dagestan
Bulgars	Russians
Chechens	Slavs
Chuvash	Syrians
Georgians	Tajiks
Germans	Tatars
Greeks	Turkmens
Indian Center	Turks
Ingush	Udmurts
Jews	Ukrainians
Kazakhs	Uzbeks
Kirghiz	Vietnamese
Koreans	

### Contacts

Pavlukhin St., 57, Kazan,  
The Republic of Tatarstan, P.O. box 420107,  
website: [www.an-tat.ru](http://www.an-tat.ru)  
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Regional youth non-governmental organization



**STUDENTS LEAGUE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TATARSTAN**



Students League is the largest youth organization in Tatarstan and the Volga region, which has united about two hundred thousand students from Kazan, Naberezhnye Chelny, Almetyevsk, Nizhnekamsk, Chistopol, Yelabuga, Zelenodolsk since 1996.

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website: [www.ligastudentov.ru](http://www.ligastudentov.ru)  
tel./fax: +7 (843) 231-81-41, 231-81-42



For 17 years, League has been defending the rights of students and representing the interests of students in a dialogue with the state and municipal authorities, the administration of higher education institutions and specialized secondary schools, non-governmental organizations, commercial companies and mass media. The leaders of the student self-administration – a team of professionals of Tatarstan Students League – deal with social and economic problems of students and postgraduates, as well as provide new opportunities for them in the sphere of science, arts, sports and social activities.

Students League acts up to the principles of democracy and autonomy, because the main student organization of Tatarstan is led by the students themselves. The highest governing body of the Students League is the Congress of students, which is summoned at least once every two years. They discuss ways to solve urgent problems of students, initiate the most daring ideas and ambitious projects, outline the further development of the Students League and elect members of the governing bodies of the organization - the Council, the Presidium and the President. They are involved in the current management of the Students League, develop and implement projects, organize activities and different events for the students of Tatarstan.



The fact that on the basis of tripartite cooperation agreement Students League is a direct partner of the Tatarstan Government and the Rectors Council of Tatarstan Universities serves as a true evidence of trust and recognition of the organization authority and significance.

Students League works under the "ahead of time" motto, trying to help every young resident of Tatarstan fully express him- or herself as a student, to become a successful person and to contribute to improving the quality of students' life.



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## ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS AND POSTGRADUATES OF KAZAN

Association of Foreign Students and Postgraduates of Kazan (AFSP) is a non-governmental youth student organization, which brings together all foreign university students of Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan.

Association began working in 2007 and AISA of the Russian Federation was established, which is based in Moscow (the President is Aniset Gabriel Kochofa). To date, AISA of Kazan accounts for about 3500 foreign students, and that number is growing every day. The main objective of AFSP of Kazan is the integration of international and postgraduate students studying in different institutions of the city of Kazan. Non-governmental organization follows the principles of equality of its members, collegial governance, and transparency of decision-making.

### CONTACTS:

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Kazan, Republic of Tatarstan, P.O. box 420021  
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website: www.aisakazan.ru

### Basic goals and objectives are:

- 1 To establish favorable studying conditions for international students and postgraduates in Tatarstan;
- 2 To facilitate adaption to the culture and traditions of Tatarstan;
- 3 To strengthen and deepen mutual understanding and friendship between the Russian and foreign students, postgraduates, and trainees;
- 4 To contribute to strengthening of mutual understanding and friendship between peoples;
- 5 To establish and develop contacts with the non-governmental and educational institutions, other universities;
- 6 To involve as many international students and postgraduates as possible into active student life;
- 7 To contribute to improvement of the legal provisions and regulations defining the legal status of foreign citizens in the Russian Federation.

Organization works in three areas:

mass cultural

sports

science

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When entering the RF a foreign student must provide to the International Students Service of the educational institution within 3 days the following documents:

- passport;
- visa;
- migration card;
- 2 photos 3x4 (for the first year of study).



In case of registration at the private address it is obligatory to provide additionally to the above mentioned documents the following ones:

- a copy of the homeowner's passport (a page with the photo, a page with residence registration);
- a copy of the documents which prove his right of ownership;
- a homeowner's statement (consent) (certified by notary).

Within 10 days after submitting the documents regarding migration registration a foreign student must receive in the Foreign Students Service of the educational institution a migration card and a copy of a loose-lead of the notification about his stay in the RF.

Foreign students must be **briefed** for a migrational statutory compliance in a mandatory manner in the International Students Service of the educational institution. A conducted briefing must be properly documented in a conducted briefing log (or otherwise) and certainly certified by a signature of who is responsible for conducting a briefing and a signature of a foreign student being briefed.

In case of the student's departure to the country of his permanent residence **3 (three) days before** supposed departure from the RF a foreign student must surrender **a copy of a loose-lead of the notification** about arrival to the RF to the International Students Service of the University for migration de-registration stating the date of departure.

The duration of temporary stay in the RF of a foreign citizen, having arrived via the visa, is defined by the period of validity of the visa having been issued to him. The students of the country where visa is needed are obliged to apply to the International Students Service **not later than 30 days** before the expiry of the term of visa for processing by the intercession department for multi-entry study visa in the territorial subdivision of Department of the Federal Migration Service of the RF.

Foreign students whose period of national documents expires during education (passport or other documents that replace them), shall **promptly** replace them and give a copy of new documents to the Department of Foreign Students **within 5 days after** the receipt of a new national document to make changes in basic record of a foreign student

To extend the period of stay by executing multiple educational visa a foreign student must submit the following documents to the territorial department of the Federal Migration Service of the Russian Federation:

- A completed visa application form, signed by a foreign citizen in person;
- A valid passport of a foreign citizen and a copy of the passport pages that contain information about a foreign citizen (student) and the period of validity of the passport;
- A copy of the visa;
- Receipt of payment of the state fee for the visa;
- 4 photos 3x4 (black-and-white or color on matte paper);
- Tear-off part of the Notification of the arrival of a foreign citizen at the place of stay;
- A written request to the organization, at the invitation n of which the foreigner resides in the territory of the Russian Federation. The request shall specify the circumstances giving reason to the issue (extension, restoration) of visa. The request is made by the department of foreign students;
- A copy of the contract for education;
- Certificate from school (it is given by the department of foreign students).

If a foreign student loses his passport or other equivalent document international students must report this immediately to the department of foreign students in his country's embassy in Russia. **After getting a new passport**, a foreign student must to provide it to the department of foreign students **within 1 day** to process registration.

Trips abroad during term time are made only for valid reasons (registration of marriage, the death of close relatives, etc.) and in the presence of official supporting documents. A foreign student in this case is to write an **application addressed to the Rector** of the University, after getting the signatures of the faculty dean and head of department of foreign students.

After graduation or expulsion a foreign student should leave the Russian Federation in the period established by the legislation of the Russian Federation. Upon successful completion (depending on the term of the visa) the student has the right to leave according to his multiple entry visa. If he is dismissed for academic failure, breach of contract, etc. the student is issued a transit visa on the ticket that the student should get. Check out must be done within 10 days. if the student doesn't leave the country without a good reason migration control will be shortened and he will be considered to be deviating from the exit of the RF, which is pursued by the law of the Russian Federation. Such a foreign student is to be deported without the right to enter the territory of the Russian Federation.



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### ACCOMMODATIONS FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS DURING THE PERIOD OF TRAINING

Both living in hostel and private address is possible (whether the Residential Lease Agreement is available). A statement on the migratory account is formed by the Department on Foreign Students Affairs.

#### Legal obligations of foreign students residing at hostels:

- to observe rules of inner, educational and labor schedule, accommodation rules of a hostel, respect honor, advantage and human rights, protect a property of the university;
- to affect the university benefit, to care of its authority and maintenance of traditions.

Foreign students must be **informed about the rules of residing in a hostel** by a hostel management. The evidence of that the Instruction is carried out is a signature in the book of Instruction (or otherwise) of both sides, i.e. a person instructing the students and the foreign student being instructed.

All foreign citizens arriving to Russia for long term (for training), are obliged to provide **the certificate of physical examination** from a place of permanent living before entering the educational institution.

**The medical care** for the foreign student in the Russian Federation is provided during the period of the training **if the insurance policy of Voluntary Medical Insurance is available**. The foreign student has to submit the policy to the Department of Foreign Students Affairs **within 1 (one) week** from the moment of the arrival to the Russian Federation (if it is registered by the insurance company in a place of permanent living). If the policy of the Voluntary Medical Insurance is registered by the insurance company in a place of registration the foreign student has to submit the policy **within 2 (two) weeks** from the moment of the arrival to the Russian Federation. It can be issued in the insurance company chosen by the foreign student itself, or in the insurance company which has signed the contract with the educational institution. **Extension of the insurance policy is obligatory**. It must be provided by the foreign student to the Department of Foreign Students Affairs within **3 days** from the moment of extension.

## WHILE BEING ON THE TERRITORY OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION



The student must keep track of his/her documents and abide by the rules of staying of a foreign citizen on the territory of Russia.



If a foreigner loses his passport, migration card or notification form he is obliged to inform the department of foreign students in a 3-day period.



Student is required to issue or renew a multiple entry visa at the Migration Service of the University 20 working days prior to the end of migration control and previous visa.



If a student has left the Russian Federation on vacation or has visited another city in Russia, he has to inform the Migration Service of the University within 3 days after returning and he also has to issue new migration registration.



If the foreigner has violated the rules of migration control (came to renew migration registration and applied for the visa last day or later), he leaves for home country by the decision of the court by transit visa after payment of an administrative fine

**of 2,000 – 5,000 rubles**

or he will be deported from the Russian Federation without the right to enter the territory of Russia

**for 5 years.**



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### MONEY AND BANKING



The banking system of Tatarstan is one of the most stable and sustainable in Russia.



U.S. dollars and Euros are the most freely convertible currencies in Russia



Exchange currency only in the bank or in an exchange office, **never change money in the street!**

### Payment for goods and services

Only rubles are used as payment in Kazan, as well as in the whole of Russia. All banks and most hotels, shops and restaurants in Kazan accept payment with Visa and MasterCard. AmericanExpress, JSB and Diner'sClub cards are less common in the capital of Tatarstan. There are usually labels at the entrance to the store or around the pay offices indicating the cards that are accepted for payment. Traveler's checks can be cashed at any bank of the city. Contactless payment MasterCardPayPass also began to work in Kazan.

### Currency exchange

You can change rubles into U.S. dollars or Euros in exchange offices, which are usually located in bank departments. Every bank sets its own slightly different exchange rates. If you wish to change a large sum of money, it is better to choose the best exchanger. This can be done via the Internet by typing in a search system "Exchange rates in Kazan".

### Money remittance

There are following international money transfer operators in Kazan: WesternUnion, «UNISTRIM», Web-Money. Transfers are made in all the banks of the city, as well as through electronic terminals, which are found in all shopping malls, shops and public places in Kazan.

### Tips

In Russia it is usual to give tips to a waiter in a restaurant. Typically, the amount of the tip is about 8-10% of the bill, even more often a bill of 50 or 100 rubles. Because this tradition started not so much time ago, many Russians never give a tip, despite the quality of service. Therefore, the sum of the service is already included in the bill in some places. It is usually about 10% of the total bill. But tips are not yet mandatory in most establishments, as it's indicated in the bill by the phrase "tips for the waiters are welcome, but are left at your opinion."

### Banks

According to the number of banks Kazan has one of the first places in Russia. The city has state and commercial banks, branches of Major Russian and foreign banks. Most banks in Kazan are universal. They provide a full range of banking services to their clients - debit cards issuing, investment of funds on deposits, loans to individuals and companies, settlement and cash services, "payroll", overdrafts, etc.

Current banks in Kazan serve customers from 9:00 am (some offices open earlier) until 7:00 pm. Saturdays until 4:00 pm. Days off are Sunday and holidays.



### MEANS OF COMMUNICATION (INTERNET)

Make sure that your mobile operator offers roaming in Russia (Kazan).

#### Major mobile operators in Kazan are:



**Megafon**  
www.megafon.ru



**MTS**  
www.mts.ru



**Beeline**  
www.beeline.ru



**Rostelecom**  
www.kazan.rt.ru

There is a free access to the Internet via Wi-Fi in almost all parks of the city, as well as in most restaurants, cafes, hotels, airports and other public places in Kazan. Such a big number of free and, most importantly, high-quality hot-spots are found only in Kazan, nowhere else in Russia. It's very easy to find out if the place has a Wi-Fi access, as there is a label on the front door.



You can buy a sym-card of Kazan mobile operators in the offices of the operating companies. To purchase a card you must show your passport.



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### SAFETY IN THE STREETS



The best way to avoid trouble is to be always on the alert. It is better to keep documents, money and other valuables in a safe place, such as inner pocket of your jacket or coat in public places (particularly transport). Also never leave your bag, coat, hat or even a scarf without supervision. Be careful and attentive while you are in the street. Do not walk alone late at night, especially in those parts of the city that are far away from the center or poorly lit.



#### A few tips that will help you to avoid trouble:

- Carry an ID document (passport);
- Record current numbers of police, prosecutors, dean, FSB, human rights organizations into your mobile phone;
- Tell your address and the address of the institution to your parents and think of a conditional code, mentioning of which lets them know that you're in trouble;
- Warn your friends about where you are going and when you plan to return;
- Do not pay attention to drunk and aggressive people, just pass by;
- Be careful when meeting a girl / a boy (maybe they already have a companion, and this can cause a conflict);
- Find out the dangerous places in the city and think of a safe route before you leave home / dormitory;
- Walk with somebody, in the daytime;
- Avoid crowds: football matches, outdoor concerts, etc.;
- Be more attentive when crossing the street. If possible, use the underground passages

#### Health tips:

- Do not drink tap water;
- Do not buy food in the street;
- Buy alcohol only in specialized stores;
- Wash fruit and vegetables well before eating;
- Take care of your teeth and skin - they can suffer from climate change;
- Get health insurance in advance.

#### What to do after the attack:

- Contact the police department with a written statement about the crime, find a person (a classmate, a fellow countryman, social organization representative) who will assist you when you go to the police and help you if you're not familiar with the Russian language;
- Insist on a discriminatory component of the attack, if you have heard abusive phrases and appeals;
- Take a certificate in the police, which is issued in support of the claim acceptance;
- Ask for help of a public organization or Commissioner of Human Rights.

#### If you get into trouble:

- Shout out loud (better to shout "Fire!"), ask for help;
- Run to the police, to a crowded place;
- Try to remember the names of the attackers, individual words, appearance, threats, and count them;
- Call the ambulance (03/030), if you have an injury;
- Show all the places of beatings to the doctor;
- Agree to be hospitalized;
- Take pictures and video of the damaged areas of the body;
- Report the attack to the embassy, parents, university.



## Student canteens

### "Dobraya stolovaya"

Address: Str. Bauman, 21, str. Adoratskogo, 12 and, Str. Bigicheva, 6 and str. Dekabristov, 83

The set menu will cost 37 - 40 rubles.

### "Lale" (a Turkish cafe)

Address: str. Ostrowski, 37

The set menu will cost 150 rubles.

### "Gyros" (a Greek cafe)

Address: Str. Gogol, 21

The set menu will cost 110 - 120 rubles.

### "Kukan"

Address: Str. Lobachevsky, 4a

The set menu will cost 100 rubles.

### Cafe "Lakomka"

Address: crossroad of Str. K. Marx, 50, and Zhukovsky, 8

The set menu will cost 100 rubles.

### "Fonari"

Address: Str. Karl Marx, 53B

The set menu will cost 100 rubles.

### "Bona Fide"

Address: Str. Universitetskaya, 22

The set menu will cost 110 - 120 rubles.

### "Shtolle"

Address: Str. Profsoyuznoy, 23/12

The set menu will cost 150 rubles.

## Useful telephone numbers of Kazan

### Emergencies (toll-free)

Fire (Emergency).....	01 (mobile 010)
Police.....	02 (mobile 020)
Ambulance.....	03 (mobile 030)
Emergency gas service.....	04 (mobile 040)
Rescue service).....	112

### Informational Services

Information Service (calls from mobile phones only).....	7052
Reference Service on medicines in the city (round the clock).....	222-00-03



English	Transcription	Russian
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Общеупотребляемые фразы		
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Hello	Zdrastvuy(te), privet (informal)	Здравствуй(те), привет
Good afternoon	Dobriy den	Добрый день
Good night	Spokoynoy nochi	Спокойной ночи
Good bye	Do svidaniya	До свидания
See you later	Uvidimsya pozzhe	Увидимся позже
How are you?	Kak dela?	Как дела?
Fine, thanks	Horosho, spasibo	Хорошо, спасибо
Please	Pozhaluista	Пожалуйста
Excuse me/I am sorry	Izvini(te)	Извини(те)
I (don't) understand	Ya (ne) ponyal (a)	Я (не) понял(а)
I am lost	Ya zabludilsya(las)	Я заблудился(лась)
Please help me	Pozhaluista pomogite mne	Пожалуйста помогите мне
Where is ...?	Gde nakhoditsya?	Где находится...?
How much does this cost?	Skolko eto stoit?	Сколько это стоит?
How can I get to...?	Kak mne proyti k ...?	Как мне пройти к ...?
Stop here please	Ostanovites zdes pozhaluista	Остановитесь здесь пожалуйста

Числа и дни недели		
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One	Odin	Один
Two	Dva	Два
Three	Tri	Три
Four	Chetyre	Четыре
Five	Pyat	Пять
Six	Shest	Шесть
Seven	Sem	Семь
Eight	Vosem	Восемь
Nine	Devyat	Девять
Ten	Desyat	Десять
Hundred	Sto	Сто
Thousand	Tisyacha	Тысяча
Monday	Ponedel'nik	Понедельник
Tuesday	Vtornik	Вторник
Wednesday	Sreda	Среда

Thursday	Chetverg	Четверг
Friday	Pyatnitsa	Пятница
Saturday	Subota	Суббота
Sunday	Voskresen'e	Воскресенье
Day	Den	День
Weekend	Vykhodnie	Выходные
Month	Mesyats	Месяц
Year	God	Год

Основные слова		
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Arrive	Pribyvat	Прибывать
Luggage	Bagazh	Багаж
Car	Avtomobil	Автомобиль
Autobus	Avtobus	Автобус
Ticket	Bilet	Билет
Money	Dengi	Деньги
Station	Ostanovka	Остановка
Church	Tserkov	Церковь
Cinema	Kinoteatr	Кинотеатр
University	Universitet	Университет
Hostel	Obshezhiye	Общежитие
Furniture	Mebel	Мебель
Bed	Krovat	Кровать
Shower	Dush	Душ
Soap	Mylo	Мыло
Shop	Magazin	Магазин
Clothes	Odezhda	Одежда
Shoes	Obuv	Обувь
Food	Eda	Еда
Water	Voda	Вода
Tea	Chay	Чай
Milk	Moloko	Молоко
Sugar	Sakhar	Сахар
Bread	Khleb	Хлеб
Meet	Myaso	Мясо
Potatoes	Kartofel	Картофель