

«My summer holidays»

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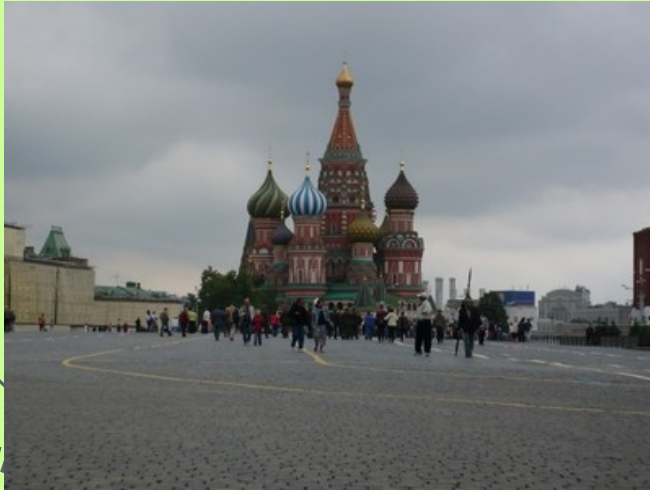
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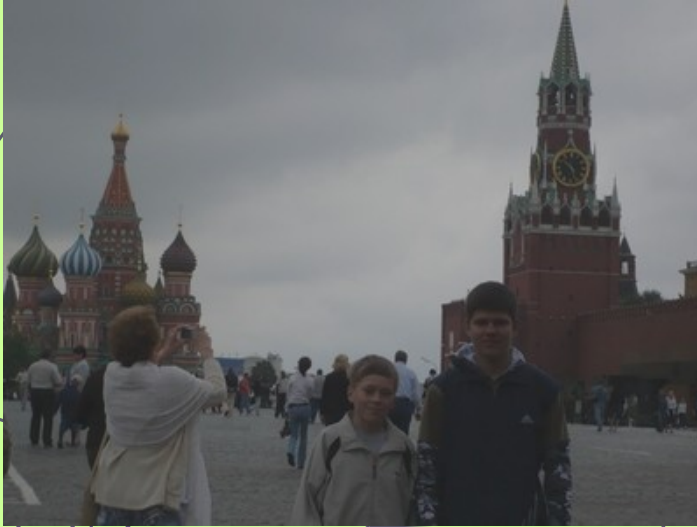
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My last summer holidays were wonderful. I visited Moscow, Saint Petersburg and Peterhof



First we visited Moscow.



Saint Basil's Cathedral and the Kremlin are on Red Square. Saint Basil's Cathedral consists of nine chapels. The cathedral was commissioned by Ivan IV in Moscow to commemorate the capture of the Khanate of Kazan. In 1156 the Moscow Kremlin was made of wood and was called "Moscow fortress".

We also visited Moscow zoo



From the history of the zoo

- ▶ The Moscow Zoo is situated in the center of the Russian capital. It is one of the largest in the world.
- ▶ The oldest zoo in Russia was opened in 1864, it passed a long way from a small zoological garden to the large educational institution.



Kazan cathedral in Saint Petersburg

- ▶ The cathedral was started in 1801 and continued for ten years.
- ▶ It is a memorial to the Russian victory against Napoleon. Kutuzov himself was buried in the cathedral in 1813.



St. Isaac's Cathedral

- ▶ St. Isaac's Cathedral was the city's main church and the largest cathedral in Russia.
- ▶ It was built between 1818 and 1858, by the French-born architect Auguste Montferrand.
- ▶ Today, church services are held here only on major occasions.



State Hermitage Museum

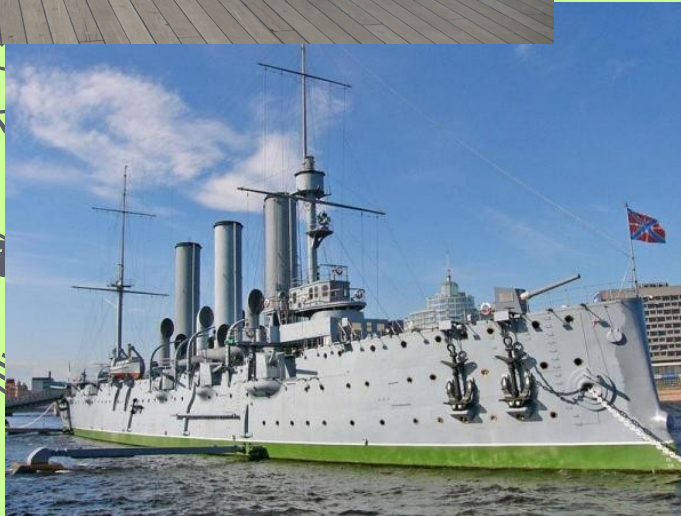
- ▶ The storming of the Winter palace in 1917 became a symbol of the Russian Revolution.
- ▶ Now it is St. Petersburg's most popular visitor attraction, and one of the world's largest and most prestigious museums.
- ▶ There are over 3 million items in its collection.



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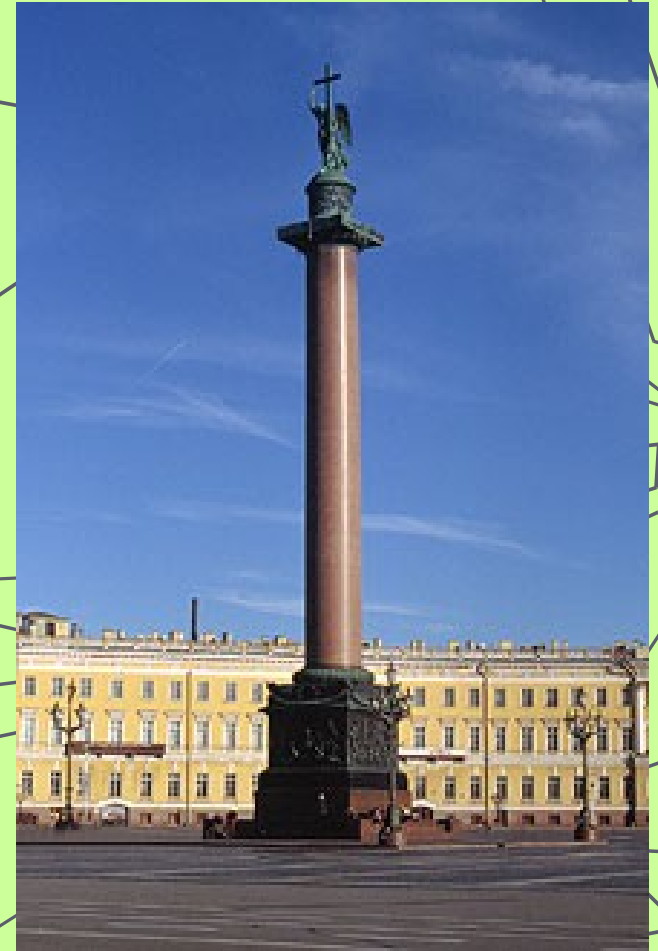


- ▶ The historic Aurora is now a museum.
- ▶ It was built in St Petersburg in 1897-1900.
- ▶ During the October Revolution of 1917 it gave the signal (by firing a blank shot) to storm the Winter Palace



The Alexander Column

- ▶ It is named after Emperor Alexander I.
- ▶ The Alexander Column is in the centre of Palace Square, it was designed by the French architect Auguste de Montferrand and built between 1830 and 1834. On the top you can see a statue of an angel holding a cross.
- ▶ The pedestal of the Column is decorated with symbols of military glory.



Chizhik Pyzhik

- ▶ Chizhik Pyzhik is an 11-centimeter statue of a siskin, It is situated near the Summer Garden. In 1835 there was the Imperial Academy. The Academy's students wore green and yellow uniforms. That's why they looked like siskins.

They say that anyone who throws a coin and it lands on the statue will have good luck.



Nevskiy Prospekt at night



- ▶ Nevskiy Prospekt is the main prospect of St. Petersburg that starts from the Admiralty Prospekt. It is 4.5 km long and 25 - 60 meters wide.
- ▶ There is also Old Nevsky Prospekt in the city.

The Palace Bridge

- ▶ The Palace Bridge is maybe the most famous in St. Petersburg because it's situated between the Winter Palace and the Strelka on Vasilevsky Ostrov. It was started in 1916 and finished in 1939.

- ▶ The Palace Bridge is spectacular when it is raised at night in summer.



Peterhof. The Grand Palace

- ▶ The largest of Peterhof's palace looks really imposing. There are nearly thirty rooms there.



Peterhof. The Grand Cascade and Samson Fountain

- ▶ The Grand Cascade goes downhill from the palace to the Baltic Sea. It is one of the largest fountain ensembles in the world.

The Grand Cascade's largest fountain is the Samson.



I enjoyed my last summer holidays.
They were the most interesting ones.

Would you like to visit these places, too?

