

The Centre of Slavic Languages and Cultures



# THE RUSSIAN LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL





# WHO IS IT FOR?

**Summer school of Russian as a foreign language is suitable for those:**

- who don't know Russian at all, but who are eager to learn it for personal goals or for work
- who have studied Russian and would like to master their knowledge to communicate with their family, friends or colleagues
- who are interested in Russian culture, customs and traditions
- who study different languages as their occupation (scholars of language, like philologists and linguists)
- who are engaged in comparative philology and/or Slavic studies
- who adore studying new languages, visiting new countries and making new friends all over the world.

# WHAT WILL YOU LEARN TO DO?

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You will learn to speak Russian and you will have an opportunity to practice it in all possible public places. Russian is a second official language in Belarus and 90% of the population speak it in their every day life. It is a well known fact that immersion experience is the most effective way to study a new language.

Besides knowledge, you will participate in different master classes with our guests (like singing, drawing/ painting, cooking, playing and many other interesting activities). With a guide you will be able to see different unique sights of Belarus.

The guide speaks Russian as well as English. In the end, you will have a marvellous time together with different people from all over the world!





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# THE COURSE IN DETAIL:

Our school prefers to use a **communicative approach** in teaching.

You will learn lots of words using different methods and techniques and practice your Vocabulary during master classes.



▲ We assure you that you will never face **any monotony or boredom** during the course! Just fascinating material, inspiring activity games and lots of communication with the other school participants in Russian.

The studies are designed in such a particular way that you learn a maximum amount of **the necessary information without getting tired**.

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## THE COURSE

The course consists of 60 academic hours (a two-week course).



## COMFORT

At the first lesson all the school participants will have a test to identify their level of language skill and according to the test results will be appointed into an appropriate level group.



## LEISURE

At the weekend (Saturdays and Sundays) trips outside the city and excursions over Belarus will be organized.



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The classes run  
5 days a week, from  
Monday to Friday.

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There are 4 hours  
of classes and a  
master-class per day.

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The group consists  
of no more than  
8 people.



# OUR TUTORS

Our tutors have field-specific (philological) education and wide experience of work with foreigners. Besides our tutors are sociable, energetic and modern, they always try to find an individual approach to each student.

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**ELENA  
LARIONOVA**

*You will receive the most information possible in an easy and comprehensible manner at my classes!*



**NINA  
MARKOVSKAYA**

*The harder the training, the easier the mission! We have detected that way together with my students!*

# FACILITATORS

Besides the tutors our facilitators will assist you as well. They are also young and talented tutors of our school with a good knowledge of English. You can ask them anything any time of day and night. Everything is developed to make you feel relaxed, comfortable and welcomed in a new/ host country.



**ALESYA  
PARAKHNYA**

*I will show you how to conquer the highest summit in Belarus in five seconds!*



**OLYA  
KOVALSKAYA**

*I will show you Minsk from above and take you along the longest and the most beautiful avenue in the world. I will tell you where the most delicious coffee is and the coolest clubbing spot in the city is located.*



**MASHA  
KOHNO**

*I will introduce you to the typical day of a Belarusian and show you around the most attractive places where young people hang out.*



**ANASTASIA  
SADOUSKAYA**

*I will show you all the stylish cafes in Minsk and tell you about the national dishes of the Belarusian cuisine.*





## CLASSROOMS

The classrooms are situated near the underground in the centre of Minsk and are equipped with all the necessary facilities for studies.



## ACCOMODATION

2-4-bed hotel-type rooms in the city centre.



## MEALS

Cost of a lunch set in the café not far from the place of living – 5-6 €.



## EXCURSION PROGRAMME

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- City tour + "Strana mini" Museum
- Excursion to Dudutki
- Excursion to Belaz – Kurgan Slavy
- Excursion «Architectural monuments "Mir - Nesvizh"»

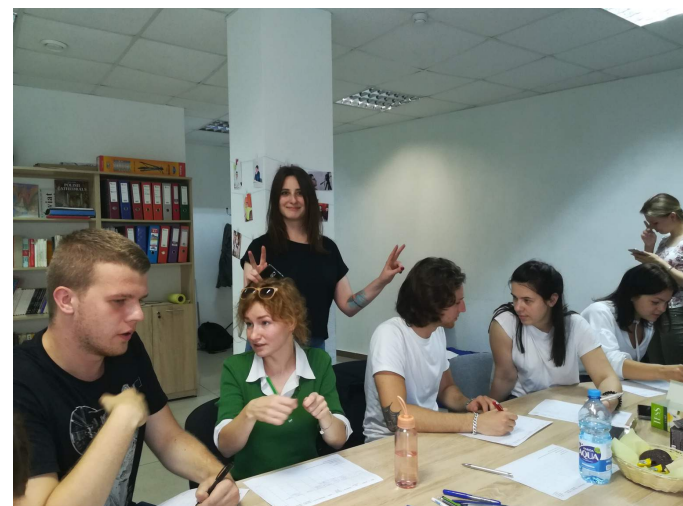
## INFORMAL WALKINGS

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Besides that our facilitators will show you around the most important places for young people: cinemas, cafes, bars and many others.









# FEEDBACK

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**NIKKI  
GRANT**

*Before doing summer Russian school at the Center of Slavic Languages and Cultures, I knew virtually nothing about Belarus, but afterwards it felt like a second home! In classes we learned about Belarusian history and culture, in addition to going on excursions to some of the main sites around Minsk like the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, the Red Church, the Island of Tears, and various museums and monuments. I even got to see where Lee Harvey Oswald lived when he was in Minsk! I was also able to see other parts of the country through trips to the Białowieża Forest near Brest and the open air Dudutki museum.*

*When it came to language instruction, the teachers and staff were all very warm and helpful, and treated you like a friend. In general being in Minsk is very close to being in a full Russian immersion environment because few people are fluent in English, unlike in other large Russian-speaking cities like Moscow.*

*In addition to this great learning environment, classes Center allowed me to get individualized help and tutoring in the areas of Russian I was struggling with. Overall, thanks to the summer school, I now I feel a lot more confident in my skills, and I feel like I have a second home overseas!*



**MICHAEL  
DORMAN**

*"Minsk's School of Slavic Languages and Cultures provided an amazing immersion language learning experience! Through the schools unique teaching methods, I was able to go from a beginner to an intermediate level speaker in just two months."*

*"For anyone thinking about studying a Slavic language abroad, the School of Slavic Languages and Cultures is one of the best values in the region and offers the most effective language learning method I have encountered."*



**SANKO  
MICHAL**

*"Well organized, it was interesting for me to get to know Belarusian culture."*

*"Speaking about the level of teaching I also have nothing to complain about. I can only admit that those who come to Minsk and want to study with a huge amount of people will be disappointed. Minsk and Belarus is a calm place."*



**DEAN  
COOK**

*I would definitely recommend the course to any friends looking to learn Russian. You guys were all super lovely and helpful and I had a refreshing 2 weeks.*

*I learnt a LOT of Russian and made some great progress in a very short time.*

*I'd also like say that Nina was a great teacher and very patient with me. In particular she explained anything I didn't understand very simply and avoided just giving me the English translation whenever I didn't know a word, which helped a lot.*

*So, it was great to have met you all and I hope to see you in Berlin or the next time I visit Minsk! Good luck to you all and thanks again,*

*Dean.*



# THE COST

**a two-week course**

11.08.2019 – 25.08.2019

450€

Studies + cultural (entertainment)  
programme + accommodation

# WHAT DO YOU NEED TO PARTICIPATE?

Aged 18 and over

Your level of the Russian  
language competence  
is not important

Our school arranges the  
invitation to get a visa after  
you pay a non-refundable  
deposit

Contact us in any  
convenient way.





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