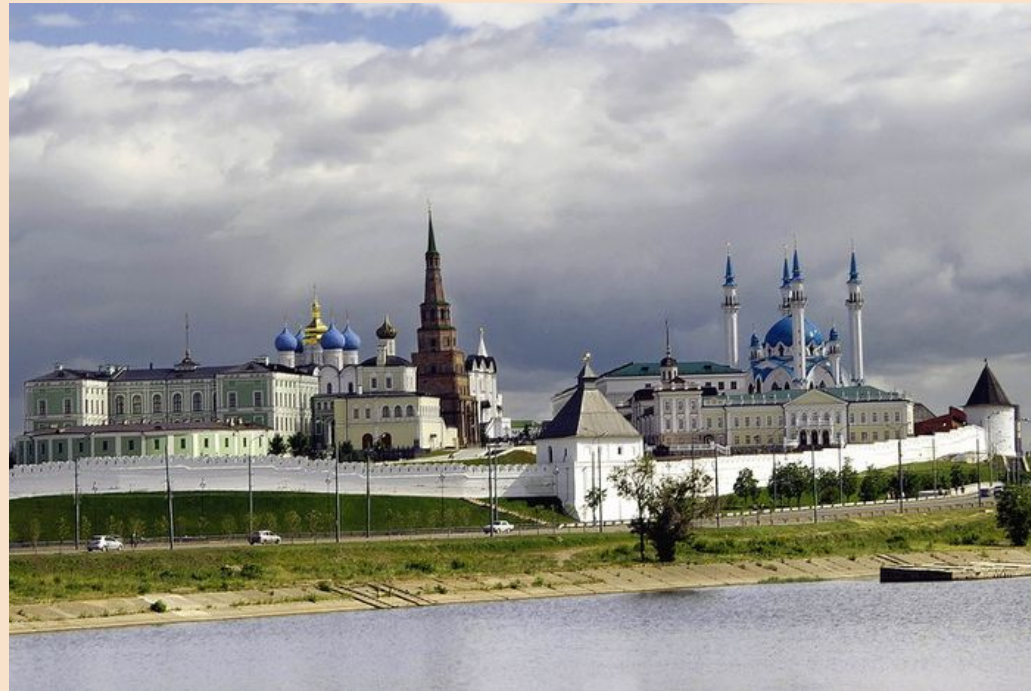


# *Legends of Kazan*

Initial history of Kazan, as well as most of the initial history of ancient cities, is shrouded in a veil of legends



in 1003 a Khan took a fancy to the place on the Volga River and founded the settlement - the future of Kazan.

- The settlement was the same shopping center with a warehouse of goods. After a great amount of time the city took possession of Gazan Khan. On behalf of the city became known as Gaza. And only then people will rename it in a more convenient form - Kazan

Another legend says: "One of the leader of the tribe Tuybika old woman took her about 15 people on a sailing boat, floated down the Volga River in search of a new settlement. Tuybika old woman did not leave and your kettle (pot) - a symbol of wealth and abundance. Kazan was six pounds of weight, its chain also weighed six pounds. After going on a sailing boat for some distance, the travelers got off and stayed there to live. On the spot popular among buried cauldron that he would bring them wealth and happiness. There's also started to build the city of Kazan. It is said that it seemed with the chain still lies beneath the city, only to find it here no one can. "



- There is another version, published by the Tatar scholars Kayumov Nasyri in the calendar for 1881:  
"Once they began to build a fortress around the city of Kazan, people became afraid to gather in a fortress, and this is because in these places everywhere were piles of snakes, dragons are real, thick as logs. They are there and name ZILANT is Snake Mountain. In these mountains there were many winged dragons.





Here is what the foundation of Kazan Russian legend: "Rich Sain long sought a place to lay their own city, and finally found it on the ground Bulgar on the Volga. Locality liked it for its beauty, pasture for livestock, many bees, animals, fish in the river , different vegetables and edible herbs.



Today we know that Kazan was originally frontier settlements, and gradually turned into a fortified settlement of urban type with white stone fortress. And the name of the ancient Kazan was then Kerman

And yet, every legend has a right to life, because I did not come from nowhere.



On the modern emblem of the Republic of Tatarstan is depicted a winged leopard, although in these parts of such animals never lived. Associated with this emblem of the legend tells of an orphaned boy who found and saved from their enemies and nourished white winged leopard.





# Mystery of Lake Kaban





The main mystery of Lake Kaban linked to mysteriously vanished Khan's coffers. The treasure was not found until now. This puzzle is equally tormented as historians and seekers of treasures and has lots of arguments for and against the version of that at the bottom of the lake lie great treasures. This legend and everything connected with it, is described in the book by Rafael Mustafina "Secrets of Lake Kaban. Author of this story told a descendant of close to Kazan Khan family Asimov. According to legend, when the armies of Ivan the Terrible, approached the city, all of Khan's coffers were secretly at night lowered to the bottom of the lake, somewhere in the northern part of it. However, during the siege of Kazan died, almost all those who knew the secret, and the survivors had to flee. So that the treasury and left lying on the bottom.

According to tradition, to find Khan's treasures, we must stand by the brook near the source of Bulak, measure out a distance of one or two luchnyh shot (no one knows), perceptible to find a place on the beach, take a reference to another perceptible place on the opposite shore, and then - then, at a distance of several related reins and found treasures! And at such a depth that, even knowing this place, but not knowing one more secret, they could not raise. According to legend, the treasury consisted of three parts. Firstly, the content is mint: gold and silver ingots and bars of precious metal coins themselves. Secondly, the monetary part of the Treasury. These were gold and silver coins of diverse origin: Arab, Turkish, Persian, Egyptian, European, Russian. And the third part - a treasure. The total weight of the Khan's treasury is not measured by one ton. It is assumed that the Khan's coffers were taken before the siege of the city, because at the time it would have been impossible to do. Since then, repeated attempts were made to find the treasure, but stubbornly keeps the lake and gives her an ancient secret

- Another legendary and mysterious construction of our city - the underground passages and catacombs. One of the legends about the history of Kazan talks about a large underground kingdom beneath the city, which inhabits fire-breathing. The first mention of the underground Kazan occur even when describing the legendary undermining the walls of the Kremlin, made by troops of Ivan the Terrible. Tunnel led from the Dairovoy baths on the shores of Bulak, using its powerful stone arches as protection against attack. Digged in the gallery of a hundred fathoms, were encamped heard voices of people walking on the cave to get some water and wheeled to the dig barrels of gunpowder.
- Historians have repeatedly fixed the tradition that the hill on which is the Kremlin and the adjacent part of the ridge on the crest of which lies the Kremlin street, carved by underground passages. Known for certain multiple addresses in the area. This is primarily a dungeon Gostinodvorskoy church, remains of which are located in the courtyard Gosmuzeya RT - move out of the church led to the Kremlin. Another big cave is located near to the street Chernyshevsky. Another major - the Manor Boratynsky.



Most poetic legend of Syuyumbike - a romantic love of Ivan the Terrible to the Tatar. Russian Tsar saw her picture and was captivated by the beauty of the Tatar Hanshi, wanted to marry her and make the queen in Moscow. But the proud Syuyumbike refused. This, according to legend, was the reason for Russian campaign against Kazan. When the fate of the city was already a foregone conclusion, Syuyumbike was forced to accept the offer of the king. And a proud queen, who asked not to embark on the path of betrayal of his people, put the terrible condition of the king: to build a tower for the week, the same slender and tall as she. Seven days without rest worked wizard, raising every day on stage. When the tower was ready, looked up at her unapproachable Syuyumbike, looked the last time in his native land and its people, and ran from the top of the sharp stones that lay at the foot of the tower. Since then the tower is the name of the great queen of Kazan.

