The Kremlin





Moscow



The heart of Moscow is the Kremlin

Fortress

The world « Kremlin » means « fortress »because in ancient times every large town had it's Kremlin as the part of a town surrounded by high walls.

Moscow Kremlin is an irregular triangle. Its walls are 2.4 kilometres in length and have 20 towers



WOODEN WALLS



The first walls of the Moscow Kremlin were made of wood eight centuries ago.

The Kremlin was later reconstructed with stone during the XIV century.



The Moscow Kremlin achieved its present appearance by the end of XV century.



The Cathedral of the Assumption stands (Успенский собор)

On the northern side of Cathedral Square in the Kremlin is the Cathedral of the Assumptionstands.





It was the main church of the **Kremlin built in 1475. It was the** place where tzars were crowneed and it was the **burial place of** metropolitans.

The Cathedral of the Annuciation (Благовещенский собор)

- Closer to the river there is the Cathedral of the Annuciation.
- It was the home chapel of the Russian princes and tzars.



The Arkhangelsky Cathedral (Архангельский собор)

- The Arkhangelsky Cathedral , another relic of Russian architecture.
- It was the burial place of the Moscow grand bukes and tzars.



At the foot of the Bell-Tower of Ivan the Great there is the Tzar-Bell and the Tzar-Cannon.



The Tzar-Bell

- The Tzar-Bell
 weighs 200 tons
- It is the largest bell in the world



The Tzar-Cannon



- The Tzar-Cannon weighs 40 tons
- It's the largest gun in the world.

The Alexandrovsky Garden

The Alexandrovsky Garden is situated along the western Kremlin wall.



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



In the garden there is the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Cathedral of Saint Basil

Beside the Spasskaya Tower of the Kremlin there is the Cathedral of Saint Basil, built in 1555-1561 by great Russia architects Barma and Postnik .



It has nine domes, each of a different colour and pattern . Everybody admires it's fantastic beauty.





The Moscow Kremlin is the best illustration of the history of Russia.

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