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POINT
OF DEPARTURE –
URBAN
HOSTEL



TRINITY SUBURB

MAKSIMA
BOGDANOVICHA
STREET

1

The historical district of Minsk on the banks of the Svisloch river, which is one of the architectural symbols of the city.

In ancient times, roads from Vilna, Polotsk, Smolensk and Mogilev intersected here, and from the end of the XVI century, this place was the largest trading platform in the city.

This is a real museum in the open air with stone buildings of the XIX century, where you can find souvenir shops, coffee shops and restaurants, exhibitions and art galleries.



THE BOLSHOI THEATRE OF BELARUS

MAKSIMA
BOGDANOVICHA
STREET

2

This is the only Opera house in Belarus, which puts on the stage Belarusian and world-famous works.

You can also visit the theater as part of an excursion to evaluate the restored halls, participate in creative evenings and individual photo sessions.

ISLAND OF TEARS

STAROVILENSKAYA STREET,
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Another name for the memorial is "Island of courage and sorrow".

This is a monument to the Belarusian soldiers who fell in Afghanistan in 1979-1989.

The memorial complex was built on an artificial island on the Svisloch river.

There is a chapel in the central part of the island, on the walls of which the names of all Belarusians who died in Afghanistan are written.

In addition to the chapel on the island, there is a sculpture of a small angel who cries because he could not save people from death.

STELE «MINSK — HERO-CITY»

POBEDITELEY AVENUE

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The monument was created after Minsk was awarded the title of hero city in 1974.

The 45-meter-high stele is located at the very beginning of the Victory Park complex.

The image of a woman in the monument is the Motherland with a fanfare in her hands, which conveys a sense of the greatness of victory in the war.

At the peak of the stele is the star of the hero city. Parades of military equipment, processions and salutes are held at the foot of the stele.



MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR

POBEDITELEY AVENUE, 8

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The world's first Museum of the history of the great Patriotic war, the collection of which was first supplemented with military artifacts in 1943.

The new modern complex was opened in 2014.

The majestic Museum will impress you not only with its architecture, as everything here is filled with symbolism associated with the tragic past in the period between years 1941-1945.

The composition of the Museum contains 4 blocks – a reference to the number of war years and fronts involved in the liberation of Belarus.

INDEPENDENCE PALACE

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE,
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Residence of the President of the Republic of Belarus.

It is located near Victory Park and National flag square. Palace of Independence is the place where the modern history of Belarus is written: here take place press-conferences of the Head of state with representatives of Belarusian and the world's media, as well as meetings on major political issues and negotiations with representatives of other States.

The exterior of the building contains national symbols and conveys the Belarusian colour.

The interior of the hundred halls of the Palace is designed in the style of classicism.



CINEMA «BELARUS»

ROMANOVSKAYA
SLOBODA
STREET, 28

The first multiplex in the country with 5 comfortable cinemas.

It was built according to an individual architectural project.

The halls in the cinema are very comfortable: with cozy chairs with high backs and armrests with recesses for drinks and large aisles between the rows.

In addition, the cinema is located almost in the very center of Minsk.

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WHITE CHURCH

SVOBODY SQUARE,
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Cathedral of Saint Virgin Mary is one of the most unique buildings in Minsk, the history of which begins in 1700. This is a Catholic Cathedral in the style of Vilna Baroque, the main Catholic Church in Minsk. The building has undergone many alterations and reconstructions.

You should visit the Church to see the original frescoes of the XVIII century and hear the sound of the organ, and also be impressed by the appearance of the temple: its ornate open-work towers proudly tower over the city, and in ancient times they were the main high-rise landmark.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH

KIRILLA
I MEFODIYA
STREET, 3

9

The snow-white majestic Cathedral is located in the historical center of Minsk.

The most famous relic that can be seen here is the icon of the Virgin, which has been kept in Minsk since 1500.

The Cathedral also houses the relics of Sophia of Slutsk and the relics of the holy martyr Barbara.



SVOBODY SQUARE

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Svobody square appeared at the beginning of the XVI century as an administrative, commercial and cultural point of the city.

One of the central objects is the city hall, which was completely restored to its original appearance in 2004.

The White Church and the Cathedral Church are also nearby.

PALACE OF THE REPUBLIC

OKTYABRSKAYA
SQUARE,
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One of the main cultural centers of Minsk: this is the place where a variety of events are held, starting with concerts and ending with meetings at the state level.

In winter, the square turns into a skating rink with a Christmas tree. In summer, it becomes a concert venue and a fairground.

The Palace of the Republic rises 45 meters above the square and goes 20 meters underground. This monumental building is located on Oktyabrskaya square – a well-known place for mass celebrations in the city.



KILOMETRE ZERO

OKTYABRSKAYA
SQUARE

12

The beginning of all Belarusian roads, which is located on Oktyabrskaya square near the Palace of the Republic.

The sign was installed in 1998.

The kilometre zero is a small pyramid on each side of which there are medallions with a map of roads in Belarus, the Latin saying "The road is life", a verse by the Belarusian writer Yakub Kolas and the inscription that this place is the beginning of all roads in Belarus. The pyramid also shows the cardinal directions and the distance to all major cities of Belarus and capitals of neighboring countries.

JANKA KUPALA NATIONAL THEATRE

ENGELS STREET, 7

13



The foundation of the National Academic Theater was laid in 1890. This is one of the few buildings that partially survived during the war.

The theater program is based on the production of the works of Belarusian writers and playwrights.

From 2011 to 2013, a large-scale reconstruction was carried out, which returned the original appearance of the theater.

NATIONAL ART GALLERY

LENINA
STREET, 20

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Our art museum has 10 exhibition halls with 400 thousand exhibits.

Among them are both Belarusian and foreign works, and there are temporary ones – within the framework of cooperation with museums of the near and far abroad.



HISTORICAL MUSEUM

KARLA MARKSA
STREET,
12

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Where to learn the past of the country if not in the historical Museum?

Our Museum has gathered a huge collection of showpieces, there are 10 permanent exhibition halls in it.

In addition to the permanent and temporary exhibitions, lectures, excursions and various entertainment and educational events are held here.

There will be something to see for sure, so come to enrich yourself with Belarusian culture.

NEZAVISIMOSTI AVENUE

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We have added a whole street to the list of attractions, because Nezavisimosti avenue is a truly complete architectural composition of buildings built in the post-war period.

The entire avenue can be divided into three segments: the first begins at Nezavisimosti square and goes to Pobedy square, the second – from Pobedy square to Kalinin square, the third - from Kalinin square to the entrance to Minsk.

The most interesting from an architectural point of view is the central part of the Avenue, made in the style of "Stalinist Empire". The photos here are very atmospheric.



GENERAL POSTOFFICE

NEZAVISIMOSTI AVENUE, 10

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An architectural monument and one of the symbols of the Belarusian capital, built at the beginning of Nezavisimosti Avenue.

The main post office organizes postal services throughout the city and manages communication hubs and post offices.

Symmetry, columns, high attic, and massive forms of the Central entrance arch with pylons add monumentality to the building. Above the entrance of the main post office there is a clock that shows the most accurate time in Minsk and the time of other capitals of the world.

And this clock has never stopped.

RED CHURCH

SOVETSKAYA STREET,
15

18



Catholic Church, the official name of which is the Church of St. Simeon and St. Helena.

The temple is entirely built of red brick, which gave it the popular name "Red Church". The Church immediately attracts the eye due to its authenticity against the background of Soviet buildings.

Everyone can get to the service and be impressed by the atmosphere inside the temple.

It also hosts various cultural events: performances, concerts, excursions and holidays.

MINSK GATES

KIROVA STREET,
2

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The gates of Minsk are two 11-storey tower buildings located at the corners of 5-storey buildings.

On one of the towers there is a captured German clock with a dial 3.5 m in diameter, and on the other is the coat of arms of the Belarusian SSR. There are also sculptures of partisans, farmers, engineers and soldiers on the towers. The symbol of the Belarusian capital looks especially beautiful in the evening when the lights are on.



RAILWAY STATION

PRIVOKZALNAYA SQUARE,
3

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Nowadays the Railway station is a modern building with glass facades and bright halls.

It's hard to imagine, but back in 1873 the station was wooden. Since then, the exterior of the structure has changed more than once.

The reason for this was the destruction during the Great Patriotic War and its emergency condition in the 90s. In 2000, the building was completely renovated and is still being constantly improved.

There are comfortable waiting rooms, recreation areas and cozy cafes.

MINSK ZOO AND DOLPHINARIUM «NEMO»

TASHKENTSKAYA
STREET, 40

In Minsk zoo you can get acquainted not only with the Belarusian bison, but also see more than 400 species of exotic animals and rare representatives of the fauna of Belarus.

There are permanent exhibitions, attractions, cafes, you can ride a horse or pony. Great leisure for the whole family!

Nearby there is a Dolphinarium - there you can attend spectacular shows and performances that will delight not only children, but also adults.

Minsk Dolphinarium "Nemo" is one of the most modern year-round cultural and health centers in Europe.

There is also a Dolphin therapy center.



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NATIONAL LIBRARY OF BELARUS

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE, 116

In all senses, this is a real diamond of the Belarusian capital.

The library has more than 90 thousand rare and old printed books and manuscripts. Among them, the main value is 10 issues of the Bible of the Belarusian first printer Francysk Skaryna.

Visiting the library is necessary not only to be culturally enlightened, but also to look at Minsk from the observation platform at the top of the building.

There is something to see both in the daytime and in the evening. The lighting on the building creates a festive atmosphere.

CHILDREN'S RAILWAY

NEZAVISIMOSTI AVENUE, 86

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Be sure to visit it with children – they will surely enjoy a short trip from Zaslono station.

There's not much difference between regular and children's railway – it's track width (almost twice narrower than regular one) and the path length.

The route provides one stop at the Sosnovy Bor station, where you can get off the train and walk around the area.

The railway is close to Chelyuskintsev Park, so you can continue the cultural program there.

POBEDY SQUARE

NEZAVISIMOSTI AVENUE

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The monument of Victory, dedicated to feat of the people during the great Patriotic war was built on the square, and the Eternal flame is burning there.

Under the monument there is a circular bypass gallery with a round hall. This hall is dedicated to the memory of heroes who died during the war. In the center of the hall there is a wreath of art glass with illumination from the inside. Today, Pobedy square is a place of memory and mourning for those who died during the World war II.



NATIONAL CIRCUS OF BELARUS

NEZAVISIMOSTI AVENUE, 32

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The circus building itself appeared on the territory of Belarus a long time ago – in 1884, and was called "The brothers Nikitiny's Circus".

The circus has undergone many reconstructions in its history.

The building is located on the Nezavisimosti avenue. Next to the Minsk circus there are unusual sculptures - a kind of circus numbers in bronze: a six-meter column with a ballerina riding a horse, a clown with a rooster and a pig, a Cheshire cat and a small elephant. Now the circus looks very impressive, and we can say with confidence that it is worth a visit!

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SPORTS FACILITIES:

«DYNAMO» STADIUM

KIROVA
STREET,
8

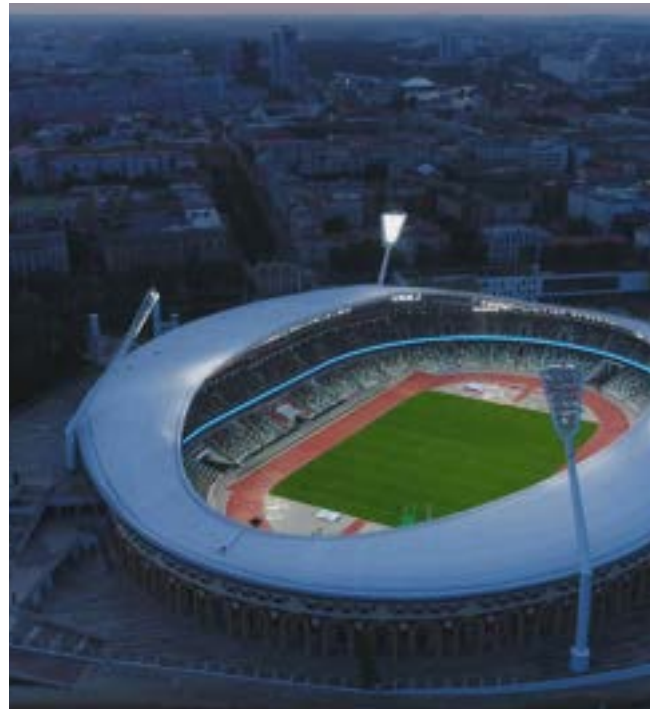
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After the global reconstruction, our main football arena has already hosted the II European Games.

This venue can host international competitions of the highest level, including world championships.

The stadium impresses with its relief, resembles the colosseum in shape.

Accommodates 22 thousand people.



MINSK ARENA

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE,
111

2

This is a multifunctional complex, one of the most modern in all of Europe.

It hosts not only world-class sports competitions, but also cultural and entertainment events.

It doesn't matter if you are a fan of sports or art – you will surely enjoy the Minsk Arena.

CHYZHOVKA ARENA

TASHKENTSKAYA
STREET,
19

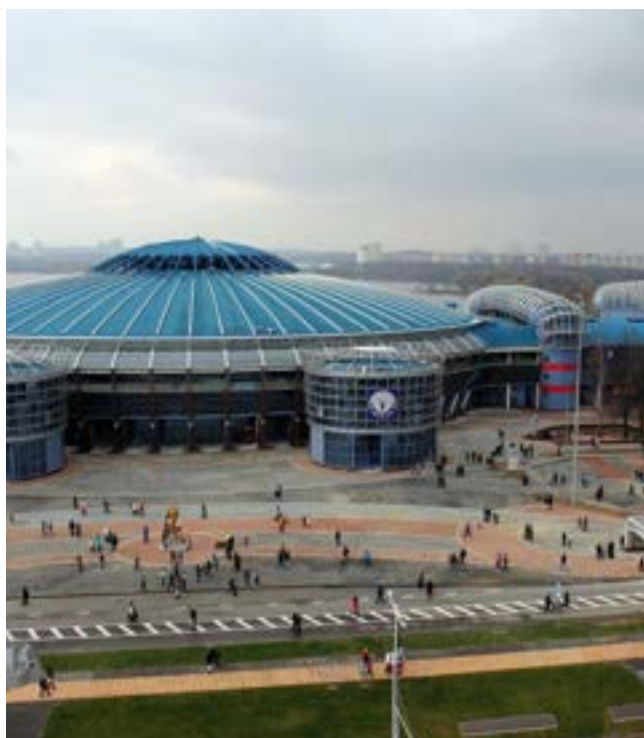
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The Chizhovka Arena Sports and Entertainment Complex is the second largest in Minsk after the Minsk Arena.

The matches of the 2014 Ice Hockey World Championship were held here, as well as at the Minsk Arena.

Now it is the home ground of the Yunost-Minsk hockey club, which also hosts other sports competitions and entertainment shows.

The structure is made in an unusual architectural design: the symbol of two drops of water flowing into each other is embedded in the image of the building. The building of the arena made of glass and metal harmoniously fits into the natural landscape of the Chizhovsky reservoir, next to which the complex is located.



SPORTS PALACE

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE,
4

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Before the appearance of the Minsk Arena and Chizhovka Arena in the city, the Sports Palace was the main venue for sports competitions and cultural events.

The main feature of the building became an asymmetric arrangement of spectators on stationary stands on the opposite side of the sports field.

This was done in order to easily turn the arena into a concert hall. This architectural solution later became standard: similar structures were built in other cities of the Soviet Union.

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PARK ZONES:

MAKSIM GORKY CENTRAL CHILDREN'S PARK

FRUNZE STREET, 2

1

One of the most important park zones in Minsk, just like Central Park in New York with our own 54 meters high London Eye.

A bit of our own uniqueness: the arched gate on the side of Pobedy square and the monument to Maksim Gorky, the Soviet writer, after whom the park is named.

In addition to the Ferris wheel you can find many other attractions for the whole family, walk along cozy alleys and sit on benches in the shade of old trees.



POBEDY PARK

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE,
45

2

Victory Park is a huge square in the open air.

The park is suitable for a measured rest (with beaches, fountains and exits to Komsomolsk Lake),

as well as for active pastime (with pedestrian and bicycle paths).

Music festivals are also held here.

CHELYUSKINTSEV PARK

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE,
84

3



The Park is named after the participants of the Northern sea route expedition from Murmansk to Vladivostok on the boat "Chelyuskin".

This place will definitely appeal to lovers of nature and outdoor activities: in the park area includes attractions, a summer stage, a dance floor and a go-cart track.

Here you can find several functional zones: amusement zone, children's and adolescent recreation areas, sports and recreation areas, quiet recreation areas, dance and play areas.

BOTANICAL GARDEN

SURGANOVA
STREET,
2B

4

Minsk residents say that in the Botanical garden, although it is almost in the center of the city, you can't hear the city noise at all.

In addition, it is the country's largest center for the conservation of living plant biodiversity, a leading scientific institution in the field of introduction, physiology, molecular biology, biochemistry and plant ecology.

Botanical garden is definitely worth seeing.



LOSHYTKY PARK

CHYZHEVSKIH
STREET,
10

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The park complex of the XVIII-XIX century is located in the South of the Belarusian capital.

This place attracts with its mystery: for the entire history of the Park, many legends and myths have been made about it.

Perfect for family walks or for more active recreation: you can rent a bike in summer or ski in winter.

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OBSERVATION DECKS:



HOTEL BELARUS

STOROZHOVSKAYA
STREET,
15

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The observation deck of the hotel Belarus allows you to climb on the panoramic elevator and see the beauty of Minsk from a height of 73 meters.

PRICE:

For group (6-8 people) -
19,00 BYN
1 person - 3,50 BYN

WORKING HOURS:

The lift starts at 10:00
every 30 minutes.
The last lift starts at
22:30.



NATIONAL LIBRARY

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE,
116

2

The viewing platform of the library is divided into two parts: open and closed.

You can get there by the panoramic elevator. In the closed part there is a gallery where various exhibitions are usually held, and in the open part you can look at the city through panoramic binoculars.

PRICE:

Adult – 3 BYN
Special price - 2 BYN
(schoolchildren, students)
Free - children
under 7 years old,
disabled people of
groups 1 and 2,
participants of military
operations,

WORKING HOURS:

From 12.00 to 23.00
Last lift starts at 22.30



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WHERE TO GO SHOPPING:

GALILEO

BOBRUYSKAYA
STREET, 6

This shopping center is located right next to the train station – very convenient for city visitors.

There are more than fifty shops, food courts and restaurants, a cinema and much more.

And if you are going to come here on your own transport - there is a car and bicycle parking inside.

GALLERIA MINSK

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE, 9

In the Gallery, Minsk residents enjoy not only to make purchases, but also to meet friends, have romantic walks and come here for various entertainment events.

7 levels of the complex can accommodate more than 150 shops, a large food court and cafe, and a lot of entertainment.

There are stores of world brands: H&M, New Yorker, NYX, Mac, Mixit, Koton, LC Waikiki, Vans and many others.

DANA MALL

PETRA MSTYSLAVTSA
STREET, 11

It is located just right at the National library.

This is one of the largest shopping and entertainment centers in Minsk with branded stores, food courts and entertainment for the whole family. And recently they opened a cinema with a panoramic view of 270 degrees, the first in the Eastern Europe.

«BELARUS» STORE

ZHYLUNOVICHA
STREET, 4

Another "Soviet shopping center", which still remains the largest object of trade in the city.

It is worth coming here not for entertainment, but for national souvenirs.

ZAMOK

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE, 65

There are groceries on the first floor, and clothes and other non-food items on the second floor.

There's lots of entertainment - restaurants, bars and pizzerias, a cinema and even an ice rink inside!

The facade contains elements of the middle ages, which makes the shopping center look like a real castle.

Children will definitely like it here, and adults will probably like it too.



ARENA-CITY

POBEDITELEY
AVENUE, 84

This shopping and entertainment center is located directly opposite the Minsk Arena.

The shopping center impresses with the number of services. In addition to the hypermarket, there are about 70 shops, a cinema, children's entertainment centers, cafes, restaurants. The decorations of a mall are impressive: you can see there huge artificial trees with live plants on the crown and a fountain with a height of a three-story building.

TSUM

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE, 54

Once TSUM appeared on the very outskirts of the city, but now it is almost the center.

TSUM is especially loved by the older generation of Minsk residents, because here traditions are observed, and innovations are not lagging behind.

And the choice of products is huge: you can find absolutely everything here.



GUM

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE,
21

TSUM's big brother with a similar range of products.

One of the main differences between two stores is the Stalinist architecture of GUM.

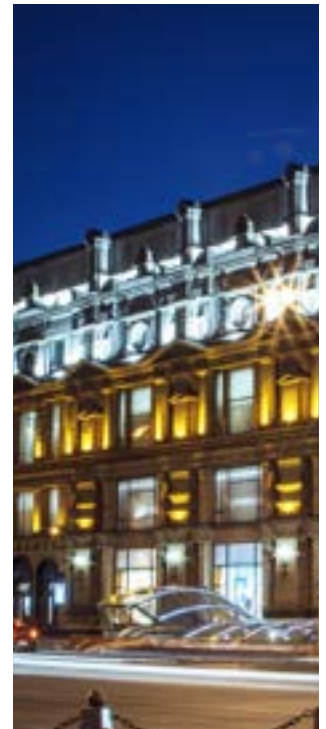
Both inside and out, the building seems to take you back to the Soviet era.

NA NEMIGE

NEMIGA
STREET, 8

Here you can find both domestic and foreign products.

Unlike recently built modern shopping centers, this store keeps the Soviet spirit and indescribable atmosphere of the past years.



STOLITSA

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE, 3-2

Underground shopping complex, which is also located near the train station.

Inside, everything is standard for shopping centers, but above the store is Nezavisimosti Square – the largest square in the city, where the Government House, the Lenin monument, the Red Church, and the central post office are located.

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WHERE TO EAT AND DRINK COFFEE:

LIDO

KULMAN STREET, 5A
NEMIGA STREET, 5
NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE, 49

Self-service restaurants with national dishes and a very colorful interior inside.

The service is fast and the prices are affordable.

You're not going to leave this place hungry.



BUFFET IN TSENTRALNY

NEZAVISIMOSTI
AVENUE, 23

A truly legendary place where people of completely different ages and professions gather. Built back in 1954, the cafeteria has preserved not only the unique decoration with bas-reliefs on the walls, but also the recipes of cakes familiar from childhood.



VASILKI

IAKUBA KOLASA STREET, 37
BOBRUYSKAYA STREET, 6
PETRA GLEBKII STREET, 5
PETRA MSTYSLAVTSA STREET, 11
NALIBOKSKAYA STREET, 1
POBEDITELEY AVENUE, 9
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NEZAVISIMOSTI AVENUE, 16
ROKOSOVSKOGO AVENUE, 2
EXPOBEL MALL

Dishes of Belarusian cuisine, Belarusian cordiality and Belarusian hospitality.

Everything Belarusian :)

LAUKA

OKTYABRSKAYA
STREET, 23

A 24-hour restaurant on Oktyabrskaya street,

where it is very convenient to come after a party to have a delicious sandwich and drink branded coffee.

UMAMI

REVOLYUTIONNAYA
STREET, 28

Cozy fish cafe with a wide selection of Japanese cuisine at an affordable price.

ТОВАРИЩ

JANKA KUPALA
STREET, 21

The restaurant's menu continues the best traditions of Soviet restaurants.

Here you will find the best Soviet dishes – both Slavic and those that come from the Baltic and Eastern countries.





BULBASHY

SVOBODY SQUARE, 4

Interpretation of Belarusian cuisine in a modern manner. Thanks to the interior and pleasant atmosphere in the restaurant, you will get not only taste, but also aesthetic pleasure.



LEGENDAR

REVOLYUTSIONNAYA STREET, 14

An atmospheric bar with an author's menu and drinks. During the day, you will be met here by a barista with an extensive tea and coffee list, and in the evening - by bartenders.



PINKY BANDINSKY

KOMSOMOLSKAYA STREET, 13A

The special interior of the restaurant combines seemingly incongruous items: crystal chandeliers with candelabra and scuffed surfaces, metal and natural leather. There is even a summer terrace with its own garden. The peculiarity of the restaurant's cuisine is in the full production cycle: from baking bread to making desserts.

LE GOSSE

SVOBODY SQUARE, 13

A restaurant of European cuisine

with a cozy minimalist interior and an impressive wine list.



KAMYANITSA

PERVOMAYSKAYA STREET, 18

This place will help you move back to ancient Belarus:

try traditional dishes and get impressed by the authentic interior

CHAYNY PYANITSA

INTERNATSIONALNAYA STREET, 25A

An ideal place to socialize in a relaxed atmosphere.

On Fridays and Saturdays, a dynamic DJ set will meet you at the bar. Do not be afraid of the name - the establishment will surprise you with an assortment of main dishes and snacks.

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WHERE TO HANG OUT:

LEBYAZHIY WATER PARK

POBEDITELEY AVENUE, 120

The fifth largest entertainment complex in Europe is located near the capital on the picturesque bank of the Drozdy reservoir. Here you can hang out for the whole day: water park, beach party area, interactive attractions, SPA, fitness center, gym, bars and restaurants. Everything you need for a cool day.



FREESTYLE WATER PARK

SURGANOVA STREET, 4A

A modern center, with a water park, bath and thermal complex, bowling, billiards and many other entertainment. Come here with your children or with a group of friends – a whole day of unforgettable rest is provided.



REVOLYUTSIONNAYA STREET

This is the historical center of Minsk with a pedestrian zone where there is a lot of live music and outdoor terraces in the warm season. There will be less traffic here than on Oktyabrskaya street, but lovers of more quiet leisure definitely need to take a walk here.

PESOCHNITSA

MASHEROVA
AVENUE, 11/10

Gastro-area in the scenery of factory backyards is one of the city's favorite places. Here you can listen to music and watch movies on the big screen.



ZYBITSKAYA STREET

The most popular street for festivities. In the XIX century, shops and barbers were built on the site of the current bars, by the end of 1960, the even side of the street turned into a lifeless wasteland with the remains of former buildings. And only by the beginning of 2010, Zybetskaya transformed into what we now know as the most popular partying place in Minsk.

OKTYABRSKAYA STREET

In the morning, workers rush here to factories, and in the evening – young people to techno parties. According to the atmosphere, this is the complete opposite of Zybetskaya, as the locals say. Probably, it's all about the industrial entourage in a mix with modern art.

