

## SUMMER SCHOOL OF RUSSIAN LANGUAGE

### Yoshkar-Ola, Republic of Mari El, Russian Federation

Summer School takes place in Yoshkar-Ola, the capital of the Mari El Republic. Mari State University invites you to enroll in Summer Language School of Russian language where you will experience ethnic and cultural environment of Mari El. We invite students, postgraduates, lecturers, professors, scientists and everyone who is interested in Russian language and culture.

#### Why to choose the Mari El Republic?

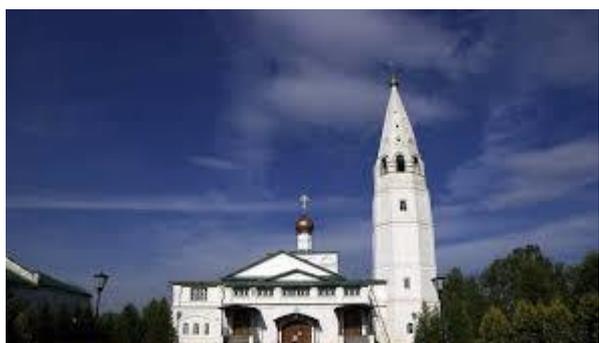
Mari El is a region with rich history and unique culture. Our Republic preserves famous Volga region oak woods, pine forests descending to virgin taiga nature; national parks and reserves such as Mariy Chodra and Bolshaya Kokshaga, very beautiful lakes, hundreds of springs flowing into local rivers.



You can visit here Sheremetev's estate museum situated on the left bank of the Volga and many other architectural sites. Located in Kozmodemyansk, famous all over Russia A.V. Grigoriev's historical and arts museum gathered unique canvases of the greatest Russian painters from XVIII-XX centuries. There is also one Ethnographic museum in the open air which offers an exposition showing Mari culture and everyday life before 1917 Revolution.



There are a lot of orthodox temples, churches and monasteries in Mari El. Mironositskaya hermitage is one of the oldest monasteries not only in the Mari region but in the whole left bank of the Volga.



Mari El capital has a beautiful and canorous name Yoshkar-Ola. Modern Yoshkar-Ola is not only a big industrial, cultural and scientific center of the Republic but one of the cultural centers of Finno-Ugric peoples.

There are many different cultural and historical sites in Yoshkar-Ola, as well as cinemas, shopping centers, restaurants and cafes. It is one of the most beautiful cities in the Volga region. It stands on the bank of the Malaya Kokshaga River.



### **Who can attend classes of Summer Language School?**

The classes in Summer Language School are intended for students of any age. The classes are available for both beginners and advanced students. Summer School program includes three parallel modules: for beginners, for intermediate students and for advanced students. The classes are held in groups, 20 academic hours per week, Monday through Friday (1 academic hour = 45 minutes). Each group consists of 8-12 students. Students are divided into groups in accordance to the Entrance test results.

The classes and workshops are delivered by experienced professors of Mari State University with extensive teaching experience. They have taught students from different parts of the world: the USA, France, China, Jordan. Summer school languages are English/Russian.

### **The School offers additional courses:**

- Russian language Phonetics,
- Russian language Grammar,
- Oral practice,
- Business Russian language,
- Old Russian language,
- Church Slavonic language, etc.

### **Aim of study**

The training in Summer Language School gives students an opportunity not only to study the language in its natural environment but at the same time to understand life and culture of peoples who live Mari El – the Russians, the Mari, the Tatars and etc.

We are glad to introduce you to ancient traditions of Russian and Mari people, to Russian ritual songs and wonderful sounds of Mari psaltery, walk in the circle of Mari dance and try local food.

### **The specific features of Summer School**

The study process in Summer Language School consists of:

– The language program itself. It means learning Russian language using integrated methods: one part of class is immersion without using foreign language; another part involves an intermediary language (English or German depending on the group).

– Ethnical and cultural program. It is devoted to The Mari El Republic, its traditions and culture. Lectures, excursions and master classes are held in different institutions of the city and the republic and also in the open air.

– Entertainment program. It includes visiting museums and exhibitions, excursions around the city, seeing historical and cultural sites of the Mari El Republic, outside walks.

### **What is the process of language learning?**

Practical classes of Russian language are taught by professors of Russian, Literature and Journalism department from the Faculty of History and Philology at Mari State University.

Lectures and master classes are provided by well-qualified professionals in this field.

During the walks around the city, excursions and trips to different regions of the republic you can communicate with native speakers.

Moreover, students of the Faculty of History and Philology accompany Summer Language School listeners during entertainment program and also in spare time in the evening. They can help significantly in learning of every day Russian language.

The ethnical and cultural part of the program includes:

- Excursion around the city and visits to the museums of Yoshkar-Ola where students can learn about history, geography and culture of the region;
- A journey to Kozmodemyansk, the oldest town of the republic, with an excursion to the following museums: Open Air Ethnographic Museum with an exposition that demonstrates life and culture of Mari people, A.V. Grigoryev's Art and History Museum with canvasses by Kustodiyev, Vrubel, Shishkin, Golovin, and Malyavin, Museum of Merchant's Household with interiors, furniture, and household items of a merchant's house;
- Various workshops: "Russian traditional cuisine", "Traditional Russian folkgames", "Various forms of Russian gingerbread", "Traditional tee from the samovar";
- Video club: films in Russian. Watching and discussing.

Language classes accompanied with cultural program will give our students a great opportunity to see Russia with their own eyes and to form their own opinion about Russia and Russian people today.

At the end of Summer School all students will get an official Certificate of the Mari State University with the results of their studying.

### **Accommodation**

Listeners are placed in dorms of Mari State University.

Come to study Russian language to the Mari State University! Summer School of Russian language and Culture will be the right choice for you!