

Summer School of Mari Language and Culture

Yoshkar-Ola, Republic of Mari El, Russian Federation

Summer School takes place in Yoshkar-Ola, the capital of the Mari El Republic. We invite students, postgraduates, lecturers, professors, scientists and everyone who is interested in Mari language and culture as a part of Finno-Ugric World.

You are welcome to apply and learn more about Mari language, a kindred language to many other Finno-Ugric / Uralic languages: Finnish, Estonian, Hungarian, Komi, Udmurt, Erzya and Moksha Mordovian. Come to study unique Mari culture, which has its roots in the pre-Christian pagan beliefs. You will be taught to speak, write and understand Mari, learn about traditional life of Mari people, see the Volga river and feel the spirit of this Finno-Ugric minority in the middle of the Russian mainland.

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

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

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 which flow into local rivers.



You can visit here Sheremetev's castle estate museum situated on the left bank of the Volga and many other architectural sites. Located in Kozmodemyansk, famous all over Russia the A.V. Grigoriev's historical and arts museum gathered unique canvas of the greatest Russian painters from XVIII-XX centuries; there is also one Ethnographic museum in the open air which offers an exposition about Mari culture and everyday life in 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 of the Volga region. It stands on the bank of the Malaya Kokshaga River.



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Travel to Yoshkar-Ola

A direct train leaves every evening from Moscow to Yoshkar-Ola from the Kazansky railway station (Kazansky vokzal). The trip is approximately 16 hours. The train arrives the next morning to Yoshkar-Ola. International Office staff will greet you upon arrival and provide transportation from the railway station. If you choose to come via the cities of Kazan or Cheboksary, we can offer some advice and instruction.

Accommodation

Students are placed in the dorms of Mari State University.
Come to study Mari language to the Mari State University! Summer School of Mari language and Culture will be the right choice for you!