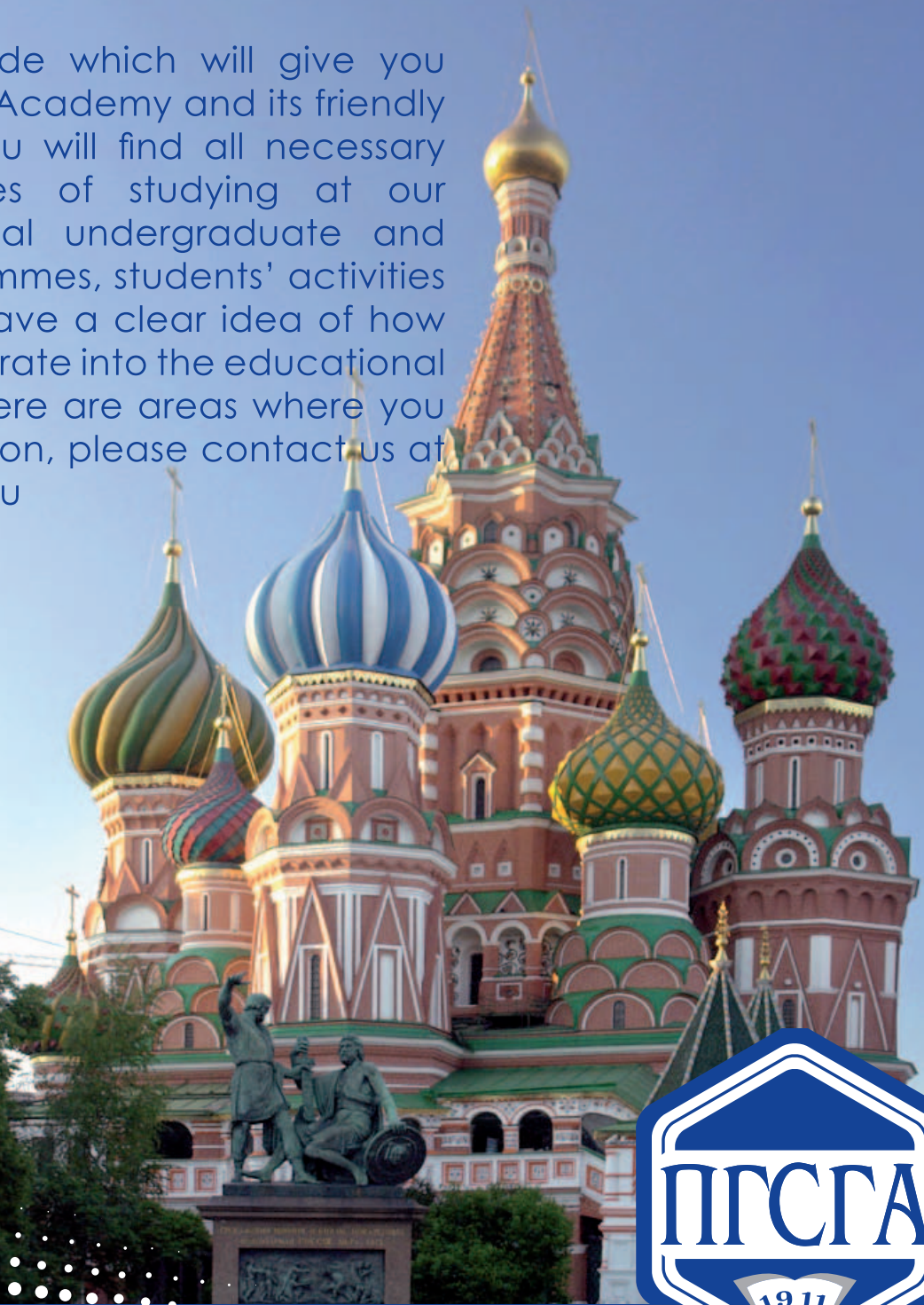




**LET'S STUDY TOGETHER**

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Welcome to this guide which will give you some glimpses of our Academy and its friendly atmosphere. Here you will find all necessary information on issues of studying at our institution, educational undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, students' activities and so on. You will have a clear idea of how we can help you integrate into the educational system of Russia. If there are areas where you need further information, please contact us at [international@pgsga.ru](mailto:international@pgsga.ru)



# Welcome to Russia

Welcome to Russia – a great country that spreads for many kilometers and spans eight time zones and two continents. The country combines in its culture something taken from practical West and at the same time a lot taken from mysterious East.

We offer you a fascinating adventure.

- You will discover the beauty of Russia.
  - You will see the unique landscape and crystal-clear water reservoirs, endless forests and great mountains covered with snow and many-many other exiting things.
  - You will find out about the hospitality of the Russian people.

As for education Russia keeps to the very best ever existed in the country combining old traditions with new educational approaches in teaching and research. Russia's higher education is distinguished by the variety and flexibility of its educational programmes. Long or short, academic or applied, professional or scientific – every programme has unique characteristics reflecting its distinct goals and purposes but all aiming at students' further professional competence and success. Students work under the supervision of highly-qualified professors and are provided with an excellent background for their studies.



# Welcome to Samara

Samara is one of the most beautiful cities in Russia. It is highly attractive from the point of natural beauty mainly due to its extremely favourable geographical position. Situated 1200 km to the south-east of Moscow Samara is the meeting point of the Europe's longest river, the Volga and the Samara River, one of its most beautiful tributaries.

A few kilometers from Samara lies the National Park "Samarskaja Luka" that is one of the most stunning in the world. From the city buildings you can enjoy a splendid panoramic view of the Zhiguli Mountains, the highest in the central European part of Russia. This perfect combination of the riverside and mountain picturesque views creates that unique atmosphere of safe, friendly and welcoming environment all Samara citizens are so proud of.

Samara is a modern city with a distinguished history and strong traditions, industrial, cultural and educational. It is a dynamic city, busy reinventing itself for the 21st century. With the population of the region of somewhat 3.3 million 600 thousand people work for the nationwide important large and small industrial companies including the motor car, petrochemical, machine-building plants, food industry factories etc. So enhanced employment prospects are a major goal both to graduate and postgraduate students. However many achieve their aspirations all across the country and overseas as well.

Transport links between Samara and the rest of Russia are well-developed and efficient. Despite the vast territory of the country there is an easy access by road, air and rail to every part of Russia including Moscow and St Petersburg. The Kurumoch Airport, a 40-minute drive from Samara, provides regular national and international flights. Moreover in the very center of the city there is a newly-built railway terminal, very important to the country's life as it links the northern part of Russia with its south and the west with the east.



Being one of the largest railway stations in Europe the terminal is the pride and showplace of the city. From the terminal observation platform you can enjoy a marvelous bird's-eye view panorama of Samara.

One of Samara greatest attractions is its embankment that stretches along the Volga for many kilometers. Fountains, a wealth of flowerbeds, cosy cafes and sandy beaches create a romantic atmosphere of a resort city.

Samara is a treasury of the best examples of architectural styles. Buildings created in the style of art Nouveau are considered an independent phenomenon in Russian architecture. A walk around a historical part of the city will give you a special delight. This is a place where different times and epochs are mixed.

One of the musts for foreign guests is The Stalin's Bunker Historical Museum which opened its doors to visitors only in 1990. Before that time, it was a secret military construction. The museum is situated at a depth of 37 meters. Did the famous generalissimo have a chance to use this shelter or not? History is dumb on it. However, the offices of the personnel, Stalin's private room, and a council hall have retained the atmosphere of the wartime, and it seems that they are still waiting for their host.

As for entertainment and cultural life the city provides hundreds of opportunities with its museums and art galleries, splendid old cathedrals and modern magnificent buildings, theatres and cinemas, parks and gardens. Students find it easy to become part of the rich cultural life of the city as there are nightspots, arts and other activities to discover as well as restaurants and bars to please any pocket.

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