

# MINUSINSK

IS THE GUARDIAN OF THE SPIRIT  
OF THE DISTRICT MERCHANTS





- Minusinsk is the capital of the southern Krasnoyarsk territory. One of the oldest cities in Krasnoyarsk, the guardian of the spirit of the district merchants. At various times, Minusinsk was home for gold miners, merchants, artisans, scientists and cultural figures. The city is located in a unique area, on the right coast of the Yenisei River, in the center of a vast forest-steppe basin. The mountain framing of the Minusinsk depression creates a special climate. Just imagine: in Siberia, watermelons and melons are ripping, apricots and grapes bear are fruiting, and tomatoes, whose size and taste are amazing, are growing in the open ground!



- Thanks to its 200-year history, rich past, historical and cultural monuments, Minusinsk was included in the list of historical places of the RSFSR in 1990. Today it is included in the list of cities-monuments of the Krasnoyarsk territory.

- The history of Minusinsk can be divided into three stages: the village of Minusinsk – since 1739, the hamlet of Minusinsk – since 1780, the city of Minusinsk – since 1823.

- But 350 million years ago, there was a sea on the site of the Minusinsk basin.

- The symbol of Minusinsk on the city's coat of arms has become a running Golden horse on an azure field, as a sign of the vastness of the Minusinsk steppes.

- Minusinsk is called the «Southern gateway to Asia», because it was from here that merchants in winter along the Yenisei River, in summer along the pack trails through the Sayans conducted their trade with the Uriankhai region (Tuva), Mongolia and China, delivering cattle, furs, Chinese tea, porcelain and silk fabrics to the Yenisei province.

- This is the story: representatives of the three stages of the revolutionary movement – the Decembrists, Narodniks, and Social Democrats - were exiled in Minusinsk.

Minusinsk Museum named after N. M. Martyanov

- Minusinsk Museum is called «the first on the Yenisei», it was founded in 1877. The Museum proudly bears the name of its founder, pharmacist, botanist Nikolai Mikhailovich Martyanov. The foundations of Museum business in Siberia was laid by him. The raneta variety, more than 20 species of plants and fossils, a street in Minusinsk, a river in the Kuznetsk Alatau and a peak in the Western Sayan were named in honor of Martyanov.

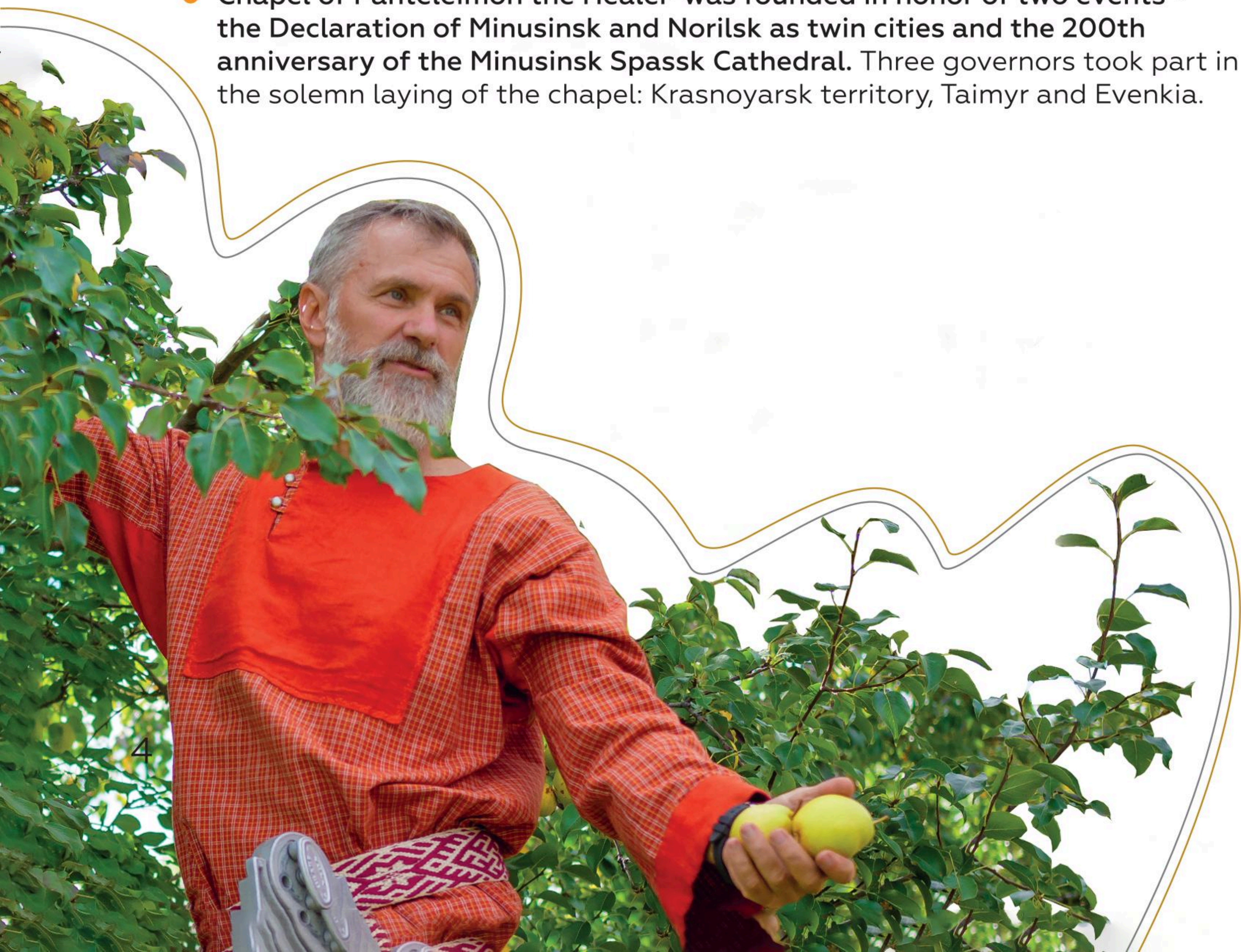
- In the 1970s, Minusinsk was called the «city of drivers», all because there were more than 20 transport companies, and a significant part of the population was engaged in cargo transportation along the Usinsk highway, which connects the South of Siberia with Tuva.

- Of course, in a place where huge tomatoes are grown, the annual holiday «Minusinsky tomato Day» is held, which, by the way, won in the category «Best tourist event in the field of gastronomic tourism» in Siberia and the Far East in the «Russian Event Awards» competition in 2018.

- In every city there is a place that is called a visiting card, in Minusinsk such a place is Cathedral square and a unique architectural ensemble of buildings built in the XVIII-XIX centuries, the basis of which is the Spassk Cathedral!

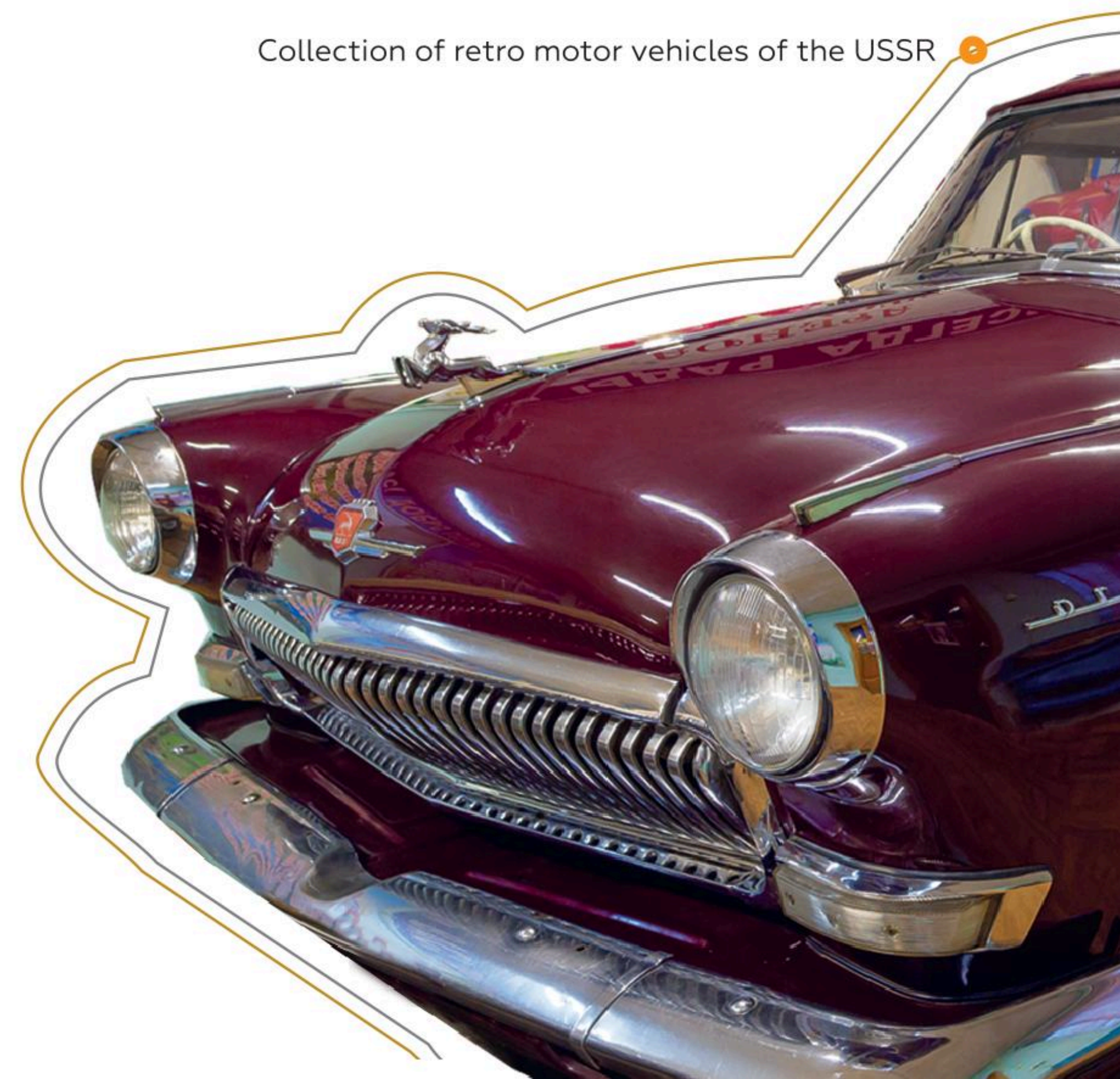
- Merchant Wilner's house is called the «small Siberian Winter Palace». The building, designed in the Siberian Baroque style, belonged to a merchant of the first Guild, who made capital in the fur trade, known in Nizhny Novgorod, Leipzig and London, and is considered as one of the richest merchants of his time.

- **Minusinsk is a city of «Minusinsk artists» whose work is known far beyond the Krasnoyarsk territory.** 3 contemporary artists are members of the Union of Artists of Russia: Sergey Bondin, Vitaly Valkov and Irina Bekhtereva (Yakusheva).
- **Minusinsk is the homeland of Siberian gardening.** In the literature of the XIX century, Minusinsk and its lands are called «Siberian Italy» because of the favorable climate. And Minusinsk tomatoes are famous all over Russia; their seeds are grown even abroad.
- **Chapel of Panteleimon the Healer-was founded in honor of two events - the Declaration of Minusinsk and Norilsk as twin cities and the 200th anniversary of the Minusinsk Spassk Cathedral.** Three governors took part in the solemn laying of the chapel: Krasnoyarsk territory, Taimyr and Evenkia.



- **Tagarskoe Lake.** About the unique healing properties of the lake mud was known in the XIX century. Not far from the lake there is a mineral spring, where the purest drinking water is extracted from a depth of 200 meters.
- **Collection of retro motor vehicles of the USSR-it is impressive that this Museum is private, created by own forces and means of one family in several generations: they themselves find cars in any condition and restore them with their own hands, almost every exhibit presented is in working condition.**

Collection of retro motor vehicles of the USSR



### • 1803–1814

The first stone Church of Minusinsk, the Spassk Cathedral, was built instead of the wooden Church built here in 1781

### • 1865

Minusinsk has nine factories and plants, including four brick factories, three tanneries, and two fat heating plants. The largest were breweries and wineries

### • 1875

The first mayor of Minusinsk was elected merchant of the 1st Guild, hereditary honorary citizen Ivan Gavrilovich Gusev. All subsequent leaders of the city, up to 1908, were also from the merchant class

### • 1882

The first steamship arrived from Krasnoyarsk, and since 1883, permanent shipping traffic to Minusinsk has been opened.

### • 1909

the first steam mill was built in Minusinsk, its owner, N. P. Pashennykh, was a monopolist of the entire flour production in the district

### • 1941–1945

during the Great Patriotic War, Minusinsk enterprises produced for the front: felt boots, skis, sleds, fur coats, shag and food. Hospitals and orphan homes were located in Minusinsk

### • 1986, 1988

In Minusinsk held large sporting events – the V Winter Spartakiada of Peoples of the USSR and the regional Summer Sports Contest of the Towns in Krasnoyarsk Region

### • 2011

the largest tomato in the history of the Minusinsk tomato Day competition was grown - its weight was 2,146 gram

### • 2023

Minusinsk celebrated the 200th anniversary of the city's Foundation

## WE RECOMMEND YOU TO VISIT IN MINUSINSK

**Minusinsk Museum named after N. M. Martyanov**, where 230 thousand unique antiquities are stored.

**Sobornaya square** is a witness to all the historical events that took place in Minusinsk over 200 years.

**The only Museum of the Decembrists** in the Krasnoyarsk territory, it reflects the life of participants in the armed uprising on Senatskaya square in 1825 during the Siberian exile.

**Spassk Cathedral** is the main Church of the Minusinsk deanery with more than 200 years of history.

**Memorial house-Museum «Apartment of G. M. Krzhizhanovsky and V. V. Starkov»** - keeps the life of the district city estate and the life of political exiles

**Chapel of Panteleimon the Healer** with its interesting history.



**Wilner house**, which is called the «small Siberian Winter Palace».

**Minusinsk Drama Theater** - one of the oldest theaters in Siberia, was located on the 2nd floor of a fire building; first, the theater is always under supervision, and secondly, a large number of firefighters were members of the society of theater lovers.

**Tagarskoe Lake** is a popular tourist destination located 17 km from Minusinsk.

**Private collection of retro motor vehicles of the USSR**-here is collected cars, motorcycles and scooters of Soviet production.

## WHAT COULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU?



SWEETS



PAINTINGS



MUSHROOMS

- You could take with you **paintings** by local famous artists,
- products **of Siberian folk** crafts: birch bark, ceramics, wood, bone,
- **seeds** of famous Siberian tomatoes
- **pine nuts, mushrooms, honey.**
- Minusinsk **mineral water** with unique properties,
- milk, butter, cottage cheese and cheeses from the Minusinsk brand **«Sibirzhinka»**,
- marshmallows, marmalade, cookies and gingerbread **Minusinsk confectionery factory.**



## WHY SHOULD YOU COME THERE?

- To walk through the streets of the district merchant city and **plunge into the atmosphere of the XIX century**
- To visit the holiday «**Day of the Minusinsk tomato**» and taste dishes from the famous Minusinsk tomatoes
- To **enjoy plenty of clean Siberian air** in a place surrounded by ribbon pine forests
- To enjoy the picturesque natural landscapes that **inspired Minusinsk artists.**
- To **improve your health** in health resorts



## HOW TO GET THERE?



### BY CAR

It is necessary to move along the P257 «Yenisei» highway (former M54). Distance from Krasnoyarsk to Minusinsk is 431 km. The trip Krasnoyarsk-Minusinsk by car will last ~ 6 hours, in the winter season, lay on the road more time



### BY BUS

Regular buses run daily from Krasnoyarsk bus station to Minusinsk. The average travel time is ~ 8 hours and 30 minutes.



### BY RAILWAY TRANSPORT

Take the KRASNOYARSK-ABAKAN train. Travel time ~ 11 hours and 40 minutes. You can get from Abakan to Minusinsk by Shuttle bus. Travel time ~ 40 minutes. You can take the KRASNOYARSK-ABAKAN train to Minusinsk station, which is 10 km from the city, and take a regular bus or taxi to Minusinsk.

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