

KREMLIN, A STORY OF RUSSIA (The)

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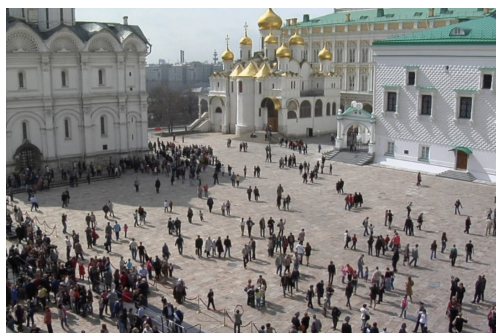
In the last 20 years, Moscow has chaged out of all recognition;
Russia has been turned upside down. But in the heart of the
city, untouched by the upheaval in the streets, stands the
Kremlin, an impenetrable citadel where time seems to have
come to a standstill.

Its famous red brick walls hide no less than six cathedrals,
barracks, an armoury, a 19th century presidential palace as
well as several other palaces from the 16th and 17th
centuries, a convention centre and a number of tourist
attractions...

In Russian, the word "Kremlin" means fortress - it has always
been a seat of power. Tsar Nicolas II was crowned here in
1896, with a grandiose ceremony filmed by the Lumière
brothers. The coronation would turn out to be the last of the
Romanov dynasty, but it became history's first filmed news
report.

In the 1930s Stalin isolated himself in the fortress. Back in
those days, the Kremlin closed in on itself. The 'détente' came
only in 1957, four years after Stalin died, when Nikita
Khrushchev, the new master of the Kremlin, opened the
fortress's gates once again...until teh end of his tenure in
1964.

Throughout time, the Kremlin has remained a secretive place
which is not easily accessible. Except for those who keep it
functioning on a daily basis. All of them have one thing in
common: they are proud to serve in the Kremlin, custodian of
the history of this immense country...



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