Books from all over the world

Ann Morgan, a modern British writer, had not read a book translated from another language before 2012. Her literature collection consisted mainly of stories and novels by British and American authors, and they were all in English of course. This was not enough to be called a cosmopolitan reader!

At the start of the New Year, Ann made a resolution to read a book from every country in the world, written by a national writer. She wanted to complete the task by the end of the coming year. She made a catalogue of the countries, the members of the United Nations. When her list came to one hundred and ninety-six items, she realized it would be practically impossible to find a book from each of these countries.

The first idea was to check the local bookshop but they only had a small range of books. So, Ann decided to ask the world's readers for help. She created a blog called "A Year of Reading the World" and asked all the readers to suggest her titles of books from their country available in English. The responses came very fast.

Ann was greatly surprised to find out how many people wanted to share their ideas and opinions about books. Some of them posted her the books. Others spent hours looking for references and resources for her. In addition, two writers from Turkmenistan and Panama sent her unpublished English versions of their novels.

But, even with such a great team of helpers, finding foreign books translated into English was not easy. The biggest problem was the small states in Africa. They had very few written books, and instead had mostly manuscripts or even traditional performances by local storytellers. But Ann did not give up and managed to get some absolutely brilliant literary samples from the African continent.

In addition to language problems, politics disturbed her plans too. In 2011 the new country of South Sudan was founded in Africa. Ann began panicking as the half-a-year-old country had produced no books since its creation! The only chance of getting a literary sample from this country was to fly there and find a storyteller. Fortunately, a local Internet contact put Ann in touch with a Sudanese writer, who sent her a precious copy of their book.

Ann spent the whole year collecting the books, reading them and writing her blog. According to her plan, she had to read a new book in two days. As she had a job, this was not easy to do. She had to sit up at night reading until her eyes became tired.

But it was worth it! During the year of her imaginary literary journey, Ann discovered a lot about the people of the world, their lives and mentalities. She has changed her perception of the world and made lots of new friends. In her blog, Ann confessed that it had been the most interesting year of her life.

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13. Ann Morgan learnt French at school.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

14. Ann's plan to read a book from every country was designed for 5 years.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

15. People from different countries become interested in Ann's project.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

16. For her project , Ann needed books written in their original languages, not English versions..

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1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

17. Ann enjoyed books written by African writers much more than books from South America.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

18. Ann had to fly to South Sudan to get a book from there.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

19. Ann did not regret that she had spent so much time on the project.

1) True
2) False
3) Not stated

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1.What cities are included in the Golden Ring of Russia?

2.What is special about the Golden Ring cities?

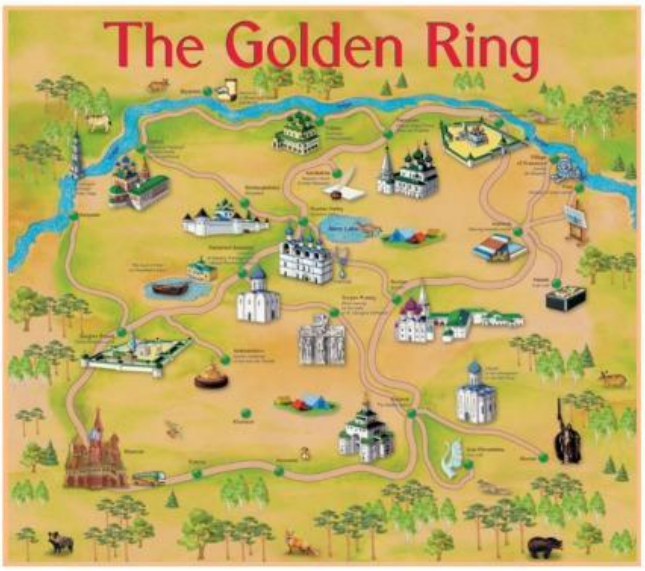
3.How is it possible to visit the cities of the Golden Ring?

4.When is it better to travel to the Golden Ring cities?

5.What are the accommodation options for tourists?

6.What cities of the Golden Ring should be visited first?

7.Who is the Golden Ring tour for?



A. The Golden Ring of Russia is an unusual and interesting route, featuring the medieval cities of Russia with a great number of churches and monasteries. The cities of the Golden Ring escaped most of the industrial progress. Some local communities there still live in a traditional way of life of the countryside. The most valuable thing about the Golden Ring is that its cities keep the original buildings of old times, and many of them have remained almost the same as they were in the past.

B. The Golden Ring tour is a perfect experience for those who have visited the two capitals many times and are looking for more relaxing and quiet experiences now. The Russian countryside is a place to go if a person wants a journey outside the noise of big cities. The Golden Ring will be a real pleasure for those who are into history, as they will learn a lot about it. This interesting journey is also a wonderful chance to try traditional Russian food.

C. The Golden Ring is a real attraction for tourists who want to feel the true Russian spirit. This famous touristic route consists of nine ancient Russian cities. The cities that are traditionally listed in the Golden Ring are Sergiev Posad, Pereslavl-Zalesskiy, Rostov the Great, Yaroslavl, Kostroma, Ivanovo, Suzdal, Vladimir, and Uglich. The Golden Ring consists of many well-known monasteries, medieval wooden houses, and a range of historical monuments.

D. Generally, from 2 to 5 days are needed to visit the Golden Ring's most interesting locations. Daytrips from Moscow are available for those who have only a few free days to spend in the Golden Ring cities. In fact, it is not a problem to visit just a few cities in the series. One can travel by trains and buses, but the most convenient way is to travel by car or book an organised minivan tour that offers convenient transportation.

E. Though it is easy to take day-trips from the capital to the Golden Ring cities, one should also consider spending in one of them a few days just to have more time to relax, enjoy nature, and the local atmosphere. There are not many 5-star hotels in these cities though, but it does

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not mean that it is difficult to find where to stay. There are stylish small hotels with cosy comfortable rooms, often decorated with wood and various handicrafts.

F. The very peak of the high tourist season in Russia is from early May till late September. The weather is warm and sunny during the summer months, and the spring months offer rolling green fields and flowers. This is the perfect time for a tour of the Golden Ring cities, to see top attractions in no rush. There are more rainy days towards October and November, so it is wise to choose a date starting sometime between May and September

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