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**Alexander Rodionov : Russia Survival Guide** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Russia Survival Guide:

5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Essential cultural preparation for your Russia tripBy C. StarrHalfway through this book, I'm so happy I purchased it. The authors provide a context to the perceived cultural divide between Russians and non-Russians, offering explanations of Russians' style of dress, their conspicuous consumerism, and the source of some of their nationalism. A historical context is also offered, explaining the effects of

the last quarter century of change in that country. An example of something I haven't learned from other guide books: according to "Russia Survival Guide," official tour guides in major cities like Moscow and St. Petersburg must pass annual tests for the museums that provide their licenses; to be a licensed tour guide at all requires a course of study comparable to that required for a masters' degree. This book gives me a greater understanding of the Russian people -- at a time when mutual understanding is very important. Caveat: not everyone is going to appreciate or agree with every (blunt) observation that the authors make in this book; I think we can agree that the questions posed by the book are the point here. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful book! By Mom of 4 Perfect book! I highly recommend for all traveling to Russia! Simple. Great knowledge. Perfect. This is exactly what we needed for our trip. Thanks for such a fabulous book! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. helpful and interesting! By Tatiana I find this book very helpful and interesting! I would especially strongly recommend it to everyone who is planning to travel to Russia. It will help you to understand Russia, its people, customs, culture so you will enjoy your trip more.

«Russia Survival Guide» is different from other travel guides out there in that it is conversational in tone and is written by two people who live in and have fallen in love with Russia. It is a treasure trove of historical and cultural facts and figures which are made more immersive by the authors' personal stories. It is also a great reference guide for anyone planning to travel to Russia, providing answers to questions regarding the visa process, what to expect upon arriving, the modes of transportation and what cultural spots to visit, to name a few. «Russia is an exciting, interesting, and dynamic country, but sometimes the differences that people come across are extremely frustrating and confusing,» says Krivchenia, «Our goal is to explain some of Russia's unique qualities so that our friends, clients, tourists, and all others can appreciate this amazing country.» A must-have for travelers and armchair travelers, «Russia Survival Guide» discusses all pertinent topics - from the country's architecture to the traffic - in a chatty and thoroughly enjoyable manner.

From the Back Cover The goal of this book is to help people understand Russia better and to have a better experience while they are here. We wanted to write something that would help people fall in love with Russia, as much as we have, by sharing our experiences and funny stories about our life as an expat in St. Petersburg (Maya Krivchenia) and travel professional organizer (Alexander Rodionov). Russia is an exciting, interesting, and dynamic country, but sometimes the differences that people come across are extremely frustrating and confusing. Our goal is to explain some of Russia's unique qualities so that our friends, clients, tourist, and all others can appreciate this amazing country. Hopefully this will help answer some of the many questions you already have about Russia while planning your trip. By traveling to Russia you will certainly have a unique experience and hopefully by reading this you will get to experience Russia to the fullest! About the Author ALEXANDER RODIONOV, CMP, DMCP Alexander Rodionov is the founder and director of Tsar Events DMC PCO - Russia's leading Destination Management Company. He graduated from the Far Eastern Federal University, with honors, with a major in Tourism management and was a winner of the Russian President Scholarship program in 2001. With more than 15 years' experience in MICE business, Rodionov became the first Certified Meeting Professional and Destination Management Certified Professional in Russia. His company Tsar Events DMC PCO is the winner of many internationally recognized awards.