

An article: Describing a place

The many faces of one resort

When you hear the word “Sochi” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Russia’s largest resort city on the coast of the Black Sea which is, strangely, hosting the Winter Olympic games this year. Just another seaside city, maybe just a little bit better-off due to recent huge investments. This might be true, but Sochi is much more of a place worth visiting than it seems to be.

To start with, although Sochi is renowned for being the most popular post-Soviet beach holiday centre, it is also a perfect place for skiing and mountaineering, as it is near the Caucasus Mountains. So, if you are tired of lazy sunbathing or water sports, you can always put on a warm coat and head for the mountains to enjoy beautiful views. The other thing to enjoy is the fact that Sochi is a very green, quiet city. A long walk down to the city centre will make you feel calm and relaxed.

Sochi also has a remarkable historic past, being a part of completely different countries throughout its long history, which influenced its atmospheric architecture. Want to travel in time? Apart from Saint Michael's Cathedral, Sochi’s oldest and most famous Orthodox church, a lot of other beautiful buildings can be found here, from Catholic cathedrals and Muslim mosques to different theatres and concert halls of both Tsarist and Soviet times. And don’t forget brand new sports facilities and other attractions built exclusively for the Olympics, which, apart from their architectural value, will provide even more opportunities to do winter sports during your holiday.

To sum up, Sochi can become a perfect choice for spending an unforgettable holiday – mainly because you will get a chance to see a lot of completely different places all combined in one city.

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