

NORTH OSSETIA – SMALL BUT BEAUTIFUL

Those, living outside Russia, rarely think and visualize it beyond the familiar images of Moscow and St. Petersburg. And maybe some terrifyingly rough sceneries of limitless Russian Siberia.



But there is also other Russia. It is a world within another world. A world so diverse and complex that you might spend your life studying it and still want more time to get an inch closer to its intricate secrets. This world is the Caucasus.

Lying right in the centre of it, at almost equal distance between the Black and the Caspian Seas, is the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania. It is one of the smallest Russian regions but one of the most densely populated. And it is definitely not among the last ones in its importance for the country.

The republic is strategically located on Russia's southern border and it

is a natural hub connecting Russia with the countries of Transcaucasia and Middle East.

The majority of the population is Ossetians or Alans, descending directly from ancient Iranian speaking tribes of Scythians, Sarmatians and medieval Alans. The ancestors of modern Ossetians once roamed the vast spreads of territories from China in the East to France,



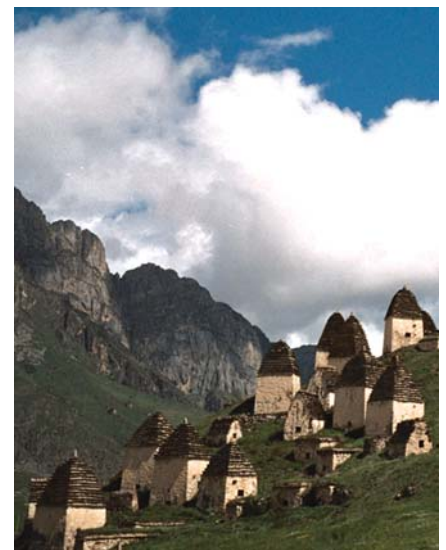
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Spain and Britain in the West, fighting in multiple wars and living off the bounties the wars could provide. But the only place where their ancient language and culture are currently preserved is the small territory on both sides of the Caucasus mountains, known today as North and South Ossetia.

Vladikavkaz is the capital city of North Ossetia-Alania. It is a pleasant

town embroidered by gorgeous chains of the stunning Caucasus mountains. Vladik – as many affectionately call it, is a perfect place for a leisurely vacation, but at the same time is an attractive place for doing business.

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