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7 Days in Russia

By M.G. Crisci

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If you never considered a trip to Russia, you'll be really tempted after reading *7 days in Russia*. This is a fascinating travelogue by M. G. Crisci. The book itself strikes you at first glance: a large-format high-end production in landscape format. Turn it over to its back cover, flip it right side up and the exactly same book appears, same text, same illustrations, but in Russian – two books in one!

The pages are heavy stock and glossy, text is large, writing is pleasant; it is an easy read, entertaining and with good humor. As in a travel book, many photos illustrate the text and these are good snapshots with occasional excellent photos ranging from quarter-page to full page (with a little too many with the author). Crisci received this fully-paid seven-day trip by winning an award offered by a Russian newspaper. From his previous books on Russia he had good contacts in the country which he used on his trip, interviewing people and learning about Russia and Russian life – with generally good impressions. This is a great coffee table book.

