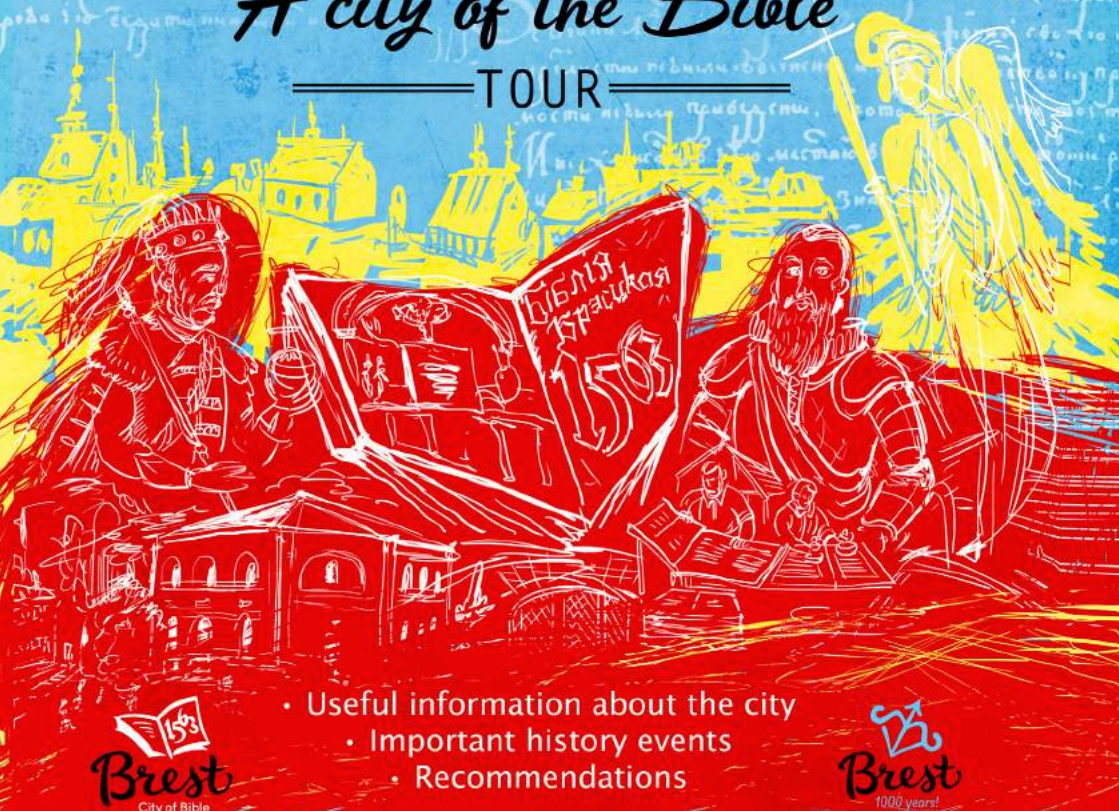




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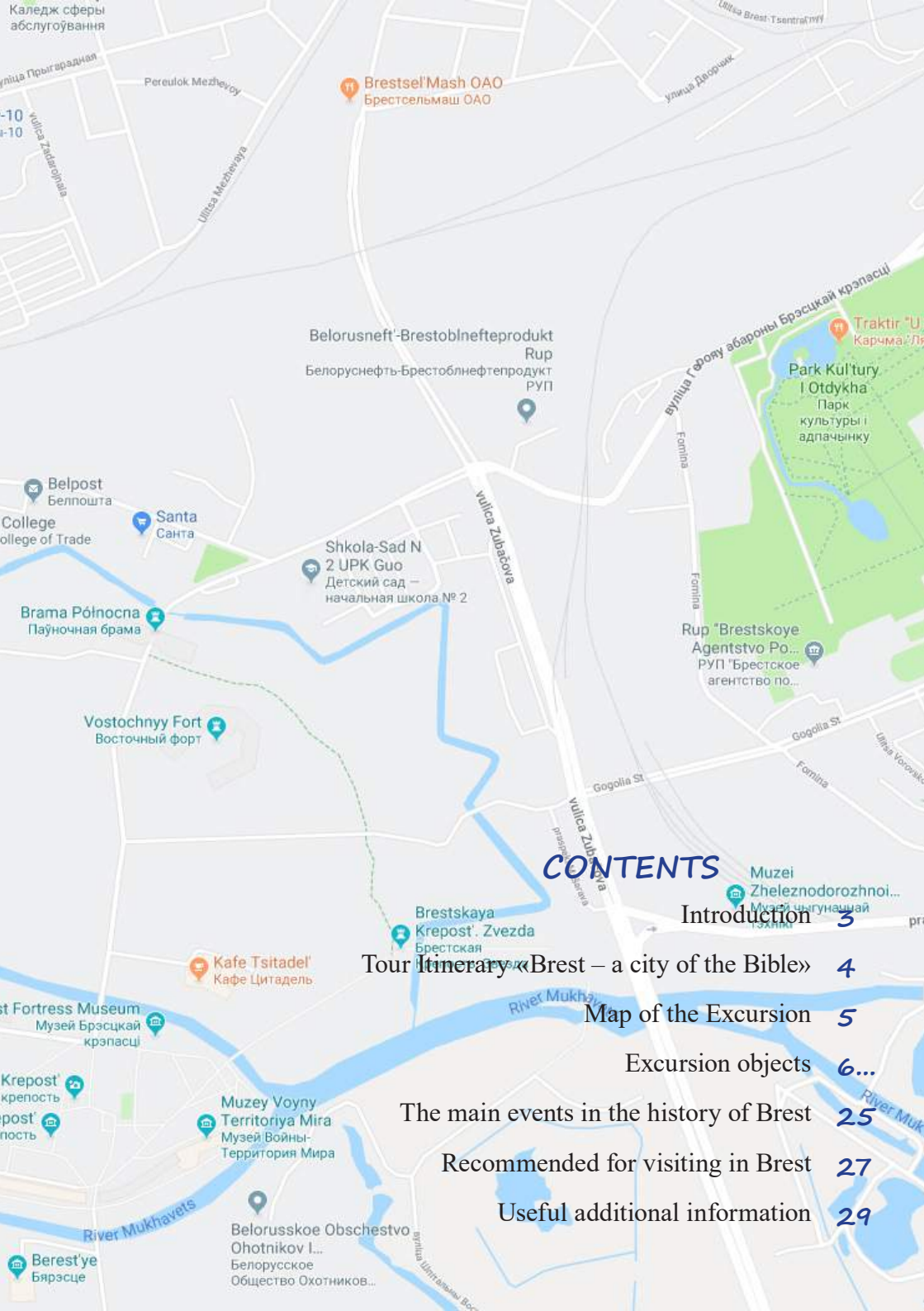
A city of the Bible

TOUR



- Useful information about the city
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Blessed memory of Ala Miasnianikina (1958 – 2019)
Deputy Director of Brest Regional Library

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 1000TH BIRTHDAY OF BREST, DEAR RESIDENTS, FRIENDS AND CITY VISITORS!

Each place has its own unique history, and Brest is no exception. It lies at the border of roads and epochs, with one of the main symbols of the city being the Bible.

Since its foundation, Brest has been a city at the intersection of cultures and confessions. For centuries, Orthodox Catholics, Protestants and Jews (i.e., people for whom the Bible is the main book) lived here peacefully. The famous Brest Bible, or the Radziviłł Bible, was published in Brest in 1563 at the expense of the Grand Duchy of Lithuania (GDL) Chancellor and Brest headman Mikalaj Radziviłł Čorny (the Black). The first edition of the Bible in the modern Belarusian language is also related to Brest, and was translated by pastor of the Brest Baptist church Lukaš Dziekuć-Maliej, together with the leader of the Belarusian national movement Anton Luckievič. The New Testament and Psalms in their translation were published in 1931, with a circulation of 25,000 copies.

This brochure, on the one hand, is a tribute to the people who introduced the Bible to their fellow citizens. And on the other hand, it's an attempt to build a bridge between generations. To do that, we invite you to join us on a journey, in the course of which we will learn about the story of Brest from the Radziviłł Bible to the publication of the New Testament and Psalms by L. Dziekuć-Maliej and A. Luckievič. Our tour route is called «Brest – a city of the Bible».

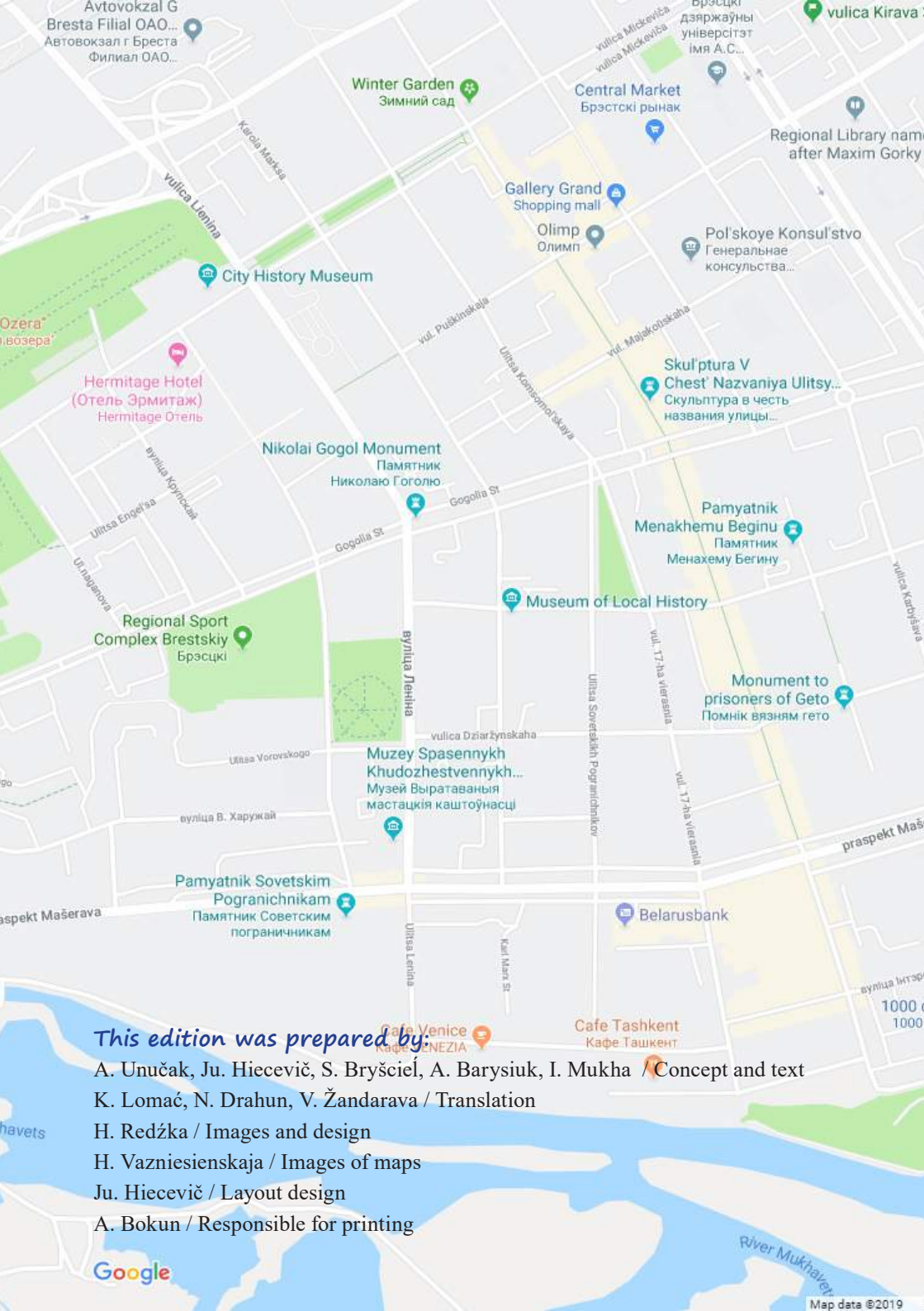
*The development team
of the tour itinerary*

TOUR ITINERARY «BREST – A CITY OF THE BIBLE»

Brest is one of the oldest cities in Belarus, it first being mentioned in 1019. The city has a rich and glorious history and is, therefore, one of the most promising centres of modern Belarusian tourism.

With a population of more than 340,000 people, it should be noted that Brest is multi-confessional. Historically, the city is home to Orthodox Christians, Catholics, Protestants and Jews. In Brest there are two universities, two theatres, a regional philharmonic society, and a regional library. Today, seven city museums are open to visitors, among which there is a unique archeological museum, «Biarescie», (part of the Brest Regional local history museum), and also the Air and Space Museum in Tamašoŭka, near Brest.

The itinerary of the tour «Brest – a city of the Bible» starts at the former Main Synagogue and moves towards the Brest Millennium monument, on which sculptures of historical heroes of Brest's past are placed, and ends at the memorial sign of the «Brest Bible», established in 2017.



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