



Hotel improving its services

Reconstruction of Minsk's Belarus Hotel to be complete by 2013

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Medieval apartments for rent

UNESCO World Heritage site, Mir Castle, to welcome overnight guests this summer Page 7



Let sadness fade away

It's difficult to imagine a ballet company lacking *Swan Lake* on its repertoire, or an opera theatre without *Carmen* Page 9



Belarusian tourist companies focus on hospitality and national flavour

Guides in English and French to help enjoy rural sights

By 2015, Belarus' export of tourist services should exceed \$500m, with over a thousand new recreation sites built. This year, the visa regime for foreigners could be simplified → 2

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Diplomats have the opportunity to worthily distinguish themselves

President Alexander Lukashenko accepts credentials from ambassadors of ten countries → 3

No one wants a 'hand out'

More than half of the Belarusian population aim to solve their financial difficulties independently → 6

Music goes beyond limits

Belarusian-French Youth Symphony Orchestra, headed by People's Artiste of Belarus Mikhail Kozinets, is great success in French Nancy → 9

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