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Before Kitezh, I had completed two intensive language studies in Russian before. I have to say that while Kitezh was not my longest stay in Russia, I definitely learned and gained more from Kitezh than I had from my two other abroad experiences. In Kitezh, although I was not studying in the classroom, I was actively putting everything I had learned and was learning into play, and that's not always possible in the cities or in a university setting. The last time I had been in Russia, I had studied in St. Petersburg, and I came home unhappy and didn't want to return to Russia. Kitezh completely changed that for me and I can't wait to go back to Kitezh.