

Just For Show

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The Kremlin is actually the Russian name for 'a fort inside a city' and is like our White House. There are many palaces within its walls. The largest is called St. George Hall where Mr. Putin or the prime minister give speeches to the Assembly of the Russian Federation which is similar to our Congress. This hall has 18 powerful twisted columns, massive gilt chandeliers, large statues of Victory crowned with laurel wreaths, a parquet floor with 20 kinds of wood, gold plated and silk covered furniture plus plaques where 10,000 names of award-winning officers and generals are engraved. It is 200 feet long, 67 feet wide and 57 feet high. When Putin or the prime minister come into this room I think it looks hilarious since they are both 5'4" – tiny compared to the 18 foot tall ornamented double doors which are opened as if a carriage and horses are coming through.