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# Russia to Give Crimea $37 Million to Restore Palaces

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The Dzhuma-Dzhami mosque in Kerch

The annexed Crimea region will get 2 billion rubles ($37 million) in federal funding to restore the peninsula's many historic mansions, estates and religious sites, news agency TASS reported last week, citing a local official.

The Dzhuma-Dzhami mosque in Kerch, the Tekie Dervishey monastery in Yevpatoria and the caravanserai Tash-Khan in Belogorsk will be among the first historical sites to receive funding, Crimean Culture Minister Arina Novoselskaya said.

The renovations will help the region present a "positive image of the historical places of Crimea," Novoselskaya said.

Well-known sites such as the Eagles Nest, a Gothic castle that is frequently featured on tourist memorabilia, and the Livadia Palace, where the Yalta Conference of World War II was held,

will also receive funding, Novoselskaya said, TASS reported.

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