1. The Republic of Belarus is situated in the center of Europe. It borders on Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine. Belarus occupies a territory of 207 thousand square kilometers. It's quite a compact country. Its population is about 9.5 million people, more than 80% of whom Belarusians. Representatives of more than 100 ethnic groups live in Belarus. I can’t but mention our gorgeous nature. For example, about 20000 rivers run across the country. The longest of them are the Dniapro, the Western Dzvina, the Pripyats. Moreover, there are about 10800 lakes here the largest of which is Narach. One more important fact about Belarus is that forests cover more than a third of the country. There a lot of national parks such as Belavezhskaya pushcha, Braslauski and Narachanski national parks and Biarezinski reserve. So, you see, the natural environment is rich and varied. The beauty of its natural landscapes continues to charm its visitors.

2. If to speak about the symbols of our country, at first I should mention the official symbols such as the state anthem, the state flag and the state emblem. Nevertheless, most people all over the world associate our country with potatoes because most traditional Belarusian dishes such as draniki and babka are made from it. One more symbol is the cornflower which is known due to our festival Slavianski Bazar which is held in Vitsebsk. By the way the things which are our pride and joy are the products of our factories, for example, sweets "Kamunarka", tractors "Belarus" and trucks "BelAZ". You can agree or disagree but to my mind our sportsmen, for example, Darya Domrachava, Viktoryya Azaranka, Nadzeya Skardzina and Maksim Mirny are also our symbols, who glorify Belarus on the world arena.

3. His/her first question will definitely be like this: what sights in Minsk are a must for a foreigner? Then I expect him/her to find out whether there are any interesting customs and traditions in Belarus. And finally he/she will want to know what national souvenirs he/she should buy.

4. Of course, I will definitely recommend buying different things from straw such as straw dolls and straw hats, souvenirs with national symbols whih I have mentioned before, flax products and postcards with our landscapes. Moreover I strongly advise him/her to buy our delicious food, different dairy and meat products, sweets because in my opinion they are of quite good quality and have gained great popularity abroad.

5. Taking into account the fact that Belarus holds numerous international events a lot of tourists pay a visit to this fabulous country. The first place they set their foot on is of course the capital of Belarus, the city of Minsk. As we all know, Minsk is a beautiful city with a long history. Besides, it's the city with modern architecture, shady parks and some churches. So I would advise starting the route from Upper Town where you can enjoy our gorgeous churches and, of course, the Trinity Suburb. We can see the Island of tears not far from Upper Town. By the way, a visit to Victory Square with its lofty obelisk and eternal fire is a must for every tourist. But not only Minsk is renowned for its sights. There are quite a number of palaces and ancient castles in Belarus too, for example Mir Castle, Kosava Castle, Lida Castle and Nesvizh Castle. History lovers can visit the oldest places of this country, such as Polotsk, the cradle of Belarusian statehood, Zaslavl, where the Bible by Simon Budny was published, and many others. So, I hope that I convinced you that Belarus is definitely worth visiting.