

Re: Kremlin

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Gerson W. Barbosa wrote:

Poul Erik Jørgensen wrote:

The Kremlin in Moscow is well known.

In Russian it is called Kreml'.

[...]

In a Danish news group we have been searching for an etymological explanation of forms like Kremlin - but we have found no acceptable solution.
Can you help us?

Euphony reasons perhaps? In English one could insert a schwa between 'm' and 'l', but in Latin languages 'Kreml' would be just impossible to pronounce.

Even if it didn't occur to us to pronounce the end of the word as we do for "camel", that wouldn't explain addition of an arbitrary syllable like "-in".

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