

Moscow, Russia



A spellbinding cathedral emerges beyond a wide archway. Red brick towers, crowned by iconic domes, rise vibrantly against a gray sky. Swirls of blue and white, green and gold, taper into neat points and form an enduring symbol. St. Basil's Cathedral sits at the center of a remarkable city. A legendary metropolis, Moscow is steeped in a varied legacy. Artists and writers have left their marks on this monumental city, as have the imperial dynasties and soviet leaders who once ruled here. The Moscow of today is one of the world's most distinctive destinations, renowned for all that is exceptional in culture, design, architecture, and gastronomy.

Memorable Experiences

Maritime Cruise

Board a riverboat and marvel at the city from the glorious Moscow River.

Artful Streets

Peruse the art galleries in Zamoskvorechye, the old merchant's quarter.

Monumental Landmarks

Explore the iconic churches and museums within the Kremlin and Red Square.

Historic Pastimes

Paddle a boat across Gorky Park's delightful duck ponds.

Distinctive Details

Elaborate spreads of smoked fish, salted mushrooms, cured meats, and caviar comprise traditional small dishes called zakuski, a tradition that dates back to the czars.

Starwood Preferred Guest Recommends


The Bolshoi Ballet


The sound of a Tchaikovsky pas de deux rises from the orchestra as a pair of dancers swirl across the stage. One of the world's most legendary dance companies, the Bolshoi Ballet, has enchanted legions of audiences since its founding in 1776.


Destination Information

Country Russia
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Population 10,514,400
Language Russian

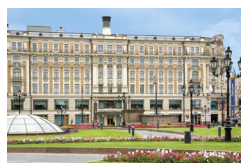
 **Area Code:** 495, 499
Country Code: 7

 **Vnukovo (VKO) Bykovo (BKA);
Sheremetyevo (SVO);
Sheremetyevo2 (SVO2)**

 **Transportation:** Car, Train, Bus, Boat,
Metro, Tram, Trolleybus, Monorail

 **Ruble (RUB)**

Nearby Luxury Collection Hotels and Resorts



Hotel National

15/1 Mokhovaya Street
Moscow, Russia
Phone: (7)(495) 258 700



Culture

Museums devoted to Russian art and literature reveal an outstanding artistic legacy.

Highly Recommended

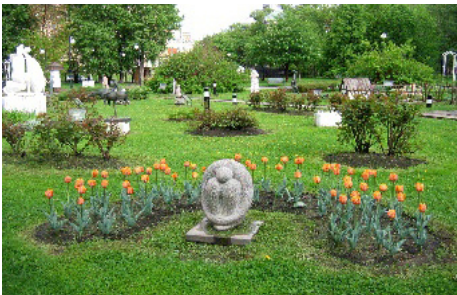


The State Tretyakov Gallery

Russian empresses stand proudly in bejeweled crowns and ermine robes while powdered curls frame the dignified faces of 17th century counts. From this rich trove of formal portraits to a vast collection of gleaming medieval icons and intriguing sculptures, this unparalleled museum presents the monumental history of Russian art. Housed in the historic residence of the collection's founder, the 19th century merchant Pavel Mikhailovich Tretyakov, over one hundred thousand works are displayed in the sixty-two rooms of this grand and whimsical mansion.

Address: 10 Lavrushinsky Lane

Phone: (7) (495) 951 1362



Art Park Muzeon

Magenta peonies blossom beside a female figure carved of white limestone. Miniature rose bushes display their light pink buds near a shallow pond where bronze cranes pose with wings aloft. An enchanting year round oasis, this rare sculpture garden is home to over seven hundred statues and monuments. Here, the grand figures of Soviet leaders, Asian characters, and stone lions rise among lush groves and peaceful fountains. Lenin's evolution from student to head of state is depicted in the busts and statues of "Lenin's Corner."

Address: Krymsky Val, Oktyabrskaya

Phone: (7) (499) 238 3396



Winzavod

Seven red brick buildings surround a courtyard emblazoned with colorful graffiti. Beyond the antique glass panes of factory windows, art galleries and artist studios take shape. A former winery, this twenty thousand-square-meter space is comprised of nine galleries and three exhibition halls where large-scale photographs and graphic paintings hang upon exposed brick walls and installations rise from concrete floors. A key component to the city's vibrant art scene, this extraordinary complex hosts artist talks and exhibitions, including the Moscow Biennale.

Address: 4th Syromyatnicheskiy Lane, 1-6

Phone: (7) (495) 917 4646



Shopping

Innovative designers redefine fashion in chic concept stores and exclusive boutiques.

Local Specialty



Vernissage in Izmailovo

In the morning light, a table covered with brass treasures allures. Antique teapots, candleholders, and art nouveau lamps crowned by stained glass shades offer moments of delight. Nearby, baskets overflow with buttons and silver plated spoons. A vivid weekend market, just outside Moscow's city center, the Izmailovo Vernissage is a radiant crafts fair where fine decorative arts mingle with traditional handicrafts and rare antiques from across Russia. Carved wooden stalls complete with fairy tale turrets display colorful matryoshka dolls and warm fur hats.

Address: Izmailovsky Park
Phone: (7)(499) 166 5569

Shops & Boutiques



Baccarat House Moscow

Saturated in an alluring hue of burgundy wine, a carpet leads through the entry of a princely mansion. Its sumptuous texture is emblazoned with a single character that shimmers in the glow of a spotlight, a timeless, elegant "B." The first Baccarat House outside Paris, this glittering den of crystal is housed within one of Europe's largest former pharmacies. A first floor boutique is illuminated by opulent chandeliers that cast white light upon glass tables covered with etched goblets, sculptured bracelets, timeless vases, and decadent candelabras.

Address: 19-21 Nikolskaya Street
Phone: (7) (495) 933 3389



Podium Concept Store

Tall windows flanked by sumptuous lengths of silk cover a royal façade. Beneath the carved ceilings of a breathtaking interior, exquisite cocktail dresses by Derek Lam and Michael Kors hang from steel racks while asymmetrical Givenchy suits are arranged alongside leather jackets by Balmain. A five-story palace of exquisite fashion, accessories, and designer goods for the home, this unrivaled emporium features a lavish décor, marked by Corinthian columns that rise from parquet floors. Baroque mirrors reflect black lacquer shelves embellished with damask prints.

Address: Kuznetskiy Most 14
Phone: (7) (495) 926 1535



Cara & Co

Neon lights glow from an exposed brick wall illuminating an industrial staircase where mannequins pose. Vintage clothing racks are filled with colorful frocks by an exclusive cache of hand-selected designers from Australia, Denmark, Belgium, and France. At Cara & Co, each splendid item, is placed artfully among stylish relics, from Scottish cashmere sweaters inside a 1940s writing desk to wool hats atop antique frames. Together, the selection embodies an inherent individuality and contributes to the singular aesthetic of this Moscow boutique.

Address: 4th Syromyatnicheskiy Lane, 1, Building 6, Entrance 22
Phone: (7) (495) 223 4111



Cuisine

Unsurpassed experiences transpire within the city's extravagant dining rooms.

Acclaimed



Restaurant Lucien

Upholstered in golden stripes, elegant chairs surround tables draped in rich brocade. An atmosphere defined by classic turn of the century style, a refined tone permeates this historic manor house from its graceful palms to an ironwork staircase that leads to a second floor. Named for the acclaimed 19th century chef Lucien Olivier, inventor of one of Russia's most beloved dishes, the Olivier Salad, this transporting restaurant features authentic meals from Russia's various provinces. Specialties include chicken kiev and smoked sturgeon with black caviar.

Address: Gilyarovskogo Street, 65 Building 1
Phone: (7) (495) 997 7665



Bon

Gilded thrones catch the flicker of candlelight while gun-shaped lamps crowned by black shades illuminate the ebony face of a smiling rhinoceros. A theatricality lurks in every mysterious corner of this sanctuary of lavish surrealism. International meals such as Catalan seafood salad, black truffle angus steak, and Sicilian cannoli grace a menu as dramatic as the Philippe Starck designed interior. Settle into the cowhide cushions of a Louis XVI style chair and surrender to the magnificent opulence of modern Moscow.

Address: Yakimanskaya Embankment, 4/1
Phone: (7) (916) 498 2097

Local Specialty



Cafe Pushkin

The dark wood of an ornately carved bar beckons. Behind orbs of light, antique jars line the shelves. On the floor above, a library displays rare literature. The works of Tolstoy, Shakespeare, and Goethe lie surrounded by an astonishing interior painted with mythological frescoes. Once the pharmacy of a German aristocrat, Café Pushkin is steeped in the glamour of another era. Feast upon French and Russian recipes, among historic globes and telescopes, and experience the enchantment of a bygone Russia.

Address: Tverskoy Boulevard, 26A
Phone: (7) (495) 739 0033



Sky Lounge

Twenty-two stories up, on the top floor of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a singular restaurant offers an unparalleled experience high above the city. Pastel hues of blue, yellow, pink, and green grace an assortment of rooftops below, as palaces, apartment blocks, and leafy parks merge with the horizon. Nowhere in Moscow are the views as exceptional as this. Fine Japanese cuisine, as well as an ample selection of international dishes and a premiere cocktail menu, complete this scenic adventure.

Address: Russian Academy of Sciences, Leninsky Prospekt 32a, 22nd Floor
Phone: (7) (495) 938 5775



Noteworthy

Vivid parks and Golden Ring towns offer discoveries outside the metropolitan bustle.

Day Excursions



Rostov Velikiy

Vigorous ringing echoes through the courtyard of an iconic monastery as a 17th century bell tower begins its midday chime. The silver faceted onion domes of picturesque churches rise above their pale pink facades, looming impressively against powder blue skies. Pine trees dot the landscape of this stunning riverside setting. One of Russia's oldest towns, Rostov Velikiy is a quintessential village on the storied Golden Ring. Stone roads lined with wooden houses, their windows framed with hand carved folkloric motifs, lead to the landmark cathedral.

Address: Yaroslavi Oblast, 200 kilometers northeast of Moscow

Family



Hermitage Garden

Spirited music fills the air as red-cheeked skaters glide across the ice. A winter wonderland in the heart of Moscow, the Hermitage Garden has been a social gathering place for over one hundred years. Home to theaters and opera houses, this landscaped oasis hosts cultural events, such as concerts and plays, on its stages and grassy lawns. A delightful playground in the warmer seasons, the garden is strewn with belle époque gazebos and graceful fountains. Stroll beneath 19th century streetlamps and soak up the historic atmosphere of this magical destination.

Address: Karetnyi Riad 3

Highly Recommended



The Museum by Name of Nicholas Roerich

A mountain crystal glows pink in a room swathed in royal blue velvet. Seven panels rendered in gold and black depict sacred figures such as an Egyptian priestess, Buddha, and the Virgin Mary. This cosmic room is a powerful introduction to the life and work of one of Russia's most influential figures, Nicholas Roerich, an artist, writer, scientist, and Russian philosopher. Roerich dedicated his life to history and culture and this distinctive museum showcases his artworks as well as relics from his excursions around the world.

Address: Malyi Znamenskiy Lane, 3/5

Phone: (7) (499) 271 3423

Local Specialty



Moscow's Metro Stations

Bronze chandeliers illuminate pale yellow ceilings embellished with ornate moldings. Marble floors striped in burgundy and persimmon are flanked by smooth, art deco arches. Palaces of the Moscow underground, the Russian capital's metro stations are among the most lavish in the world. Dating back to the 1930s, these extraordinary subterranean stations showcase the finest Soviet architecture and design. Mayakovskaya, Komsomolskaya, and Taganskaya stations are a few of the most remarkable.

Address: 177 stations located throughout the city