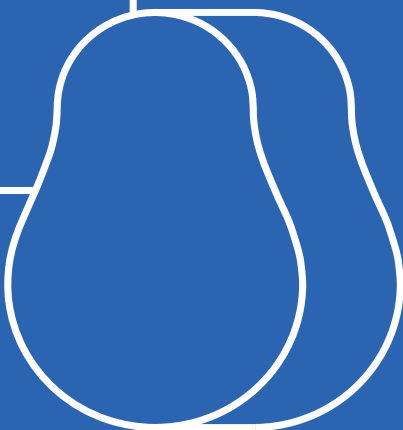
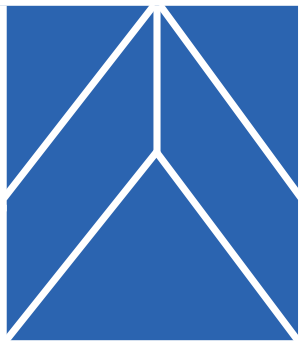


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**MOSCOW:
EVENTS AND CULTURE**



We would like to share with you the most important things to know about today's Moscow. We will be happy if during the three days with us you fall in love with its streets and squares, museums and parks, shops and restaurants, just like us. Forever and ever. To make you feel comfortable in our city, we have collected some useful information for you. We hope you will enjoy it!

Discover Moscow

Discover Moscow (discover.moscow) is the official tourist information portal about modern Moscow. Here you can find out about seasonal events, attractions, museums and sight-seeing routes of the Russian capital, find information on transport infrastructure and hotels in Moscow. The tourist portal is available in Russian, English and Chinese.

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Tourist information centers

Media center in Zaryadye park
6 Varvarka St., bldg. 1

Visiting center at the Kolomenskoye open air museum
39 Andropova Ave

Tourist contact center

Information on city transport, the most interesting places, assistance and consultations in emergency cases.

+7 (495) 122-01-11 – for calls from anywhere in the world.

122 – for calls in Moscow and Moscow region.

Calls are paid at the rate of the subscriber's mobile operator.

Useful phone numbers

112 – any emergency

+7 (495) 694-86-20 – if you lost documents

+7 (915) 293-06-25 – if you forgot your belongings in land transport

+7 (495) 622-20-85 – if you forgot your belongings in the subway

Getting from the airport

The best way to get to Moscow from Sheremetyevo, Domodedovo and Vnukovo airports is high-speed **aeroexpress** train: aeroexpress.ru. Alternative ways are suburban trains, buses, public taxi buses or taxi. It's easier to call a taxi in Moscow using the applications of the largest companies: Yandex.Taxi, City-Mobile, Gett or Uber Russia. If you are arriving at the airport at night, you can take a night bus: Sheremetyevo – H1, Domodedovo – No. 308, Vnukovo – H11.

Carsharing

Carsharing in Moscow is convenient and not expensive at all. All it takes is to download an operator app to your smartphone from AppStore or PlayMarket, enter registration details and wait for confirmation. The biggest carsharing companies are Yandex.Drive, YouDrive, Belka-Car, MatryoshCar and Delimobil.

Bikesharing

You do not have to walk in Moscow, you can enjoy sights and keep in trim renting a bicycle. Register in the bicycle rental system with Velobike application, at the station terminal or at velobike.ru, pay for the rental by card and you are ready to go! Daily access will cost only 150 roubles. After paying for access, you can ride as many times as you like up to 30 minutes at no extra charge. You can take a bicycle at one parking place and leave it at any other, and it is easy to find such parking places in the city.

River cruises

You can take a boat ride through the centre of Moscow at any time of the year even in winter – navigation on the Moscow River lasts 365 days a year. Excursion rides on ice-class yachts with a restaurant on board or on river cabriolets of the Radisson Royal Flotilla (radisson-cruise.ru) will allow you to see the capital from a different angle. Boat rides start every 30 minutes from 8 wharfs. There are performance and gastronomic cruises, animation for children on weekends.

Sightseeing Bus

To see the sights of the city, you can buy a ticket to the famous CitySightseeing double-decker (city-sightseeing.ru). Through the window or from the roof of the double-decker you will see the main and the most interesting things in the city and will certainly listen to the story about Moscow sights in your native language with a multi-language audio guide. The hop on – hop off system allows to get off and on the bus where you wish, and as often as you need.



▲ The Radisson Royal Flotilla



▲ Cable way on Vorobyovy Gory

Cable way

If you happen to be on Vorobyovy Gory, do not miss memorable experience of the cable way (srkvg.ru) connecting the observation site with Luzhniki stadium. The cabin is swinging smoothly in the wind, like a bird moving its centre of gravity from one wing to another. With the help of media screens and an audio guide in 4 languages, you can find out a lot of interesting things, including the history of the construction of the metro bridge, which is best seen from here. Exit to the take-off runway passes through different ends of Vorobyovy Gory Metro station.

Metro Tours

The Moscow metro is not only one of the main objects of transport infrastructure, but also an underground museum, and of course a destination for various excursions. Here you will walk through beautiful stations, 44 of which are recognized as cultural heritage sites, and will get to know rare and hidden chap-

ters of history. It is quite easy to get such an excursion: visit the site tour.mosmetro.ru and choose the topic, time and date that suit you. All the most interesting excursions in the Metro can be found at one place.

Mobile Art Theatre

Even if you have already been to VDNH, Patriarch's Ponds and other significant places in Moscow, the audio performances of the Mobile Art Theatre (mobiletheater.io) will allow you to take a fresh look at city streets. It's simple: you need to download the application, select a performance and go along its route after the heroes played by famous actors. The project's conceptual partner is the Moscow City Tourism Committee and the Discover Moscow tourist portal.

CITY HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS



▲ Spasskaya
Tower

Moscow Seasons (moscowseasons.com) — Moscow festivals at every time of the year. Christmas lasts 1 day, Christmas holidays last a week, and the Moscow Journey to Christmas Festival lasts 31 days! During this time, you can forget about everything, celebrating Christmas and New Year in the most fairytale winter capital of Europe. Journey to Christmas Festival presents about a hundred of locations in the city

centre, other districts and parks, performances and concerts, ice slides and skates, Christmas treats and souvenirs.



▲ Journey to Christmas
Festival

Historical reconstruction is fashionable and popular. Reenactors from all countries come together at the Boulevard Ring for the **Times and Epochs Moscow Festival**. Moving along the Moscow boulevards, you can fight with the knights, make an alchemical experience, become the right hand of a prince or dance a minuet – who knows what fantasies you might have!

Brateyevsky Park hosts the **International fireworks festival Rostec (pyrofest.ru)**. It is not just a pyrotechnic show, but a full-fledged family holiday.

The **Spasskaya Tower International Military Music Festival (spasstower.ru)** is a musical military tattoo fest with the participation of military bands, folk music groups and governmental honour guard divisions. Traditionally, it is culminated with a colourful parade on Red Square. The festival is arranged to coincide with the Moscow City Day. But you have an excellent opportunity to listen to popular tunes performed by military musicians for free all summer long, and military music schools are distinguished by the highest quality of performance.



▲ Times and Epochs Festival

Spasskaya Tower Festival revived one of the most beautiful traditions – performances of military orchestras in parks and squares



◀ International fireworks festival

At the request of the city residents, the Directorate of the Spasskaya Tower Festival revived one of the most beautiful traditions - performances of military orchestras in parks and squares.

The Circle of Light Moscow International Festival (lightfest.ru) is a fairy tale that has been observed by Moscow



▲ Spasskaya Tower Festival



▲ Circle of Light

residents and guests for several years. Lighting designers, making masters and 2D- and 3D-graphics professionals create real miracles, and Moscow, which is so beautiful itself, turns into a city of heaven in the evenings.



▲ Moscow Easter Festival

Moscow Easter Festival (easterfestival.ru) of symphonic, choir, chamber and bell music has been held already for 18 years. It is a major international forum with concerts of symphonic orchestras and musical bands from Russia (Moscow, Saint-Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod), Republic of Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Greece, Sweden, Lithuania and other countries.

Russia is a winter country, and the transition from winter to spring is a special event for all. Well, not everybody goes outside to jump over the fire and burn a straw puppet symbolizing Winter, but everybody eats pancakes. Pancake – the symbol of the sun – is one of the key elements of the Russian cuisine. Fest of pancakes and unbridled joy starts 56 days (8 weeks) before Easter and lasts exactly one week – from Monday to Sunday.

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Earlier it coincided with the vernal equinox and was celebrated on March 20 or 21. There are similar fests in other countries and regions. It is Celtic Beltane, Fastelovend in Cologne, Fassenacht in Mainz. Directly connected with the folk carnival culture, in recent years the **Maslenitsa** fest has been included to Moscow seasons program, and the guests of the festival watch festive performances, participate in contests and competitions and certainly have a lot of pancakes.



▲ Maslenitsa celebration

In the spring, Muscovites and guests of the capital focus on listening, because in the most unexpected places – in parks, on balconies of houses, in food malls, on motor ships cruising along the Moscow River – contestants from all over the world give live concerts. This is **Moscow Spring A Capella Festival** (acappella.moscow). Since this format assumes that the performer's instrument is always with him, almost any city space can "suddenly" turn into a concert venue.

▼ Moscow Spring
A Capella Festival



▲ Moscow Spring
A Capella Festival

Listen to music,
breathe in the
aroma and enjoy
the taste of
Moscow Seasons!

In the summer, when the surroundings are so fresh, sight and smell triumph. The international festival **Flower jam** (moscowflowerfest.ru) quickly gained popularity among Muscovites and tourists, and now projects created by landscape designers from around the world adorn the city throughout the summer. Each year the contest has its own theme. In 2018, these were Bright Colours, and in 2019 – Moscow Summer Gardens. But, in addition to the competition, hundreds of venues offer free workshops for adults and children, introducing the basics of landscape design, botany, chemistry and floristry. There you can learn to create designer bouquets and flower arrangements, prepare



▲ Flower jam



▲ Flower jam

for work in the garden, get acquainted with modern trends in landscape design or learn how to create volumetric projects of country houses and how to plant greenery. Plus, of course, free tours in parks, gardens and kitchen gardens!

Autumn is ruled by taste. In September-October, the main autumn **gastronomic festival, Golden Autumn**, is held throughout the city. Dozens of sites in the centre and urban districts sell seasonal farm vegetables, meat, fish and cheese. In addition, as part of the festival, special gastronomic programs are held in the city centre. The history and traditions of world gastronomy are revealed at informative lectures and excursions. In addition, culinary and sports classes, performances and concerts are held. Tens of tons of products are purchased and eaten during the festival.



Golden Autumn ►

CITY DAY



▲ Tverskaya Street

Moscow City Day is the main event of the year for the city residents. It is celebrated on the first or the second Saturday of September.

Each year the fest expands its reach more and more. Today it comes practically to each yard. Just leave your house and get to the closest festive ground around the corner. Big playing zones are waiting for you — family contests, master classes of home decoration and garden botanics; open air restaurants and fast food places, where you can taste shashlik and 160 kinds of ice cream; trade fair, where you can buy the tastiest sweets from 40 regions of Russia; contests of amateur flower gardeners, in which anyone can take part and win one of numerous prizes. By tradition, the City Day is crowned by festive fireworks.



▲ The Red Square

VICTORY DAY



▲ Immortal Regiment

Moscow is the city of Victory. The first parade was held in the Red Square in June 1945. The most advanced military machinery can be seen in Moscow as early as April, when intensive rehearsals begin. The ideal place to watch aviation show is Leningradsky avenue, Tverskaya street and Raushskaya embankment. Victory Day (may9.ru) is celebrated in parks, at Belorusskiy Railway Terminal, on Poklonnaya Gora. The Immortal Regiment action was started just 5 years ago, but it is already the most popular and mass action in Russia. Anyone who wants to pay tribute to the memory of the victorious relatives or honour the fallen soldiers can take part in it. Finally, the evening festive firework follows, which also consistently resounds in Moscow since May 9, 1945.



▲ Parade on the Red Square

FESTIVALS OF ARTS



▲ International Ballet Festival

The Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art

October 22 — January 22
moscowbiennale.art

▼ Biennale of Contemporary Art



For the first time, an international institution, the Albertina Museum (Vienna, Austria), whose collections will be brought to the capital, is a partner of the Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art (moscowbiennale.art). The main project of the 8th Moscow International Biennale of Contemporary Art will be held at the Tretyakov Gallery.

Moscow International Film Festival

April
moscowfilmfestival.ru

In the USSR cinema was considered to be the most important art. In 1935, Moscow hosted the first international film festival (only the Venice festival had started earlier). The chairman of the jury then was the famous Soviet film director Sergey Eisenstein. Renewed in 1959, Moscow International Film Festival (moscowfilmfestival.ru) received Class A accreditation certificate from the International Federation of Film Producers Associations in 1972, and up to the present day being a member of the MIFF jury is a matter of honour for any cinematographer.



▲ Moscow International Film Festival

International Ballet Festival

September 20 - 25
kremlinpalace.org/festival

In order to visit La Scala and the Vienna Opera, you can take a tour across Europe. Another option is to come to the International Ballet Festival and see in Moscow State Kremlin Palace the best performances with the participation of world stars: Royal Ballet "Covent Garden", Bavarian State Ballet, Paris Opera, English National Ballet and so on and so forth...



▲ Museum Night

Museum Night

May
museumnight.culture.ru

Museum Night is an action timed to the International Museum Day, during which you can see the museum expositions at night. First held in Berlin in 1997, it became very popular among Moscow youth. Indeed, there is absolutely nothing to do at night, and here you can immediately learn something that may take years to learn. And it is free of charge.

The Golden Mask

February-April
goldenmask.ru

The Golden Mask is a Russian national theatre award and festival. The festival of theatrical performances nominated for the Golden Mask Award is a vivid show presenting a broad picture of the Russian theatrical life to the professional community and the wide audience. And this life is really in full swing.



▲ The Golden Mask

MUSIC FESTIVALS



▲ Park Live

The International Tchaikovsky Competition

June
tchaikovskycompetition.com



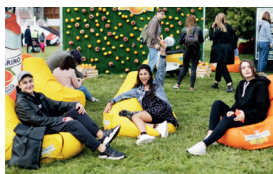
▲ The International
Tchaikovsky
Competition

The International Tchaikovsky Competition is a contest among young academic musicians, held since 1958 at 4-year intervals. The final auditions of the participants in the Great Hall of the Moscow Conservatory is a significant event in the world classical music, and it is extremely honourable to be an award winner of Tchaikovsky Competition.

Afisha Picnic

August
picnic.afisha.ru

Young people love open air festivals – green grass, loud sound, rock and electronic music idols. A lot of such events are held in the summer Moscow: **Afisha Picnic**, one of the largest open-air, annually hosts rock stars of the first magnitude. Over 60,000 spectators become witnesses of the program, which includes not only the musical part, but also food courts, a market, performances, modern art exhibitions, and open-air interactive events.



▲ Afisha Picnic

Park Live

July
park.live

Park Live has hosted Muse, Limp Bizkit, System Of A Down, Red Hot Chili Peppers, Paramore, Lana Del Rey, The Killers, and many others at different times. And it is not going to lower its sights.

Bosco Fresh Fest

June
boscofreshfest.com

Bosco Fresh Fest has been held in Moscow since 2012. Previously, the home venues of the festival were the Hermitage Garden and the VDNH, and now the Fresh Fest has occupied the Moscow Pioneer Palace at Vorobyovy Gory. Next year it will turn up somewhere else. It is the most fashionable and unpredictable youth festival.



▲ Usadba Jazz

Usadba Jazz

June
usadba-jazz.ru

Usadba Jazz is an annual international open-air festival that brings together jazz, funk, worldmusic, acidjazz, lounge, jazz-rock, blues and other music genres. In 2019, the festival was held in Kolomenskoye.

Jazz in the Hermitage Garden

August
usadba-jazz.ru

In August, jazz lovers are going to have another fest – the **Hermitage Garden Jazz Festival**. For 20 years it has evolved from a small city fest into the largest open-air jazz forum. Now it is also a pleasant entertainment for the whole family: jazz lecture hall, dance workshops, creative labs, children's fan zone and food court. Moreover, all that is for free!



▲ Bosco Fresh Fest

BOOK FESTIVALS

Red Square Book Festival

June

The Moscow International Book Fair

September 4 - 8
mibf.info

Non/fiction

December 5 - 9
moscowbookfair.ru



◀ Red Square Book Festival

Printed books, which were spoken about in the 90s as becoming obsolete, has been regaining its lost positions in recent years. Red Square has become a place for a fashionable and large-scale book event. The festival of the same name, timed to coincide with Pushkin's birthday, is bright and fun. This is not only a reason to buy a rare or long-sought-after book, but also the opportunity to listen to live performances by contemporary poets and writers in the very heart of the capital.

The Moscow International Book Fair (MIBF), a major international forum that has been the event number one for



▲ MIBF

Russian bookmen since Soviet times (the first exhibition was held in 1977), is held in early September. MIBF exactly reflects the state of the modern publishing industry and attracts professionals from dozens of countries around the world. It is a place where the writer meets the publisher, and the reader meets the book. Here you can find the latest releases from the largest Russian publishing houses, unique editions and meet with your favourite writers, where you can get an autograph ...

Non/fiction Book Fair ▶



International Non/fiction Book Fair has been held at the Central House of Artists for 20 years. Non/Fiction quickly won fame among the Russian intellectuals. Every year at the end of November they came here from all over the country. Do you want to meet a Russian brain-box? Come to Non-Fiction! At the same time over 40 foreign publishers have also been represented here.

BICYCLE PARADES AND RUNNING RACES



▲ Moscow bicycle parade

The newest history of Moscow bicycle parades is only 8 years old: the first bicycle parade Let's bike it! took place in 2012. However, during this time it managed, by common consent, to become the best mass sporting event. The mission of modern bike movement in Moscow is the development of cycling infrastructure and road safety. Moscow Bike Parade (i-bike-msk.ru) takes place several times a year – in winter, spring and summer.



▲ Moscow bicycle parade

The desire of the inhabitants of the metropolis to run – no matter where and how long – is quite understandable. Moscow runs regularly as soon as snow melts away, and till it snows again.

The first cross-country running **Lisya Gora** ([foxhillxc.runc.run](#)) takes place at the end of April in the Bitsevsky Forest. The cross-country trail is circular, and the length of one lap is 3 kilometres. Participants run on dirt ground, deep mud and puddles. A separate Quick Dog Cross Country ([fastdogxc.runc.run](#)) run is held for participants with dogs.

In May, the **Moscow half-marathon** ([moscowhalf.runc.run](#)) is held in the centre of Moscow. You can choose one of three routes (5, 10 and 21.1 km) along the picturesque embankments of the Moscow River: Luzhnetskaya, Frunzenskaya, Prechistenskaya, Kremlevskaya, Raushskaya and, finally, Kosmodamianskaya. Those, who choose a shorter route, run along Luzhnetskaya, Novodevichya and Savvinskaya embankments. The half-marathon also takes place in August: this is a family party with running, food court and music. The route is standard – it is a circle along the embankments of the Moscow River.



▲ Absolute Moscow marathon

Running Hearts ([runninghearts.ru](#)) Summer Green Marathon starts on Vasilyevsky Spusk. This is a charity running race: contributions of the participants are transferred to the ac-



▲ Moscow half-marathon

count of the Children Aid Fund, and all artists appear on stage for free.

In June, **Color Run** ([color-run5km.runc.run](#)) is organized at Luzhniki: participants are offered to run a marathon in carnival costumes, and the route itself will be marked with bright coloured paint.

In July, **Night Run** ([nightrun10km.runc.run](#)) takes place.

Moscow runs regularly as soon as snow melts away, and till it snows again

Finally, in September, the main Moscow sports event takes place – it is the **Absolute Moscow marathon** ([moscowmarathon.runc.run](#)), in which you can also run only 10 kilometres. Both routes pass through the central streets of the city, embankments of the Moscow River and other historic districts.

Motivated? Let's run!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

▼ Journey to
Christmas



Moscow Seasons

Moscow Seasons is a series of city events in the style of thematic fairs and festivals for each season, which have already become the hallmark of the capital.

December 13 – January 12

Journey to Christmas Festival

February-March

Maslenitsa (Pancake week).

A merry Russian holiday

April-May

Easter Gift Festival

May

Moscow Spring A Capella Festival. Open international music competition of performers

September

City Day. The main holiday in Moscow

August

Time and Epochs Festival.

Festival of historical reconstruction

City Events

February-April

The Golden Mask. National theatre award and performing art festival

March

Theatre Night. An annual cultural event dedicated to World Theatre Day, when rehearsals, premiere performances and excursions can be visited for free

April

Moscow International Film Festival. The oldest film festival in the world after the Venetian festival

Tram parade. Moscow trams of different eras are on the rails again

May

Beat Film Festival. New Culture Documentary Film Festival

Victory parade. Celebrating the anniversary of the victory over fascism

Museum Night. An annual cultural event dedicated to World Museum Day, when museum's expositions can be visited at night and for free

June

Red Square Book Festival. The main book holiday in Moscow

Usadba Jazz. The annual international open air festival of contemporary music

BoscoFreshFest. Festival of contemporary youth music and art

Faces&Laces. Exhibition of modern street culture

July

Park Live. Annual international music festival of contemporary and popular music

International Festival of Arts Inspiration. Marathon of theatrical performances from all over the world

August

Afisha Picnic. Moscow's largest outdoor music festival

O da! Eda! Big festival of food and music

Jazz in the Hermitage Garden. The oldest Moscow jazz festival

International Fireworks Festival Rostec. The annual holiday of pyrotechnic art



▲ Spasskaya Tower

August-September

International Military Music Festival Spasskaya Tower. Military bands, folk festivals, colourful parade

September

The Moscow International Book Fair. The oldest book forum in Russia and Eastern Europe

International ballet festival. For ballet fans from around the world

Absolute Moscow Marathon. The most massive and popular race in Russia

September-October

Moscow International Circle of Light Festival. Light shows, multimedia installations, educational programs

September-November

Moscow Biennale of Contemporary Art

October

Moscow Fashion Week Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Russia. Russian version of the main world fashion weeks, collections of famous designers

November - December

Non / fiction. International Fair of Intellectual Literature



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