

A journey around Yaroslavl Region will tell you about Russian history and culture more than any school book or travel guide. Here there are about 6,000 historical and cultural monuments and over 250 museums. It is Yaroslavl Region where Russian Christianity, statesmanship and the first Russian theater were born. It is the birthplace of Grand Prince Alexander Nevsky, the Nobel brothers and the Schenk brothers, the founders of Hollywood, Valentina Tereshkova, the first female cosmonaut, and many other outstanding persons.

So that you can travel in comfort, we have included the most interesting historic and cultural monuments, the most comfortable hotels and hospitable cafés and restaurants in our tour. For each site, we have defined must-sees, must-dos and must-tries to make your travel to the real Russia really unforgettable.

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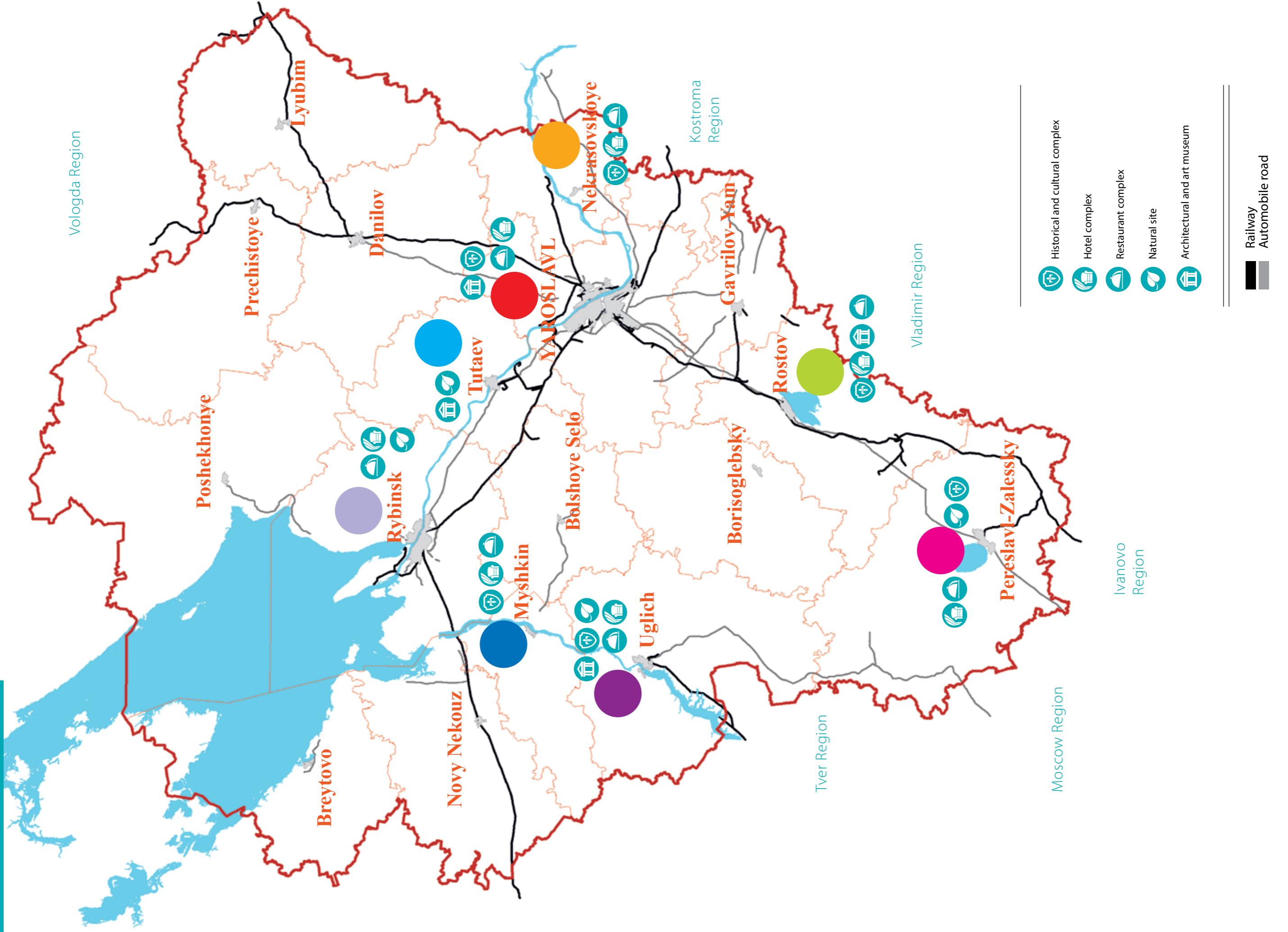
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Baltic Sea

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North Sea

Северный океан
Arctic Ocean

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Atlantic Ocean

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ICELAND



distance (km) from	Moscow	Vladimir Region	Kostroma Region	Yaroslavl Region	distance (km) from	Moscow	Vladimir Region	Kostroma Region	Yaroslavl Region
YAROSLAVL									
Historic Center of Yaroslavl	240	160	65	65	Rostov Kremlin State Museum- Reserve	180	95	125	30
V. V. Tereshkova Cultural and Educational Center	241	161	66	66	Frog Princess Museum and Guest House	180	95	125	30
Yaroslavl Zoo	248	168	73	73	"Parizh" Restaurant and "Selivanov" Hotel	180	95	125	30
"Ioann Vasilyevich" Restaurant and Hotel Complex	240	160	65	65	NEKRASOVSKY DISTRICT				
The Residence of Her Majesty the Queen of Maslennitsa Museum	240	160	65	65	"Vyatskoye" Historic and Cultural Complex, village of Vyatskoye	287	207	107	107
"Vanilla Sky" (Vanilnoye Nebo) Restaurant	242	162	67	67	MYSHKIN/MYSHKINSKY DISTRICT				
Cosmos Museum in the village of Nikulskoye, Tutaevsky District									
"Karabikha" Memorial Estate of N. A. Nekrasov	225	135	40	40	Mouse Trap (Myshelovka) Restaurant	340	260	165	165
RYBINSKY DISTRICT									
"Demino" Ski Sport Center	320	240	145	145	Cat House (Koshkin Dom) Hotel	340	260	165	165
"Yaroslavl Shore" (Yaroslavskoye Vzmorie) tourist and recreational center	370	290	195	195	Ethnographic Museum of the Katskari indigenous population, village of Martynovo	320	235	265	170
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Dendrological Garden	120	25	188	168	"Italmas" Bell Casting Factory	280	200	105	105
"Golden Ring" Resort	130	30	195	175	UGLICH				
"Tzar Berendey's Estate" Tourist Complex	145	20	90	90	Uglich Historic Architectural and Art Museum (Uglich Kremlin)	240	170	185	120
"Botik" (Small Ship) Museum of Peter the Great, village of Veskovo	123	33	168	168	Museum of 19th Century Urban Life	240	170	185	120
"Priest's Meadow" (Popov Lug) tavern and farm, village of Veskovo	125	35	190	170	"Russian Estate" (Russkaya Usadba) Restaurant	240	170	185	120
					Museum of the Uglich Hydroelectric Station	240	170	185	120

ATTRACTIONS

Yaroslavl

as 140 architectural monuments are situated in the city center.

The Historic Center of Yaroslavl

is included in the UNESCO World Heritage Sites List

Category: historical and cultural complex

Location: on the both banks of the Volga River, 282 kilometers north-eastwards from Moscow

Transport: train, bus, water transport



Yaroslavl is one of the oldest Russian cities, founded in the 11th century. The historic center of the city, located at the confluence of the Volga and the Kotorosl, is a UNESCO World Heritage site. Here, every square meter is full of history: as many



figuration of the Saviour monastery embraces displays and exhibitions of the Yaroslavl museum-reserve. The museum possesses a unique collection of Russian fancy silver, rare books, icons, pictorial and ornamental embroidery and coin hoards. Its territory comprises a display dedicated to the manuscript of the Tale of Igor's Campaign found here. The central place in the architectural ensemble of the monastery belongs to Transfiguration of the Saviour Cathedral, the oldest stone temple in Yaroslavl built in the early 16th century. And the monastery's 30 meter high belfry offers a tremendous view at the ancient hills and vast reaches of the Volga.

Soviet Square. The architectural ensemble, formed during redevelopment of the city center at the end of the 18th century included the older Church of St. Elijah the Prophet as the core of its composition. This outstanding monument of the Yaroslavl old architecture school was built in the 17th century on funding from the Skripin brothers, famous Yaroslavl merchants. Today, the church is famous not only for the frescoes that have survived, but also painted portals and a tiled frieze.

Volkov Square is located at the intersection of the main city center highway and a semicircle of former ramps that are now boulevards facing the Volga and Kotorosl. The main attractions of the square are the stone Vlashevskaya tower that was built in the 17th century and remained

from the city fortifications and the building of the first Russian public professional theater named after F. G. Volkov. The theater was built in the neoclassical style (1911).

The Temple Ensemble in Korovniki of the second half of the 17th century is a masterpiece of Russian and world architecture. It is located on the right bank of the Volga River at the estuary of the Kotorosl.

The ensemble includes the Church of St. John Chrysostom, Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, and a multi-tiered bell tower (the so-called "Yaroslavl candle") built in the style of Naryshkin Baroque. Holy Gates and a railing that links the composition together.

St. John the Baptist Church. Architecture and old Russian painting monument of the global importance. The ensemble was built between 1671 and 1687. Its main temple is St. John the Baptist Church with a six-tier carved iconostasis and remarkable frescoes. This temple is the first in the Christian world by the number of wall painting plots.

Temple ensemble of the Nativity Church, erected on the Volga River bank, consists of the Nativity Temple and unique Nativity bell tower standing apart, unparalleled in Russian architecture: a single building comprises holy gates and gate church crowned with a bell tower. The temple was built in 1635-1644 by Yaroslavl masons.



V. V. TERESHKOVA CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Category:
Planetarium, interactive museum

Location:
The center of Yaroslavl, 3,
ul. Tchaikovskogo

Transport: Bus, car



The uniqueness of the complex begins with its architecture harmonious with both atmosphere of the millennial city and innovative spirit of Yaroslavl. Tereshkova center is opening a wonderful leisure area on the Kotorosl embankment that includes the Millennium Park, a concert and entertainment complex and a new 5-star hotel.

Must-see:

The Star Hall. All displays in the planetarium are performed on a dome-screen 12 meters in diameter. Here you can see the most

accurate reproduction of the Milky Way, the Solar System planets, nebulae, star clusters and Moon and Sun eclipses. Spectators get full impression of movement through space. This illusion does not require special glasses: 3D technology used in the planetarium is more advanced than what is used in cinemas. The Star Hall equipment turns the planetarium into a class room, cinema and star theater that holds 92 visitors.

History of Astronautics Exhibition Hall. The exhibition will show you the most bril-



screen with 3D imaging is placed, which can turn a lunch or dinner into an exciting virtual journey around the world's most beautiful cities, intergalactic journey or let you see how the Earth looks from space.

What to take part in:

An excursion offered by the Astronomical Observatory. Here you can see real stars and planets. The observatory dome rotating by 360 degrees and a modern telescope installed in the tower allow to see over 10,000 objects, including planets of the Solar System and even sunspots. 15 people can visit the observatory at a time.

Educational programs for school children performed in an interactive room in the Trans-Force complex. During a "lesson", breathtaking imaging on a huge panoramic screen is accompanied by textual and graphic information on monitors. Visual and sound effects make a full sense of reality and total immersion in the materials being studied. The room has 26 seats.

Adventures offered by the Shuttle 5D attraction. A unique interactive attraction of a new generation will make you a crew member of an ultramodern combat space ship for a while.

Where to have a delicious meal:

In the media café in Trans-Force educational and entertainment complex. The café's hall is decorated as a space ship community room, overside of which a huge panoramic

liant episodes of astronautics development from the first artificial satellites of Earth to modern space ships. The hall presents a collection of meteorites and tactites, a range of modern space feeding and an astronaut's spacesuit mock-up where you can take pictures.

YAROSLAVL ZOO

Category:
landscape site

Location:
Zavolzhsky District of Yaroslavl,
village of Schevel'yukha

Transport:
Bus, car



Yaroslavl Zoo is the first landscape type zoo in Russia and the CIS. The area of over 140 hectares allows the building of spacious enclosures and keeping animals in conditions as close to natural as possible. The Zoo's inhabitants feel so comfortable

that city visitors have already got to know rare species cubs born in Yaroslavl - wisent Yarik, yak Katyunya and sika deer calves.

The landscape Zoo gives visitors a chance to see over 370 animal species (including rare and endangered ones) in a virtually wildlife environment. And you can even make friends with some of them, for example, during a horseback ride or a visit to the Children's Petting Zoo.

Yaroslavl Zoo is also remarkable because a whole family can have a joyful day there. Everyone will enjoy workshops for children, demonstrative feeding of tropical fish, cayman and iguanas, excursions and educational exhibition activities. Moreover, tireless wildlife explorers at any time have cozy cafés, a cinema, open-air theater and freshest air at their disposal. And all this is available after a 20-minute drive from the center of Yaroslavl.



Worthy of attention:

Adults as well as children can make friends with specially hand-fed domestic animals and birds in Children's Petting Zoo. One can even feed animals as suitable food for them is available at the same place.

The Park of Ungulates is located in a pine forest on the territory of 18 hectares where you can see and feed wisents, yaks, elks, sika deer and red deer and also see large birds of prey species.

In the Safari Park with the area of 20 hectares reindeer, roe deer, squirrels and other

peaceful animals live without enclosures, and you can come close to the animals and make friends with them.

Kovcheg (the Ark) educational exhibition center is a real catch for amateur and expert zoologists of all ages. The center keeps a rich academic collection for school children and students, has developed special programs for the disabled and regularly hosts lectures, talks, hobby and research clubs. The center presents exhibitions dedicated to botany, invertebrates, ornithology, mammalogy, ichthyology and herpetology.



"VANILLA SKY" (VANILNOYE NEBO)

RESTAURANT

Category:
Restaurant

Location:

Yaroslavl, 2, Volzhskaya
Naberezhnaya

Transport:

Bus, trolleybus



According to "Forbes" Magazine, "Vanilla Sky" Restaurant is one of the best places in Yaroslavl to be visited by business travelers. They say, one can externally watch three things - fire burning, water flowing and another person working... Here you can eternally watch all this at once. Stained glass windows offer a magnificent view of the Volga, river boats sliding on water, clouds passing peacefully or starry sky and sometimes, a colorful rainbow. The café has a classic European interior dominated by a fireplace in the central part of the hall. It is fed by wood and makes a unique atmosphere of romance, warmth and comfort.

"Vanilla Sky" cuisine is based on Russian and European classic dishes interpreted by the chef who meticulously and tastefully updates the menu depending on a season, holiday calendar and his own creativity.

The main hall of the café is adjoined by a large outdoor lounge. In winter there are sometimes holidays with dances and games around a fire with the aroma of mulled wine and barbecue, as well as tea and pancakes... In the warm season, the

lounge turns into a café under the open vanilla sky near a picturesque green lawn and azure mini-pool.

Must-try:

Fried penny bun mushrooms; pancakes with smoked salmon, caviar, chanterelles and haslet; one day ripe shchi (cabbage soup) of sour cabbage with veal and penny bun mushrooms; royal ukha (traditional fish broth) with sterlet.



"The Residence of Her Majesty the Queen of Maslenitsa"

MUSEUM

Category:
Restaurant

Location:

In the historic center of Yaroslavl

Transport:

Bus, car



The Residence of Her Majesty the Queen of Maslenitsa" Museum is the only interactive museum on this topic in Russia. As Yaroslavl annually hosts the food festival Russia's Main Maslenitsa (Mardi Gras), the ancient city became the residence of Her Majesty the Queen of Maslenitsa. The residence constitutes a unique town of log houses, recreated on the basis of drawings and survived films of 1913. Then, a century ago, a similar town was constructed for a visit of the royal family and Nicolas II to Yaroslavl.

Must-see:

In the museum one can see the office of Her Majesty the Queen of Maslenitsa, her dressing room with luxury clothes made by Russian best golden embroidery masters,



"IOANN VASILYEVICH"

RESTAURANT AND HOTEL
COMPLEX

Category:
Restaurant, hotel

Location:

Yaroslavl, 23/55, Nakhimsona street

Transport:

Bus, car



The unique complex "Ioann Vasilyevich" is situated in the historic center of Yaroslavl near the walls of the ancient Transfiguration of the Saviour monastery. The complex consists of "The Cinema Club" boutique-hotel, "Ioann Vasilyevich" Russian cuisine restaurant and "Afonya" beer restaurant.

Where to stay:

In 2011, The Cinema-Club hotel won Yuri Senkevich National Tourism Award in the category "Small hotel with high level of service". The unique feature of the hotel is that its interior plays upon films shot in Yaroslavl Region ("Women", "The Resident's Mistake", "The Twelve Chairs", "The Long Recess", "Ivan



Vasilyevich: Back to the Future", "Unbelievable Adventures of Italians in Russia", "Afonya", "Kin-dza-dza!", "Air Crew", "Yesenin", "Doctor Zhivago", "Kotovskiy", and many others). This enables guests to travel from one epoch to another, like in a time machine, and feel themselves a part of the amazing worlds created by the talent of great directors, script writers and actors. However, all 27 rooms comply with modern standards of comfort.

Where to have a delicious meal:

Old Russian culinary traditions are manifested in the richest cuisine of refectories. Dishes made by chefs of "Ioann Vasilyevich" Restaurant will give real gourmands a

chance to travel to the medieval Russia together with the heroes of popular Soviet cinema "Ivan Vasilievich: Back to the Future" and get to a royal dinner.

Must-try:

Raw-dried boar meat, traditional Yaroslavl shchi, fried sterlet, cereals with pumpkin and currants, honey turnip salad... The names alone bring a true royal appetite.

What to take part in:

Contests, festivals and interactive programs are held regularly in the popular "Afonya" beer restaurant. For example, the annual spring tournament Afonya's Cup.

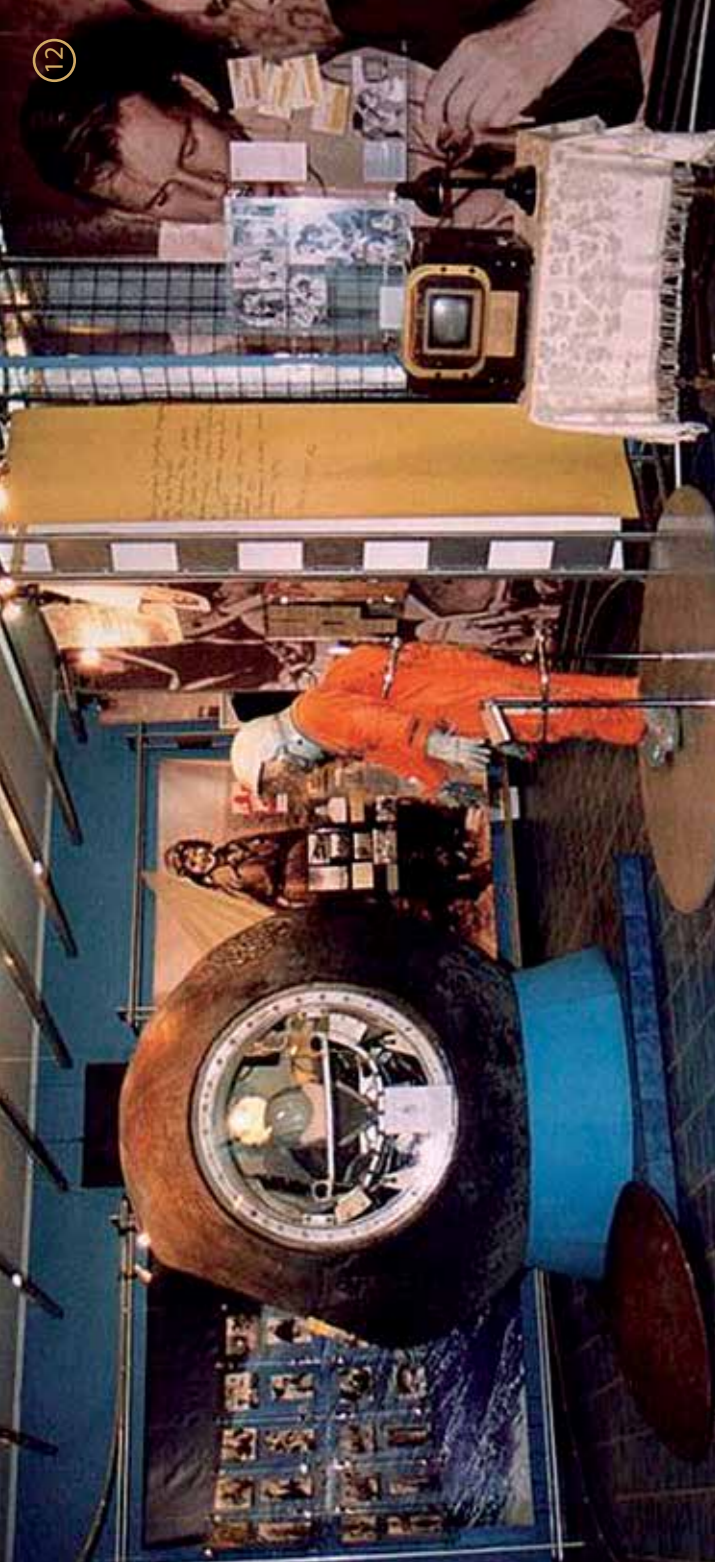


"COSMOS" MUSEUM

Category:
Museum

Location:
The village of Nikulskoye, Tutaevsky District of Yaroslavl Region, 274 km from Moscow along the highway from Moscow to Uglich

Transport:
Bus, car



"Cosmos" Museum is dedicated to the famous Yaroslavl-born Valentina Tereshkova, the first female cosmonaut in the world.

Must-see:

As the house of Valentina Tereshkova's parents has not survived, the memorial

part of the museum constitutes a peasant house recreated according to recollections about the house where the Tereshkov family lived during the war. The memorial part of the museum shows daily life in a village in the beginning and middle of the 20th century and tracks the way of an ordinary Russian woman from

a peasant family who has become the woman of the century.

The second building, a modern one, embraces the main display hall and exhibition lobby where thematic exhibitions are held. The museum's exhibits tell about Yaroslavl citizens who have contributed to the development of the Russian space navigation —

missile designer M. K. Tikhonravov and Hero of the Russia astronaut V. I. Tokarev. Museum relics include "Yostok" type lander of 1962, space chair lodgment, space suits and pioneer astronauts space suits, space food samples, models of rockets and space equipment and gifts sent to Valentina Tereshkova from all over the world.



Where to have a delicious meal:

The museum territory comprises a park complex and "Seagull" (Chaika) café that takes up the spacecraft topic in its interior and meals.

What to take part in:

Visitors have a unique chance to sit down on a spacecraft seat, try on a helmet and touch a lander. Visitors are invited to the excursion that tells about flights of the first astronauts and about work and rest of modern astronauts at space stations.

"KARABIKHA"

MEMORIAL ESTATE OF N. A. NEKRASOV

Category:
Museum

Location:
Yaroslavsky District of Yaroslavl Region, 248 km from Moscow, 15 km from Yaroslavl along the old Moscow road

Transport:
Bus, car



A noble estate near the village of Karabikha is the only monument of the Russian estate culture in Yaroslavl Region that preserved its original architecture. Since the 18th century the estate belonged to the Golitsyn princes. In 1861, it was bought by famous Russian poet N. A. Nekrasov. The museum exhibitions will help

you experience the atmosphere of a steady estate life of the second half of the 19th century and learn about Nekrasov's life and work in Karabikha.

Must-see:

The composition of the architectural ensemble consists of the main building and two wings previously interconnected by two-storied galleries.

The museum collection comprises about 25,000 exhibits, including interior items, personal belongings of the estate residents, over 15,000 rare books and magazines of the 18th - early 20th centuries (including first editions by N. A. Nekrasov and books from his personal library).

Two parks in the territory of the estate, of the English and French types, are great places for walks. Visitors are also impressed by upper and lower Large Ponds and Gremikha cascade, a creek forming small ponds and waterfalls.



What to take part in:

Estate Ball Interactive Program is a meeting with the residents of the noble house and family relics of the Nekrasov family relatives. Guests invited to the ball will have a chance to hear old lyric songs and enjoy treats made by the hostesses.



SKI SPORTS CENTER

"DEMINO"

Category:

Sports and entertainment center

Location:

At the confluence of the Volga and Koloksha, 350 km from Moscow, 70 km from Yaroslavl and 20 kilometers from Rybinsk

Transport: bus, car



Ski Sports Center "Demino" is a multi-functional sports center of international level operating all year round. The center not only provides conditions for holding ski athletes training and ski competitions but also offers a wide range of services for corporate training and active leisure in the countryside for everyone. The center is located on the border with Kolokshinsky Federal Natural Museum-Reserve. Beautiful and green environment, pine and mixed forests, hilly valley with smooth elevations. No wonder this place was called Russian Finland.

In 2003 "Demino" was assigned the status of a regional sports training center by Roskomsport (Russian Committee for Sport). Since then all-Russian ski races have been held here regularly. In the season of 2006-2009 the center "Demino" was chosen as a place for Ski World Cup series.

What to take part in:

The center has 16 permanently operating certified trails, an outdoor stadium, stands, a press center and entertainment complex.



"Demino" takes pride in its -roller ski trail 3.75 km long and ski trails 5 and 10 km long that have been preferred by Russia's best skiers for year-round training.

All year round in any weather Tarzan Park ropes course is open. There are various sports grounds, including a paintball site. Professional sports equipment, skis, skates, bicycles, ATVs, snowmobiles (including those for children), can be rented. There is an outdoor skating rink with artificial ice.

Every Sunday Wharf (Pristan) restaurant hosts meetings of the Young Cooks Club. This is a

unique educational program for kids and parents after which participants are issued certificates.

Where to stay:

Guests of "Demino" can stay at Sport Hotel (47 rooms, including family rooms and de luxe suites) or in a cottage village (26 cottages of different categories).

Where to have a delicious meal:

Wharf (Pristan) country-side restaurant complex offers light European cuisine, home-like interior emphasized by antique furniture, carpets and hand-made tapestries of the late 18th and early 19th century and professional service.

The complex is Russia's largest wooden restaurant, it includes a dining room and a banquet hall, a wine vault for storage and demonstration of distinguished wines, a lounge room for rest and negotiations, a smoking room and a billiard room.

Champion café offers athletes light fruit snacks, warming and refreshing drinks.

Must-try:

Hand-made sweets; marathon spice cakes; apples baked with honey and nuts; flamed pancakes and elaborate Varenka dessert.

"YAROSLAVL SHORE" (YAROSLAVSKOYE VZMORIE)

TOURIST AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

Category: Resort

Location:

On the shore of the Rybinsk Reservoir, near the village of Yasenovo. 341 km from Moscow along Moscow - Uglich highway

Transport: Bus, car, water transport



"Yaroslavl Shore" is a large-scale project aimed at creation of a unique resort in the European part of Russia. Today it is a popular tourist and recreational area, where picturesque landscapes are combined with modern rest and entertainment infrastructure equal to prestigious European resorts. This is a rare natural park with golden sandy beaches and pine forests at the banks of the Volga and shores of the Rybinsk Reservoir.

Where to stay:

Koprino Harbour (Bukhta Koprino) club hotel provides all conditions for rest with

the European level of service. The hotel has 42 cottages and 24 hotel rooms. All cottages are equipped with wood burning fireplaces, heated floors, hydro-massage bath tubs and kitchens with all necessary appliances.

What to do:

Koprino Harbour (Bukhta Koprino) yacht club is one of the brightest attractions of Yaroslavl Shore. Developed harbor of the yacht club can accept up to 20 power boats

and yachts at a time. For the convenience of yachtsmen there are a permanent or temporary yacht or power boat parking, floating petrol station, connection to the shore water supply system, power supply system and Wi-Fi, fully equipped berths, car parking, service zone, water equipment rent and a private launching ramp.

Lots of activities and amusements are suggested for those who are not yachting lovers. Night club, business center, entertainment programs for adults and children, volleyball courts, tennis court, sauna complex, Smile kids club with game rooms and creative workshops, rent of modern vehicles and sports gear will make your rest really fascinating in any season.

Yaroslavl Shore offers excursions, water, horse riding and bicycle trips along forest paths and the Rybinsk Sea coast. Fishing may be organized both in summer and winter. One can rent a boat, fishing rods and go fishing alone or use the services of experi-



enced game keepers and go on a real fishing tour. The tour takes place in the most famous places of the Rybinsk Reservoir full of pike, crucian carp, asp, bream, roach and carp. A professional cook will help to cook a catch.

Where to have a delicious meal:

Kalita and Ark (Kovcheg) Restaurants and Navigator (Schturman) Tavern work in the territory of the restaurant. Menus of the restaurants offer traditional European and Russian cuisine as well as a great range of distinguished wines.

The hotel territory includes a barbecue area where skillful chefs can cook a boar or lamb on roasting jack as well as barbecue, ukha and plov upon order. The area has 60 seats.

Room service operates in the territory and provides 24-hours order of any dishes and drinks to a room. Moreover, there is a banquet and children's menu.

TZAR BERENDEY'S ESTATE

TOURIST COMPLEX

Category: Cultural and entertainment center, hotel
Location: Pereslavsky District, the small town of Volchya Gora near the village of Berendeveo
Transport: Bus, car



From the earliest times, Berendeveo swamp in the South of Yaroslavl Region has been surrounded by legends, fairy tales and fables. The legends said that over 4,000 years ago there was a lake instead of the swamp and a town nearby where legendary tsar Berendey lived.

Must-see:

Unusual and artfully painted palace of stone and wood belongs to tsar Berendey. In a park around it sculpture groups of Russian fairy-tale characters are erected. In the evening, the whole territory is artistically illuminated and visitors of the estate get into a real fairy tale.

What to do:

In winter, Mardi Gras is celebrated on a grand scale in Berendey's kingdom and every first Saturday of June the festival Visit to Berendey takes place. It attracts fairy-tale characters from all over the country. The program



Where to have a delicious meal:

The center has a refectory (café) where in a home-like environment guests will be offered dishes of Berendeian (Russian national) cuisine.

Must-try:

Berendey-style meat and pancakes with various fillings.



of the festival includes concerts and interactive programs.

The Estate also has daily programs and workshops on painting of wooden berendeyka toys (pick-up sticks). All year round interactive tourist programs are based on Russian fairy-tale plots and folk traditions.

A package of services includes fancy dress and sports gear rent, horse riding, quad bikes, bicycle and sleigh riding and skiing in winter and bicycle riding in summer.



TOURIST ROUTE AROUND

LAKE PLESHCHEYEVO

Category:

Natural and historic complex

Location:

Pereslavsky District, the village of Kupanskoye-Nikitskaya Sloboda

Transport:

Bus, car



The central part of the Russian Plain to the South of Yaroslavl Region is where Lake Pleshcheevo national park is located, the only national park in Yaroslavl Region. The peculiarity of Lake Pleshcheevo national park is that it is situated on the edge of two climatic zones: southern taiga and mixed coniferous-broad leaved forest. Therefore, its flora and fauna are considered one of the most interesting ecosystems in Europe.

Only here, in a small territory of only a few hectares, one can see a dry pine forest, a spruce blueberry forest, a cranberry bog and a broad lime forest.



"GOLDEN RING"

TOURIST AND RECREATIONAL COMPLEX

Category:

Resort

Location:

Pereslavl-Zalesky, 130 km from Moscow

Transport:

Bus, car



The Golden Ring" is located in close proximity to the ancient city of Pereslavl-Zalesky and Lake Pleshcheevo and occupies the territory of 170 hectares. The resort is meant for all categories of visitors from individual tourists to families with children and from the youth to seniors who are used to a regular lifestyle.



Must-see:

This route is full of monuments of natural and cultural heritage. Ecosystems here are harmoniously combined with the historic and cultural monuments of the ancient Pereslavl. There are sacred places of our ancestors here: Alexandrova Mount, Nikitsky Well, Gremyach Spring, Kleshchin archeologic site, Kukhmar Plot, and the village of Kupanskoye - former Usolskiye salterns.

One of the most unique "exhibits" of Lake Pleshcheevo is the Blue Stone. This is a monolithic glacial boulder that was considered sacred in pagan times. The Blue Stone is located in the north-eastern part of the lake on a ledge of lower terrace. The stone mass is about 12 tonnes.

Another point favored by tourists is the spring of Great Martyr Varvara, or Varvara's spring. It is located near the village of Kupanskoye. A wooden chapel in the 17th century style has been constructed over the spring, besides, there are a pool for ablutions and carved gazebo where those who wish can collect holy water. According to a popular belief, this spring water has healing properties coming from Saint Varvara.

itors) are ready to welcome guests. Later on, Star Village (Zvezdnaya Derevnya) of 30-40 cottages and a five-star spa boutique hotel with 60-80 rooms will be opened.

What to do:

The project will be fully implemented by 2017. By that time the Golden Ring will include a water sports center, sauna complex with 8 different steam bath types and an outdoor swimming pool (200 square meters), a beach complex, boat station, children's playground based on Russian fairy tales, a theme park with rides and a water park, two tennis courts, a soccer field, a summer stage and Masters City trade street.

The highlight of resort will be a real cherry orchard, recreated according to the eponymous play by A. P. Chekhov.

It is planned to arrange year-round operation of the resort due to development of summer and winter leisure, spa treatments and entertainment events, popular at any season.



Where to stay:

At present, the Hotels Ramada 4 * (for 203 visitors) and Days Hotel 3 * (for 150 vis-



S. F. KHARITONOV DENDROLOGICAL GARDEN

(DENDROLOGICAL DEPARTMENT
OF LAKE PLESHCHEYEVO
NATIONAL PARK)

Category:

Museum, park

Location:

Pereslavl-Zalesky, 1b, ul. Zhuravleva,
142 km from Moscow

Transport: Bus, car



A spacious exotic garden with the area of about 60 hectares is founded by a Russian renowned forester S.F. Kharitonov, who has been working and developing in the southern part of Pereslavl for almost 50 years. Here, Pereslavl citizens

and guests may enjoy unique trees and bushes from all over the world - relict liana, Korean pine, Amur cork tree, sakura, cork tree and lots of others.

Pereslavl Dendrological Garden can be justifiably called a hand-made natural



monument. It is included in the Council of Botanical Gardens of Russia and registered by Charles University of Prague in the international catalog of botanic gardens. In the garden, tests are performed on rare and endangered woody plants both representing local flora and other geographic zones. Over 30 species in the collection are rare or protected species, 13 of them are included in the Red Book of Russia and 3 in the Red Book of Yaroslavl Region.

The Dendrological Garden welcomes guests to the visitor center all year round and in the territory from May to October.

Must-see:

The permanent exhibition of the Dendrological Garden includes over 600 species of plants, bushes and trees. While walking along asphalt paths one can see blue spruces, lace larches cedars, aliens from the Siberian taiga, spreading their crowns widely. A guide can tell one lots of extraordinary facts and legends about local green residents.

Water reservoirs in the territory of the Dendrological Garden are of great inter-

est: Kraskovsky Pond, ponds cascade and a pond in the new territory. The cascade consists of six ponds created in 1968 on the basis of existing ravine.

What to take part in:

The dendrological garden offers visitors of all ages the interactive Fairy Tales Path. It follows the territory of collection area and geographic divisions.

The route is decorated with wooden sculptures of fairy-tale characters. It tells about fairy tales and legends, about trees and bushes of nations from Russia, the Northern Europe, the North America, Japan, China and the Far East. The route is 2.5 km long and takes 90 minutes.

In a trading hall, one can buy planting material in spring and autumn. In the recent years the list of plants being sold from the nursery has included over 100 species. Mainly these are fruit and berry crops, promising sorts of apples, cherries, plums, lemons, currants, raspberries, honeysuckles and sea-buckthorns.

"BOTIK" (SMALL SHIP)

MUSEUM OF PETER THE GREAT

Category:

Museum

Location:

Pereslavsky District, village Veskovo,
3.5 km from the town of Pereslavl-
Zalesky, turn from M8 highway

Transport:

Bus, car



What to take part in:

The museum visitors have a unique chance to have an unforgettable travel to the past taking part in an excursion and entertainment program Peter's Assembly: Exciting Play of Centuries. Other programs are also available: "The deeds of days of other years!" and "How Tsar Peter the Great Built Ships in Pereslavl".

On the last Sunday of July in the vicinity of the Botik historical clubs festival Shall the Russian Navy Be is held.



Must-see:

The preserved "Fortuna" vessel is justifiably considered to be the most precious treasure of the picturesque estate, according to the legend, it was built by young Peter. The rest of the Mock Fleet vessels burnt in a fire in the 18th century.

Huge interest is aroused by preserved authentic details of Peter's amusement ships: carved decorations, anchors and cannons as well as remnants of Peter's business court.

"PRIEST'S MEADOW" (POPOV LUG)

TAVERN AND FARM

Category:

Hotel, restaurant

Location:

Veskovo rural district, 1,
41 km of motorway Nagorie-
Berendevo, Pereslavsky District

Transport:

bus, car



Where to stay:

Guest houses with unique architecture. These are two-storied guest houses of pine wood with all modern conveniences for up to 5 persons.

What to do:

To enjoy a Russian sauna, Old Russian massage, art of folklore music groups with choral and solo singing, with skillful Russian folk instruments playing.

Must-try:

Stuffed pike, Pereslavl-style porridge with honey and nuts, buckwheat porridge baked in the oven, royal soft-boiled egg; pork with herbs and stuffed carp with "from the oven".



At "Priest's Meadow" Farm guests are provided with eco-friendly and comfortable wooden guest houses, classic Russian sauna and Old Russian and Altai massage.

The main feature of the tavern is its unique, colorful and attractive atmosphere, here everything breathes with Russian antiquity, when the word "menu" has not yet replaced our authentic concepts, such as "list of courses", "signature dishes" and "lunch menu".

THE FEDERAL ROSTOV KREMLIN STATE MUSEUM-RESERVE

Category:

Museum

Location:

Rostov Veliky, the historic center of the city, 210 km from Moscow

Transport:

Bus, car, railway



The Federal Rostov Kremlin Museum-Reserve is located in the territory of the former residence of Rostov bishops, a world famous monument of Russian architecture. The ensemble was formed mainly in the second half of the 17th century as a result of the construction activities of Jonah III (Sysoevich), Metropolitan of Rostov and Yaroslavl, and consists of three parts: Archbishop's Court, Cathedral Square with Uspensky (Assumption) Cathedral and the Belfry and a Metropolitan's garden.

The museum was founded in the Archbishop's house in 1883 as a Museum of Church Antiquities upon the initiative of Rostov merchants and local historians A. A. Titov and I. A. Schiyakov and other representatives of the local community.

Must-see:

At present visitors may see the Kremlin's cathedrals with wall paintings of 1670-1680, complex of administrative, residential and

household buildings, walls and towers and exhibitions of Old Russian art of the 12th-17th centuries, Russian painting of the 18th-early 20th centuries, Rostov traditional enamel painting, open stocks of pottery, Russian and foreign porcelain, faience, glass and bone. From May to October passes along defense walls and towers are open for visitors. And one can go up scenic Water Tower in any season.

What to take part in:

Every year the museum holds activities and festivals: "Long Night of Museums International Event", "Living Antiquity Music and Crafts Festival", "Rostov Scene Monastery Culture Festival" and during the New Year and Christmas holidays "Rostov Kremlin New Year Party" and other celebrations take place.

For those who would like to try on Old Russian looks and take interesting pictures there is permanent dress rent.



The Rostov Kremlin offers its guests a new project of corporate rest based on the popular Soviet movie "Ivan Vasilievich: Back to the Future" that was shot in the Kremlin among other places. For 2 hours guests are offered to become participants of the inter-



active game Cinema Being Shot and to travel around the Rostov Kremlin. This is a great opportunity not only to take part in contests and games but also to try the role of famous movie characters.

Where to stay:

Within the walls of the Rostov Kremlin there is House on Old Cellars (Dom na Pogrebakh) hotel that combines the 17th century charm and modern comfort. This is a two-storey building with a wooden second floor. Comfortable de luxe suites located under stone arches are decorated with folk handicraft items. Rooms on the second floor of the hotel are decorated in style of a traditional Russian house.

Where to have a delicious meal:

In the territory of museum there is "Dive" (Pogrebok) Lounge Café.

Must-try:

Sbiten (traditional hot drink), medovukha (honey beer), kvass (traditional fermented drink) and delicious spice cakes made with use of planks from the museum collection.

"SELIVANOV"

HOTEL AND RESTAURANT

Category:

Hotel, restaurant

Location:

Rostov Veliky, 5, Okruzhnaya street

Transport:

Bus, car, railway



Selivanov 3* Hotel and Restaurant is located on the shore of Lake Nero in the historic part of the city not far from the Rostov Kremlin and the city park. The hotel is in an old two-storied building, an architectural monument of the 19th century that has rich and interesting history related to the Selivanov merchants dynasty.

Where to stay:

The hotel has 25 rooms designed for up to 54 guests. The interior is decorated in traditional Art Nouveau style. All rooms are comfortable and meticulously decorated. The hotel provides a free parking lot with a video control, free Wi-Fi on the ground floor, a sum-



mer cinema, a karaoke, a sauna and a vintage dresses rent.

What to take part in:

Thematic program "Welcome to the Ball at the Selivanovs".

Where to have a delicious meal:

"Parizh" Restaurant is on the ground floor of the hotel. The most delightful detail of the restaurant interior is reproductions of studies made by Léon Bakst, a leader of the world's Art Nouveau, for Prince Igor ballet by Rimsky-Korsakov. The restaurant offers dishes of Russian and European cuisine and drinks prepared according to old Russian recipes.

Must-try:

The chef's speciality is tender pork medallions under creamy and mushroom sauce with grilled vegetables.



THE PRINCESS FROG MUSEUM AND GUEST HOUSE

Category:

Museum, hotel

Location:

Rostov Veliky, 20, Leninskaya street,

210 km from Moscow

Transport:

Bus, car, railway



The Princess Frog (Tsarevna Lyagushka) is a great place for a family holiday that dips you into a fairy tale.

Where to stay:

The Princess Frog Guest House 3* is located in the historic center of the city within walking distance of the Rostov Kremlin and Lake Nero. The guest house was opened on December 23, 2011 in a reconstructed building erected in the 1790s.

The guest house has 3 floors, 15 comfortable rooms with all modern conveniences, including a room of economy category (1), family room (1) standard rooms (9) and junior suites (4). Good location, comfortable rooms and free parking lot make the guest house a fine place for all travelers.



What to do:

Be sure to visit the Princess Frog Museum on the first floor of the guest house. This is the first fairy-tale museum in Rostov Veliky. As for the Finno-Ugric tribe Merya, ancestors of modern Rostov citizens, a frog was a sacred animal, it is quite possible that the Russian folk tale about the Princess Frog appeared on the shores of Lake Nero.

Guests of all ages enjoy an interactive journey game based on the Princess Frog fairy tale. The game participants will undergo trials like the tsar's sons, handicraft contests like the tsar's daughters-in-law and will have treats from a magic oven in which Vasilisa the Wise baked her bread, guests will also take part in a battle with formidable Koschei the Immortal. Moreover, the museum has an exhibition of frog figurines the number of which is already over 800.

The guest house offers other activities as well. In winter one can ride a snowmobile across Lake Nero, go on winter fishing or book a ski tour along a prepared ski trail for conventional or skating step. The track goes through beautiful countryside in a birch wood in the village of Petrovsk or a pine wood in the village of Borisoglebsky and in the Komsomolsky Park of Rostov.

In summer or autumn guests can open mushroom picking season in the vicinity of Rostov Veliky. A few routes can be chosen, picking time is 3-4 hours. Outfit and motor transport of the guest house can be used.

“VYATSKOYE” HISTORIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX

Category:
Historical and cultural complex

Location:
The left-bank part of the Nekrasovsky District of Yaroslavl Region, 38 km from the center of Yaroslavl along Lyubimskaya road, 286 km from Moscow

Transport:
bus, car



The town of Vyatskoye is a Petersburg outskirts”, residents of the village used to say two centuries ago. The unique architectural ensemble of the 19th century and the spirit of old Russian merchantry has survived until now.

Vyatskoye where there are over 50 architectural monuments is justifiably considered an open-air museum. In the Russian history it is known for crafts, noisy fairs and bazaars and, of course, for talented people. They are sculptor Alexander Opekushin, the author of a monument to Alexander Pushkin monument in Moscow, Peter



Telushkin, a famous roof master and the founder of Russian mountaineering, and a great Russian poet N. A. Nekrasov who found prototypes for his characters in the local upcountry.

“Vyatskoye” will be interesting not only to history lovers but also to people fond of nature and those simply weary of the frantic pace of modern life. Scenic banks of the river Ukhtomka, on which the village is located, together with a steady and a little frozen up time in Vyatskoye makes guests feel all the charm of the leisurely old Russian countryside life.

ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM OF THE KATSKARI MINOR ETHNIC GROUP

Category: Museum

Location:
Myshkinsky District, village of Martynovo, 27, Muzeynaya street, 39 km from Myshkin, 60 km from Uglich

Transport:
Bus, car



In the far west of Yaroslavl Region the small river Kadka 57 km long runs. It would probably be destined to vanish among hundreds and even thousands of such rivers in Russia, but for the Katskaries living on its banks. The Katskaries are Russians,



Worthy of attention:

An old mansion, once owned by a merchant and an old believer I. Galochkin, hosts a Museum of Russian Entrepreneurship, or a “Museum of a Village that Wanted to Turn into a City”. Items collected in the museum accurately convey the atmosphere of the period of Russian entrepreneurship formation.

In 2008 in Vyatskoye, an amazing chapel was erected over a baptismal font, the pediment of which was painted by people’s artist of Russia Nikolai Mukhin. The font is filled with water from Erekhiansky spring, by its parameters the water is close to the famous Franzensbad waters (popularly known as Baden-Baden). So, having arrived in Vyatskoye be sure to take a dip in the water of the unique font.

Where to stay:

Vyatskoye Hotel and Museum is remarkable with combination of the 19th century atmosphere with all conveniences necessary for a modern person. Comfortable rooms, a billiard room, 3 conference halls and a banquet hall are found side by side with exhibitions of antiques.

seum, visitors can have a look at a porch, seni (kind of a mud room), gorenka (kind of a living room in the upper floor), kut (a kind of women’s room), under the front part of the house, in a closet, gandareya (kind of a balcony), poveti (kind of a storeroom), pod-sennitsa (kind of a shed), in a yard, a garden and a barn and everywhere they will see old Katskarian lifestyle.

In the museum one can learn about the Katskarian myths that survived through to today about the white cow granting happi-



ness, Paluchato flying grass snake bringing wealth and evil spirit Chugrey kidnapping men.

Children will enjoy the Good Katskar Educational Game Quiz (information from Katskarian life and not from encyclopedias) and a lesson about the Katskarian dialect. And adults will like folklore theater in the Katskarian dialect with a few performances “Well, but not Too Much”, “How Tit was Looking for Agashka” and “A Mistress and a Doctor”.



In winter when the weather is good one can have a horse ride and take part in celebrations like Christmas tree decoration and local fortunetelling rituals or Mardi Gras rituals with burning a figure of spruce branches, circle dancing, rhymes and funny songs. At the museum stall, you can buy souvenirs and rural products.

Where to have a delicious meal:

In the museum refectory one can enjoy a true dinner of a Katskarian peasant.

Must-try:

Shchi, scalded potatoes, baked milk, prezhontsy (pies) and naivukhi (pancakes) from a Russian stove.

THE MOUSE TRAP (MYSHELOVKA)

RESTAURANT

Category:
restaurant

Location:
Myshkin, 27, ul. Karla Libknekhta
267 km from Moscow through Uglich
407 km through Yaroslavl

Transport:
Bus, car



All the rest is real magnificence - wooden furniture, waiters in folk costumes, cutlery and stained glass windows... An authentic moonshine still will remind of itself in a room with the corresponding name Moonshiner. Guests will enjoy authentic tiles, a Russian stove, and very bright interior under arches of the refectory in the Beer Room. There is also a VIP room for 20 guests.

And in the menu, guests will find dishes of traditional Russian cuisine looking like incarnated illustrations of a book on Russian feasts history. And like in a proper mouse trap each guest is given a free piece of cheese.

The name "Mouse Trap" speaks for itself, but the restaurant is anything but a trap, except for a mouse trap lid woven of a rope under the ceiling in a cloak room.

Must-try:

Hand-made bread, natural locally made fruit liquors, hot haslet, double ukha and sander on hazel.



THE CAT HOUSE (KOSHKIN DOM) HOTEL

Category: Hotel

Location: Myshkin, 27, ul. Karla Libknekhta
267 km from Moscow through Uglich
407 km through Yaroslavl

Transport: Bus, car



The Cat House (Koshkin Dom) 3* Hotel, located in the town of Myshkin, is open for anyone who wishes to stay in Myshkin. The hotel is located in the heart of the city next to the main square, Uspensky (Assumption) Cathedral and the old park Sitsky Garden. The beauty of the small town of Myshkin on the Volga together with comfort, what could be better?

Where to have a delicious meal:

In the morning buffet breakfast is arranged for hotel guests in the Mouse Trap Restaurant.

The Cat House Hotel has 29 comfortable single and double rooms. The rooms here



Tutayev/Tutayevsky District

"ITALMAS"

BELL CASTING FACTORY

Category:

Interactive industrial museum

Location:

Tutayev, 4, Osipenko street
309 km from Moscow,
25 km from Yaroslavl

Transport:

Bus, car



In the 20th century, a wave of violent anti-bell company that swept across Russia has destroyed all bell ensembles of Yaroslavl, including unique heavy and superheavy Yaroslavl bells, and the Olovyanishnikovs' plant was burnt to ashes.

But at the end of the century, in the 1990's, the revival of ancient crafts began. At that time on the left bank of the Volga River in the town of Tutayev, former Romanov-Borisoglebsk, a bell casting workshop was organized by the Shuvalov brothers that with time grew into a full-fledged bell casting enterprise and attained the name "Italmas".

Tutayev craftsmen make bells according to the ancient technology of the 16th century. They use only natural materials and manual casting processing without elaborating the sound by bell thinning. At present, the Shuvalov brothers' bell casting enterprise attracts numerous tourists.

Yaroslavl Region is a land once famous for its bell casting traditions. Two hundred years ago, there was a famous plant here that be-

longed to the merchant dynasty of the Olovyanishnikovs. In the 18th century, the Martynovs' bell casting workshop worked here, and a few beautiful bells cast by it

survived in Yaroslavl. The Charyshnikovs' plant was also famous and it was relocated to Kostroma in the middle of the 19th century.



What to take part in:

The organized tourist route around the factory provides the opportunity to learn gradually the process of bell manufacturing from the early stage of its birth in a drawing (master Nicholay Shuvalov does all calculations on a sheet of drawing paper only using a drawing board and T-square). Then visitors go to the shop where patterns are prepared and a master cuts out the bell's outline. The next stage is preparation of clay mass for coating a mould (internal form of a bell). Tourists may take part in this process by mixing the clay mass and coating a mould. Here one can see how wax models are prepared for decoration of the outer side of a bell and how preparation for casting is performed. The final spectacular episode of the visit to the bell casting enterprise is public bell casting in the presence of visitors. The duration of the excursion together with a guide's explanation takes 30 to 60 minutes.

UGLICH HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ART MUSEUM

(UGLICH KREMLIN)

Category: Museum

Location: Center of Uglich, 236 km from Moscow

Transport:
Bus, car



Uglich Museum is one of the oldest in the Upper Volga region. It has worked for over 100 years and enjoys its well deserved reputation and popularity. Among all the attractions of Uglich, the museum occu-

MUSEUM OF 19TH CENTURY URBAN LIFE

Category: Museum

Location:

Uglich, 5, Uspenskaya ploshchad

236 km from Moscow

Transport:
Bus, car



Having entered the museum, visitors find themselves in old Uglich of the late 19th century. First, they see the ancient Uspeniya (Assumption) Square with show windows of a large merchant store and stalls full of goods - ceramic crockery, Tula samovars, bags, tea-caddies, boots, tea boxes and scales... Then visi-



plies a special place. The unique architectural monuments the 15th-19th centuries host exhibits related to the history of the city and the whole Russia and outstanding monuments of artistic culture.

Must-see:

The Uglich Kremlin is the place where the ancient city was founded and the city's historical and urban core. According to tradition,



tors find themselves in a house of Uglich citizen with an average income. Here you can see the interiors of the host's study, a sitting room, a females' half and a maid's room. In every corner of the house, there is antique furniture, cutlery and other household items, things that were and are a part of family life and a cozy home. All items



the first fortification that gave start to the city was built in a beautiful place convenient for defense on a high promontory at the turn of the Volga River. The Kremlin fortifications have not survived through time, only an island remained where among trees of an old park there are temples and buildings that saw many historic events of the Uglich land.

Currently, here there are exhibitions of the Uglich historic, architectural and art museum

that represent many sides of the thousand-year-old Uglich history and culture:

- Tsarevich Dmitry Church on Spilled Blood
- The Chamber of the Uglich appanage princes
- Spaso-Preobrazhensky (Transfiguration of the Saviour) Cathedral
- Bogoyavlensky (Epiphany) Cathedral
- Under Blessed Cover gallery of modern orthodox art and painting. The exhibition includes works of a famous artist S. B. Simakov (hieromonk Raphael), rector of Archangel Michael Church "In - the - Forest".

What to take part in:

The museum offers visitors general and thematic excursions around the territory and architectural monuments of the Kremlin, as well as the city.

In summer, one can hear Russian folk and lyric songs performed by the Ark (Kovcheg) male vocal ensemble in Bogoyavlensky Cathedral.

to fashion magazines and catalogs of that time.

What to take part in:

"Russian Pleasures Entertainment Program": During the program in the museum, it is easy to travel back to the 19th century Uglich. Visit a merry fair where a boisterous counterman with jokes and rhymes will offer all sorts of goods. In a living room at a party, one can listen to lyric songs popular at that time accompanied by guitar and piano. In the hostess's room one can listen to talks about fashion and Marriage Market holiday. And finally, one can take part in celebrations with gypsies.

Where to have a delicious meal:

On the first floor, there is a tea room of the 19th century where one can enjoy Uglich-style tea from a samovar, delicious pies or dishes from the 1st or 2nd class tavern menu.

HYDROELECTRIC POWER MUSEUM

Category: Museum

Location: Uglich, 33, Spasskaya street, the territory of Uglich Hydroelectric Station,

236 km from Moscow

Transport: Bus, car



Next to Uglich Hydroelectric Station in the former building of Volgola (Volga Prison Labor Camp) Hydro Power Museum is located. Eleven halls on three floors represent not just a collection of items telling about the history of industry development but a real interactive center with a bulk of interesting exhibits.

Must-see:

Are you interested in machinery? Here you will see the structure of a hydraulic generator and a turbine rotor, learn how pumped storage and tidal units and a flood-gate operate, how electricity is offered by the manufacturer to the provider, and much more. Do you want to generate electric current yourself? Do this by using a bike and a special generator.

Be sure to visit the Memorial Hall. Its collection tells how in the 1930's-50's, hundreds of thousands of GULAG prisoners took part in the construction of hydraulic facilities. Enter the office of the head of Volgola-Volgostroy NKVD USSR (Volga Prison Labor Camp - Volga Building Division of People's Commissariat for Internal Affairs of USSR),



Yakov Rappoport. There you can see authentic interior items, scientific literature and construction documents of Upper Volga hydroelectric facilities.

The Cascade Development hall highlights the achievements of Russian hydraulic engineers who designed and commissioned unique hydroelectric engineering structures within shortest terms. Poet Yevgeny Yevtushenko devoted the poem Bratsk Station to great construction projects of the 1960's and 70's.

In the museum, one can learn about the most unique hydroelectric power stations of

the world: Sayano-Shushenskaya hydroelectric power station, the largest station of Russia, the Chinese Three Gorges Dam, the most powerful in the world, Brazilian Itaipu Dam, which is the largest producer of electricity in the world, the greatest cascade of hydroelectric power stations on the La Grande River in Canada and many other unique hydroelectric power facilities.

An interactive layout of an electricity meter will teach you how to save electricity. If you throw a coin, all electrical appliances in the living room will turn on, lights will come on, and the meter starts counting Watts. Museum visitors will get a Conditional Kilowatt plastic card.

This unusual museum is unique in the world and can offer its visitor many more



wonders. Multimedia technologies, electrified maps, touch screens with tutorials, educational and entertaining software and a cinema make a visit to the museum unforgettable.

What to take part in:

The museum offers an interactive Flood Gates and Communicating Vessels program for school children. Within the program, participants will find out what a flood gate is, how it operates and how to lead a ship through it, what a flood gate and communicating vessels have in common, why rivers are called life ways and what flood gates are the largest in the world. The program duration is 45 minutes.

Adults may choose either of the excursions: a general (1 hour) or a full one (1.5 hours).



"RUSSIAN ESTATE" (RUSSKAYA USADBA)

RESTAURANT

Category: Restaurant

Location: Uglich, 9, O. Bergholz street

Transport: Bus, car



"Russian Estate" (Russkaya Usadba) Restaurant Complex is a special place where one can feel the charming atmosphere of merchants' home life. The restaurant is located in an old three-storied house of the Pereslavl-sev merchants, an architectural monument of the 19th century. It is in the immediate vicinity of the central square and architec-

tural ensemble of the Uglich Kremlin on the one side and the picturesque embankment of the Volga River on the other.



Six halls are situated on three floors of the building. On the ground floor, there is a restaurant for 50 guests, it has a large balcony with columns that offers a wonderful view of the Volga river, the Kremlin and the City Park. A comfortable VIP Hall for 16 guests is meant for relaxation and business meetings in a small company and confidential atmosphere.

The conference hall on the 2nd floor for 50 guests has access to the upper balcony and make any event comfortable and tasteful in the style of adventurous Uglich merchants. In the basement of the restaurant complex there is the Feast (Trapeza) restaurant with three rooms. One of them is located in an old ice cellar with brick arches, hooks and loophole windows, all of which are preserved in their original form. The total capacity of the halls is 70 people.



The restaurant menu offers a wide range of dishes of the traditional Russian cuisine.

Must-try:

"Rostov" ukha (traditional fish broth), pickles from the cellar, roast meat with mushrooms, pancakes, kulebyakas (pies with fillings), rasstegays (small pies) and special liquor Khrenovukha.

"MOSCOW" (MOSKVA)

HOTEL

Category: Hotel

Location: Uglich, 7, ul. Ostrovskogo

Transport: Bus, car



"Moscow" Hotel 3* is justifiably considered one of the best hotels in Uglich. It is a part of Intourist Hotel Group chain, which guarantees guests a decent level of services provided. The hotel is situated in the



historical center of Uglich. It is within a walking distance from the ensemble of the Uglich Kremlin. All rooms offer a magnificent view of the Volga River.

The three-storied building of Moscow hotel built in 2007 is distinguished by refined

wellness center (4 Finnish saunas, gym, swimming pool), a beauty salon, billiard, board games and bikes rent are available for hotel guests. In the hotel lobby there is free access to the Internet via Wi-Fi.

Where to have a delicious meal:

Guests can use a restaurant for 80 people with Russian and European cuisine and in summer an unusual multilevel café and viewing platform overlooking the Volga. Here, refreshing and alcoholic drinks, barbecue and other dishes will be served in the open air. A buffet breakfast is available in the restaurant. Lunch and dinner a la carte are available (with free choice of dishes on the menu).

A bar for 25 guests works at night.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2014

FEBRUARY

▶ Uglich Winter Fun Annual Active Leisure Festival

Yaroslavl Region, Uglich

Interregional entertaining holiday. The program of the festival includes shows and competitions in cold water swimming, snowmobile race drag racing, short track, mass ski race, ice fishing competitions, culinary contest, winter folk games for youth teams and weight lifting and arm wrestling competitions.

▶ Russian Snowmobile Cross-Country Race Championship

Yaroslavl Region, Rybinsky District, "Demino" International Ski Sport Center

Russian Snowmobile Cross-Country Race Championship. The most spectacular winter event of active event tourism. As well as snowmobile races, the program includes a gala performance, a freestyle show, pop concerts, a fireworks show and a baby sprint.

FEBRUARY-MARCH

▶ Russia's Main Mardi Gras Festival (over several days)

Yaroslavl and towns of Yaroslavl Region

Yaroslavl Mardi Gras was the first to receive the official status of the main "Maslenitsa"

MAY

▶ All-Russian Orthodox Children's Holiday Blagostina (Goodness)

Yaroslavl Region, Uglich

Ten May days of children's creativity and unity of Orthodox and secular holidays. Russia's only children's educational and creative charity ten-day festival.

▶ 4th "Visit Russia" International Tourism Forum

Yaroslavl

Within the Forum over 1000 delegates from different countries will discuss Russia's integration into the world tourism industry and creation of tourist clusters and public-private partnerships in this field in Yaroslavl.

JUNE

▶ Visit to Berendey Interregional Festival of Tourist Brands

Yaroslavl, Pereslavl-Zalessky

Annually fairy tale characters from all over Russia come to take part in the festival. On this day, the characters show their interactive creative programs and together with numerous guests and city residents celebrate the beginning of fabulous Russian Summer.

▶ The Birthday of Holy Prince Alexander Nevsky

Yaroslavl, Pereslavl-Zalessky

On this day in Pereslavl, where Holy Prince and prominent Russian politician Alexan-

der Nevsky was born and spent his childhood, various celebrations take place in city squares. Traditionally, celebrations begin in the Red Square next to the temple where the young Prince was baptized. All guests of the city may visit a festive divine service, concert program, reenacted battles of Prince Alexander's troop and interactive historical programs.

▶ "Living Antiquity" International Festival of Music and Crafts

Yaroslavl Region, Rostov

Living Antiquity is a revival of the medieval city soundscape. For this purpose, unique creative groups and soloists who are working with ancient instruments and performing repertoire that is rarely heard today, epics, historical songs and spiritual poems are invited to Rostov. The program includes ethnographic groups shows, fairs and old style performances.

▶ "Bear" (Medved) Classic Cars Rally

The Yaroslavl, Kostroma, and Ivanovo regions

The Yaroslavl Bear Classic Cars Rally is devoted to one of the oldest rallies in Russia, held from 1966 through 2005. The aim of the event is to promote classic cars and preserve traditions of the Russian automobile sport. Cars manufactured no later than 1988 take part in the rally. When participants are se-

lected, cars that took part in Bear rally in the 1960-70's are preferred. Special preference is given to racing and sports cars that have historical value and were manufactured in 1930-70's.

- **"Holiday of Kukoboy Fairy Tale" Tourist Event**
Yaroslavl Region, Pervomaisky District, village of Kukoboy

The theme of the holiday is Kukoboy on a fairy-tale map of Russia. At the festival, near the seventh fairy-tale milestone next to the hut of Baba Yaga, a local fairy-tale brand, participants discuss the successful experience in the development and promotion of the fairy-tale brands Ded Moroz (Father Frost) from Veliky Ustyug and Ded Moroz from Belovezhskaya Pushcha in Belarus, Snegurochka (Snow Maiden) from Kostroma and Berendey from Pereslavl.

- **"Dobrofest" Music and Entertainment Open-air Festival**
Yaroslavlsky District, Levtsovo airfield, 17 km from Yaroslavl in the direction of Lyubim.

It is the first regional many days long open-air festival comparable by its level with the leading festivals in world's capitals. One of the key objectives of the festival is to discover new young musicians. Therefore, with-in Dobrofest Kind Rock festival takes place,

which is aimed to discover and support talented bands, future stars. Annually, over 600 bands from different regions of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan apply for participation in the contest.

- **International Street Theaters Charity Festival**
Yaroslavl

A unique social and cultural project, open air theater in the street and in a park participated in by both professional actors and spectators. The main ways of interaction are flash mob, performance and "happening". Spectacular event of the festival is world street theaters carnival that fulfills Vyacheslav Polunin's dream about the World Carnival.

JULY

- **All-Russian Nekrasov Poetry Holiday**
Yaroslavlsky District, Karabikha state literary and memorial museum-reserve of N. A. Nekrasov

Large literary festival dedicated to N. A. Nekrasov who wrote his best poems in this estate. On this day in the territory of the estate and its park poetry readings, exhibitions, meetings of poets with readers, music bands shows and interactive activities take place.

- **Annual Mouse Festival**
Yaroslavl Region, Myshkin

The festival has been held since 1996. The program of the festival includes a grand carnival procession "Parade Show of Mice of All Stripes and their Fairy-Tale Friends" with lots of vivid and impressively played scenes and plots, Mouseborough crafts fair and concerts of creative groups. Yaroslavl Region, Mice & Co. children's holiday.

- **The Annual Myshkin Self-Motion Festival of Vintage Vehicles**
Yaroslavl Region, Myshkin

The Festival presents Myshkin as a permanent center for vintage vehicles lovers. As part of the festival, a parade of vintage vehicles is held in the streets of the city as well as a concert and entertainment part including vintage car rides. The only machinery museum in the Upper Volga region has a rich collection of agricultural machines, trucks, cars and motorcycles, among which there are prewar 1.5 tonne truck GAZ-AA, ZIS-5, a workhorse of the war roads, Russian Black Maria GAZ-M1 (the notorious M1), the Allies's American Willys and many others. Various vehicles are presented, even river vessels! And there are lots of absolutely non-conventional vehicles from steam locomobile to lemonade and sausage machines of the 19th century.

- **"Golden Ring of Russia" International Festival of Hot Air Ballooning**
Yaroslavl Region, Pereslavl-Zalessky, Rostov

The 13th Golden Ring of Russia International festival of Hot Air Ballooning. Flights

- **"Alyosha Popovich", the Rostov Warrior Tourist Holiday**
Yaroslavl Region, Rostov

The Festival is dedicated to the culture and traditions of Russian epic. The main character of the holiday is Russian warrior Alyosha Popovich.

- **"Architecture in Motion" Modern Architecture Festival**
Yaroslavl

Festival of contemporary urban culture that offers people participation in city life, and suggests ideas to initiate routes and open doors. That is, to form the city in the way we need it today, when we are in this age, have these interests, needs and even state of mind. The festival is aimed at the development of the city through creative initiatives, solidarity of citizens and cooperation of authorities, businessmen and creative community. This is a festival of ideas the program of which includes artistic and social events that present ideas on development, vision and criticism of the city and give the opportunity to develop the city as a modern open area.

SEPTEMBER

- **International Volkov Theatrical Festival**
Yaroslavl

The festival began in 2000, when the 250th anniversary of the first Russian professional theater, Fyodor Volkov Russian Dra-

ma Theater, was celebrated. Since then, the Festival has been held annually. Best Russian theaters show their performances on the stage of Volkov Theater.

- **"Romanov Sheep, the Golden Fleece of Russia" Tourist Festival**
Yaroslavl Region, Tutaevo

Romanov Sheep, the Golden Fleece of Russia Festival is dedicated to the pride of the region, the famous breed of the Romanov sheep. Romanov (left-bank part of the city) and its suburbs is the birthplace of the famous eponymous breed of sheep that was developed here upon an order of Peter the Great as early as the 17th century. Items of Romanov sheepskins are famous throughout Russia.

- **"Shall the Russian Navy Be! Navy Day**
Pereslavlsky District, the village of Veskovo, Botik of Peter the Great memorial estate

Annually, one of Russia's oldest provincial museums that evolved due to Peter's passion for shipbuilding in his early years on the shores of Lake Pleshcheyevo celebrates the Navy Day. The best historical clubs and theaters, dance and music groups of Russia will help you travel back in history. You will have a chance to see a theatrical performance, enjoy true royal ukha and porridge.

- **"Sozvezdie" (Constellation) International Cinema Actors Festival**
Yaroslavl

Presentation of contemporary Russian cinema to spectators, discovery of new talents and their support, identification of new tendencies and development of ways of Russian film industry further development. All works are presented and marks are awarded by a jury of artists and spectators. Themes of the festival: social (creative meetings in veterans and the elderly care homes, orphanages, etc.), youth (master classes for cinema and theater actors), cultural (issues of contemporary culture, round tables) and implementation of creative programs in small towns.

AUGUST

- **"Photoparade in Uglich" International Photo Festival**
Yaroslavl Region, Uglich

The Festival takes place over five days. The festival traditionally includes an educational program: lectures, workshops, creative meetings with leading Russian photographers; professional portfolio review; photo exhibitions of the winners of prestigious Russian and international photographic contests and awards; speed contest on a given topic; a distance photo contest; open discussion of contest works; workshops, creative meetings, lectures, exhibitions, including Foreign Photographers about Russia, opening of

- **Invasion of Father Frosts - the Day of Complete "Frostarization"**
Yaroslavl Region, Rybinsk, Russia

This holiday is for everyone who believes in New Year miracles. Over 1,000 Father Frosts march along the main street of the city. The parade is headed by the chief Father Frost from Veliky Ustyug. The musical escort of Rybinsk Father Frosts and snow maidens drummers solemnly accompany the festive procession to the city's main Christmas tree.

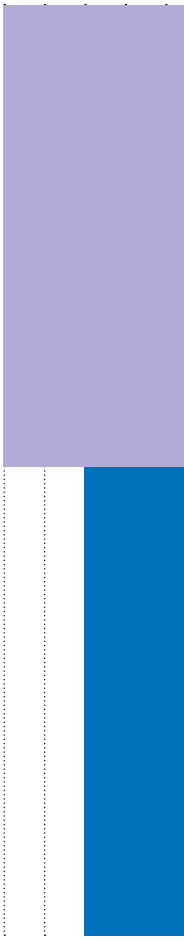
DECEMBER

OCTOBER

- **Big Fair in the Village of Velikoye**
Yaroslavl Region, Gavrilov-Yamsky District, village of Velikoye

- **Oseniny (Autumn Festival) in the Dendrological Garden**
Yaroslavl Region, Pereslavl-Zalessky, S.F. Kharitonov Dendrological Garden

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