

An aerial night photograph of Nizhny Novgorod, Russia. The city is illuminated with various lights, and a large firework display is visible in the sky. The Volga River flows through the city, and a bridge is visible in the background. In the foreground, there is a large, modern building with a glass facade, surrounded by landscaped areas and walkways. The overall scene is vibrant and festive.

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NIZHNY

GUIDE
TO NIZHNY NOVGOROD
and (a bit of) its region

D I S C O V E R

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Nizhny Novgorod is ever-changing — ‘Pocket of Russia’, ‘Russian Detroit’, restricted-access Gorky, ‘Capital of Sunsets’. In the wake of the city’s big 800th anniversary, the streets, parks and public spaces have been truly transformed.

This guide is our attempt to capture all the most important things to see and visit if you happened to find yourself in Nizhny Novgorod and are wondering where to go, where to have a meal or a snack and what to see and to do. Here you will find the main attractions, a variety of museums, food outlets to suit all tastes and budgets, and walking routes that can make travelling around the city and the region more exciting.

Nizhny Novgorod has been designated the *Russian Capital of Culture* for 2024, with a rich program of events in store for us!

We hope you enjoy your stay in our beautiful city, and you can let us know about it by sharing your impressions on social media, using #discovernizhny.

It's awesome in Nizhny!*

*Nizhny (also, NiNo or, simply, NN) is a popular contraction of Nizhny Novgorod, used especially often by the locals. You could do worse than avoid using just Novgorod when referring to Nizhny Novgorod, as this designation is reserved for mentioning Veliky Novgorod colloquially.

Nizhny Novgorod Kremlin

Kremlin Wall

Kremlin Towers

Cathedral Bell Tower

Cathedral of St Michael the
Archangel

Art Museum | Russian Art

Art Museum | Manège

Arsenal

Mstislav Rostropovich
Philharmonic Society



NIZHNY NOVGOROD KREMLIN

ADDRESS: Minin and Pozharsky Sq.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 06.00–21.00 (November–April); daily, 06.00–22.00 (May–October)

No tourist itinerary would be complete without a visit to the city's main attraction. There are many stories and legends associated with the 13 towers of the Kremlin, and some of them are truly blood-curdling. Most notable ones are about a girl who was buried alive here or a secret cache of the lost library of Ivan the Terrible. The Kremlin hosts many administrative buildings, an open-air exhibition of military equipment (a definitive magnet for children), the Eternal Flame monument, the Arsenal Center for Contemporary Arts, and the Art Museum with its formidable collection.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Eternal Flame monument and incredible views over the Spit known as *Strelka*, separating the Oka and the Volga
- Cathedral of St Michael the Archangel with Kuzma Minin's tomb
- Kremlin Boulevard
- Military equipment exhibition 'The People of Gorky for the Front'
- Church of St Simeon the Stylite
- Church of St Nicholas the Wonderworker
- Make sure to go to a concert at the Nizhny Novgorod Philharmonic Society
- Visitor Center in the Dmitrievskaya Tower (St Demetrius Tower), where you can get free information handouts for tourists and buy some cute souvenirs

KREMLIN WALL



ADDRESS: entrance and ticket office in the Dmitrievskaya Tower

OPENING HOURS: • circular route with all the museums and viewing decks: April 7–August 19, 10.00–20.00; August 20–September 9, 10.00–19.00; September 10–September 30, 10.00–18.00; October 1–October 23, 10.00–17.00; October 24–November 6, 10.00–16.00. The ticket office closes one hour before the end of business.

• winter route along the wall from the Dmitrievskaya Tower to the Chasovaya Tower (Watchmen or Clock Tower): November 7–April 7, 10.00–16.00. The ticket office closes one hour before the end of business.

TEL.: +7 (831) 282-25-40, +7 (904) 788-82-69

The Nizhny Novgorod Kremlin is the ‘stone necklace of the city.’ A walk along the circular route of the Kremlin wall is one of the central and most iconic attractions associated with the history of Nizhny Novgorod. The many windows and loopholes offer incredible views, and the walk is more than 2 km (the longest of any kremlin in Russia!), so we recommend that you should wear comfortable footwear and be prepared for elevation differences along your route.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

The Kremlin wall circuit is open to visitors for the first time; don’t miss the opportunity to see the ‘underside’ of the Kremlin.



KREMLIN TOWERS



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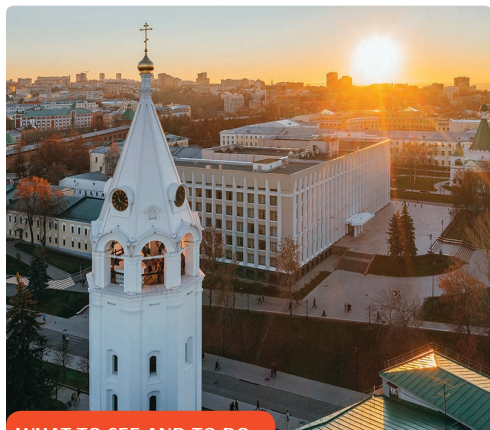
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There are 13 towers in the Kremlin, and all of them are steeped in a myriad of legends and stories. The Dmitrievskaya Tower is, of course, the most recognizable landmark of the city. The image of this tower is canonically chosen whenever there is a need for a graphic designation of Nizhny Novgorod. Look up — since the 1960s, the very top of the tower has been carrying a weather vane with the image of a deer, the coat of arms of Nizhny Novgorod, and above the gate arch there is an icon of Yuri Vsevolodovich, the founder of the fortress city. There used to be a provincial archive here, where Alexander Pushkin worked in the 1830s when he was collecting material for his study of the Pugachev's rebellion, *A History of Pugachev*. The Zachatyevskaya Tower (Conception Tower) is the newest one in the Kremlin. It was restored and opened to the general public in 2012. Previously destroyed by a landslide and dismantled in the 18th century, it was re-built to close the Kremlin Ring once again.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Visit the museums in the towers. The Dmitrievskaya Tower hosts an exhibition of ceramics; and there are two exhibitions in the Nikolskaya Tower (St Nicholas Tower): *The City at the Mouth of the Oka* about the history of the city from its foundation to the construction of the stone kremlin, and an exhibition about archeology as a historical discipline that studies the human activity through material culture, while the Ivanovskaya Tower (St John Tower) will treat you to an updated exhibition *A Feat of National Unity*.
- The best views of the city are from the viewing decks of the Taynitskaya Tower (Secret Tower).

CATHEDRAL BELL TOWER



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

OPENING HOURS: daily, 09.00–19.00

The recreated Bell Tower is a new point of interest in the Nizhny Novgorod Kremlin, with its clock modeled after that of the 19th century chiming for the first time on December 31, 2020. The early 20th century saw the Spaso-Preobrazhensky (Transfiguration) Cathedral on this site. There are a total of 15 bells in the tower!

If you haven't been able to have a good look at Nizhny Novgorod from the Kremlin wall or one of the Kremlin towers, then you can get an almost bird's eye view of the city from the viewing deck of the Bell Tower.

CATHEDRAL OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

One of the most ancient churches in Nizhny Novgorod is quite small, it was built in its current form in the middle of the 17th century. The temple had previously served as a sepulcher for princes of Suzdal and Nizhny Novgorod, many of whom were buried here, and it has housed the remnants of Kuzma Minin since the 20th century.

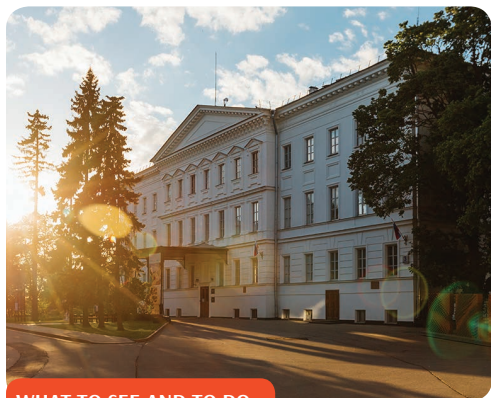
WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Enjoy the architecture of the Cathedral and the interior, where the walls are decorated with the scenes from the history of Nizhny Novgorod. The ashes of the national hero Kuzma Minin lie under the stone slab, and there is a special place in the cathedral for an icon of Grand Prince Yuri Vsevolodovich, the founder of Nizhny Novgorod, and a fragment of his relics.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 08.00–18.00



ART MUSEUM | RUSSIAN ART



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Old Russian icon painting
- Extensive collection of graphic art and sculpture, and a unique collection of silver artwork
- Paintings by the members of a group of Russian realist artists called *Peredvizhniki*, or the Itinerants — from Perov and Shishkin to Vasnetsov and Kramskoi

ART MUSEUM | MANÈGE

A cadet corps in the second half of the 19th century, the venue for the famous New Year's parties for the most 'disadvantaged children' in the early 20th century on the initiative of Maxim Gorky, a famous Russian and Soviet writer, and a tram depot in the 1920s, the Manège has now opened its doors to the general public as a modern, high-tech museum regularly hosting fascinating exhibitions. One of the examples of classical architecture of Nizhny Novgorod.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Make sure to visit the Church of St Nicholas the Wonderworker in the Manège
- Enjoy the exhibits in the Manège exhibition hall



ADDRESS: Kremlin, Bldg 3

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Wednesday, 10.00–18.00; Thursday, 12.00–20.00; Friday–Sunday, 11.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (910) 130-02-84,
+7 (950) 351-38-32

The museum is housed in the former governor's palace, where a banquet for Alexandre Dumas was held and where Emperor Nicholas II stayed during his visit to the All-Russia Industrial and Art Exhibition in 1896. Since the early 1990s, it has been home to one of Russia's most important regional museums, with a rich collection of Russian art.



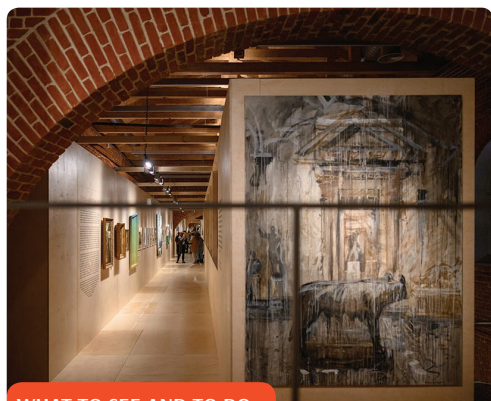
ADDRESS: Kremlin, Bldg 1A

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Wednesday, 10.00–18.00; Thursday, 12.00–20.00; Friday–Sunday, 11.00–19.00

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ARSENAL



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

ADDRESS: Kremlin, Bldg 6

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday,
12.00–20.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 422-45-54

The Arsenal is a key center of modern culture in Nizhny Novgorod: contemporary art exhibitions, lectures, concerts, festivals and many other events are held here on a regular basis.

There must be one or another contemporary art exhibition in the former Arsenal in the Kremlin, with free admission on Wednesdays.

You should also visit the Media Library, with its wide selection of culturological literature, and the *Vasari* bookshop, selling not only books but also pretty souvenirs of Nizhny Novgorod.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY NAMED AFTER MSTISLAV ROSTROPOVICH

ADDRESS: Kremlin, Bldg 2

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 439-11-87

Founded in 1937, it is one of the oldest concert organizations and is the main host of symphony, chamber, organ and literary concerts in Nizhny Novgorod. This is the venue for exclusive international festivals featuring world-class classical musicians.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Check the current events guide, as the Philharmonic Society has a concentrated schedule and there are fascinating concerts almost every day, so you can choose to your liking: Bach, Mozart, Schnittke or Louis Armstrong. Inside, you can admire an exciting thematic installation of ‘flying’ full scores, including musical pieces that are iconic for the Philharmonic Society.



Landmarks

Nizhny Novgorod Fair

Chkalov Stairs

State Bank

Pakgauzy

Alexander Nevsky Cathedral

Strelka

Former *Mayak* Factory

Pechersky Ascension Monastery

Stroganov Church



NIZHNY NOVGOROD FAIR

ADDRESS: 13 Sovnarkomovskaya St.

The Main Fair Building is an elegant Russian-style building, and the Nizhny Novgorod Fair is the 'Pocket of Russia' and a true symbol of merchants. In the 19th century, the fair was the most important event in Nizhny Novgorod, with merchants coming from all over Russia. In the latter half of the 20th century, the building housed the *Children's World* toy store, then small shops, and now it is home to a multimedia museum of Russian history. With flowerbeds, a playground, swings and an amphitheater, this is a new comfortable space for the whole family to enjoy.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- *Russia, My History* multimedia exhibition
- Arrange a photo shoot against the backdrop of one of the most spectacular buildings in the area — next to mirrored Pavilion 1
- Small architectural forms in the fairground are a reminder of how unique this place is and of its past: the *Fair Woman* gazebo, a children's playground made of pipes, the *Shukhov Tower* objet d'art and an authentic Russian stove
- In winter, be sure to skate at the local rink
- Visit the Russian café *Samovarnaya*, where you must absolutely try 'one-bite' pies made according to a recipe from before the Russian Revolution of 1917

CHKALOV STAIRS



ADDRESS: Minin and Pozharsky Sq.

The Chkalov Stairs lead down from the Kremlin to Nizhne-Volzhsкая (Lower Volga) Embankment. Built to honor the victory in the Battle of Stalingrad, this titanic structure is one of the best places to view Nizhny Novgorod's famous sunsets. The best viewing spot to admire them is from below or, even better, from the Volga, where you can fully appreciate the scale and shape of these magnificent stairs.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Monument to Valery Chkalov
- Take a walk up or down the Chkalov Stairs and count the steps (their correct number is still a mystery)

STATE BANK

ADDRESS: 26 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

Located on the city's main street, the State Bank, which with its spire, turrets and patterned wrought-iron gates could easily fit into the world of Harry Potter, is a certain eye-catcher. Surprisingly, the building has only been used for its intended purpose since the bank was opened here in 1913.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

As this is a restricted-access building, getting inside is not easy and you have to wait for an open day, which is held once or twice a year. Inside you will be treated to absolutely marvelous interiors with numerous paintings based on sketches by Ivan Bilibin, and this is something you will remember for a long time.



PAKGAUZY (FORMER FREIGHT SHEDS)

ADDRESS: 21 Strelka St.

Pakgauzy are the skeleton metal freight sheds that were part of the exhibition pavilions of the famous 16th All-Russia Industrial and Art Exhibition in 1896. These open-work metal structures were used for a long time as the basis for warehouses and were partially dismantled in the 1960s. Discovered only in 2015, when the city was preparing to host the 2018 FIFA World Cup, these metal frames were then stripped of brick walls and slate roofs and are today as symbolic of Nizhny Novgorod as the Fair or the Kremlin. The *Strelka* Festival has been held here, the *Innovation Prize* has been awarded here, and it is now a favorite spot for the city's residents, many of whom were unaware of these structures for a long time.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Visit the concert hall in *Pakgauzy*, where on top of watching musicians on a beautiful stage, you can also enjoy the views of the historic area of the city that can be seen through one of the walls fully made of glass and overlooking *Strelka*
- Stop by the exhibition area for what's sure to be yet another fascinating exhibition and grab a coffee at the local café



ALEXANDER NEVSKY CATHEDRAL

ADDRESS: 1A Strelka St.
OPENING HOURS: daily,
08.00–19.00



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- The cathedral offers free guided tours by appointment, where you can learn about the architecture, sacred objects and places, services and sacraments of the Russian Orthodox Church
- Monument to Alexander Nevsky and Cathedral Bell, put in place to commemorate the heroism of the Nizhny Novgorod volunteer army led by Minin and Pozharsky

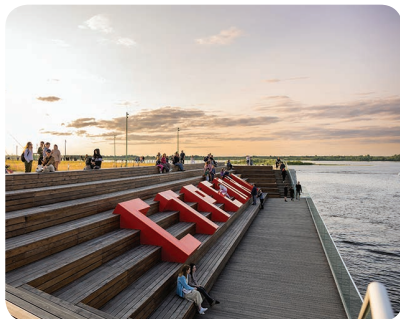
STRELKA

ADDRESS: Strelka

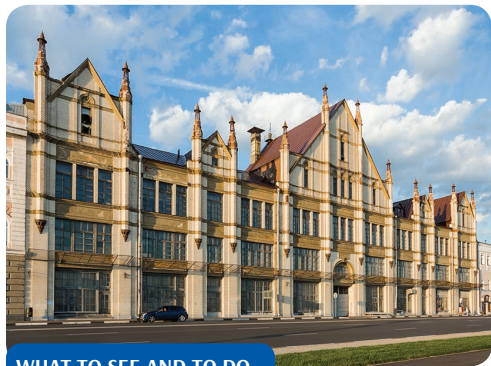
Closed to the public for more than eighty years, the river port area is finally opened to Nizhny Novgorod residents and visitors. This is the city's newest public space, but just a few years ago no one was allowed to even have a walk there. Today, as well as being a concert venue in summer and an ice skating rink in winter, you can enjoy the views of the bustling uptown of Nizhny Novgorod from here.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- From the amphitheater with the inscription *Strelka* you can admire the confluence of the Oka and the Volga and it seems to be an ideal spot for meditative contemplation of water
- Take a walk along the Oka and Volga embankments leading to the Borsky Bridge
- Stop by the TP-RP 2820 coffee house in the building of a former transformer substation (hence the abbreviation in Russian)



FORMER MAYAK FACTORY



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Check out the architecture of the ‘double-faced’ house — one of its façades (pseudo-Gothic, with narrow high windows and pointed turrets) faces Nizhne-Volzhsкая Embankment, the other (Art Nouveau style) gives onto Rozhdestvenskaya Street
- In 2022, the Mayak Academy named after Andrei Sakharov was opened here. It holds various events, lectures and master classes



ADDRESS: 11 Nizhne-Volzhsкая Embankment

The complex of the Rukavishnikov Bank, also known as the former *Mayak* clothing factory, is one of the most amazing buildings in Nizhny Novgorod.

The famous architect Fyodor Schechtel built it right before the First World War for Sergei Rukavishnikov, a local millionaire merchant. In 1915, a sewing factory was evacuated from Warsaw into this building, which was named *Mayak* during the Soviet times.

PECHERSKY ASCENSION MONASTERY

The Pechersky Ascension Monastery is one of the oldest monasteries in the Nizhny Novgorod Region. It was founded at the beginning of the 14th century by Dionysius of Suzdal. It was here that the Laurentian Codex, including *The Tale of Bygone Years*, was written.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Visit the History Museum of the Nizhny Novgorod Eparchy
- Buy baked goods at the monastery pie shop
- See the local ‘Leaning Tower of Pisa’ — the monastery bell tower
- Take a walk along the Romanov Emperors’ avenue



ADDRESS: 108 Privolzhsкая Sloboda

OPENING HOURS: daily, 07.30–18.00



STROGANOV CHURCH

ADDRESS: 34A Rozhdestvenskaya St.

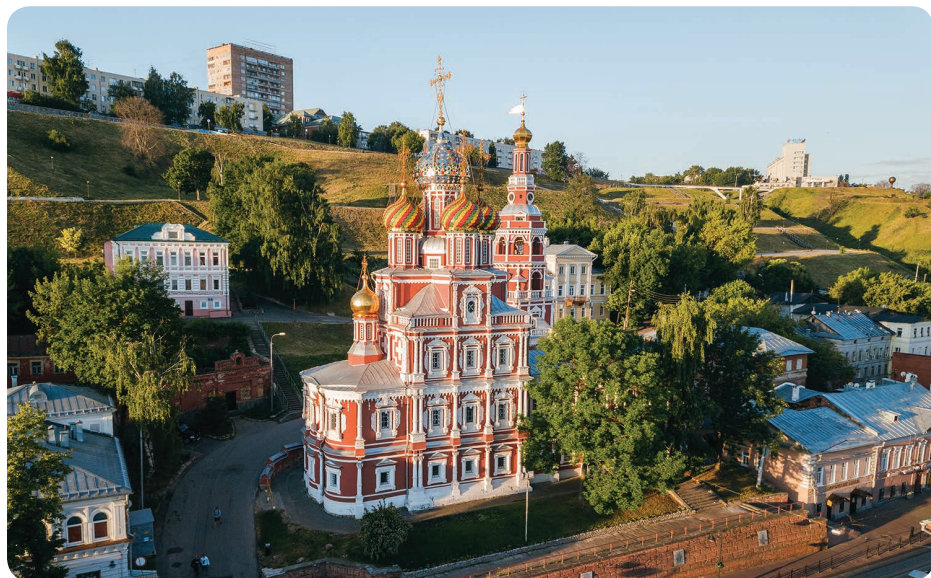
OPENING HOURS: daily, 06.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 430-18-60

The Church of the Synaxis of the Most Holy Theotokos on Rozhdestvenskaya Street is popularly known as the Stroganov Church after the merchant Grigory Stroganov who funded its construction. The church is steeped in legends, and one of them has it that when the church was finished, the master builder was due to be blinded so that he could never build anything as magnificent again but he turned into a black raven and flew away. The church was on fire several times and, according to another legend, was even shut down for three years by Peter the Great, who was outraged to see there the icons he had commissioned from Louis Caravaque for the Peter and Paul Cathedral in St Petersburg (Stroganov is said to have bought them). It is noteworthy that at the heart of Stroganov's vast fortune lay saltern enterprises and he reserved the church cellars for storing salt.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

The Stroganov Church has ancient icons of St Nicholas the Wonderworker and icons with some relics of St Seraphim of Sarov. Note the weather vane under the cross in the shape of a flag, which is a nod to the fashion for all things nautical in the times of Peter the Great.



Museums

Kashirin House

Maxim Gorky Apartment Museum

Art Museum | Western European
Art

Art Museum | 20th Century Art

Rukavishnikov Mansion

Toy Museum

Delicate Dreams

FUTURO Gallery

9B Gallery

Tikhaya Studio

Terminal Contemporary Art Center

Name Garden

*Tsekh** Exhibition Center

GAZ History Museum

Technical Museum

Yurkovka Gallery

Russian Museum of Photography

Andrei Sakharov Apartment
Museum

Radio Laboratory Museum

Russia's Steam Locomotives

Back to the USSR Museum

KASHIRIN HOUSE (MAXIM GORKY CHILDHOOD MUSEUM)



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Authentic household items from the 19th century
- Oak cross commemorating the death of Vanya Tsyganok
- Collection of editions of Gorky's novella *My Childhood* in the world's languages since 1914

MAXIM GORKY APARTMENT MUSEUM



ADDRESS: 19 Semashko St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday–Sunday, 09.00–17.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 436-16-51

This is the last apartment in Nizhny Novgorod where the Peshkovs lived, during that time Gorky was already 'a writer of European renown', visited by such distinguished guests as Feodor Chaliapin, Leonid Andreyev and Evgeny Chirikov. It was here that Gorky put the finishing touches to his play *The Lower Depths*.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- 'Green living room' in the late 19th—early 20th-century style
- Chaliapin's room with some of the singer's personal items
- Although it's not part of the museum, check out the flophouse on Kozhevennaya Street, where Maxim Gorky drew the inspiration for the characters of his play *The Lower Depths*, and the Stolby teahouse at 11 Kozhevennaya Street, which the writer set up for street vagrants

ART MUSEUM | WESTERN EUROPEAN ART



ADDRESS: 3 Verkhne-Volzhsкая Embankment

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Wednesday, 10.00–18.00; Thursday, 12.00–20.00; Friday–Sunday, 11.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (910) 130-02-84

The Museum Department of Western European Art is housed in the merchant Dmitry Sirotkin's mansion. The main exhibit here is Konstantin Makovsky's magnificent painting *The Call to Arms of Kuzma Minin*, which has a room of its own.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Enjoy the splendid interior of the merchant's mansion: the grand oak staircase, panel doors with brass handles, ceiling paintings by the famous architect Viktor Vesnin
- Use the VR tools to have a most profound look at *The Call to Arms of Kuzma Minin*

ART MUSEUM | 20TH CENTURY ART



ADDRESS: 2/2 Minin and Pozharsky Sq.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Wednesday, 10.00–18.00; Thursday, 12.00–20.00; Friday–Sunday, 11.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (910) 130-02-84,
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A branch of the Nizhny Novgorod State Art Museum — department of the 20th-century art — has taken the building of a former shopping arcade at the head of Nizhny Novgorod's main pedestrian precinct. The permanent exhibition on the first floor features paintings by Kazimir Malevich, Natalia Goncharova, Wassily Kandinsky, Kuzma Petrov-Vodkin and many others. Besides exhibitions, the museum hosts meet-the-artist sessions, unique tours and lectures on the 20th-century art.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Paintings by Alexander Rodchenko, Mikhail Larionov, Aristarkh Lentulov, Pyotr Konchalovsky, Martiros Saryan — there is so much to see
- Works by outstanding artists of Nizhny Novgorod, acknowledged masters — Fyodor Bogorodsky, Tatyana Mavrina, Oleg Bordey and many, many others

RUKAVISHNIKOV MANSION



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

25 exhibition rooms with authentic interiors, displaying a collection of rich fabrics, jewelry, accessories, toys and other treasures.



ADDRESS: 7 Verkhne-Volzhskaya Embankment

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday, 11.00–18.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 282-25-47

Belonging to one of the most influential dynasties of its time, this merchant's palazzo has an astonishing history. The authentic interiors and the reconstructed furnishings of the mansion are both a monument to the commercial life of Nizhny Novgorod in the latter half of the 19th century and a modern public platform.

TOY MUSEUM

The museum is located on the main street of Nizhny Novgorod in a three-story building, which is an architectural monument of the 19th century. The Toy Museum is on the first floor; its unique collection is put together by the artist Alexander Lavrov who has been collecting toys that children have played with over the last hundred years. This museum may be more appealing to adults, because here they can find things from their childhood: 'pioneer' train sets, 1930s kewpie dolls, New Year tree decorations from the Soviet times and much more.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Be sure to visit the 'throwback' courtyard near the museum for a taste of the USSR atmosphere. It is also home to a recent art space *Kladovka*. *Gallery of Stories*, where you can buy rare vinyl records, among others.



ADDRESS: 8 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday, 11.00–18.00

TEL.: +7 (904) 049-94-70



DELICATE DREAMS

ADDRESS: 2B Narodnaya St.

OPENING HOURS: by appointment only

TEL.: 8 (800) 444-41-08

This is the largest European collection of masterwork by the world famous doll designer Hildegard Günzel.



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Book an interactive mini-performance tour and watch a film about how dolls are 'born' in Frau Günzel's studio.

FUTURO GALLERY

ADDRESS: 6 Rozhdestvenskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday, 12.00–20.00

TEL.: +7 (967) 713-67-50

The Gallery of Contemporary Art is a platform for experimentation by the local art community and for getting to know Russian and European artists. It was a tremendous coup for the gallery to take the hall in the historic building first serving as the merchant Fyodor Pereplechikov's rental house and, later, Mayakovsky cinema theater, with its high ceilings and textured old stucco.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

If not for the modern art, then at least for the chic interior, you should definitely come here.

9B GALLERY



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

ADDRESS: 9B Oktyabrskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 12.00–18.00; Saturday, 12.00–20.00

TEL.: +7 (930) 802-80-49

The main mission of the founders is to support young artists through an exhibition space, showroom and art residence.

Check out the courtyard with works by contemporary artists near the Yula Pizzeria and take a photo of the painting by Dmitri Aske on the façade.



TIKHAYA STUDIO



ADDRESS: 4B Ulyanova St.

OPENING HOURS: by previous appointment via www.tikhaya.org or by telephone (Telegram / WhatsApp)

TEL.: +7 (930) 709-22-85

Tikhaya is open to public, having undergone symbolic transformation from an artist workroom of the same name, which opened in 2015, into a studio where exhibition spaces, open storage, an archive and an artist's residence have been set up. You will be able to see all of this, just make sure to book in advance.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Here you can see artists working, get to know each other, see how various pieces of art are being made, and maybe even buy some contemporary art.

TERMINAL CONTEMPORARY ART CENTER



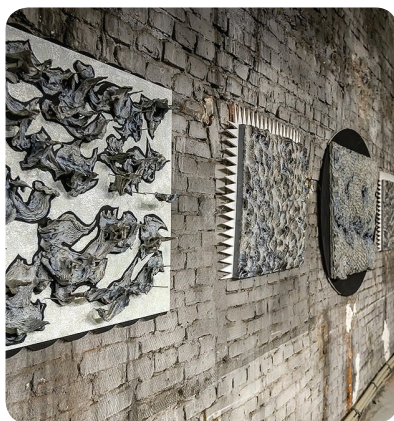
ADDRESS: 9 Krasnaya Sloboda St.

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday–Friday, 14.00–20.00; Saturday–Sunday, 12.00–20.00 (during exhibitions)

TEL.: +7 (930) 709-22-85

This is a contemporary art center where you can view exhibitions by artists from Nizhny Novgorod and elsewhere or buy art to support the project owners.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO



Check out the huge building of the former Kolchin-Kurbatov shipyard now housing the center, with eight-meter high ceilings and three floors of exhibition halls and rooms for artists' studios.

NAME GARDEN

ADDRESS: 27 Zaitseva St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 11.00–20.00,
by appointment only.

For booking call +7 (831) 435-13-33

TEL.: +7 (831) 215-09-18

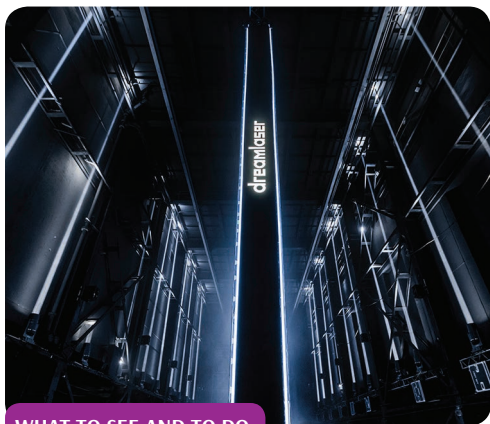


A public memorial complex created by artists Artem Filatov and Alexey Korsi in the courtyard of a private crematorium in Nizhny Novgorod. Aimed at combating the fear of death, this project has gone beyond an important artistic statement, offering many citizens a reason to visit the crematorium, learn about its history and, surprisingly, to find themselves in a blooming garden with a sound installation.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Listen to the sound installation, which is similar to a prayer; its text listing the Latin names of all the external parts of the human body and its internal organs
- You can symbolically dedicate any of the plants that grow in the garden to your deceased loved one via the project's website

TSEKH* EXHIBITION CENTER



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

ADDRESS: 32A Varvaskaya St.,
entrance from Kovalikhinskaya St.

TEL.: +7 (920) 252-37-63

This is an experimental multimedia space created by *dreamlaser* studio in a former print shop of Nizhpolygraph publishing house. This huge area of 1,000 m², where raves and parties could be held, treats its visitors to audiovisual installations by the best Russian and foreign artists. Although taking photos is not recommended there, the place looks very camera-friendly.

- Check out the installations, public talks, concerts — whichever is currently on
- Take a look at the newspaper print shop, which for a long time was open only to Nizhpolygraph's employees



GAZ HISTORY MUSEUM

ADDRESS: 95 Lenin Ave.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 09.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 299-06-99

One of Nizhny Novgorod's most important industrial facilities is the Gorky Automobile Plant known as GAZ, which was founded in 1932. This three-story museum is dedicated to the history and achievements of GAZ. Authentic vintage cars, including the famous GAZ-AA truck (*polutorka*, lit. 'one-and-a halfer', referring to its carrying capacity of 1.5 tonnes) and *Chaika* limousine, which was only enjoyed by the top of the Soviet hierarchy, are the most interesting part of the exhibition.

The museum uses VR technology, which literally brings the exhibits to life. A separate part of the exhibition tells the story of *Sotsgorod*, Nizhny Novgorod's residential district that was built specifically for GAZ employees.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- All generations of *Volga* passenger cars, starting with the symbol of the Khrushchev Thaw — GAZ-21
- Wear a VR helmet and get inside the workshop to see the famous *polutorka* truck being made
- The educational platform will let you explore many automotive careers: engineer, logistician, welder, conveyor operator

TECHNICAL MUSEUM

This is a unique collection of old equipment and tools by a Nizhny Novgorod collector Vyacheslav Khurtin. The museum that used to be privately owned for a long time has more than 2,000 exhibits, many of which, such as factory machinery and various music equipment, are still in good working order.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

It is best to take one of the many guided tours offered by the museum, as the exhibition is quite extensive. For example, *The Art of Sealed Sound* tour will show you how a musical organ works, and you can watch old films during a lecture in the cinema hall.

ADDRESS: 43 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St., Floor 3

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday, 11.00–18.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 215-10-60





YURKOVKA GALLERY

ADDRESS: 12 Sergievskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday,
13.00–18.00

TEL.: +7 (920) 258-00-61

This is a unique chamber museum named after artist Alexander Yurkov, who invented the 'floral mosaic', his own special technique of creating works of art without a drop of paint. All his works are made from natural materials, leaves, shells, seeds, birch bark. Each work has its own name with a double meaning, where much humor can be found. A tour is a must for an insight into the life and work of this most talented artist.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

The museum is quite small, but there is definitely no collection like this anywhere else in Russia. We recommend you to admire the works made only of natural materials in autumnal yellow-ocher colors; many of them are dedicated to Nizhny Novgorod, its streets and courtyards, the Kremlin and churches.

RUSSIAN MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY

ADDRESS: 9A Piskunova St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday, 11.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 434-25-23

The Russian Museum of Photography is located in the house where Andrei Karelin, one of the pioneers of the Russian art photography and a true star of the 19th century photography, opened his photographic studio *Photography and Painting* in 1869. One of his students is no less famous photographer Maxim Dmitriev. Today there is a plaque on the façade to commemorate both of them.



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Daguerreotypes, stereopositives, postcards, cameras, photographic enlargers, photo albums, medals, letters, personal items of famous photographers from the 1870s to the present day.

ANDREI SAKHAROV APARTMENT MUSEUM



ADDRESS: 214 Gagarin Ave.,
push 3 on the entry phone

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday, Wednesday,
11.00–17.00; Thursday, Saturday, 11.00–19.00;
Friday, 11.00–16.00; Sunday, 12.00–16.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 466-86-23



The apartment museum of this prominent physicist and human rights activist tells an almost detective story of his seven-year exile in Gorky (name of Nizhny Novgorod from 1932 to 1990): the manuscript of his memoirs got purloined repeatedly, there was a 24x7 police post at the entrance, and KGB surveilled him from the next house. The furnishings of that time have been recreated in this four-room apartment which was quite typical by Soviet standards. The museum is on the outskirts of the city, in the district of Scherbinki, which is the last place for people to go to museums.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- There is a unique exhibit—a telephone specially installed for a call from Mikhail Gorbachev, the then Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Soviet Union, who ended dissident No. 1's exile
- The exhibition hall dedicated to the life and work of Andrei Sakharov

RADIO LABORATORY MUSEUM



ADDRESS: 5 Verkhne-Volzhsкая Embankment

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10.00–17.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 419-67-55

An insightful tour about the first Russian radio laboratory, outstanding scientists Alexander Popov, Mikhail Bonch-Bruевич, Oleg Losev, the 'granny' vacuum tube, radios, TV sets and recorders with history. The unexpected soundtrack is provided by the exhibits—today's radio broadcast coming out with a retro rasp from an old radio, electro music with a wow effect when performed on an *Aelita* synthesizer and boogie-woogie 'on ribs' from a 1970s turntable.



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

In the Science Hall, you can touch any exhibit or spend a few hours making physical experiments with suspended spheres. It is physics made fun for visitors aged 6–60.

RUSSIA'S STEAM LOCOMOTIVES



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- And once you get to *Sortirovka* (colloquial name for the microdistrict), then in addition to the steam locomotives, have a look at the Soviet modernist architecture of this area and the noteworthy public transport stop pavilions: with umbrella canopies or in the form of an ancient Russian wooden palace
- In summer you can have a swim in the Sortirovochnoye Lake or take a walk in the birch grove

ADDRESS: 1A Gorokhovetskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: open air museum:
daily, 09.00–18.00 (October–April);
09.00–20.00 (May–September);
historical part of the museum:
Monday–Thursday 09.00–18.00;
Friday 09.00–16.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 248-72-54

Everyone passes by the open-air museum on their way to or from Moscow, as it is located in the Sortirovochny microdistrict near the lake. Granted, it is quite a trip from the city center but admission is free, and if you take a walk over the area, you can see as many as 18 old passenger and freight steam locomotives. And this is an opportunity for a spectacular photoshoot, of course.

BACK TO THE USSR MUSEUM

ADDRESS: 7B Yaroshenko St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday,
10.00–18.00 (March); 10.00–19.00 (April–May);
10.00–21.00 (June–August); 10.00–17.00
(September–February)

TEL.: +7 (910) 796-52-71

This museum not just offers more than 10,000 exhibits, which are unique artefacts from the USSR, but also reproduces the historical setting and spirit of the time down to the smallest detail. In particular, the exhibition halls have locations where the furnishings of a Soviet era apartment, a school classroom, a grocery shop and a hairdresser's are painstakingly recreated.



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Take a good look at the extensive technology exhibition that includes the famous *Pobeda* passenger car, a unique *National* cash register, and a *Druzhba* radiogram.

Theaters

Maxim Gorky Drama Theater

Comedy Theater

Youth Theater

Puppet Theater

Alexander Pushkin Opera
and Ballet Theater

Center of Theater Arts

MAXIM GORKY DRAMA THEATER



ADDRESS: 13 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

TEL.: +7 (831) 433-16-66

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Choose one of the classics: *The Days of the Turbins*, *The Cherry Orchard* or *Three Sisters*

COMEDY THEATER



ADDRESS: 23 Gruzinskaya St.

TEL.: +7 (831) 434-04-24

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Kukly (The Dolls) is one of the most popular theater pieces in the Comedy Theater, and don't miss *Syschiki* (The Detectives), a production based on the short story *The Case of the Molitovka Neighbourhood Poisoners* by a Nizhny Novgorod historical detective writer Nikolai Svechin.



ADDRESS: 145 Maxim Gorky St.

TEL.: +7 (831) 428-31-25

YOUTH THEATER

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

The Flying Ship, *The Town Musicians of Bremen*, *The Mystery of the Third Planet* are just a few of the great stock of children's shows.

PUPPET THEATER



ADDRESS: 39B Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

TEL.: +7 (831) 430-51-20

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

For children, anything they want; for adults, *Khanuma* and *The Stone Guest*.

ALEXANDER PUSHKIN OPERA AND BALLET THEATER



ADDRESS: 59 Belinskogo St.

TEL.: +7 (831) 428-50-56

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

The Nutcracker, *Swan Lake*, *Eugene Onegin* — who could ask for more?



ADDRESS: 32 Varvarskaya St.

TEL.: +7 (831) 413-44-06

CENTER OF THEATER ARTS

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

This is one of the newest theater venues in Nizhny Novgorod and it will not offer you the classics; yet you cannot go too wrong choosing *The Smoker's Code*, a carnival thriller, or *An Android Walks into a Bar*, a comedy, or *The Cynics*, a love story in a fluid era based on the novel by Anatoly Marienhof.

Entertainment

Cableway

Ferris Wheel

Nizhny Novgorod Stadium

Shweitsariya Park

Planetarium 1

Oceanis Aqua Park

Ariel Factory of Glass New Year
Tree Decorations

Orlenok Cinema

Rekord Cultural Center

Limpopo Zoo

Nizhny Novgorod Circus

CABLEWAY



ADDRESS: 8 Kazanskaya Embankment

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday, 06.45–21.00; Friday, Saturday, 06.45–22.00; Sunday and public holidays, 09.00–22.00; breaks on Monday and Thursday, 10.45–13.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 411-10-09

This is a modern transport link between two urban areas and one of Nizhny Novgorod's most important attractions: just shy of one kilometer, the cableway has the longest unsupported span over water in Europe. A one-way ticket costs 100 rubles.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Bird's eye view of the Volga
- From the windows of the cable car cabin, you can see the splendid views of the 17th century Pechersky Monastery, sunbathers near the Rowing Canal in summer or daring fishermen on ice in winter

FERRIS WHEEL

This is a Ferris wheel with 18 pods offering stunning views of the city. Every pod has air conditioning to ensure you will not be too hot in summer and heaters to keep you warm in winter. What gives edge to this Ferris wheel is the pod styled for VK videoclips, where you can take the best photos for your social media.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Book the VIP pod for an unforgettable view of Nizhny Novgorod and a romantic dinner
- Grab a bite at the café near the Ferris wheel, with android Dunyasha making you coffee and ice cream



ADDRESS: 2 Sennaya Sq.

OPENING HOURS: Sunday–Thursday, 10.00–21.00, Friday–Saturday, 10.00–22.00



NIZHNY NOVGOROD STADIUM



ADDRESS: 1A Betancourt St.

TEL.: +7 (960) 182-98-71

(for booking tours)

This is one of Russia's largest stadia, seating 45,000. It hosted six matches of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, attended, among others, by Kolinda Grabar-Kitarović, the then President of Croatia, and this is where legendary Diego Maradona wept in the stands as Argentina lost. Now the home ground of FC Pari Nizhny Novgorod, the stadium's round glowing bowl can be seen from anywhere in the city.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

'Behind the scenes' of the sports arena: the warm-up area, boot cleaning machine, and mixed zone.





SHWEITSARIYA PARK



ADDRESS: 35 Gagarin Ave.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 05.00–22.00

Nizhny Novgorod has a ‘Switzerland’ of its own, which is one of the most famous and popular parks in the city (also, one of the largest parks in Russia), called *Shweitsariya* and made in 1903 by Nizhny Novgorod high school students and their teachers.

You can spend a whole day here, having a great time—while still technically in the city, you can relax in nature, because *Shweitsariya* is first and foremost a park full of a great number of rare plants, trees and shrubs; it’s an excellent escape to solitude where you can listen to birds singing and admire the woody slopes of the right bank of the Oka River.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Appreciate the uniform style of the park’s pavilions, visit the Children’s Center built in the shape of a doughnut, let your children have fun in the ultra-modern playground, take a walk in the arboretum, go on the swings in the pavilion, and, of course, find some privacy along one of the park’s numerous pathways.

PLANETARIUM 1



ADDRESS: 35 Gagarin Ave.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–22.00

TEL.: +7 (999) 121-21-22



A modern multimedia platform in *Shweitsariya* Park with a dome of 18 meters in diameter. It hosts full-dome film screenings, performances, audiovisual shows, immersive theatrical productions and presentations. Free co-working space, a lecture hall and a science library are also available.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Attend one of the hour-long full-dome programs, and if you come here on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, get a ticket for a symphony or jazz concert under the starry dome.

OCEANIS AQUA PARK



ADDRESS: 35/3 Gagarin Ave., *Oceanis* shopping and recreation center, Floor 2
OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–22.00
TEL.: +7 (831) 283-18-31

This is the first aqua park in Nizhny Novgorod, taking up 40,000 m², twice the size of *Riviera* in Kazan. It has 17 slides, 7 hot tubs, a family water playground, a wave pool and a Lazy River. As well as being an aqua park for adrenaline addicts and thrill seekers, there is also a huge spa area for complete relaxation.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Treat yourself to a resort experience without leaving the city; you can spend the whole day here or take a four-hour package, which should also be enough to perk you up. There's a lot for children to do here, so make sure to take yours along and be tolerant of the kids in the park
- You can have a meal in the restaurant, which is located right there, without having to leave the aqua park

ARIEL FACTORY OF GLASS NEW YEAR TREE DECORATIONS



ADDRESS: Bldg B, 8A Zhirkombinat Rd
OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–18.00
TEL.: +7 (831) 215-09-18

Ariel is the successor of the glass-blowing and art workshop of the Gorky Art Factory *Children's Toys*, which was opened in 1936. The atmosphere here is festive all year round, but, of course, it is especially so on the eve of the New Year. During that period the place is absolutely packed.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- If you couldn't book a tour of the factory, visit the factory shop where you can buy a nutcracker, a New Year tree ornament with the symbol of the year or just a set of baubles
- Museum of the History of Nizhny Novgorod New Year Tree Decorations
- Take a photo of the retro New Year tree with toys on clothespins, pioneers and corn



ORLENOK CINEMA

ADDRESS: 39A Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily

TEL.: +7 (831) 411-15-67

A small cinema on the city's main pedestrian street is a paradise for Nizhny Novgorod cinephiles. The cinema is located in a historic building, which was designed by architect Fyodor Schechtel and built in 1912. This has now become one of the most successful regional art-house platforms in Russia.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Check out art house as part of the *Real Cinema* project, or a retrospective of Pedro Almodóvar or Alexei German Sr, or a short films festival, or the best documentaries
- Lop down among tropical plants in the lobby, grab a milkshake at the local café, check out some of the regular exhibitions

REKORD CULTURAL CENTER

The pre-revolutionary electric theater with the exotic name *Brazilian*, located at the Nizhny Novgorod Fair, can be considered the predecessor of the *Rekord* Cultural Center. In 1910 it got moved to the city center, and in 1914 its name was changed to the shorter and more vigorous *Rekord*. In 1938, the old wooden building was replaced by a new one with a spectacular semicircular rotunda — the Student House of the Institute of Water Transport Engineers — by Alexander Yakovlev, the architect who also designed the famous Chkalov Stairs.

Today, the *Rekord* Cultural Center is a venue for screening intellectual films that are 'not for everyone': both modern and vintage.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Check out the current events guide — as well as watching films, you can also attend an exhibition, talk, festival or show
- Use the free coworking space on the second floor. Here you can find a desk to work at and have a great view of Alexeyevskaya Street

ADDRESS: 7 Alexeyevskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 09.00–22.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 433-87-74



LIMPOPO ZOO

ADDRESS: 7B Yaroshenko St.

OPENING HOURS: Tuesday–Sunday,
09.00–18.00 (March); 09.00–19.00 (April–May);
09.00–21.00 (June–August); 09.00–17.00
(September–February)

TEL.: +7 (831) 416-14-14

The first private zoo in Russia and one of the favorite places for children and adults in Nizhny Novgorod, it is always crowded and hosts a variety of events. Today it is home to around 270 species of animals, and the news regularly features the cutest stories about the lives of its inhabitants: 'Brown bears Lyalya and Baloo fleeing the heat', 'Deer David growing new horns' and so on.



WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Visit the *Russian Village* and feed the goats, sheep, donkeys and rabbits
- Take amusement rides
- Visit the *Amazon*, a patch of real jungle within the zoo

NIZHNY NOVGOROD CIRCUS



ADDRESS: 38 Kommunisticheskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–19.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 246-13-80

Europe's largest circus complex, featuring world-renowned circus dynasties.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

Illusionists, acrobats, clowns, trapeze artists! Check the official website for the circus events guide — the program changes seasonally and Russian and international circus troupes come touring.

Best spots to enjoy sunsets

Nizhne-Volzhsкая Embankment

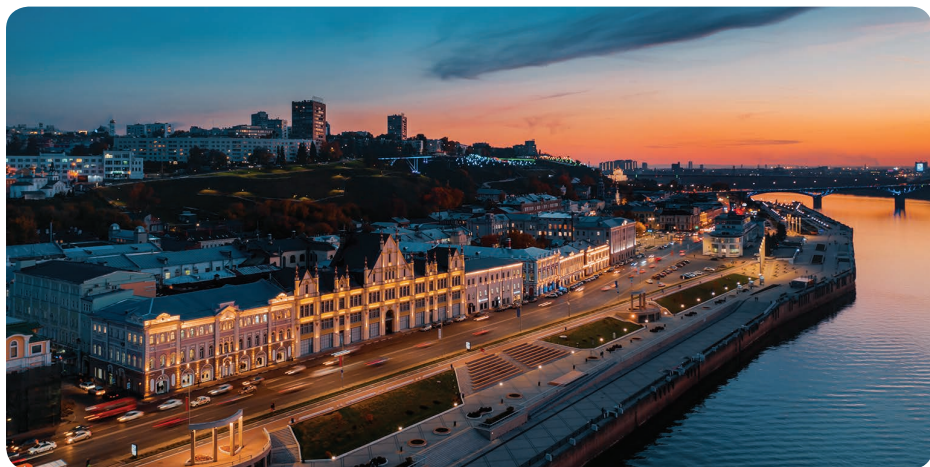
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Verkhne-Volzhsкая Embankment

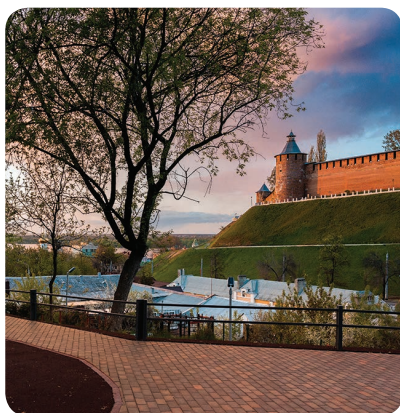
NIZHNE-VOLZHSKAYA EMBANKMENT

The city's main embankment has undergone major improvements and is now a nexus of power, with benches, an amphitheater and an extensive cultural program. A healthy alternative to Bolshaya Pokrovskaya and Rozhdestvenskaya streets. Nowadays most locals like to take a walk here. It's like Las Vegas on summer nights: it is all colorful and sparkling, with lots of children, people on bicycles and upbeat music. Renovated and improved for the 2018 FIFA World Cup, this embankment stretches for more than three kilometers along the banks of the Volga, making it a must for everyone who enjoys long trips, whether on foot or by bike.



POCHAINSKY BOULEVARD

The city's new promenade has opened quite recently, and the views from here are as magnificent as they get — of the Kremlin and Pochayna Ravine. Nearby are Chatygin's chambers, where Peter the Great supposedly stayed during his First Azov Campaign. It is best to start your walk on Dobrolyubova Street and make your way down to Pochainskaya Street. Here you can have a rest on one of the benches, have fun on the playground or on the swings. Look out for the unofficial guardians of the area: sculptures of mice hiding here and there. And in the warm season the boulevard gets inhabited by countless snails. For this reason, *bomse*, one of Nizhny Novgorod art groups, even made a sign saying 'Watch out for snails underfoot'.





FEDOROVSKOGO EMBANKMENT

One of the best spots in the city for taking pictures of the famous Nizhny Novgorod sunsets, just make sure to add #capitalofsunsets to your social media post. The view of the part of Nizhny Novgorod on the other side of the Oka, the Fair, the Nizhny Novgorod Stadium and the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, which opens up from here, literally paralyzes many tourists. A lot of people have their favorite spots of grass here where they can have a picnic or fly kites. There is also a monument to Maxim Gorky, who stands contemplating and admiring the confluence of the Oka and the Volga rivers. Let's keep this between ourselves: cross the bridge and you'll find yourself on the Grebeshkovsky Slope (aka *Grebeshok*), which has stunning views and some locals aren't even aware of it.


The park dedicated to the 800th anniversary of Nizhny Novgorod has also recently opened. With amphitheaters, swings and hammocks, it is a very trendy and modern space. The most stunning change is a major light installation over the renovated embankment. Over 1,000 lighting fixtures!

VERKHNE-VOLZHSKAYA EMBANKMENT

Formerly one of Nizhny Novgorod's most important promenades, Verkhne-Volzhsкая (Upper Volga) Embankment is a location where you can admire the river views and take a good look at the splendid Rukavishnikov Mansion, Sirotkin Residence and House of Kamenskikh along the way. Although over the years Nizhne-Volzhsкая Embankment, which is more fashionable and better equipped, has taken up the mantle of popularity, its upper counterpart is still loved by the locals. Running down to the Volga is a steep slope, popularly called *Otkos*.



Routes



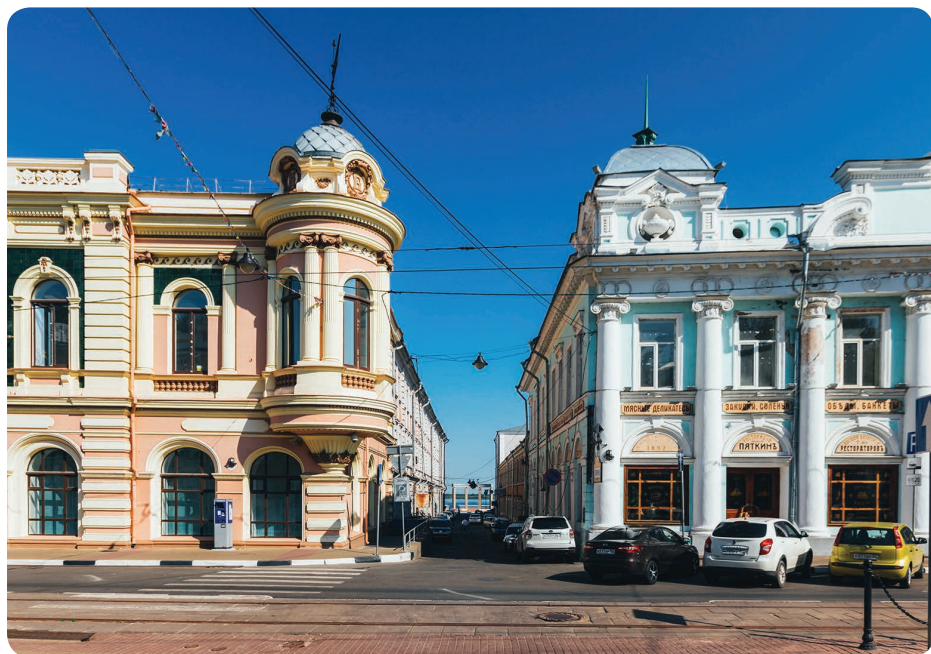
Rozhdestvenskaya Street
Bolshaya Pokrovskaya Street
Bolshaya Pecherskaya Street
Zapochainye
Nizhny Novgorod street art
Quarter of the Church
of Holy Hierarchs of Moscow
Avtozavod
Sormovo

ROZHDESTVENSKAYA STREET

A unique open-air museum: there are only stone houses here, and the history of the oldest of them dates back to the middle of the 18th century. It's also the main bar street, where people barhop, going on a crawl of each and every outlet for cocktails and alcohol infusions.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Multiple graffiti in backyards
- Stroganov Church at 34A Rozhdestvenskaya St.
- Barhopping should start or end with *Seledka i Kofe* (Herring and Coffee), one of the city's most iconic spots: the yellow sign has fish and a Turkish coffee pot on it, and there are usually crowds of people just outside
- The house of Countess Sophie Stroganova, whose mother, legend has it, was the inspiration for the countess in Alexander Pushkin's short story *The Queen of Spades*
- Markina Square
- 40B Kvasnoy Lane, rooftop city views





BOLSHAYA POKROVSKAYA STREET

Pokrovka, as the locals call the city's main pedestrian street, has long been the heart of Nizhny Novgorod. It has all the attributes of a city promenade: shops, cafés, restaurants, souvenir shops, street artists and musicians. The pedestrian part of the street links the two main squares of the city — Minin and Pozharsky Square and Gorky Square.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- 'Italian patio' with vineyard-covered walls, 5/6 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.
- Nizhny Novgorod Drama Theater, 13 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.
- Flea market in Sverdlov Garden, 18 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.
- State Bank, a remarkable example of Neo-Russian style, a local Hogwarts and one of the largest 'mercantile' buildings in Russia of the early 20th century, 26 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.
- Puppet Theater and *Orlenok* Cinema, 39A Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.
- *Hudozhestvennye Promysly* (Folk Arts and Crafts) shop where you can buy authentic souvenirs like Kazakov filigree or Khokhloma magnets, 43 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.
- There are many street sculptures to take photos with: a 19th century Russian policeman, a photographer, a boy with a dog, a shoeshiner; you can also ride the Merry Goat made of bronze or rub the nose of the figure of Yevgeny Yevstigneyev, a prominent stage and film actor and a native of Nizhny Novgorod.



BOLSHAYA PECHERSKAYA STREET

Bolshaya Pecherskaya is a cozy, chamber, beautiful, historical street (known since the early 17th century, active construction began in the 1810s — the street was one of the main entrances to the city from the Kazan side), but not the best known one even among the locals.

You can walk along this street from the very center of the city, from Verkhne-Volzhsкая Embankment and Minin Square, to Sennaya Square, where you can take a ride on the cableway or the Ferris wheel. Here you can enjoy shopping, admire the architecture or have something to eat in one of the many restaurants and cafés.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Veselovskaya Mansion by Georg Kiesewetter, the first city architect of Nizhny Novgorod, 1 and 3 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- Multi-stage project from late 1990's, 19th century style building complex, 5/9 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- Memorial plaque to Ivan Annenkov, a participant of the Decembrist Revolt, and his wife, Polina Gebl, whose story found its embodiment in *The Fencing Master*, a novel by Alexandre Dumas père, 16 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- Neustroevs-Bashkirov Mansion, one of the most important monuments of wooden architecture in the city, with the outhouse and stable being unique examples of Nizhny Novgorod Art Nouveau, 20 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- Crown Office building, where Vladimir Dal, the author of the renowned Explanatory Dictionary of the Living Great Russian Language, and his son, Lev Dal, the architect of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, lived and worked, 25 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- House of Pre-Revolutionary Political Convicts, with most of its residents becoming victims of repressions in 1937-1938, 30 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- Klimov House, one of the best wooden buildings in the city, 35 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- A classic example of the Nizhny Novgorod school of architecture is the local tax office building designed by architects Yevgeny Pestov, Alexander Kharitonov, Sergei Popov and Igor Goltsev, 7 Frunze St.

ZAPOCHAINYE

Zapochainye, or Ilyinskaya Sloboda is an important city landmark. The word 'Zapochainye' is derived from the name of a small underground river Pochayna while 'Ilyinskaya' comes from the name of the Church of Elijah the Prophet. A walk over Zapochainye will treat you to the view of the oldest buildings of Nizhny Novgorod — the 17th century churches and chambers, stone mansions of merchants from the turn of the 19-20th century, and an amazing landscape.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Church of the Holy Myrrbearing Women, one of the oldest churches in Nizhny Novgorod, 13A Dobrolyubova St.
- Residential stone building of the late 17th century, where Peter the Great supposedly stayed, 27 Pochainskaya St.
- Church of Elijah the Prophet built in stone in 1655, 9 Ilyinskaya St.
- Fedorovskogo Embankment, where the park dedicated to the 800th anniversary of Nizhny Novgorod is located, is the city's most important 'nexus of power'
- Church of the Assumption of the Most Holy Theotokos, 3 Krutoy Ln
- Makarovskiy-Okulov Revenue House, its architecture combining elements of the Empire style and eclecticism, 6 Krutoy Ln
- Chambers of Afanasy Olisov, one of the oldest surviving buildings of Nizhny Novgorod from the late 17th century, 7 Krutoy Ln
- Mansion of the Old Believer merchant Yakov Chernonebov, the façade of which is richly decorated with stucco in the spirit of eclecticism, 11 Krutoy Ln
- Kashirin House (Maxim Gorky Childhood Museum), a place with authentic interiors, furnishings and atmosphere of the 19th century, 21 Pochtovy Descent



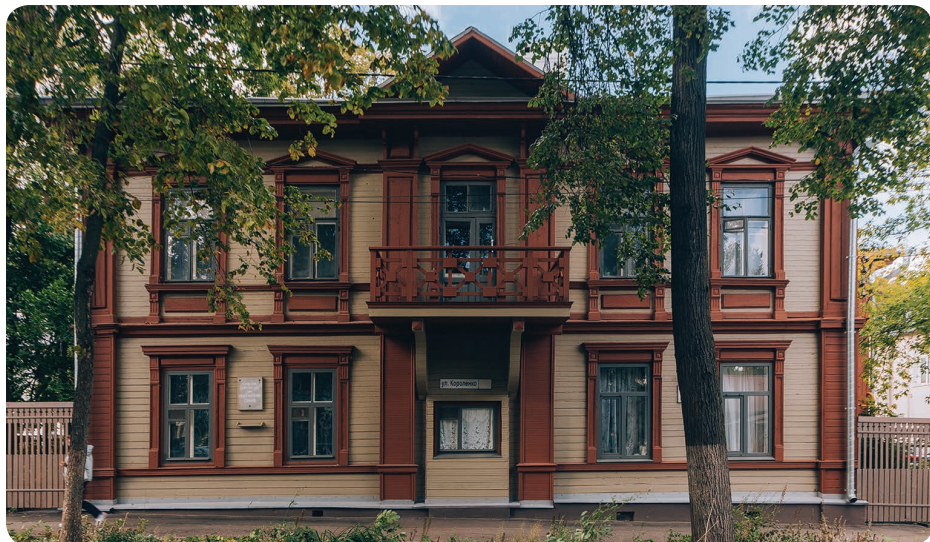
NIZHNY NOVGOROD STREET ART

Along with Ekaterinburg, Nizhny Novgorod is considered the capital of street art, and there are a lot of works here, with new ones popping up all the time. For example, the annual *Mesto* (Place) street art festival brings artists from around the world to Nizhny. A map of street art in Nizhny Novgorod is readily available online, and photos on social media platforms are actively tagged with #streetartnn. Don't hesitate to go into backyards and explore unconventionally located street art, as it's an important part of the city.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Yan Posadski. *Nochlezhka* (Flophouse), 2 Rozhdestvenskaya St.
- Dmitri Aske. *Firmware Update*, 9B Oktyabrskaya St.
- Slava PTRK. *Chip 'n' Dale*, 21 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.
- Andrei Olenov. *Near the Hearth*, Verkhnepecherskaya St.
- Stas Dobry, Timofey Radya. *Memory Lacework*, 35 Nesterov St.
- Street art is concentrated in the experimental *Krasny Prosveschenets* (Red Educationist) quarter (bordered by Belinskogo—Ashkhabadskaya—Nevzorovykh—Tverskaya streets), where local street artists work with their preferred wooden buildings
- At 15 Alexeyevskaya Street, near the *Moloko* restaurant is one of the favorite spots for street artists, where you can find micro-sculptures on top of classic graffiti and street art. Further down the street, you'll come across the work by Stas Bugs, a tribute to the world's last white rhino, and the graffiti intervention by *bomse* team
- Scattered throughout the city are ironic and poignant inscriptions by an anonymous artist nicknamed Blue Crayon, who uses, well, blue crayons for his works — you're bound to come across one of them





QUARTER OF THE CHURCH OF HOLY HIERARCHS OF MOSCOW

The Quarter of the Church of Holy Hierarchs of Moscow comprises 28 historic wooden houses on Novaya, Korolenko and Slavyanskaya streets. It is a veritable archipelago from the past, lost in the center of the metropolis. Several crossroads mark the boundaries of a spot with the atmosphere of Nizhny Novgorod of old, which was preserved thanks to the wooden buildings of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Every corner, every house has a deep-rooted history of their own. Maxim Gorky and Vladimir Korolenko lived here, Anton Chekhov and Leonid Andreyev visited, and there is even a balcony from where Feodor Chaliapin sang. All this sits side by side with the street art and tranquil gardens. There are guided tours, exhibitions, concerts and festivals in the area; and volunteers restore old houses.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Sedov Mansion, 49/6 Studenaya St.
- Architect Lemke Mansion, 21/11 Novaya St.
- Gorky House aka House with a Chaliapin balcony, 11B Korolenko St.
- Skvortsova House, 18 Korolenko St.
- House with an ependytes tent, 17 Korolenko St.
- 'Gingerbread' House, 30A Korolenko St.
- Kashirin House, 42 Korolenko St.
- Dombrovsky House, 31 Novaya St.
- Secret Garden, 3 Slavyanskaya St.
- Street art yard at 40 Korolenko St. and street art in the quarter

AVTOZAVOD

Built almost entirely for the needs of the Gorky Automobile Plant, this is the cleanest district of the city with the most balanced architecture. It is an embodiment of utopia, one of the few social cities built in the former USSR. The easiest and quickest way to get here is to take the metro from the city center to the *Park Kultury* terminus, which takes about half an hour. The area has an undeserved (though many would challenge that) reputation of being crime-ridden, it is also on the outskirts of the city, but at the same time this is the place to go if you want to feel the rhythm of a city within a city and to appreciate the Stalinist and avant-garde architecture.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Serobusygin'sky house-quarter with about 450 apartments, more than 50 entrances, and nine-story high triumphal arches, 21 Oktyabrya Ave.
- Yellow Busygin houses, 14 Loskutova St.
- Avtozavodsky Public Park
- *Mir* cinema, built in 1937 and decorated with sculptures of workers, 14A Geroya Smirnova St.
- Radius House, 32 Molodezhny Ave.
- Avtozavodsky Department Store, designed by Lev Nappelbaum, 2A Oktyabrya Ave.
- *Volna* Hotel, 98 Lenin Ave.
- Avtozavodsky civil registrar's office, *Schastlivaya* (Happy) station of the Children's Railway, 1B Dyakonova St.





SORMOVO

Born from a small village of Sormovo, celebrated in Maxim Gorky's novel *Mother* and in a song by Yevgeny Dolmatovsky and Boris Mokrousov that runs: 'There are no prettier girls than in our Sormovo', throughout the 20th century this industrial district of Nizhny Novgorod produced steam locomotives, tanks and submarines known all over the world. Today, Sormovo still has a life of its own, which retains both its unique proletarian aura and its village atmosphere. It is a good place to get away from the hustle and bustle of the city center and explore one of the city's most colorful areas.

WHAT TO SEE AND TO DO

- Sormovsky Park, nature, a pond with swans and two zoos, 34 Yubileyny Blvd
- *Krasnoye Sormovo*, one of the oldest shipyards in Russia, where you can enjoy both the pre-revolutionary architecture and modern street art, coming from *Mesto* street art festival, 1 Barrikad St.
- *Pirozhkovaya* (Pie Shop), classic public catering atmosphere and the city's best pies made to Soviet recipes, 172 Kominterna St.
- Pre-revolutionary houses with wooden carvings, 185, 205, 209, 213 Kominterna St.; 24, 35 Bolshaya Pochinkovskaya St. and 91, 151, 163 KIMa St.
- Monument to the hydrofoil ship and monument to its designer Rostislav Alexeyev, Burevestnika Sq., Yubileyny Blvd
- Sormovskaya Confectionery Factory, where you can sign up for a tour and taste the famous *Gorkovskiye* chocolate sweets, 10 Bazarnaya St.
- House of Stakhanovites, an example of the postwar Soviet neoclassical architecture, 168 Kominterna St.
- Tower designed by Vladimir Shukhov, the legacy of the great engineer on the outskirts of Nizhny Novgorod, 86 KIMa St.

Food

- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Coffee shops
- Bars

PARK KULTURY



ADDRESS: 10A Verkhne-Volzhsкая Embankment

OPENING HOURS: daily, 09.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 215-12-12

AVERAGE BILL: 2,900 ₺

Three concepts in one place. *Park Kultury* combines an affordable café with an exemplary view of the Volga, a restaurant serving the modern Russian cuisine with an art gallery, and a modern bar offering signature cocktails.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Pozharskaya rissole, handmade spaghetti with marbled beef and fresh seafood from the fish tank.

PYATKIN



ADDRESS: 25 Rozhdestvenskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 430-91-83

AVERAGE BILL: 1,600 ₺

This traditional Russian cuisine outlet is located in the old mansion of merchant Ivan Pyatov, where the interior boasts vaulted ceilings, tiled stoves, samovars, bronze clocks and other rare attributes, carefully preserving the atmosphere of the bygone era. The best place to try the traditional Russian cuisine!



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Soup in a bread pot, pike pâté, pike cakes, tea from a samovar with *sushkas* (ring-shaped bread rolls).

DODICI GRILL



ADDRESS: 12 Oktyabrskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 260-16-55

AVERAGE BILL: 1,500 ₺

Dodici Grill is the Dodici Group's flagship restaurant, and its signature feature is the charcoal grill and wood smoker.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Prime charcoal grill steaks, marbled beef brisket, smoked catfish with celery puree, farmhouse rabbit rissoles.

GUS' V YABLOKAKH



ADDRESS: 17 Rozhdestvenskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (939) 867-00-78

AVERAGE BILL: 2,500 ₺

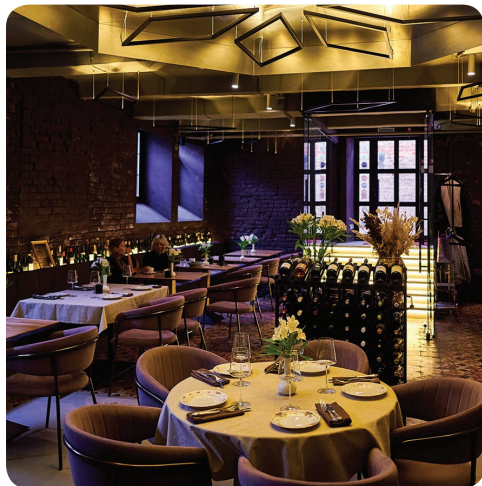
A new *grand café* with a menu of the Russian, French, Italian, Caucasian and many other cuisines, reminiscent of the glorious fair tradition of Nizhny Novgorod, where you could literally try many things in one place.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE



Chaliapin-style pâté made from goose and duck, Kostroma *kundyum* mushroom dumplings, borsch with goose and *medovik* layered cake with lard, Tsvetaevsky apple pie.

TT BISTRO



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Duck leg with berry sauce and grilled celery, Burgundy snails, onion soup with Gruyère cheese, rum baba with vanilla cream, Parisian melted flan with soft caramel.

KUSTO

ADDRESS: 6/16 Alexeyevskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday,
12.00–00.00; Friday, Saturday, 12.00–01.00;
Sunday, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (920) 015-11-75

AVERAGE BILL: 2,900 ₺

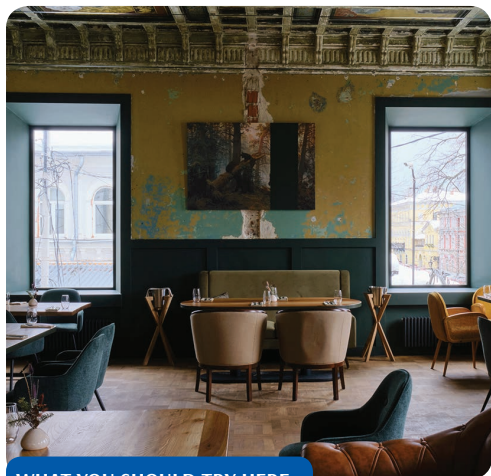
Wild fish and fresh seafood from northern seas and the Russian Far East by the restaurant's chef Dmitry Danilov. Here you can try all the things you can imagine in a seafood restaurant, while appreciating the restaurateurs' approach to service and décor — nautical elements are literally everywhere.



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Black cod miso, oysters, 'dressed crab', green tea-algae lemonade.

YALE



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Ukha fish soup from Volga pike and pikeperch, duck liver pâté with topinambour sauce and roasted hazelnuts, duck leg quarter with porcini mushrooms and young green peas.

RED WALL

ADDRESS: 2 Kozhevennaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (903) 060-62-26

AVERAGE BILL: 2,400 ₺

The main concept of the restaurant is Zero Waste, the philosophy being closely related to the ideas of producing zero waste and consuming wisely. The best thing about the restaurant is the view from its veranda: the Kremlin and Nizhne-Volzhskaya Embankment are spread out right before you.



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Venison tartare with roasted pineapple and rocca salad sauce, elk rissole, cabbage steak.

BRERA



ADDRESS: 18A Piskunova St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday, Sunday, 12.00–23.00; Friday–Saturday, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (910) 006-96-91

AVERAGE BILL: 2,300 ₺

Getting its name from Milan's bohemian district, this modern Italian restaurant is located in the city center near *Cherny Prud* (Black Pond) area. The restaurant was started by the founders of Mola Mola café, which is literally around the corner, and the kitchen is headed up by chef Ilya Russkikh, renowned for his work at the Red Wall restaurant and Meteor bistro.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Eggplant schnitzel, gnocchi with lamb stew, *Olivki* dessert.

SYROVARNYA

ADDRESS: 1 Oktyabrskaya Sq.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday, Sunday, 07.30–00.00; Friday–Saturday, 07.30–01.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 215-19-19

AVERAGE BILL: 2,000 ₺

Arkady Novikov's famous restaurant in the heart of the city, near the refurbished *Jupiter* Concert Hall. Simple and hearty, as it were, country food is served here. The cheeses they produce are particularly noteworthy and are used in almost every dish on the menu.



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Burrata, pumpkin soup with ricotta and crab, gazpacho with stracciatella.

PECHERKA



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

In the morning: quattro formaggi millet cereal with poached egg, scrambled egg served with eel, croissant with raspberry sauce and cheese cream. In the evening: veal cheek with potato cream, squid with courgette and tomato in kim chi sauce, penne with duck and demiglace sauce, beef tartare with shiitake mushrooms.



ADDRESS: 8 Bolshaya Pecherskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: 08.00–16.00 — bakery,
16.30–00.00 — restaurant

TEL.: +7 (831) 224-85-85

AVERAGE BILL: 1,000 ₺

One location, two concepts. It's a welcoming bakery with fresh artisan bread by day, and a chamber restaurant with noble porcelain crockery by night. The project owners are inspired by the modern French cuisine, yet often use local vegetables.

BEZUKHOV



ADDRESS: 6 Rozhdestvenskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: 24x7

TEL.: +7 (831) 433-87-63

AVERAGE BILL: 1,500 ₺

Literary café, a stalwart of the city's restaurant scene and one of the main copper-cooling spots in Nizhny Novgorod where, after an eventful night, party-goers have been coming for breakfast for years. The interior is very inviting with velvet sofas, stucco moldings, antique statues and shelves full of books.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE



Meschansky breakfast, *kalja* soup made with fish from the Volga, spicy crucian carp burger, Nizhny Novgorod-style potato casserole with girolle mushrooms.

MITRICH



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Handmade signature dumplings with hot porcini mushroom broth, chocolate sphere with pistachio praline, halibut with marinated courgette and truffle bisque.



ADDRESS: 8 Kovalikhinskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 11.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 282-82-10

AVERAGE BILL: 2,500 ₺

Business meetings are the norm at this steakhouse, which is located in a business center. If you are not ready for a steak for 2,500–5,000 rubles, choose something simpler — everything on the menu is delicious.

MINISTRY OF BREAKFAST



ADDRESS: 21/5 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 09.00–23.00

TEL.: +7 (930) 255-00-33

AVERAGE BILL: 1,000 ₺

One of the most photogenic spots on Bolshaya Pokrovskaya Street, with a bright interior, beautiful crockery and spectacular service. Breakfast is served throughout the day, so even in the evening it would be a good idea to order, for example, some specialty rolls by Maxim Babich who is renowned for working in Futura and Zoe in St Petersburg.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Eggs Benedict with salmon and cream cheese, continental breakfast, Hong Kong toast with peanut butter.



METEOR

In this wine bistro, you can try the food you can remember from your childhood (if you were raised in Russia/the USSR) reinvented by the chef. This is what is known as comfort food, which will be appealing to everyone. The originators were inspired by the 1960s, an era of progress and futuristic design, and the name was chosen for a reason, as a tribute to Rostislav Alexeyev, a prominent designer who developed the famous Meteor hydrofoil ship.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Theater sandwich with *Doktorskaya* sausage and parmesan cream, rye dumplings with porcini mushrooms, and donuts.



ADDRESS: 15 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (905) 191-37-77

AVERAGE BILL: 1,000 ₺



YULA PIZZA



ADDRESS: 9B Oktyabrskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday, Sunday, 12.00–22.00; Friday–Saturday, 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (920) 299-06-96

AVERAGE BILL: 1,100 ₺

This cozy pizzeria bakes traditional Neapolitan pizzas in wood-fired ovens at extremely high temperatures. The dough, made with flour from Neapolitan mills, is worked on for 24 hours. Freshness of products is top of the list in Yula, so mozzarella comes from Nizhny Novgorod cheesemakers and tomatoes are brought from Sardinia.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

A benchmark Margarita pizza and the sweet raspberry and mascarpone pizza (a real hit!).

SALUTE BURGERS



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Shashlik burger, vegan burger, blueberry milkshake with chocolate chip cookies.

ADDRESS: 9A Oktyabrskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday, Sunday 12.00–22.00; Friday–Saturday 12.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (952) 788-85-58

AVERAGE BILL: 700 ₺

The place that started the city's burger craze is still at the forefront of local street food. It is reminiscent of *Entuziast* in Moscow, where the walls are covered with bright posters in the spirit of Soviet Constructivism and people never stop playing ping-pong in the backyard. As well as the best burgers in the city, you can also pick up some good vinyls from the residents of the *Kultovary* record shop.

SOVOK

ADDRESS: 2 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–22.00

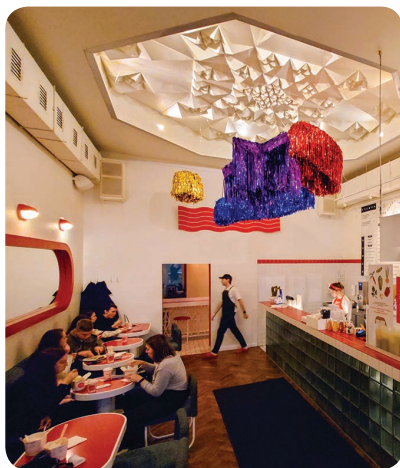
TEL.: +7 (953) 574-38-46

AVERAGE BILL: 500 ₺

The famous noodle shop at the start of Bolshaya Pokrovskaya Street is a tourist favorite, so there is always a line. You can make your order by assembling a noodle set of your very own: choose noodles, filling, sauce and say your name, which will be put on the box.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Black noodles with seafood, Vienna waffles with salted caramel, homemade lemonade.



SAMOVARNAYA

ADDRESS: 13 Sovnarkomovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–22.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 224-88-83

AVERAGE BILL: 1,500 ₺

This is a Russian cuisine café at the Nizhny Novgorod Fair. Makaryev crumpets, ‘one-bite’ pies, tsar *vatrushka* (curd tart) — everything you need for a taste of the gastronomic traditions of the Nizhny Novgorod Region.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Pike cake with cauliflower and caviar sauce, handmade dumplings with sour cream and herbs.



BISTRO CEYLON



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Creamy masala curry with chicken, coconut sorbet with cashew nuts, aubergine tempura with tomato mousse.

ADDRESS: 15 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday, 12.00–22.00; Friday, Saturday, 11.00–23.00; Sunday, 11.00–22.00

AVERAGE BILL: 750 ₺

Ceylon is an Asian bistro inspired by a trip to Sri Lanka. Here you can eat all kinds of curries. A fresh take on traditional European starters, a range of authentic Indian teas, and signature cocktails.

MOLA MOLA

ADDRESS: 6/16 Alexeyevskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Friday, 08.00–22.00;
Saturday–Sunday, 09.00–22.00

TEL.: +7 (930) 800-94-67

AVERAGE BILL: 750 ₺

This specialty coffee shop, named after the mysterious fish that all divers dream of seeing, is located on the first floor of the Corner Place business center. The menu includes classics as well as coffee alternatives, porridge, *syrniki* (fried quark pancakes) and a variety of pastries. Weekday breakfasts are served until 14.00.



WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Ice coffee with pomegranate juice, salted caramel latte, canelés, potato croquettes.



TEMP

ADDRESS: 24 Piskunova St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 08.00–22.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 216-01-00

AVERAGE BILL: 700 ₺

This is a cozy and inspiring place where specialty coffee is roasted and made. Here they know that coffee can have a fruity or even berry aftertaste, talk passionately about the bean's potential and promise hazelnut notes without any syrup.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Lemon cookie latte, eggs Benedict with turkey and cream sauce on brioche, black tri-tip set.

MEDNYE TRUBY

ADDRESS: 40 Rozhdestvenskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday, Sunday, 18.00–02.00; Friday, Saturday, 18.00–03.00

TEL.: +7 (929) 046-47-50

AVERAGE BILL: 2,000 ₺



A chamber cocktail bar with the best selection of spirits, you will have to be buzzed in, and advance reservations must be made as standing is prohibited. Multiple winner of Barproof Awards.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

- Tell the bartender about your preferences and in a few minutes you will be served a perfectly made cocktail, which will be as close to the described criteria as it gets
- Octopus with seared broccoli and bisque sauce

NEGRONI BAR&ENOTECA

This bar boasts excellent cuisine and its own wine cellar. The location itself sets the mood: just across from the Comedy Theater, on a quiet street that slips away from the crowded Pokrovka, in a miniature building covered with wild grapes. The interior is Old-World at its finest: tiled floors, leather sofas, red walls, windows with shutters and an exotic wood bar.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Rich veal goulash soup, veal cheeks with pitim pasta and young cheese sauce, Italian breakfast, gnocchi with tiger prawns.

ADDRESS: 30 Gruzinskaya St.
OPENING HOURS: Sunday–Thursday 12.00–00.00, Friday–Saturday, 12.00–01.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 433-69-80

AVERAGE BILL: 1,800 ₺



ROZAS

ADDRESS: 8/10 Zelesnky Descent

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday, Thursday, 12.00–00.00; Friday, 12.00–03.00; Saturday, 15.00–03.00; Sunday, 15.00–00.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 282-92-10

AVERAGE BILL: 1,200 ₺

This is a Mexican bar in the historic center of Nizhny Novgorod, where tequila flows freely and burritos are served along with nachos chips. During the day you can immerse yourself in the world of Latin American gastronomy, and in the evening you can twirl merrily to the rhythm of salsa near the bar, illuminated by chili peppers-styled lighting.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Nachos, mixed cheese quesadilla, churros, corn soup with coconut foam.



FRANKY BAR

ADDRESS: 10B Zvezdinka St.

OPENING HOURS: Sunday–Thursday, 12.00–02.00; Friday, Saturday, 12.00–03.00

TEL.: +7 (908) 730-62-05

AVERAGE BILL: 1,700 ₺

A classic cocktail bar with true gentlemanly manners. The noir atmosphere is inspired by the culture and lifestyle of America in the first half of the 20th century—all that jazz, leather furniture, lights turned down low and Hemingway's gaze from the portrait on the back wall.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Franky specialty breakfasts, baked camembert with honeycomb, and classic cocktails.

SELEDKA I KOFE



ADDRESS: 19 Rozhdestvenskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Monday–Thursday,
Sunday 09.00–00.00; Friday, Saturday
09.00–02.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 282-01-11

AVERAGE BILL: 700 ₺

Named after the cultural newspaper *Seledka* (Herring), this bar can paralyze half of Rozhdestvenskaya Street at night. It's always packed full and you can meet, it seems, half the city here.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Salmon and blue cheese quiche, a tray of specialty infusions, a prawn burger and potatoes with signature sauce.

ÖÖ

The full name of the bar is ÖÖSEL, meaning 'night' in Estonian, but the locals have their own way of saying it as 'yo-yo'. This 'secret' bar (you can only get there through the backyard of the *Vspyshka* pastry shop) is famous for its signature cocktails, distillates, ethnic dinners and Saturday jazz. There is also a promotion every Wednesday: 30% discount on cocktails before 22.00.

WHAT YOU SHOULD TRY HERE

Signature cocktails and plentiful starters.



ADDRESS: 11 Alexeyevskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: Wednesday–Sunday
18.00–02.00

TEL.: +7 (831) 282-52-50

AVERAGE BILL: 1,200 ₺



Souvenirs

Rodina

Molodost

Hudozhestvennyye Promysly

Nizhny 800

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Yallo

RODINA



ADDRESS: 9 Piskunova St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 11.00–20.00

WHAT TO BUY

Hoodies and jumpers, sweatshirts made in collaboration with artist Vanya Kseor with the inscription *From Nizhny with Love*, fun socks, bags, and cosmetics.

MOLODOST



ADDRESS: 6 Oktyabrskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 11.00–20.00

WHAT TO BUY

Handmade crockery and jewelry, designer postcards featuring the main symbols of Nizhny Novgorod, and fun stickers.

HUDOZHESTVENNYE PROMYSLY (FOLK ARTS AND CRAFTS)



ADDRESS: 43 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–20.00

WHAT TO BUY

This emblematic shop on Bolshaya Pokrovskaya Street offers you all the riches of the Nizhny Novgorod Region folk arts and crafts, for example, a box with Gorodets painting, a Semyonovskaya matryoshka doll or a Khokhloma magnet as a memento.



NIZHNY 800



ADDRESS: 8 Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 10.00–22.00

WHAT TO BUY

Metal badges and key rings, unique artisanal handicraft items and merchandise from collections inspired by the *Pakgauzy*, Nizhny Novgorod Fair, or Bugrov's flophouse.

CALLED A GARMENT

ADDRESS: 20B Bolshaya Pokrovskaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 11.00–21.00

WHAT TO BUY

The brand identity revolves around multicolor fleece hoodies, which, according to the founders, symbolize warm embrace from Nizhny.



YALLO

ADDRESS: 1A Kozhevennaya St.

OPENING HOURS: daily, 11.00–20.00

WHAT TO BUY

Choose one of the colorful rug scarves, an embroidered sweatshirt, a spacious crocheted tote bag, or a handmade *Kura* pendant to take home as a memento of your trip.

Nizhny Novgorod Region

Bor

Gorodets

Arzamas

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Chkalovsk

Bolshoye Boldino

Semyonov

Bogorodsk

Balakhna

Voskresensky District

BOR

Literally on the other side of the Volga, this satellite town of Nizhny Novgorod owes its name, as some say, to the coniferous forests that grew there. The most common way for locals and guests of Nizhny Novgorod to ‘fly’ to Bor is by cableway over the Volga.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Cableway, 12K Lunacharskogo St.
- *Colibri* Factory, Neklyudovo settlement, 20B Druzhba Quarter
- *Borskoe Volgorechye*, 8 Naberezhnaya St.
- Bor Local Studies Museum, 1 Internatsionalnaya St.
- Nikolo-Znamenskaya Church, 8 Lunacharskogo St.
- Malinovsky Skete, Filippovskoye village
- Yurasovskoye Lake, Yurasovskaya St.
- *Mokhovye Gory* (Moss Hills), 7A Dachnaya St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Colibri* Café, 104 Pushkin St.
- *Volgorechye* Café, 16B Naberezhnaya St.
- *At Chaliapin's*, 7A Dachnaya St.
- *Kolkhida*, Neklyudovo settlement, 28 Neklyudova St.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Malinovaya Sloboda* Country Club, Filippovskoe village, Bldg 2, 34 Slobodka St.
- *Jailau* eco-aul, Ostankino village
- *Magellan House*, Bor, 105 Vaneeva St.
- *Alsma* Spa Hotel, Vasilkovo village, 10 Lesnaya St.





GORODETS

This is the town of carved window dressings, printed gingerbread and Gorodets painting, a place to take walks, to rest from the hustle and bustle, and to explore the many local museums.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Gorodets Feodorovsky Monastery, Proletarskaya Sq.
- Church of the Intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos, Proletarskaya Sq.
- Church in Honor of the Archistratigus Michael, 16 Zagorodnaya St.
- Gorodets Earth Bank, junction of Maslova and Zagorodnaya streets
- Gorodets Local Studies Museum, 11 Lenin St.
- Children's Museum on Kupecheskaya, 12 Lenin St.
- House of Countess Panina, 16 Rubleva St.
- Gorodets Gingerbread Museum, 2 Lenin St.
- *Gorodets on the Volga* Museum, 9 Lenin St.
- *Terem of the Russian Samovar* Museum, 11 Revolutsii Emb.
- *Gallery of Kindness*, 10 Revolutsii Emb.
- *Town of All Trades* Museum and Tourist Complex, 1 Yuri Dolgoruky Emb.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Rublev* Restaurant, 94 Respublikanskaya St.
- *Persona* Restaurant, 24 Sadovaya St.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Rublev* Club Hotel, 94 Respublikanskaya St.
- *Premier* Hotel and Restaurant Complex, 24 Sadovaya St.

ARZAMAS

This town, where until recently old LiAZ buses dominated the public transport fleet, is famous for its native Arkady Gaidar, a Russian Soviet writer, and the huge classicist Cathedral of Resurrection with its amazing grisaille paintings, and the popular eponymous Russian educational website, and Leo Tolstoy's 'Arzamas Horror' and the proverb 'One eye on us, and one on Arzamas'. The only Russian museum in an active mine in the village of Peshelan is easily accessible from here.

PLACES TO VISIT

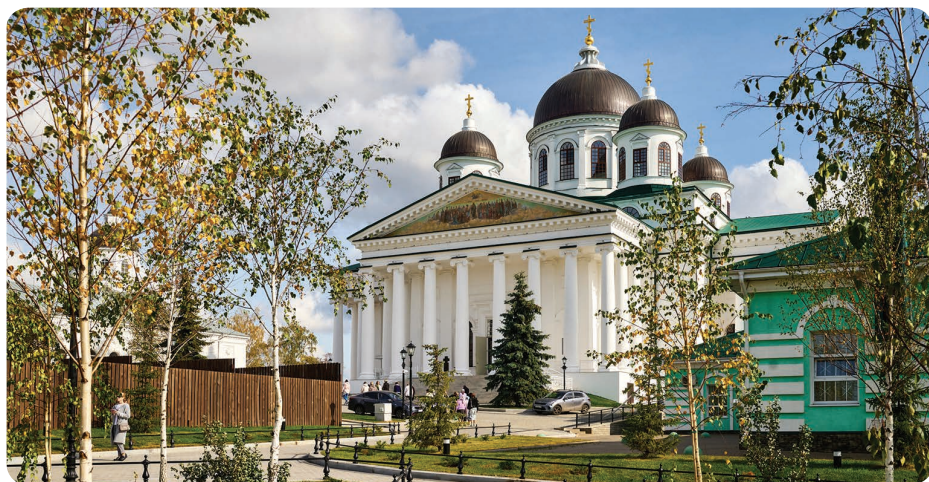
- Cathedral of Resurrection, 19 Sobornaya Sq.
- Museum of Russian Patriarchy, 19 Sobornaya Sq.
- Arzamas St Nicholas Convent, 1 Sobornaya Sq.
- Arzamas Museum of History and Art, 9 Sobornaya Sq.
- Arkady Gaidar Literary Museum, 18A Maxim Gorky St.
- Arkady Gaidar Memorial House, 18 Maxim Gorky St.
- Maxim Gorky Memorial Museum, 17 Karl Marx St.
- Park named after Arkady Gaidar
- Khanykov House, 21 Sovetskaya St.

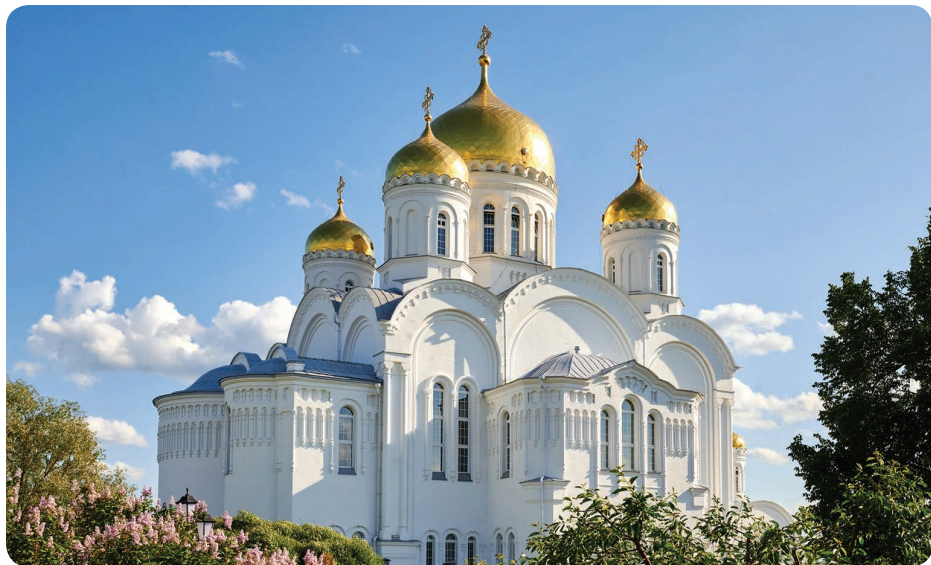
PLACES TO EAT

- *Rus' Café*, 17 Sobornaya Sq.
- *Reavil Hotel and Restaurant*, 10 Karl Marx St.
- *Gorchitca Café*, 14A Parkovaya St.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Reavil Hotel and Restaurant*, 10 Karl Marx St.
- *Bunin*, 146 Lenin Ave.
- *Afonya*, Peshelan village, 4A Zavodskaya St.





DIVEYEVO

This is an important spiritual center of Orthodox Russia and a major pilgrimage destination. The relics of the venerated Russian saint Seraphim of Sarov are kept here.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Museum of the History of Diveyevo Monastery in the 20th century, 11 Sovetskaya St.
- Holy Trinity Cathedral, 11 Sovetskaya St.
- Kazan Cathedral, 11 Sovetskaya St.
- Transfiguration Cathedral, 11 Sovetskaya St.
- Annunciation Cathedral, 11 Sovetskaya St.
- Holy *Kanavka* (Ditch), 11 Sovetskaya St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Vkusnaya vsyachina*, 25 Oktyabrskaya St.
- *Razdolie*, Bldg 1 Blagoveshchenskaya Sq.
- *Malinovy Zvon*, 1 Blagoveshchenskaya Sq.
- *Okhotnichiy domik Kuzmicha*, 1 Blagoveshchenskaya Sq.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Diveyevskaya Sloboda* Hotel Complex, 1 Blagoveshchenskaya Sq.
- *Svetoch*, 52 Gagarin St.
- *Moskovskaya* Hotel, 5B Shkolnaya St.
- *Olymp* Hotel, 51/2 Arzamasskaya St.



VYKSA

The industrial town attracts tourists with popular high quality street art, art objects and installations that have emerged here thanks to the Vyksa Festival.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Museum of History of the Vyksa Metallurgical Plant, 5 Lenin St.
- Industrial street art park of the Vyksa Metallurgical Plant (VMP), where you can see, for example, a giant mural by socialist art classic Erik Bulatov, VMP site, 45 Brat'yev Batashyov'ykh St.
- House Museum of Crafts, 43 Gertsena St.
- *Lebedinyi Raiy* Public Park, 2 Akademika Koroleva St.
- Iviron Convent, 58 Krasnoflotskaya St.
- Cathedral of the Nativity of Christ, 1 Sovetskaya Sq.
- Church of St John the Evangelist, 67 Lenin St.
- Shukhov Water Tower, VMP site, 45 Brat'yev Batashyov'ykh St.
- Street art all over the town, murals with works by Slava PTRK, Zuk ClubPasha 183 and many others
- Timofey Radya's art object *All This is Not a Dream*, Lesoposadka Public Garden, junction of Ostrovskogo and Chernyshevskogo streets
- *Verkhny Pond*, 3 Lenin St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Aristocrat*, Batashev Hotel, 7 Lenin St.
- *Pushka*, 7 Lenin St.
- *SushiMyaso*, 15 Lenin St.
- *NeobyChaynoe*, 41 Stepana Razina St.
- *Vremya Est*, 48 Oktaybrskoy Revolyucii Sq.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Batashev Hotel*, 7 Lenin St.
- *Delovoy Klub*, 5 Ulyanova St.

CHKALOVSK

It is the birthplace of the famous Russian test pilot Valery Chkalov and Gorky guipure.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Valery Chkalov Memorial Museum, 5 Chkalov St.
- Valery Chkalov Cultural Centre, 4 Chkalov St.
- Speed Museum, 4 Chkalov St.
- Exhibition Hall named after Alexander Kamanin, 4 Chkalov St.
- Gorky Guipure, 65 Belinskogo St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Chicago*, 34A Belinskogo St.
- *Vasileva Sloboda*, 45 Belinskogo St.
- *Chkalov*, 8/1 Lesnoy Qr

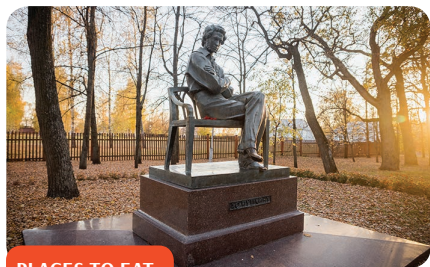


PLACES TO STAY

- *Belissimo*, 10A Lenin St.
- *Laguna Yug* Recreation Complex, Chkalovsk municipality, Trofanovo village

BOLSHOYE BOLDINO

One of the most important places in Russia associated with Alexander Pushkin, where 'our everything' (as the poet is often referred to) got stuck for the quarantine period and wrote, among others, *Little Tragedies* and *The Tales of Belkin*.



PLACES TO EAT

Boldino, 2A Yubileynaya St.

PLACES TO STAY

Boldino Hotel, 2A Yubileynaya St.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Boldino Museum and Preserve of Alexander Pushkin, 144 Pushkinskaya St.
- Museum of Literary Characters of *The Tales of Belkin*, Lvovka village
- Church of the Assumption of the Most Holy Theotokos, 6 Pushkinskaya St.
- Bolshoye Boldino Art Gallery, 2A Vostochnaya St.
- Bolshoye Boldino Local Studies Museum, Molchanovo village, Svobody St.
- Museum of Mordovian Culture and Life, Pikshen village, Mira St.
- Alexander Nevsky Church, Lvovka village



SEMYONOV

This is the capital of the Golden Khokhloma and matryoshka dolls, the birthplace of poet Boris Kornilov and, at one time, the center of the Old Believers.

PLACES TO VISIT

- *Zolotaya Khokhloma* Museum and Tourist Center, 18B Chkalov St.
- *Dom Semyona Lozhkarya* (House of Semyon the Spoon Maker) Museum of Ethnography, 18/1 Chkalov St.
- Museum of History and Art, 5 Vaneeva St.
- Traditional Crafts Museum, 68 Gagarin St.
- Museum of Matryoshka Dolls and Traditional Toys, 1A Chernyshevskogo St.
- Church of St Nicholas the Wonderworker, 12A Volodarskogo St.
- All Saints Church, 11 Gagarin St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Sova*, 8B Gagarin St.
- *Teremok*, 2 Pervogo Maya St.
- *Sytaya Sova*, 58B Zavodskaya St.
- *Semyonovsky Kovcheg*, 4 Promyshlennaya St.
- *Kerzhenets*, 1 Shakhanova Sq.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Sova* Hostel, 58B Zavodskaya St.
- *Parizh* Hotel, 2 Borisa Kornilova Sq.
- *Semyonovsky Kovcheg* Hotel Complex, 4 Promyshlennaya St.

BOGORODSK

This is a leathercraft and pottery town with fascinating architecture.

PLACES TO VISIT

- *Krutaya Gora* (Arduous Hill), Vanzetti St.
- Bogorodsk Museum of Ceramics, 222 Lenin St.
- Bogorodsk History Museum, 222A Lenin St.
- Kabatskoe Lake, Bragina St.
- Bogorodsk Aeroclub, 1 Nizhegorodskoye Hwy
- Amrose Dudin Monastery, near Teteryugino village
- Priklonsky-Rukavishnikov Manor, Podvyazye village, 53 Okskaya St.
- Virgin Monastery of Oranki, Oranki village, 2 Pochtovaya St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Ellen* Restaurant and Dining Complex, 101 Lenin St.
- *Samurai*, 40A Chernyshevskogo St.
- *Samey*, 1B Lenin St.
- *Rozmarin*, 230 Lenin St.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Samey*, 1B Lenin St.
- *Bogorodsk Park Hotel*, 40A Chernyshevskogo St.
- Art Hotel Nring, Bogorodsky Municipal District, Nizhegorodskoye Koltso
- *Khabarskoye* Holiday Camp, Khabarskoye village, 1 Nagornaya St.





BALAKHNA

This is Kuzma Minin's homeland, once famous for its salt production, lace making and shipbuilding.

PLACES TO VISIT

- Kuzma Minin Museum, 1 Minin Sq.
- Plotnikov House Museum, 4 Karl Marx St.
- Khudiyakov Mansion Museum, 32 Karl Marx St.
- Church of the Nativity of Christ, Engelsa St.
- GoGRES Power Plant Embankment, Naberezhnaya St.
- Church of St Nicholas the Wonderworker, 17 Revolutsii Ave.
- Church of the Acheiropaeic Image of Christ the Saviour, 33A Tupolev St.
- Church of Candlemas of the Lord, 18 Zarechnaya St.
- Burtsevsky Sand Pit, Hydrotorf microdistrict
- *Black Swan* Museum of Glass, Konevo village, 54A Sverdlova St.

PLACES TO EAT

- *Auntie Mariko's Khachapuri*, 16 Sovetskaya Sq.
- *Napoleon*, 2A Tupolev St.
- *Balahninskaya Izba*, 190 Dzerzhinskogo St.
- *Volga*, 40 Dzerzhinskogo Ave.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Fresh* Hotel, 190 Dzerzhinskogo St.
- *Volga* Hotel, 40 Dzerzhinskogo Ave.

VOSKRESENSKY DISTRICT

The Vetluga River, favored by so many, the legend of the town of Kitezh in Lake Svetloyar and incredible estates — you should definitely visit Voskresensky district, even if it is quite far from Nizhny Novgorod.

PLACES TO VISIT

- *Grad Kitezh* Museum and Tourist Complex, Vladimirskoe village, 47B Sovetskaya St.
- Museum of Wood Culture named after Yegor Yarantsev, Bolshiye Otary village, Tsentralnaya St.
- Levashovs' Revenue House, Galibikha village, 106 Lenin St.
- Belyaev Manor, Voskresenskoye village, 55 Pushkin St.
- Noah's Ark Fauna Park, Troitskoye village
- Svetloyarskoye Farming Complex, Shishenino village, field No. 1 Beregovaya St.
- Lake Svetloyar, Vladimirskoe village
- Vetluga River

PLACES TO EAT

- *Dom Hodunom*, Voskresenskoye settlement, 141 Lenin St.
- *Lakomka*, Voskresenskoye settlement, 2 Berezovskaya St.
- *Vizit*, Voskresenskoye settlement, 18 Oktyabrskaya St.

PLACES TO STAY

- *Vetluga* Holiday Camp, Galibikha village
- *Podsolnukhi* Activity Holiday Centre, Bogorodskoye village
- *U Istoka* Guest House, Vladimirskoe village
- Camp of *Seraya Loshad* Equestrian Club, Troitskoye and Blagoveshchenskoye villages



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