



10 places in Moscow to visit

Gorky Park

This park is one of the biggest and most popular parks not only in Moscow but also in Russia. It was established on August 12, 1928; its name – Gorky, given in the honor of the famous Russian writer *Maxim Gorky*, was assigned to the park in 1932.

During the most recent renovation in 2015, some of the amusement rides and illegal cafes were removed from the site, and the entire green space was transformed into a giant relaxation area. These days you can find a ton of unique modern art installations, recreational zones and even a spacious ‘Olive beach,’ which can accommodate up to 500 people.



The Bolshoi Theatre

The history of the most famous theatre in Moscow dates back to 1776. The Russian Empress *Ekaterina II* gave an order to design a place for “various theatrical performances, concerts, Vauxhall pleasure gardens and masquerades.”

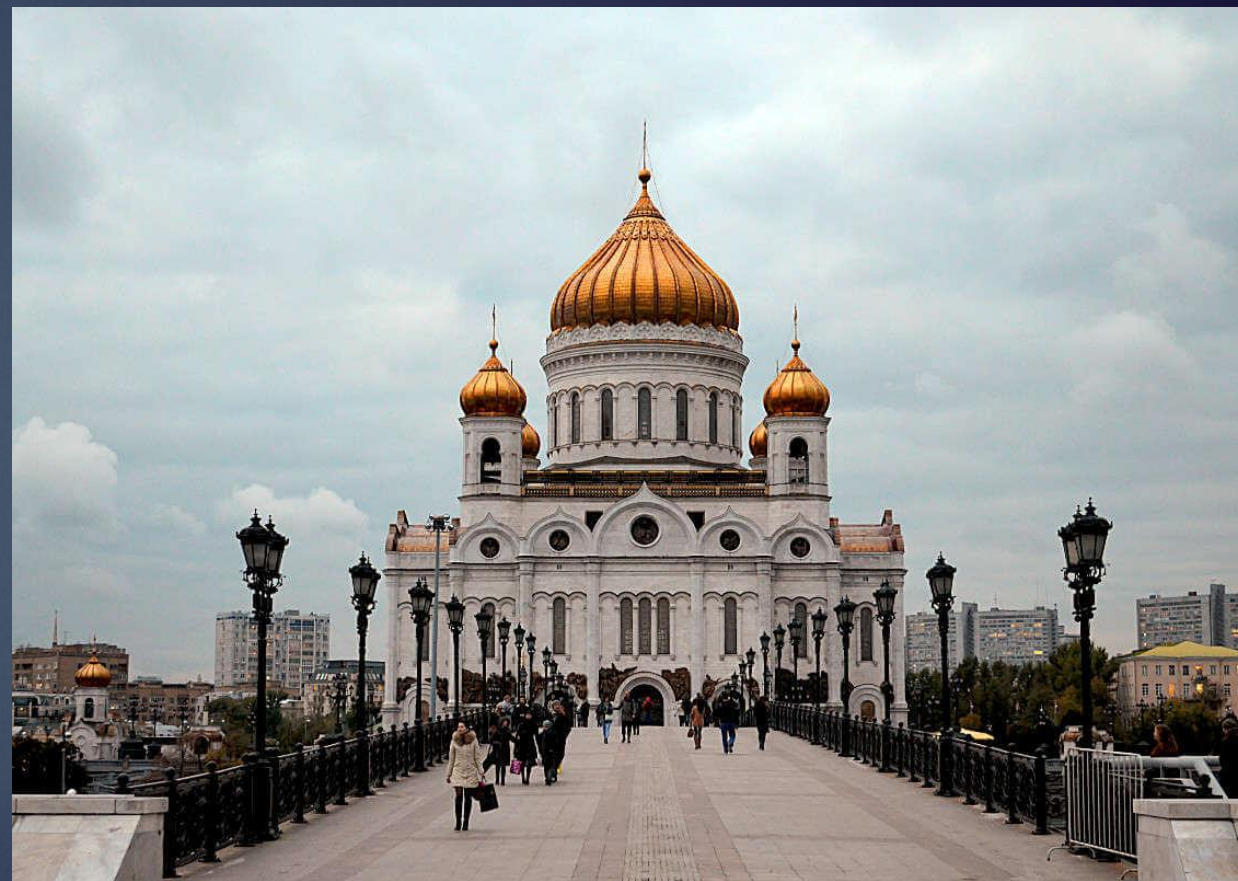
Nowadays you can walk around the *Bolshoi Theater* to admire its grace and incredibly beautiful and elegant style. If you have some time and would like to see a theatrical performance – then do not miss one of its magnificent evening shows. Please note – you need to book your tickets online in advance since they tend to sell out incredibly quickly due to high popular demand.



The Cathedral of Christ the Savior

This is one of the most important Russian Orthodox cathedrals. The current edifice is an exact replicate of the one built here in the XIX century, which was later destroyed by Joseph Stalin in 1931. During that period, the city was undergoing massive reconstruction, and sadly there was no space for this exquisite temple. The original cathedral took almost 44 years to build and lasted from 1839 to 1883.

Inside the cathedral, visitors will find an impressive number of Orthodox relics and objects of worship, such as the chasuble of Jesus Christ, and the five grand masterpieces of the famous Russian artist, *Vasily Vasilyevich Vereshchagin*.



Kolomenskoye

Many years ago this small village near Moscow was the official residence of Russian Tsars. In the 16th century, *Vasili III Ivanovich*, the Grand Prince of Moscow, built the first church of resurrection here, which served as the foundation of the future residence.

Nowadays this area is widely popular among the locals who often spend their weekends here, enjoying the picturesque lakes, forests and even some barbecue. Furthermore, history buffs can also explore several outstanding museums here, including the former grand residence of Russian Tsars.



VDNH

The name of this historic site is a Soviet abbreviation which stands for the “*Exhibition of Achievements of National Economy*”. For many years, this exhibition center showcased various products, and innovations brought here from every corner of the USSR and then Russia. Later on, it was converted into an amusement park with several fun attractions, plus numerous trendy cafes and bars.

During the last renovation of 2017, the park’s area was remodeled into a beautiful, green and spacious site. Finally, the park’s observation wheel allows its visitors to enjoy admirable panoramic views over Moscow.



Sparrow Hills and the Lomonosov Moscow State University

This site's first settlement dates back to the 1st century BC. In the past, it was also known as the "Lenin Hills." Sparrow Hills hosts one of the highest viewing points in the city, as well as the iconic *Lomonosov Moscow State University*, which is located right on the top. In January 1947, Stalin gave an order to construct eight high towers in Moscow. One of them is the stunning *Moscow State University*.



The Moscow Zoo

This is one of the oldest zoos in Europe and it's also the fourth largest zoo in Russia. It was founded in 1984 and it quickly became one of the most popular attractions in Moscow. Every day the zoo draws countless people coming to admire its more than 1,100 wildlife species, brought here from all over the world.

After the last renovation, it now offers its guests several wide walking trails, plus a lot of bright pavilions with lively and cute birds, various mammals and even exotic fishes. You can grab a cup of coffee or tea, and stroll around the area enjoying its sounds and the undisturbed ecosystem.



The Picturesque Bridge

This remarkable cable-stayed bridge was built at the same time as a new highway. Since the early days of its opening in 2007, the bridge has become exceedingly popular due to its interesting and unique S-shape, painted in a bright red color. It connects two districts located on the left and the right banks across the Moscow River.

Originally there were also plans to create a viewing deck and a wedding hall on top of the bridge. However, its peculiar shape makes it quite impossible to install any elevators, and its original owner can't seem to find any solution to this day.



Kuskovo Park and Museums

Many years ago this breathtaking place was count Sheremetiev's official residence. It is located in the western part of Moscow and can be easily accessed by metro or car. The park consists of a gorgeous historic palace, several charming parks, as well as the *Museum of Ceramics*.

The history of this sight dates back to the year 1623, the time when the first church and some noble houses accompanied by bondservants were built. Nowadays, this beautiful open area attracts countless visitors, especially on the weekends. You can go for a nice stroll here, watch the local ducks swimming in its shimmering lakes, read a book on one of its numerous benches, and spend some quality time in a very peaceful and scenic atmosphere.



Zaryadye Park

Zaryadye Park is one of the newest attractions in Moscow, which draws countless people from both Russia and other foreign countries. It was built between 2014 – 2017 by *Diller Scofidio + Renfro*, on the site of an old Russian hotel 'Rossiya,' which was closed and demolished many years ago.

The main point of interest is the 'hovering' bridge that was erected above the Moscow River and provides some memorable and picturesque views of the capital. Come here in the evening to enjoy the spectacular nighttime panoramas of Moscow, overlooking the river as well as the stunning *Cathedral of Christ the Savior*.

