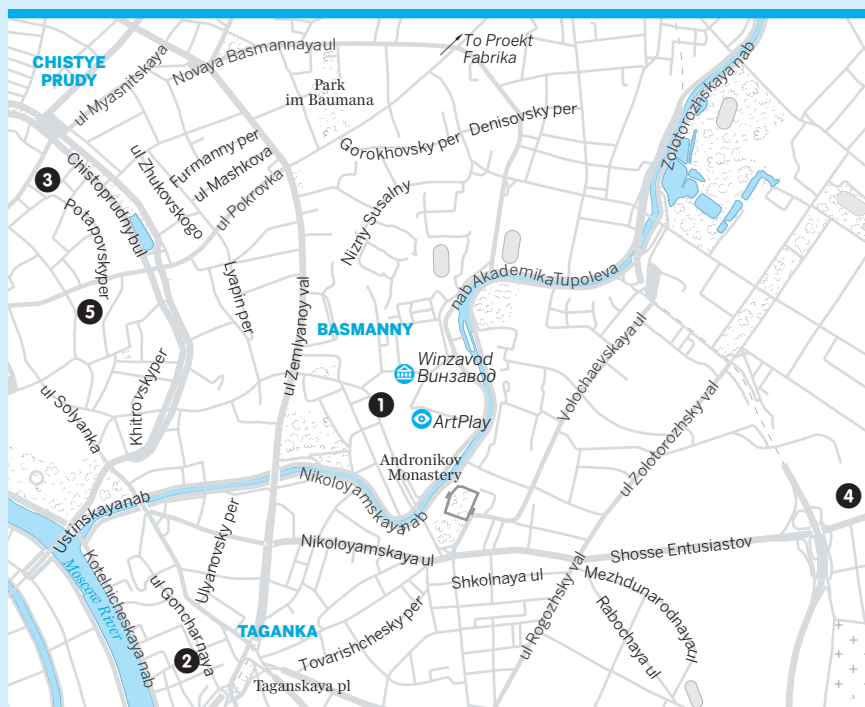


# Basmanny & Taganka

## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Contemplating Moscow's hot contemporary art scene at any one of the city's post-industrial art complexes, such as **Winzavod** (p137), **ArtPlay** (p137) and **Proekt\_Fabrika** (boxed text, p137).
- 2 Descending 60m underground to explore the Cold War communications centre at **Bunker-42** (p136).
- 3 Finding your way to **Petrovich** (p142) to reminisce about the good ol' days.
- 4 Absorbing the atmosphere and admiring the devotion at the **Old Believers' Community** (boxed text, p141).
- 5 Whiling away some hours at **Art Garbage** (p144), with food, music and art.



For more detail of this area, see Map p272 and Map p271 ➔

## Explore: Basmanny & Taganka

Together, Basmanny and Taganka comprise a huge eastern section of Moscow. Even so, travellers could easily bypass them unless they are arriving at one of the train stations at Komsomolskaya pl. That's because there are vast swathes of territory that are mostly industrial. At least, they *were* mostly industrial. Nowadays, many of these defunct factories are being repurposed for art centres, design institutes and music and nightclubs. And that's exactly why most people come to Basmanny.

Within the Garden Ring, Basmanny is a pleasant residential area that is an extension of Kitay Gorod – packed with prerevolutionary architecture, interesting boutiques and inviting restaurants. Despite a lack of traditional tourist sights, the neighbourhood is a very pleasant and convenient place to stay.

South of the Yauza River, Taganka centres on the eponymous city square, which is loud, dusty and crowded. The chaotic square is something of an entertainment district, with several noteworthy theatres and clubs.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Hidden Haunts** If you can find them, clubs Petrovich (p142) and Vysotsky (p143) offer warm camaraderie and retro reminiscence.
- ➔ **Budget Joint** Students and other thrifty folks spend lots of time (but not lots of money) at the friendly cafe Liudi kak Liudi (p140).
- ➔ **Outdoors** Whatever the weather, locals stroll and socialise around Chistye Prudy.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Basmanny** Several metro lines pass through Basmanny. Both the purple Tagansko-Krasnopresnenskaya line and the orange Kaluzhsko-Rizhskaya line have stops at Kitay-Gorod. Along the Boulevard Ring, Chistye Prudy is on the red Sokolnicheskaya line; Turgenevskaya is on the orange Kaluzhsko-Rizhskaya line; and Sretensky Bulvar is on the light green Lyublinskaya line. Further out along the Garden Ring, take the dark blue Arbatsko-Pokrovskaya line or the ring Koltsevaya line to Kurskaya; or take the light green Lyublinskaya line to Chkalovskaya station.
- ➔ **Taganka** The metro stations that serve Taganka are Marksistskaya on the yellow Kalininskaya line, Taganskaya on the ring line and the purple Tagansko-Krasnopresnenskaya line.

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Madam Galife (p144)
- ➔ Art Clumba (p139)
- ➔ Liudi kak Liudi (p140)

For reviews, see p139 ➔

## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Petrovich (p142)
- ➔ Art Garbage (p144)
- ➔ Solyanka (p143)
- ➔ Propaganda (p142)

For reviews, see p142 ➔

## Best Art Centres

- ➔ Winzavod (p137)
- ➔ Proekt\_Fabrika (boxed text, p137)
- ➔ ArtPlay (p137)

For reviews, see p136 ➔