

Dorogomilovo & Sparrow Hills

Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Recalling Russia's greatest tragedy and triumph of the 20th century at the Museum of the Great Patriotic War and the monuments at **Park Pobedy** (p149).

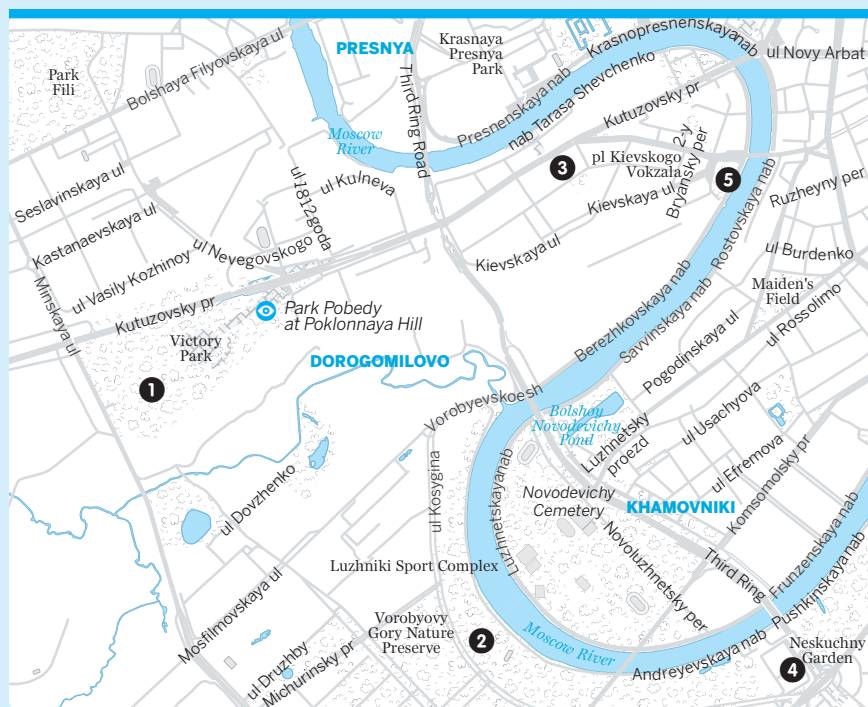
2 Hiking through **Vorobyovy Gory Nature Preserve** (p150) and emerging at the top for fabulous

views from **Universitetskaya pl** (p150).

3 Watching the frolicking **Kuklachev cats** (p152) at this unique animal theatre.

4 Catching the sunrise from the summer terrace at the **Sky Lounge** (p152) at the tippy-top of 'the Brains'.

5 Cruising the **Moscow River** (p231) on board the Radisson's river boats or Capital Shipping Co ferries.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Darbar (p152)
- ➔ Dorogomilovsky Market (p151)
- ➔ Pinocchio on Kutuzovsky (p151)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Sky Lounge (p152)
- ➔ Probka (p152)

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Best Viewpoints

- ➔ Universitetskaya pl (p150)
- ➔ Sky Lounge (p152)
- ➔ Krysha Mira (p152)
- ➔ Evropeysky Skating Rink (p152)

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Explore: Dorogomilovo & Sparrow Hills

Further away from the city centre, the roads become wider, the traffic faster and the distances greater. As such, these overlapping districts are not great for wandering. But it's worth making a special trip for a few choice destinations. In particular, the monuments and museums at Park Pobedy (Victory Park) are an inspiring way to spend an afternoon. If you're feeling hemmed in by city life, you can explore the forested hillsides of Vorobyovy Gory Nature Preserve by walking, biking or riding the eco-train. You might even come just for dinner (or drinks), as the elevation of Sparrow Hills promises wonderful vistas over the otherwise flat city.

Local Life

- ➔ **Markets** Those in the know get the best fresh foods and produce at Dorogomilovsky (p151) and the best deals on music, movies and electronics at Gorbushka (p153).
- ➔ **Hang-outs** Fresh-brewed beer, hearty portions and reasonable prices make Probka (p152) a perennial local favourite.

Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Dorogomilovo** From Kievskaya station, two metro lines run west across Dorogomilovo. The light-blue Filevskaya line goes to Studencheskaya and Kutuzovskaya stations before turning north to Fili and Bagrationovskaya. The newer dark-blue Arbatsko-Pokrovskaya line goes to Park Pobedy (at 84m the deepest metro station in Moscow) and beyond.
- ➔ **Sparrow Hills** On the red Sokolnicheskaya line, the most useful stations are Vorobyovy Gory (use the entrance on the south side of the Moscow River) and Universitet. Alternatively, use Leninsky Prospekt station on the orange Kaluzhsko-Rizhskaya line.