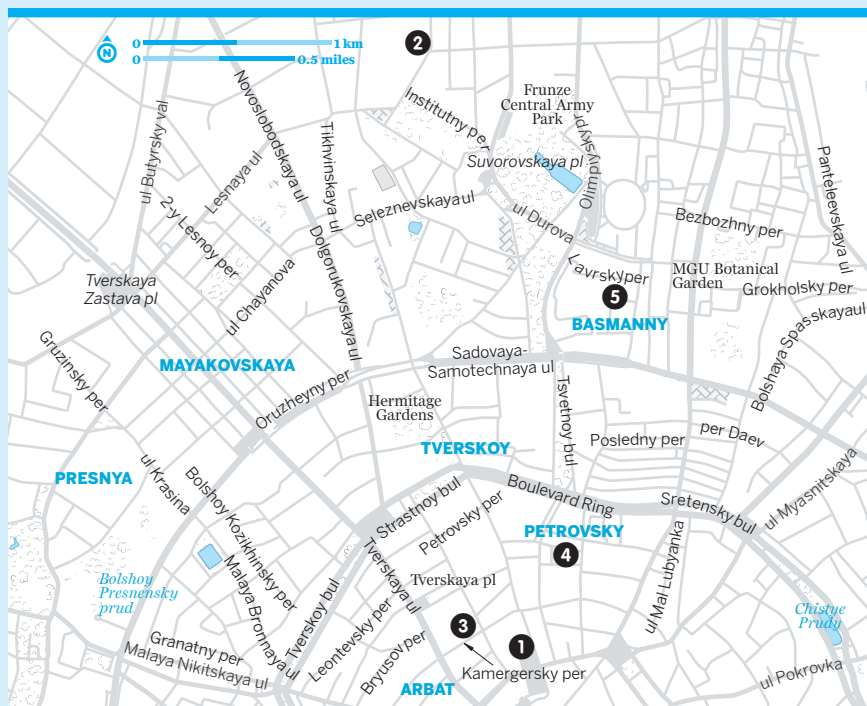


# Tverskoy

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## Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Spending an evening at the **Bolshoi Theatre** (p85), where world-famous opera and ballet companies perform Russian classics.
- 2 Inspecting the constructivist architecture and the contemporary works on display at the **Garage Centre for Contemporary Culture** (p78).
- 3 Doing the sidewalk scene on **Kamergersky per** (p81).
- 4 Sweating away your city stresses amid the luxury of **Sanduny Baths** (p85).
- 5 Admiring the fantastical **paintings of Viktor Vasnetsov** (p78) in the studio where he painted them.



For more details of this area, see Map p260 ➔

## Lonely Planet's Top Tip

While the Bolshoi is Russia's most famous theatre, it is not the only one. Several other opera and ballet theatres in Moscow offer the same level of professionalism and panache in their performances at a fraction of the price. If you have your heart set on going to the opera or ballet but can't get tickets to the Bolshoi, consider the Novaya Opera (p86) or the Stanislavsky & Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre (p86), both gorgeous theatres with highly skilled performers.

## Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Delicatessen (p79)
- ➔ DoDo (p79)
- ➔ Barashka (p79)
- ➔ Dzhondzholi (p80)

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## Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Cafe Mart (p84)
- ➔ Simachyov (p84)

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## Best Soviet History

- ➔ Contemporary History Museum (p76)
- ➔ Gulag Museum (p75)
- ➔ Central Museum of the Armed Forces (p79)

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## Explore

If you do nothing else in Tverskoy, pay a visit to majestic Teatrnaya pl (Theatre Sq), home to the world-famous Bolshoi Theatre. Come in the evening if you have managed to snag tickets for a performance. But even by day, this glittering jewel of a theatre is a sight to behold, often attracting tourists and shoppers to the benches and fountains that grace the square.

From here, wander up ul Petrovka for cafe-hopping and window-shopping. There are a few sights to catch your attention, but the stronger draw is the city life. Small lanes such as Kamergersky per and Stolesnikov per are among Moscow's trendiest places to sip a coffee or a beer and watch the bustle.

Aside from the Bolshoi (and the cafes), the best things to see in Tverskoy are outside the Garden Ring (the area dubbed 'Outer Tverskoy'). If you have a free afternoon, the Garage Centre for Contemporary Culture is a particularly exciting development on the Moscow art and architecture scene, which is worth the time and R28 for a metro ride out of the centre.

## Local Life

- ➔ **Parks** Hermitage Gardens is the district's popular spot for fresh air and green space, not to mention delightful outdoor drinking and dining at Chaikhona No 1 (p84).
- ➔ **Street Scene** See and be seen on Kamergersky per, a pedestrian-only cobblestone street crammed with cafes with outdoor seating.

## Getting There & Away

- ➔ **Ul Petrovka** To reach ul Petrovka, take the metro to Teatrnaya station on the green Zamoskvoretskaya line.
- ➔ **Tverskaya ul** The city's hub at the bottom of Tverskaya ul, at Manezhnaya pl, is accessible by the Okhotny Ryad metro station on the red Sokolnicheskaya line. Heading north, the green Zamoskvoretskaya metro line runs beneath Tverskaya ul, providing easy access to Pushkinskaya pl (at Tverskaya station), Triumfalnaya pl (at Mayakovskaya station), and pl Tverskaya Zastava (at Belorusskaya station).
- ➔ **Outer Tverskoy** Tverskaya ul changes name to Tverskaya-Yamskaya ul and, beyond Belorussky vokzal, to Leningradsky pr and eventually to Leningradskoe sh, as this highway heads out of town. The green Zamoskvoretskaya metro line follows this road almost all the way to MKAD, finally terminating at Rechnoy Vokzal. The northeastern corner of Tverskoy district is accessible via the connecting metro stations at Novoslobodskaya or Mendelevskaya.