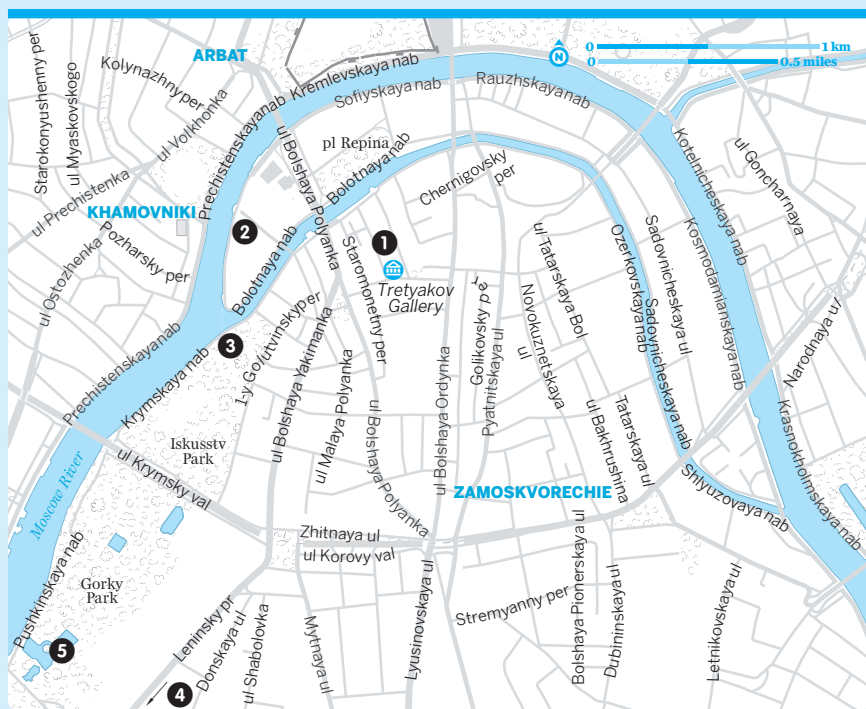


Zamoskvorechie

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Spending a half-day at the **Tretyakov Gallery** (p123), admiring the superb collection of Russian icons, the cutting social commentary of the Peredvizhniki ('Wanderers'), the whimsy of the Symbolists, and other prerevolutionary art.
- 2 Catching a concert, film or event at the **Strelka Institute** (p132) in the former Red October chocolate factory.
- 3 Seeing the fallen heroes of the Soviet era at **Art Muzeon Sculpture Park** (p126).
- 4 Visiting the **Danilov Monastery** (p125), the spiritual and administrative centre of the Orthodox Church.
- 5 Wiling away a summer afternoon at **Lebedinoe Ozero** (p130), the city's most enticing terrace restaurant.



Lonely Planet's Top Tip

The northern part of Zamoskvorechie – including the Red October complex on Bolotny Island – is easiest to access by walking over the Bolshoy Moskvoretsky most from the Kremlin or walking over the Patriarshy most from the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Bar Strelka (p130)
- ➔ Correa's (p129)
- ➔ Suliko (p129)

For reviews, see p129 ➔

Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bar Strelka (p130)
- ➔ Lebedinoe Ozero (p130)
- ➔ Art Akademiya (p131)

For reviews, see p130 ➔

Best Art Venues

- ➔ Tretyakov Gallery (p123)
- ➔ Art Muzeon Sculpture Park (p126)
- ➔ Red October chocolate factory (p126)
- ➔ Central House of Artists (p133)

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Explore: Zamoskvorechie

The atmosphere of 19th-century Moscow lives on in the low buildings, old courtyards and clusters of onion domes in Zamoskvorechie. The many churches in the area make up a wonderful scrapbook of Muscovite architectural styles. It's worth taking a few hours to wander the neighbourhood before or after your visit to the Tretyakov.

Zamoskvorechie has long been a thriving art district, thanks to the proliferation of galleries at the Central House of Artists, not to mention both branches of the Tretyakov Gallery. With the recent conversion of the Red October chocolate factory into galleries, clubs and cafes, this has become Moscow's hottest spot for art and entertainment. Plan to spend at least one evening exploring Bolotny Island: come early to eat dinner and browse the galleries; stay late to drink and dance the night away.

Local Life

➔ **Markets** The Danilovsky Market (p130) is a trek from the centre but it's worth it for fresh meat and produce and cheap prices.

➔ **Outdoor Activities** A string of peaceful parks lines the Moscow River, offering respite from the city. Traverse Gorky Park (p126), continue along the river to the wilder Neskuchny Garden, and find your way all the way to Vorobyovy Gory Nature Preserve (see p150). It's a lovely (long) walk, perhaps even better for in-line skating or cycling.

Getting There & Away

➔ **Metro** Three different metro lines cut through Zamoskvorechie in a north-south direction. The green Zamoskvoretskaya line has stops at Novokuznetskaya and Paveletskaya. The orange Kaluzhsko-Rizhskaya line also has a stop at Novokuznetskaya, as well as at Oktyabrskaya. The grey Serpukhovsko-Timiryazevskaya line has stations at Polyanka and Serpukhovskaya.