

Tverskoy & Novoslobodsky

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Neighbourhood Top Five

1 Spending an evening at the **Bolshoi Theatre** (p87), where world-famous opera and ballet companies perform Russian classics.

2 Eating, drinking, dancing and otherwise frolicking at **Hermitage Gardens** (p88), one of the liveliest

places in Moscow, where art, food or musical festivals take place almost weekly.

3 Learning how it felt to be Jewish in Russia, from the partition of Poland to the late USSR era, at the ultra-modern **Jewish Museum & Centre of Tolerance** (p89).

4 Sweating away your city stresses amid the luxury of **Sanduny Baths** (p99).

5 Admiring the fantastical **paintings of Viktor Vasnetsov** (p90) in the studio where he painted them.



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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** (p97) or the **Stanislavsky & Nemirovich-Danchenko Musical Theatre** (p97), both gorgeous theatres with highly skilled performers.



Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Delicatessen (p94)
- ➔ Brasserie Most (p94)
- ➔ Lavka-Lavka (p94)
- ➔ Dzhondzholi (p94)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Noor (p96)
- ➔ Enthusiast (p96)
- ➔ Cafe Mart (p96)

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Best Soviet History

- ➔ Contemporary History Museum (p89)
- ➔ Gulag History Museum (p88)
- ➔ Central Museum of the Armed Forces (p91)

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Explore: Tverskoy & Novoslobodsky

Tverskoy is Moscow's busiest, swankiest and most commercialised district. Few people can afford to live here, but millions pour in daily to work, hunt for garments at shopping arcades or dine out.

Originating at the Kremlin, Moscow's main thoroughfare, Tverskaya ul, is a broad avenue of stately pre-Soviet and Stalin-era buildings. East of it, the majestic Teatralnaya pl (Theatre Sq), is home to the world-famous Bolshoi Theatre. 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, several commercial streets radiate towards the Boulevard Ring, each filled with boutiques and cafes. Semi-pedestrianised ul Bolshaya Dmitrovka is linked with Tverskaya ul by the fully pedestrianised Kamergersky per. Further up, trendy Stoleshnikov per connects ul Bolshaya Dmitrovka with quaint ul Petrovka, which leads to charming Hermitage Gardens.

Beyond the Garden Ring, Tverskoy blends into the much more relaxed, uncrowded Novoslobodsky district, home of the Jewish Museum & Centre of Tolerance and a few nice bars and restaurants.

Local Life

➔ **Parks** Hermitage Gardens is one of the city's liveliest places, with fresh air, greenery and cocktails at 3205 (p95).

➔ **Crowd-drinking** Join a few hundred students for a pint of cheapish beer at mammoth Vokzal (p96).

Getting There & Away

➔ **Teatralnaya pl** Take the green Zamoskvoretskaya metro line to Teatralnaya station.

➔ **Tverskaya ul** Manezhnaya pl, at the bottom of Tverskaya ul, is accessible from the Okhotny Ryad metro station on the red Sokolnicheskaya line. The green Zamoskvoretskaya metro line provides easy access to Pushkinskaya pl (at Tverskaya station), Triumfalnaya pl (at Mayakovskaya station) and pl Tverskaya Zastava (at Belorusskaya station).

➔ **Beyond Garden Ring** The green Zamoskvoretskaya metro line follows Tverskaya ul (which becomes Tverskaya-Yamskaya ul, then Leningradsky pr and eventually Leningradskoe sh) almost all the way to MKAD, terminating at Rechnoy Vokzal. Novoslobodsky district is accessible via the connecting metro stations at Novoslobodskaya or Mendelevskaya.