

Zamoskvorechie

Neighbourhood Top Five

① Strolling, cycling, rollerblading, dancing, drinking, sunbathing, playing petanque and otherwise being hyperactive (or hyper-lazy, if you wish) in the revived and gentrified **Gorky Park** (p133).

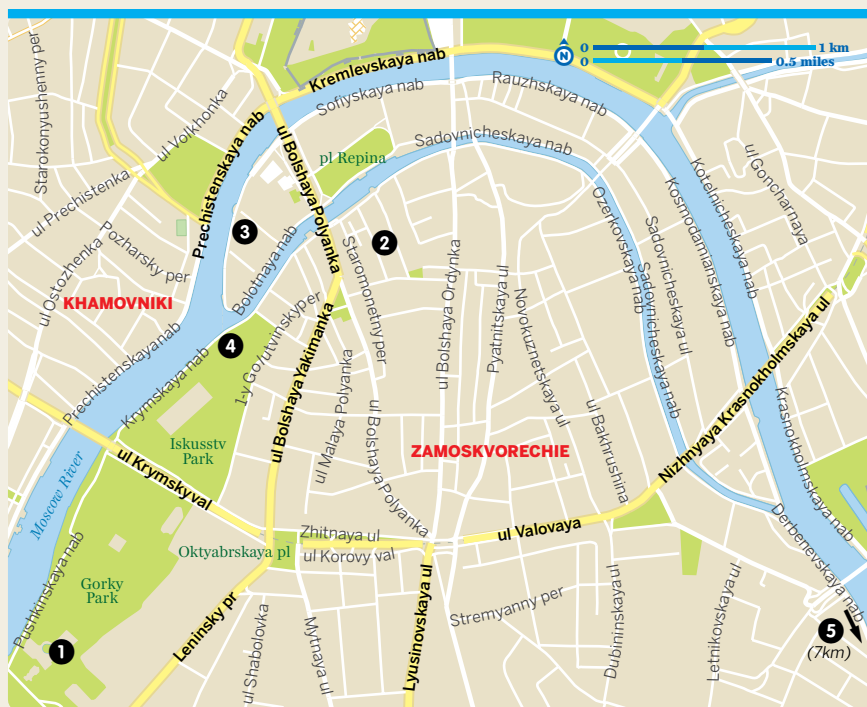
② Spending a half-day at the **Tretyakov Gallery** (p135), admiring the

superb collection of Russian icons, the cutting social commentary of the **Peredvizhniki** (Wanderers), the whimsy of the symbolists, and other prerevolutionary art.

③ Watching the day and short summer night go by from one of **Red October's** (p137) rooftop bars.

④ Walking through a forest of sculptures, including fallen Soviet idols at **Art Muzeon Sculpture Park** (p137).

⑤ Escaping to **Kolomenskoe** (p141) – a patch of idyllic countryside not far from the centre.



For more detail of this area see Map p266 ➔

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

- ➔ Mizandari (p140)
- ➔ Produkty (p140)
- ➔ Chugunny most (p140)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Bar Strelka (p142)
- ➔ Le Boule (p142)
- ➔ WT4 (p142)

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Best Art Venues

- ➔ Tretyakov Gallery (p135)
- ➔ Garage Museum of Contemporary Art (p137)
- ➔ Art Muzeon Sculpture Park (p137)
- ➔ Lumiere Brothers Photography Centre (p138)

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Explore: Zamoskvorechie

With its markedly low old buildings, quaint courtyards and a multitude of onion domes, Zamoskvorechie is a bit of a provincial Russian town that somehow ended up inside central Moscow. The people responsible for its outlook and for the lingering old-world ambience are *kuptsy* (merchants) who populated the area until the 19th century and had completely different lifestyles and habits to the nobility living across the river. Their most outstanding legacy is Tretyakov Gallery, containing the largest collection of Russian art.

But it is in this district that the face of the new, cool, liveable, sophisticated Moscow is being born. The fledgling gentrification belt is now spreading along the river from the red-brick buildings of the Red October chocolate factory (Moscow's inner hipster galaxy) to the revived Gorky Park, via the freshly-renovated Krymskaya Naberezhnaya embankment. Dump your clichés into the river – welcome to post-historical Moscow!

Local Life

➔ **Markets** The Danilovsky Market is a trek from the centre but it's worth it, especially in the summer and early autumn, when stalls are filled with fruit and berries you can't hope to find in a supermarket.

➔ **Outdoor activities** Closed for vehicles, but welcoming cyclists, rollerbladers and pedestrians, Moscow's answer to London's South Bank stretches for 8km from Red October to Vorobyovy Gory via Gorky Park, which offers a few zillion activities, from petanque to dancing.

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.