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# MOSCOW

THE TWO-IN-ONE GUIDE



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## MOSCOW IN FIGURES

## POPULATION

1600 c 100,000  
 1900 1,000,000  
 1995 9,000,000

- Moscow is now the largest city in Europe
- At any one time there are up to 1 million unregistered Muscovites living in the city

## LOCATION

- On the flat Central European plains (average height 156m above sea level)
- At 37° 34 minutes longitude and 37° 37 minutes north latitude, parallel with Copenhagen, Denmark and Grand Prairie, Canada,
- Moscow Sheremetevo airport is 1,627km from Berlin, 2,000km from Paris, 2,507km from London, 6,170km from Khabarovsk (Siberia) and 8,200km from New York

## GREATER MOSCOW

- The metropolitan area covers 879 sq km, stretching 40km from north to south and 35km from east to west
- The ring road encircles the city for 109km
- The River Moskva flows through greater Moscow; its total length is 502km
- 41 bridges cross the Moskva River and its canals; 29 bridges span the River Yauza and its tributaries

## CAPITAL CITY

- At the time of going to press there are: 75 government agencies, at least 20 registered political parties, 124 foreign embassies, plus 11 permanent representatives of CIS states
- at least 50 newspapers published in Moscow
- at least 950 foreign businesses in Moscow
- 32 theatres with permanent companies
- over 100 commercial art galleries
- more than 400 cafés and restaurants
- 11 cathedrals (12 when the Cathedral of the Saviour reopens in 1997)
- more than 100 museums
- 18 'children's parks'
- 16 'forest parks' and beaches
- 12 country estates
- 27 'parks of culture and recreation'

## MOSCOW PEOPLE

## ANDREY KNISHEV

One of Russian TV's most promising satirists, Knishev is best known for his show *Funny Guys*, which made fun of the chaotic, at times anarchic programming on national television, not least the commercial breaks, a concept still in its infancy over here. The show turned Knishev into a household name and has led to the commissioning of a new series, *Serious Men*. A writer as well as a TV presenter, Andrey not only signs copies of his books but sells them, too ('needs must' in today's Russia). He began his career as a journalist on the provocative youth paper, *Moskovskiy Komsomolets*, and is destined to go far.

## THE GORBACHEVS

Mikhail and Raisa Gorbachev now live in a government *dacha* at Kalchuga on the banks of the Moskva River. The former Soviet leader has recently completed a barnstorming tour of Russia and there is even talk of a political comeback. In the meantime both Mikhail and Raisa are actively involved in the work of the Gorbachev Foundation. This institute on Leningradskiy prospekt provides financial support for a wide range of economic initiatives, but has also raised a great deal of money for charity; for example, \$1,400,000 for a Moscow cancer hospital which helps leukemia victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

## ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN

The homecoming in 1994 of the world-renowned Russian author was as much a media event as his enforced departure 20 years earlier. A survivor of the Gulag (the Soviet forced-labour camps), Solzhenitsyn famously turned his bitter experiences to account with the novel *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*. His other works, notably *The Gulag Archipelago*, earned him the Nobel Prize in 1970. Solzhenitsyn now sees his role as helping the Russian people through the present crisis: 'I try to keep all of Russia's problems in my head.' He is currently living in a Moscow apartment while awaiting the completion of a large house on the outskirts of the city.



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One of Moscow's leading fashion designers, Zaitsev now has an international reputation stretching throughout Europe, the United States and Japan. Slava puts this success down entirely to his own talents: 'Throughout my life no one has given me any help. Everything I have today is the result of my own efforts.' A colourful figure, who paints and writes poetry when he is not designing clothes, he imbues his creations with a theatricality quite his own. Once a designer with the House of Fashion on Kuznetskiy Most, he now has his own salon and clothes store on Prospekt Mira.



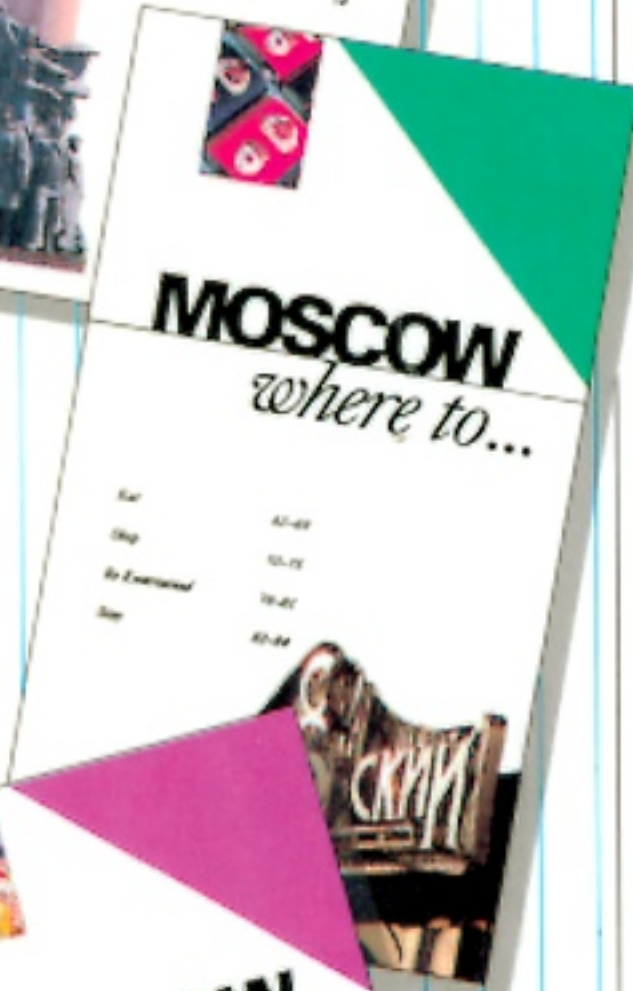
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