















Moscow essentials in 24 hrs










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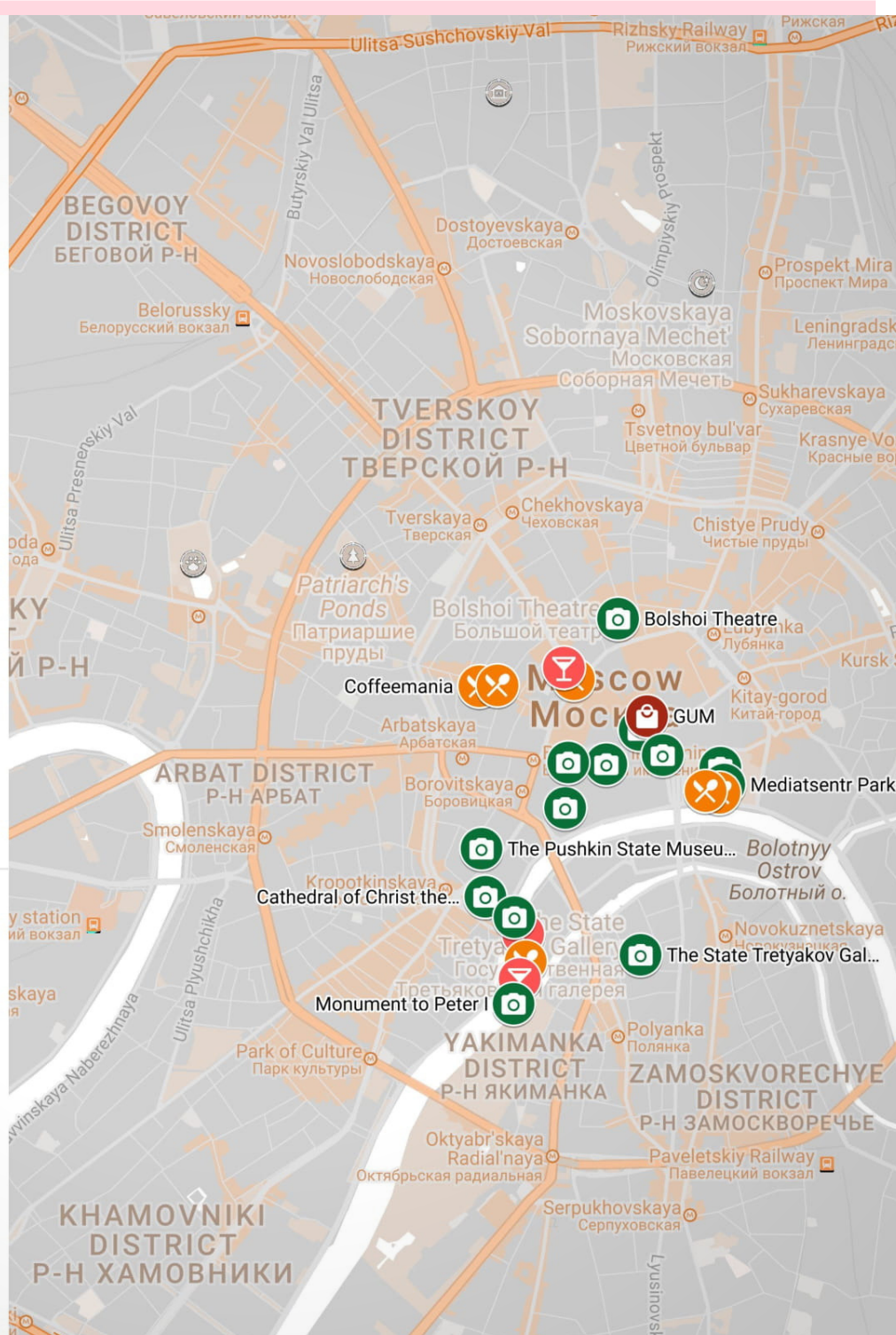
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To see

-  Red Square
-  GUM
-  St. Basil's Cathedral
-  The Moscow Kremlin
-  Armoury Chamber
-  Alexandrovsky Garden
-  Bolshoi Theatre
-  Zaryadye Park
-  Mediasentr Parka Zaryad'ye
-  The Pushkin State Museum of Fine Arts
-  Cathedral of Christ the Saviour
-  Patriarshiy Peshekhodnyy Most
-  Monument to Peter I
-  The State Tretyakov Gallery

To eat and drink

-  Grand Cafe Dr. Zhivago
-  Coffeemia
-  Severyane
-  Gastronomicheskiy Tsentr
-  Voskhod
-  Strelka
-  Syrovaryna
-  Bruce Lee
-  O2 Lounge





MORNING

Start your Moscow adventure by having breakfast at one of my all-time favourites: **Grand Café Dr. Zhivago**. Fantastic choice for lunch and dinner too. And to be honest if there was only one restaurant I could visit in Moscow, that would be it. Enjoy contemporary Russian cuisine in a stylish décor, inspired by 1920s and superb views of the Kremlin. This is the venue to try out the Russian classics, including very reasonably priced caviar with blinis. Open 24 hours, breakfasts 6.00 - 12.00. Dinner times are always the busiest - reservations are essential.

Breakfast alternatives in the area:

Coffemania - the oldest and most loved of the high-end coffee/restaurant chain. Award-winning cappuccinos and consistently delicious food.

Severyane – breakfasts served from gam at this rustically decorated restaurant where food is cooked in traditional Russian stoves right in front of you at the open kitchen.

AFTERNOON

Head out to the very heart of the city to finally take those snaps of **Red Square**. It's a good time to do some of the touristy things in the area – **Kremlin**, **GUM**, **St Basil's Cathedral**, etc.

Be sure to make time to at least briefly visit **Zaryadye** park, a recent addition to the capital's landmarks. Opened in 2017 the space features the famous floating bridge over the Moskva River, that provides fantastic photo opportunities of the whole Kremlin. Experience the atmosphere of 4 different climate zones, recreated in the park, visit the ice cove and media centre (my absolute favourites are flights over Moscow and Russia in 4D cinema – so so worth it!).

BREAKFAST



Grand Cafe Dr. Zhivago

Mokhovaya str 15/1

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Coffemania (Кофемания)

Bol'shaya Nikitskaya str, 13/6

+7 (495) 775-51-88

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Severyane (Северяне)

Bol'shaya Nikitskaya str, 12

+7 (499) 700-08-98

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SIGHTSEEING

- Red Square
- GUM
- St. Basil's Cathedral
- The Moscow Kremlin
- Armoury Chamber
- Alexandrovsky Garden
- Bolshoi Theatre
- Zaryadye Park
- Mediatsentr Parka Zaryad'ye



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AFTERNOON

A good place to satiate your worked up appetite is **Zaryadye Gastrocenter** – a hybrid between food court and a restaurant that features 8 different zones, each representing regional Russian produce and cuisine. The options range from seafood, including oysters and sea urchins, to traditional dumplings (vareniki) and soups.

Alternative lunch suggestion for those, who prefer a more classic restaurant setting, would be neighboring **Voskhod**. It offers the same gorgeous panoramic views of Kremlin along with a generous selection of dishes from former Soviet Republics. If you like the idea of trying authentic plov, borsch, pelmeni and Olivye salad served in Soviet 60s inspired interiors, this is a perfect spot!

LUNCH



Gastro Center Zaryadye (Гастроцентр Зарядье)

Varvarka str 6, Park Zaryadye
+7 (495) 531 09 50
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Voskhod (Восход)

Varvarka str 6, Park Zaryadye
+7 (495) 531 04 30
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EVENING

I suggest taking one of my favourite city centre walks to Cathedral of Christ the Savior along the Kremlin walls via Kremlevskaya and Prechistenskaya embankments. The cathedral itself is definitely worth paying a visit. Being one of the largest Orthodox church in the world, the building is magnificent. It offers great views from the rooftop too.

Use the scenic Patriarshiy footbridge from Christ the Savior Cathedral to get to the former area of confectionery factory Krasniy Ochyabr (Red October) which is now filled with stores, bars and cultural spots.



SIGHTSEEING

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- Cathedral of Christ the Saviour
- Patriarshiy Bridge
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- The State Tretyakov Gallery
- Muzeon Park of Arts



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EVENING

Strelka Bar is a perfect spot to grab your dinner and drinks after a day of sightseeing or to dance the night away at one of its weekend events. Expect unbeatable views over Moscow river, great cocktails, excellent food and atmosphere. In summertime, the bar opens its renown terrace overlooking the Moscow River and the Cathedral. The terrace has been one of the best in town for years now.

If you're looking for spots for a night out the whole area of **Red October** is worth browsing around. This small island is home to many of Moscow hottest bars and clubs.

Alternative dinner suggestions:

At **Syrovarnya** use a terrific opportunity to try out soft cheeses that are freshly made locally (mozzarella, burrata, stracciatella and ricotta). The cheese accompanies delicious and simple village style dishes as well as home-made pasta and pizza from wood-burning stove.

Bruce Lee would be an adventurous choice for those willing to enjoy a Szechuan inspired dinner and cocktails. I love the cozy atmosphere there!

FINAL TOUCH

My recommendation would be to finish off the evening by coming back to the Red Square which is especially charming at night thanks to illumination lights of GUM department store.

If you're still feeling a bit thirsty or just fancy enjoying the views of the Red Square from atop, stop by **O2 Rooftop Lounge** at The Ritz Carlton Moscow. Drinks are priced on the higher end though, so be cautious if you're on the budget. The terrace is a great picture spot and without a doubt, offers some of the best views of Moscow city centre— including panoramic shots of the Kremlin and the Cathedral of Christ the Savior.

DINNER



Strelka Bar

Bersenevskaya Naberezhnaya, 14/5
+7 (495) 771-74-16
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Syrovarnya (Сыроварня)

Bersenevskiy Pereulok, 2/1
+7 (495) 727-38-80
\$\$ - \$\$\$



Bruce Lee

Bolotnaya Embankment 3/2
+7 (495) 768-51-71
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DRINKS



O2 Rooftop Lounge

The Ritz-Carlton, Tverskaya Street 3
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