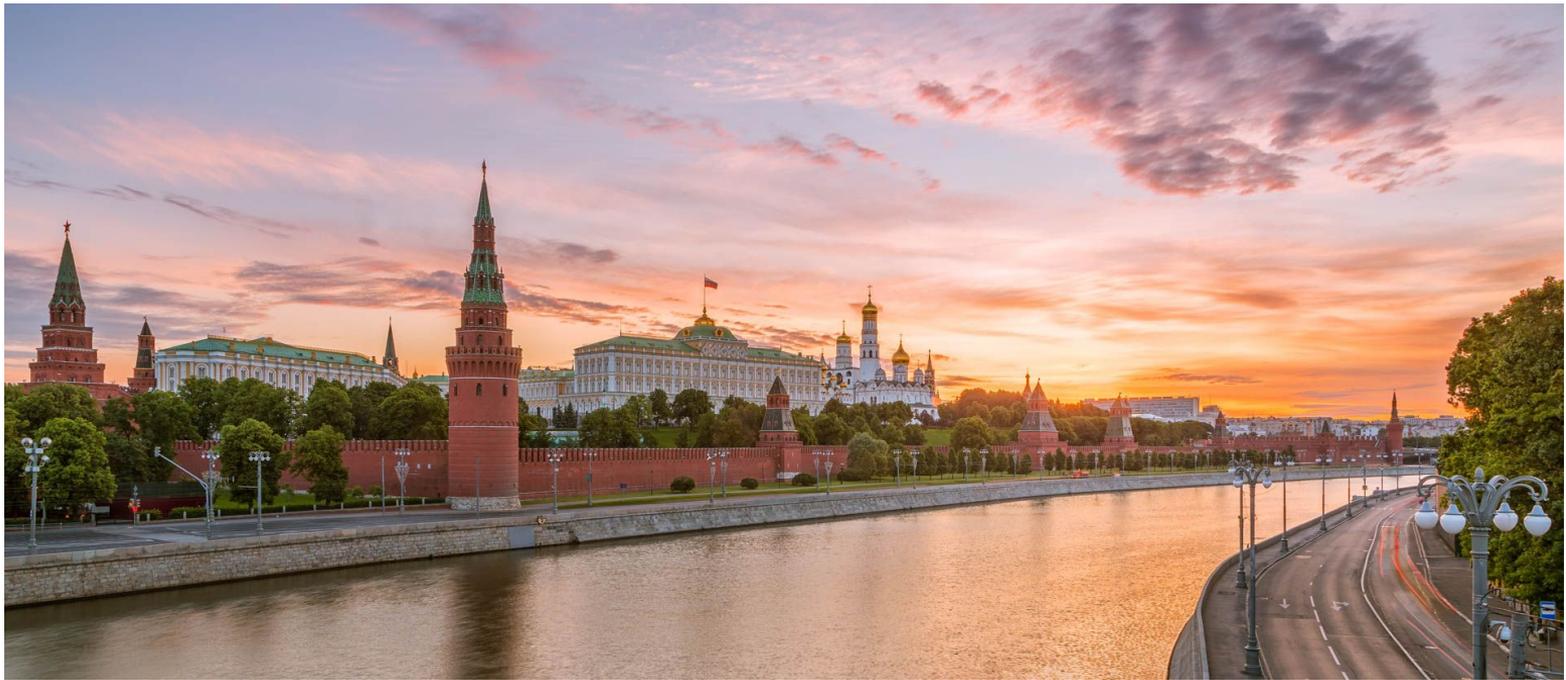


The lesson on the topic

“Moscow is the capital of Russia.”



Read the saying. Do you agree with it?

Moscow is a huge inspiration for me. I love what I find here, I love being here.

-- Natalia Vodianova

Listen to the song and guess why the word “Moskva” is used with the definite article. Listen again and complete the lyrics.

_____ the Moskva

____ to Gorky Park.

Listening to the ____ of change

An August ____ night

Soldiers _____ by

Listening to the wind of _____.

Take me to the __magic____ of the
moment

On a glory _____.

Where the children of _____ dream

away (dream away)

In the wind of change.



Match the names of sights to the pictures

Gorky Park

the State Tretyakov Gallery

the Tsar-Bell

the Bolshoi Theater

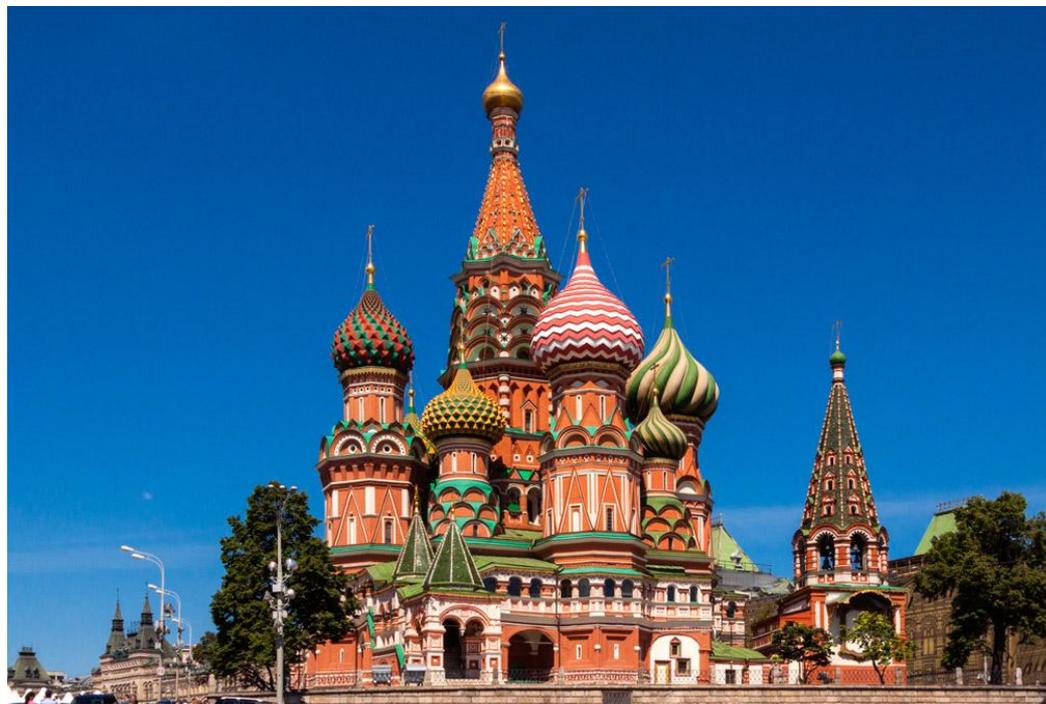
Church of Vasiliy Blazheniy

the Kremlin



Order these sights starting from the place you think is the most well-known:

- Gorky Park**
- the State Tretyakov Gallery**
- the Tsar-Bell**
- the Bolshoi Theater**
- the Kremlin**



Read about two main Russian sights. What are they? Match the parts with the pictures:





- 1) The first place you visit coming to Moscow will be Red Square. The square has an important historical meaning. Red Square is near the Kremlin. The first Kremlin was built in 1368. It was made of white stone. And that is why Moscow was called "white-stoned" in the past. The modern Kremlin was built of red bricks. Today the president and the government of the Russian Federation work here.
- 2) The Bolshoi theatre is the most famous in Russia. Not far from it there is the Maliy theatre and others. The Bolshoi Theatre is Moscow's premier opera and ballet house, and one of the most respected performance stages in the world. Its history dates back to 1776, when Prince Pyotr Urusov and Michael Maddox put together the first performance company of Moscow.

Read again and mark the sentences true/false

Red Square is far from the Kremlin.

Its history starts from 1368.

Red Square was always built of red bricks.

The Bolshoi Theatre is Tula's premier opera and ballet house.

The Bolshoi Theatre was founded by Prince Pyotr Urusov and Michael Maddox.

Underline the words which we use with the definite article

Historical Museum, Kremlin, Red Square, Cathedral of
Christ the Saviour, Bolshoi Theatre

We use the definite article “the” with:

- **well-known buildings**

the Empire State Building

- **organisations**

The United Nation

- **hotels, pubs and restaurants:**

The Ritz, the King's Head

We do not use the definite article if the name of the hotel or restaurant is **the name of the owner**: *Brown's Hotel, Morel's Restaurant*

We use no article with:

parks

Gorky Park, Central Park, Hyde Park, Yellowstone National Park, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Grand Canyon National Park;

Disney World, Disneyland, Europa Park;

squares

Saint Peter's Square, Red Square, Trafalgar Square, Times Square, Union Square, Harvard Square.

But: the Cathedral Square.

Read the text and complete it with the articles.

_____ Moscow is the biggest city of Russia and its capital. The city is situated on _____ Moskva River and was founded more than 800 years ago.

Special attention is always put to the city center, as there are the most famous sights. Among them, _____ outstanding Kremlin and _____ Red Square, _____ Bolshoi and _____ Maliy Theaters, _____ Saint Basil's Cathedral, _____ the _____ Historical Museum, _____ Armoury Chamber and many others.

In the very heart of the capital one can find _____ Historical Museum and _____ Armoury chamber. Both these museums can tell more about Russian history than any other place.

One of the newest and most famous religious sights in Moscow is _____ Cathedral of Christ the Saviour. It's situated on the bank of _____ Moskva River and is known as the tallest Orthodox church in the world. The view of _____ Christ the Saviour's Cathedral strikes imagination with its grandeur and magnificence.

Other than that, Moscow has a great number of famous parks, squares, theaters, monuments, streets and concert halls. Undoubtedly, Moscow is a very special city.

Make 5 questions which you would like to ask a guide about the past of Mocow attractions.



Let's imagine you are a tour guide. Use this information to tell your pen friend about the Kremlin in Moscow.

- the Tsar's Moscow residence in the past
- built by Italian masters from 1485 to 1495
- about 3000000 visitors
- five palaces, four cathedrals, and the enclosing Kremlin Wall with Kremlin towers
- the Armoury building - a museum housing Russian state Regalia and Diamond Fund





Finish the sentence:

Now I can...