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# DELEGATE HANDBOOK

23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE BRICS CONTACT GROUP ON ECONOMIC  
AND TRADE ISSUES (CGETI)

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## 1. THE OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS CONTACT INFORMATION

- Questions on hotel accommodation should be sent to the following e-mail address: [hotels@brics-russia2020.ru](mailto:hotels@brics-russia2020.ru).
- Questions on visa and customs control procedures and other questions should be sent to the following e-mail address: [info@brics-russia2020.ru](mailto:info@brics-russia2020.ru).
- Help desk telephone number: +7 (812) 906 64 98.

## 2. MEETING DATES AND VENUE

The meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the BRICS Contact Group on Economic and Trade Issues (CGETI) will take place on 26–28 February 2020.

**The main venue will be:**

📍 **«HOTEL NATIONAL, MOSCOW»**  
125009, Moscow, Mokhovaya Street, 15/1  
[nationalhotel-moscow.ru](http://nationalhotel-moscow.ru)



## 3. MEETING PROGRAMME

23<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE BRICS CONTACT GROUP ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE ISSUES (CGETI)  
Hotel National, Moscow, February 26–28, 2020

**Wednesday, 26 February**

TIME (MOSCOW LOCAL, GMT+3)	EVENT
10:00–10:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Opening Session and approval of the agenda</li></ul>
10:15–12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2015–2020<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Key outcomes of implementation</li><li>– Particular deliverables of CGETI<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Presentation by Russia</li><li>◦ Comments by Brazil</li><li>◦ Comments by India</li><li>◦ Comments by China</li><li>◦ Comments by South Africa</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
12:00–12:15	Coffee Break
12:15–14:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2020–2025<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Trade, investment and finance stimulation</li><li>– Digital economy dimension</li><li>– Sustainable development and supporting initiatives</li></ul></li><li>• BRICS Commitment to Sustainable Development Goals</li><li>• BRICS Concept for Economic Development and Integration of Remote and Rural Areas</li><li>• BRICS Business Women Alliance<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ Presentation by Russia</li><li>◦ Comments by Brazil</li><li>◦ Comments by India</li><li>◦ Comments by China</li><li>◦ Comments by South Africa</li></ul></li></ul>

TIME (MOSCOW LOCAL, GMT+3)	EVENT
<b>14:00–15:30</b>	CGETI Lunch
<b>15:30–17:00</b>	• Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2020–2025 (to be continued)

#### Thursday, 27 February

TIME (MOSCOW LOCAL, GMT+3)	EVENT
<b>10:30–12:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-commerce issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Unleashing BRICS e-commerce potential</li> <li>– Issues of consumer protection in e-commerce</li> <li>◦ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>12:30–12:45</b>	Coffee Break
<b>12:45–14:15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Intellectual Property Rights <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Key challenges for preserving intellectual property rights</li> <li>– Perspectives of digitization of BRICS intellectual property offices</li> <li>– Artificial Intelligence and intellectual property rights protection</li> <li>◦ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>14:15–15:30</b>	CGETI Lunch
<b>15:30–17:00</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Technical regulations, standards, metrology and conformity assessment procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Cooperation between Agencies of the BRICS countries, responsible for technical regulations, standardization, metrology, conformity assessment and accreditation</li> <li>– Opportunities of introducing digital leverages</li> <li>◦ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

#### Friday, 28 February

TIME (MOSCOW LOCAL, GMT+3)	EVENT
<b>10:00–11:15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multilateral Trading System: reforming the WTO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approaches of the BRICS countries to the WTO reform</li> <li>– Vision on possible outcomes of the 12th WTO Ministerial Conference</li> <li>◦ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>11:15–11:30</b>	Coffee Break

TIME (MOSCOW LOCAL, GMT+3)	EVENT
11:30–13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transparency               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approaches of the BRICS countries to transparency-related issues of the global trade agenda</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trade policy and Agriculture               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approaches of the BRICS countries to the multilateral regulation of certain aspects in agricultural policy including reduction of trade-distorting domestic support, elimination of special safeguards in agriculture and reallocation of tariff rate quotas</li> <li>◦ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
13:00–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Micro-, Small and Medium enterprises               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The BRICS vision on how to promote effective participation of MSMEs in International Trade and Global Value Chains</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Investment facilitation               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Approaches of the BRICS countries to the regulation of investment facilitation issues at international level</li> <li>◦ Discussion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
16:30–16:45	Coffee Break
16:45–17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other matters</li> <li>• Closing Session</li> </ul>

## 4. MEETING FORMAT

The Meeting will be held in the 9 format.

## 5. ACCESS TO THE MEETING VENUE

### 5.1. ID BADGES

ID badges are available for pick-up at the Accreditation Desk at the event venue at the following times:

Hotel National, Moscow	26–28 February	08:00–20:00
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Participants must have their ID badges with them at all the times during the event on 26–28 February 2020.

### 5.2. SUMMARY OF ACCESS PROCEDURES

Entry to the meeting venue is by ID badge. All delegates and participants must wear their ID badges visibly at all times at the meeting venue.

### 5.3. LOST BADGES

Lost or missing badges should be reported immediately to the Information Desk at the meeting venue.

## 6. WORKING LANGUAGE

According to BRICS practice, the working language of the Meeting will be English.

## 7. TRANSPORT

### 7.1. AEROEXPRESS

Due to intense traffic in Moscow, the Aeroexpress train service might be the most convenient way for the participants to get from Sheremetyevo, Domodedovo and Vnukovo airports to the rail and subway stations, located in the Moscow city centre.

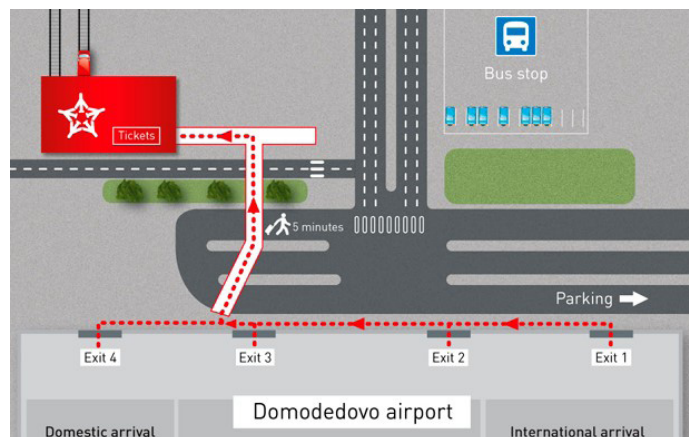
- Aeroexpress from the Sheremetyevo Airport goes to the Belorusskiy Railway Station and backwards (estimated travel time is 35 min).

To get to the Aeroexpress train service when leaving the arrivals hall, please, follow the route, indicated below:



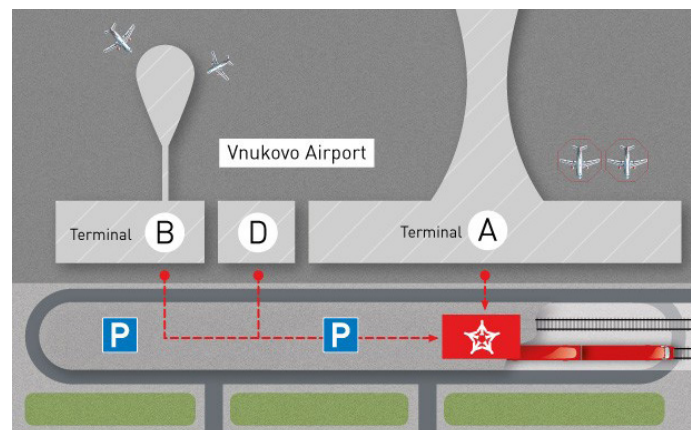
- Aeroexpress from the Domodedovo Airport goes to the Paveletskiy Railway Station and backwards (estimated travel time is 45–50 min).

To get to the Aeroexpress train service when leaving the arrivals hall, please, follow the route, indicated below:



- Aeroexpress from the Vnukovo Airport goes to the Kievskiy Railway Station and backwards (estimated travel time is 35 min).

To get to the Aeroexpress train service when leaving the arrivals hall, please, follow the route, indicated below:

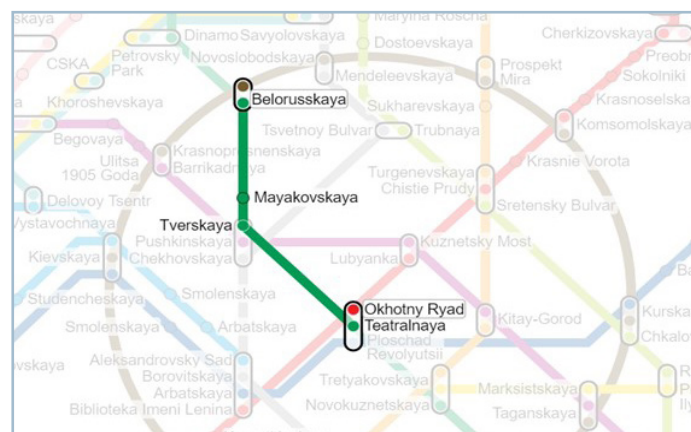


For more detailed information about Aeroexpress train service, please, visit: [www.aeroexpress.ru/en/](http://www.aeroexpress.ru/en/).

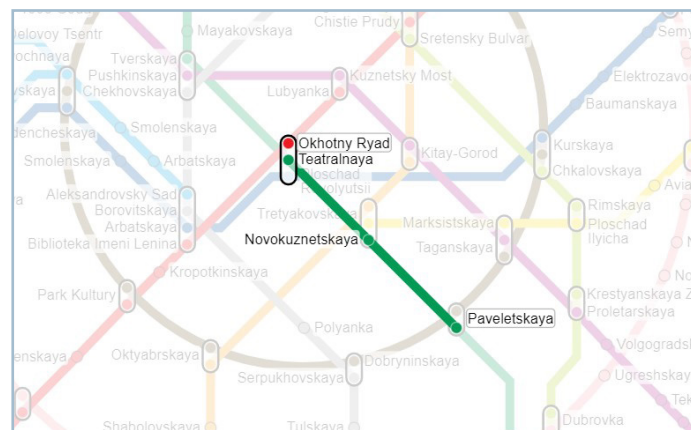
## 7.2. PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND TAXIS

Upon arrival at the determined rail and subway station participants may use one of following routes to get to the hotel.

- Arriving at the Belorusskiy Railway Station with the Aeroexpress from the Sheremetyevo Airport.

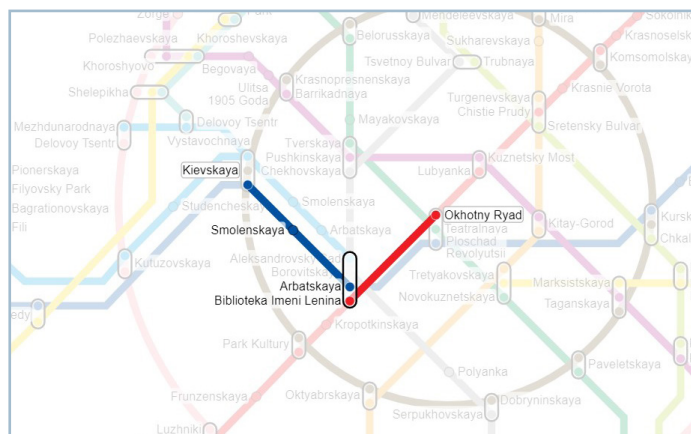


- Arriving at the Paveletskiy Railway Station with the Aeroexpress from the Domodedovo Airport.





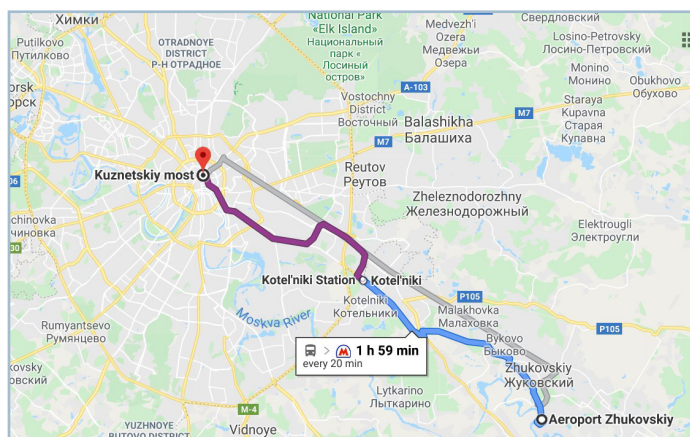
- Arriving at the Kievskiy Railway Station with the Aeroexpress from the Vnukovo Airport.



- Participants, arriving in Zhukovsky Airport, may use the following route to get to the hotel.

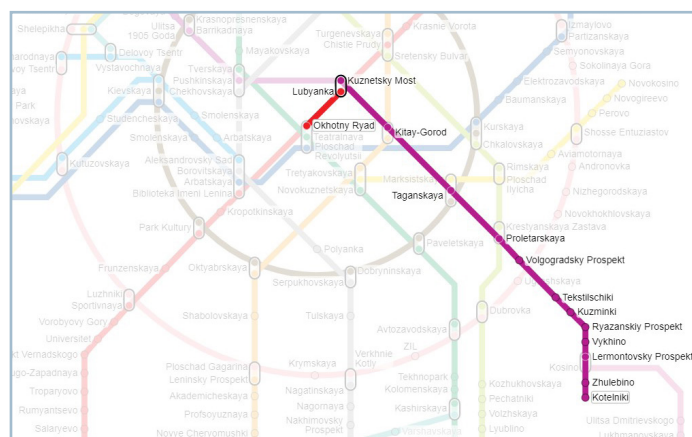


When leaving the arrivals hall go the bus stop and take bus №441 to get to the city centre. The bus leaves the Airport for the city every 20 minutes. Estimated travelling time is 1 hour.





Bus №441 will take you to the Kotelniki subway station. When getting off the bus, please, change to the subway line №7 (marked in purple) and take the train to Kuznetsky Most subway station.



Upon arrival at Kuznetsky Most subway station change to line №1 and take the train to Okhotny ryad. Participants may as well use the taxi services. You can order a taxi at the airport from the taxi desk in the arrivals hall and at the check-in desks at the hotel in the accommodation areas. On request, the cost of a taxi ride may be calculated by the manager in advance. Payment is accepted in Russian rubles only.

To use online taxi services the participants are advised to opt for the Gett taxi service: [gett.com/uk/](https://gett.com/uk/). For your convenience you may download the Gett Taxi application in App Store or on Play Market. The application allows to order a taxi online from any city location and to choose the means of payment.

## 8. MEETING FACILITIES

### 8.1. INFORMATION DESK

The Information Desk is located at the meeting venue. It is open from 08:00 to 20:00 daily on 26–28 February 2020. Information Desk personnel is available to supply administrative and logistics information, distribute meeting materials and provide general assistance.

### 8.2. WI-FI

All participants will be provided with free Wi-Fi at the venue.

**Username:** BRICS-2020  
**Password:** brics-2020

## 9. GENERAL INFORMATION

### 9.1. WEATHER

Moscow climate is humid continental. The average day temperature in February is -5 °C (23 °F). The night temperature is -8 °C (17,6 °F).

Please check the Russian Meteorological Agency website ([www.meteoinfo.ru](http://www.meteoinfo.ru)) for the latest weather forecast.

### 9.2. TIME

Moscow zone: three hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +3).

### 9.3. ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY

The voltage of the electricity network in Russia is 220V. It is recommended to boil tap water before drinking. Preferably, drink bottled water, which can be purchased at the hotel or in any local store.

### 9.4. SMOKING

Russia prohibits smoking in public places: bars and restaurants, theatres, museums and other cultural heritage institutions, as well as in educational institutions.

### 9.5. CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, shops, etc. Visa, MasterCard and American Express may be used at most places but some restaurants and small shops accept cash payments only.

### 9.6. CURRENCY AND ATMS

The official currency of the Russian Federation is the rouble (RUB). All payments on the territory of the Russian Federation must be made in Russian roubles. Credit card payments will also be carried out in roubles.

For up-to-date information on exchange rates, please visit the website [cbr.ru](http://cbr.ru).

### 9.7. MOBILE PHONE INFORMATION

Most modern mobile phones work on several settings capable of using roaming services on different networks. Most GSM phones may be used in Russia supporting the GSM 900 and GSM 1800 or GSM 850 and GSM 1900 protocols. Almost all UMTS phones work on the GSM networks.

For roaming the participants need to contact their mobile network operator. In mobile phone shops, participants can buy a sim-card of any Russian mobile phone operator and recharge their mobile phone account.

### 9.8. PHARMACIES

#### Evalar

📍 4, Tverskaya str.  
☎ +7 (495) 692 39 11  
🕒 24/7

#### Vitafarm

📍 5/6, Tverskaya str.  
☎ +7 (495) 661 35 65  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 08:00–21:00

#### Pharmacy 36,6

📍 15, Tverskaya str.  
☎ +7 (495) 797 63 66  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 08:00–23:00

#### Samson farma

📍 19, Tverskoy blv  
☎ +7 (495) 587 77 77  
🕒 Mon–Fri: 08:00–22:00  
Sat–Sun: 09:00–21:00

### 9.9. SOUVENIR SHOPS

#### Souvenirs

📍 4, Tverskaya str.  
☎ +7 (925) 780 54 24  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 09:00–23:00

#### Souvenirs

📍 6/1, Tverskaya str.  
☎ +7 (968) 769 10 72  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 09:00–23:00

#### Souvenirs

📍 17, Bolshaya dmitrovka str.  
☎ +7 (495) 629 75 95  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 14:00–19:00

#### Souvenir yard

📍 4, Ilyinka str.  
☎ +7 (495) 234 90 96  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 10:00–19:00

### Nasledie

📍 1, Red Square  
☎ +7 (495) 232 68 22  
🕒 Mon–Fri: 08:00–22:00  
Sat–Sun: 09:00–23:00

### GUM

📍 1, Red Square  
☎ +7 (495) 788 43 43  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 10:00–22:00

## 9.10 SHOE REPAIRS

### Atelier

📍 6/1, Tverskaya str.  
🕒 Mon–Fri: 10:00–19:00

### Federico Ferrone

📍 9, Vetoshniy str.  
☎ +7 (495) 925 19 59  
🕒 Mon–Sun: 10:00–22:00

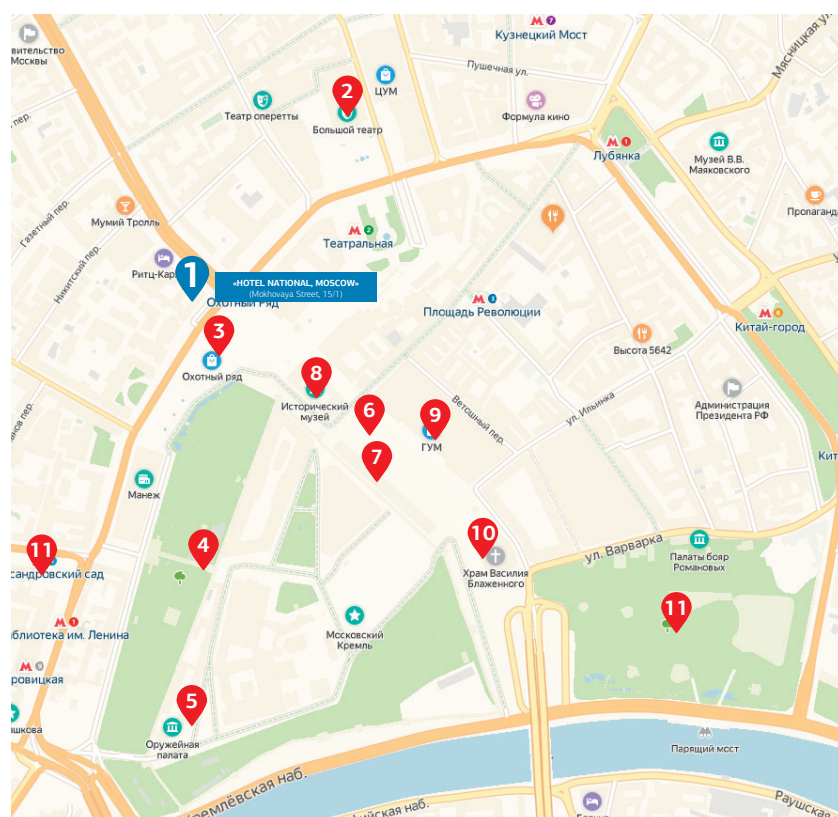
## 10. USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Moscow area codes are: 495, 499**

112 – Emergency (for subscribers to mobile networks)  
101 – Fire service (for subscribers to mobile networks)  
102 – Police (for subscribers to mobile networks)  
103 – Ambulance service (for subscribers to mobile networks)

## 11. CITY INFORMATION

There is a city walking route in Moscow suggested for participants the meeting XIII Meeting of the BRICS Contact Group on Trade and Economic Issues (CGETI).



- 2 **Bolshoi Theatre**  
(1, Teatralnaya Pl.)
- 3 **Manezhnaya Ploshchad**
- 4 **Moscow Kremlin**  
(1, Red Square)
- 5 **Diamond Fund**  
(Kremlin)
- 6 **Red Square**
- 7 **Lenin's Mausoleum**  
(Red Square)
- 8 **State Historical Museum**  
(1, Red Square)
- 9 **GUM**  
(3, Red Square)
- 10 **St Basil's Cathedral**  
(2, Red Square)
- 11 **Zaryadye Park**  
(6, Varvarka str.)

## 2 BOLSHOI THEATRE

Bolshoi theatre is a landmark of not only theatrical Moscow but also of Russia as a whole. Located in the very heart of Moscow, close to the Kremlin, it holds opera and ballet performances based on the world's best classical oeuvres, and the Bolshoi company has been considered one of the world's leaders for decades. The Bolshoi is rightfully considered one of the most beautiful theatres in Europe today. Besides attending performances, connoisseurs of the history of art also have the opportunity to join guided tours of the theatre and the museum.

Location: 1, Teatralnaya Pl.

## 3 MANEZHNYAYA PLOSHCHAD

Manezhnaya Ploshchad or Manezh Square is a large pedestrian open space at the heart of Moscow bound by the State Historical Museum and the Alexander Garden to the south, the Moscow Manezh to the west, and the 18th-century headquarters of the Moscow State University to the north. The Manezhka (as it is familiarly known) had its origins in Moiseyevskaya Ploshchad, which was formed in 1798 in consequence of the demolition of the medieval Moiseyevsky Monastery which used to stand on the banks of the Neglinnaya River since the times of Ivan the Terrible. Although the muddy river was earthed up, the neighbourhood remained crammed with public houses and taverns which gave the area its infamous moniker of "Moscow's belly".

## 4 MOSCOW KREMLIN

The Moscow Kremlin is a historic fortified complex at the heart of Moscow, overlooking the Moskva River (to the South), St. Basil's Cathedral and Red Square (to the East) and the Alexander Garden (to the West). It includes five palaces, four cathedrals and the enclosing Kremlin Wall with Kremlin towers. The complex serves as the official residence of the President of the Russian Federation.

Location: 1, Red Square

## 5 DIAMOND FUND

The Diamond Fund exhibition was opened in 1967 on the territory of the Moscow Kremlin. It is a subdivision of the Gokhran of Russia. Treasures of the Diamond Fund of the Russian Federation represent a collection of unique nuggets of precious metals and precious stones of historical and artistic value, as well as a collection of unique jewelry and other items made of precious metals and precious stones. The collection is undoubtedly one of the most significant and largest collections in the world. It is the most famous part of the State Fund treasury.

The Diamond Fund is a unique collection with a long path of development closely associated with the history of the Russian state. It includes masterpieces of jewelry art of the 18th–20th centuries, rare gems, insignia, gold and platinum nuggets of historical, artistic, scientific and material value.

Location: Kremlin

## 6 RED SQUARE

The Square separates the Kremlin, the former royal citadel and currently the official residence of the President of Russia, from a historic merchant quarter known as Kitai-gorod. Red Square is often considered the central square of Moscow and all of Russia, because Moscow's major streets – which connect to Russia's major highways – originate from the square. The rich history of Red Square is reflected in many paintings by Vasily Surikov, Konstantin Yuon and others. The square was meant to serve as Moscow's main marketplace. It was also the site of various public ceremonies and proclamations, and occasionally coronations of Russia's Tsars would take place here. The square has been gradually built up since that point and has been used for official ceremonies by all Russian governments since it was established.

## 7 LENIN'S MAUSOLEUM

Lenin's Mausoleum also known as Lenin's Tomb, situated in Red Square in the center of Moscow, is the mausoleum that serves as the current resting place of Vladimir Lenin. His embalmed body has been on public display there since shortly after his death in 1924 (with rare exceptions in wartime). Vladimir Lenin (22 April 1870 – 21 January 1924) was a Russian communist revolutionary, politician and political theorist.

Location: Red Square

## 8 STATE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The State Historical Museum of Russia is a museum of Russian history wedged between Red Square and Manezh Square in Moscow. Its exhibitions range from relics of prehistoric tribes that lived on the territory of present-day Russia, through priceless artworks acquired by members of the Romanov dynasty. The total number of objects in the museum's collection comes to millions.

Location: 1, Red Square

## 9 GUM

GUM is the name of the main department store in many cities of the former Soviet Union, known as State Department Store during the Soviet times. The most famous GUM is the large store in the Kitai-gorod part of Moscow facing Red Square. It is currently a shopping mall. Prior to the 1920s, the location was known as the Upper Trading Rows. Nearby, also facing Red Square there is a building very similar to GUM, known formerly as the Middle Trading Rows. Catherine II of Russia commissioned Giacomo Quarenghi, a neoclassical architect from Italy, to design a huge trade center along the east side of Red Square. The existing structure was built to replace the previous trading rows that had been designed by Joseph Bove after the 1812 Fire of Moscow.

Location: 3, Red Square

## 10 ST BASIL'S CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Protection of Most Holy Theotokos on the Moat or Pokrovsky Cathedral are official names for a Russian Orthodox church in Red Square in Moscow. The church is also called the Cathedral of St. Vasily the Blessed, anglicized as St Basil's Cathedral. It was built from 1555–1561 on orders from Ivan the Terrible and commemorates the capture of Kazan and Astrakhan. St Basil's marks the geometric center of Moscow (not to be confused with the geographic center, the Ivan the Great Bell Tower). It has been the hub of the city's growth since the 14th century and was the city's tallest building until the completion of the Ivan the Great Bell Tower in 1600.

Location: 2, Red Square

## 11 ZARYADYE PARK

Zaryadye Park is a landscape urban park located adjacent to Red Square in Moscow, Russia on a former Rossiya Hotel site. Zaryadye Park is the first public park built in Moscow for over 50 years, the last being the Soviet Friendship Park, built for the 1957 Festival of Youth and Students. The park was inaugurated on 9 September 2017, with the participation of President Vladimir Putin and Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin.

Location: 2, Red Square

## 12. RESTAURANTS

## Novikov restaurant & bar

📍 3, Tverskaya str.

+7 (495) 797 57 20

🕒 Mon–Sun: 12:00–00:00

## Lobby Bar

3, Tverskaya str.

+7 (495) 225 88 88

🕒 24/7

## Dr. Zhivago

📍 15/1, Mokhovaya str.

+7 (499) 922 01 00

🕒 24/7

# Caviarterra

3, Tverskaya str.

+7 (495) 225 84 00

🕒 Mon–Sun: 07:00–23:00

## Mumiy Troll Music Bar

7, Tverskaya str,

+7 (495) 510 58 48

🕒 24/7

## Beluga

📍 15/1, Mokhovaya str.

+7 (495) 901 03 36

🕒 Mon–Sun: 12:00–00:00

## 13. VENUE PLAN

