

### Travelling around Russia: Moscow

Travelling around Russia is very interesting, and Moscow is one of the best cities to visit. Moscow is the capital of Russia and its largest city. It is old, beautiful, and full of history. Many tourists from different countries come to Moscow every year.

The heart of the city is **Red Square**. It is the most famous place in Moscow. Near Red Square you can see **Saint Basil's Cathedral** with its bright colors and unusual domes. Next to it there is the **State Historical Museum**, where people can learn about the history of Russia. Not far from Red Square you can also visit the **Bolshoi Theatre**. It is famous for ballet and opera performances.

Moscow has many streets for walking. **Old Arbat** is a quiet and historic street with small shops and street artists. **New Arbat** is modern and busy, with tall buildings, cafes, and bright lights. For rest and fun, people often go to **Gorky Park**. It is a popular place for walking, riding bikes, and meeting friends.

If you want to see the city from above, visit **Sparrow Hills**. From there you can enjoy a great view of Moscow. Art lovers should visit the **Tretyakov Gallery**, where many famous Russian paintings are kept.

Moscow is a city where **tradition** meets modern life. Travelling to Moscow is an exciting **experience** and a great **journey** for everyone.

#### ***Ex. 1: According to the text, make reading comprehension: True / False***

- 1) The text is about travelling around Russia and describes Moscow as an important and interesting city to visit.
- 2) The main idea of the text is that Moscow is a small and quiet city with very few places for tourists.
- 3) Red Square is the most famous place in Moscow and is close to Saint Basil's Cathedral.
- 4) Old Arbat and New Arbat are both modern streets with tall buildings and bright lights.
- 5) The Tretyakov Gallery is a place where people can see famous Russian paintings.

#### ***Ex. 2: Fill in the gaps with the appropriate target word from the list below:***

performances, cathedral, view, experience, park, capital, landmark, museum, tourists, historic

- 1) Moscow is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Russia.
- 2) Many \_\_\_\_\_ visit Moscow every year.
- 3) Red Square is a famous city \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4) Saint Basil's \_\_\_\_\_ is very beautiful and colorful.
- 5) The State Historical \_\_\_\_\_ tells the history of Russia.

- 6) The Bolshoi Theatre is famous for ballet \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 7) Old Arbat is a \_\_\_\_\_ street with a long history.
- 8) Gorky Park is a popular \_\_\_\_\_ for walking and отдых.
- 9) From Sparrow Hills you can see a great \_\_\_\_\_ of the city.
- 10) Travelling to Moscow is an exciting \_\_\_\_\_ for young people.