



THE NATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The traditional regional winter holiday "Yule-tide in Vitoslavlitsy"

2014-01-08

The folk celebrations

Region: Novgorod region

City: Veliky Novgorod

Phone: (8162) 77 60 53, 73 96 07, 77 37 38, 77 81 60

Webpage: novgorodmuseum.ru

That is the brightest winter holiday in the national calendar. Folk groups and people ensembles of Novgorod region take part in festive activities. In handicraft rows souvenirs and items of decorative and applied arts are presented. The event itinerary features folk games and contests, ceremonial meals, carols of mummers, funny Petrushka, fortune-telling, funny winter entertainments, workshops on making Christmas gifts.



The Music Festival "The Old New Rock"

2014-01-13

Arts festivals

Region: Sverdlovsk region

City: Ekaterinburg

Venue: The Center of Culture "Ural"

Phone: (343) 350 16 11

Webpage: oldnewrock.ru

On the day of the "old" New Year let everybody come to "The Old New Rock"! The concept of both the festival and the celebration consists in making the link between generations, old and new ones. Famous rockers play on the same stage with young teams, in that way they give impetus to the youth. That impulse connects the generations of Russian rock-n-roll. Each year, at the festival 20-30 young gifted bands perform. The newcomers are selected by famous rock musicians. The programme of the jubilee XV-th "The Old New Rock" features master classes run by leading specialists in the field of show business. The stars of global scale and the legend of the 1970-s Uriah Heep as well as Vadim and Gleb Samoilov (ex-«Agatha Christie») & The Matrixx, "Rabfac" and other groups will become the headliners of the event.



World Snow Forum

2014-01-15 — 2014-01-17

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Novosibirsk region

City: Novosibirsk

Venue: IEC Novosibirsk Expocentre

Phone: (383) 231 13 99

Webpage: snow-forum.com siberiaexpo.ru

It is the international event, an effective platform to discuss urgent issues of the development of snowy areas. Discussions allow their participants to elaborate the basics of system management decisions that take into account all the circumstances of living and working in harsh climatic environments. The forum will incorporate the Glaciological symposium, in which leading scientists of the world on issues of snow and ice will take part.



The X International Festival of the Art of Bell Chimes "The Crystal Chimes"

2014-01-16 — 2014-01-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Arkhangelsk region

City: Kargopol

Venue: Kargopolsky historical and architectural art museum

Phone: (818-41) 2-14-96

Webpage: www.pomorland.travel

"The Crystal Chimes" is Russia's only annual festival of bell music in winter time. At Epiphany night bell-ringers from various parts of Russia will demonstrate their skills at the Cathedral belfry of Kargopol. At midnight in the adjacent church divine service will take place. During the festival the contest of ice sculptures, master classes on bell ringing, concerts of sacred music will take place, as well.



International race of dog relay "By the land of Sampo" (the stage of World Cup)

2014-01-18 — 2014-01-19

Sport events

Region: Republic of Karelia

Venue: Pryazhinsky district, the village of Pryazha

Phone: 921 401 75 00, 921 226 63 81

Webpage: gonka-sampo.ru

The participants of International race of dog relay for medium and short distances "By the land of Sampo" will manage two stages by 40 km through snow-covered forests and across ice-covered forest lakes. The race promotes healthy lifestyle, makes popular riding kinds of sports, as well as draws attention to the revival of the unique culture of the people of Karelia, tourism and natural potential of Russian North.



The Musical Project "The Orient and the Baroque"

2014-01-23

Arts festivals

Region: Saint-Petersburg

City: Saint Petersburg

Venue: The Small Hall of St. Petersburg Philharmonic named after D.D. Shostakovich

Russian Musical Society and St. Petersburg Center for Humanitarian Programmes will present their new joint project "The Orient and the Baroque" to musical public.

The exquisite concert programme combines the works by famous composers of the XVII-XVIII centuries – Biber, Bach, Monteverdi. The classical works will be played alternately with the traditional music of India and Azerbaijan. The outstanding performer at ancient Azerbaijan instrument *tara* Faik Chelebi, sitarist Sergey Gasanov and the head of Russian ensemble of ancient music Vladimir Shulyakovsky, all taking part in the project, are convinced that the roots of European and traditional Oriental music are the same.

Senior researcher of the chair of ethnoculturology of Russian state pedagogical institute named after A.I. Herzen, Doctor of cultural studies, professor Faik Chelebi in the publications on the subject of *mugam* history holds many parallels with European music of the XVI-XVIII centuries. In their turn, the soloists of Russian ensemble of ancient music are ready in practice to demonstrate the link of a number of forms of baroque music with oriental tradition. The director of St. Petersburg Center for Humanitarian Programmes Vitaly Vasilyev believes that the new project will clearly present the long pre-history of the dialogue between various cultures and convincingly show that the best manifestations of Oriental and European traditions may coexist quite well without obstacles, on the contrary – mutually enriching each other.



Geek Picnic. Winter Edition

2014-01-25 – 2014-01-26

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: The 57-th pavilion of VDNKh exhibition

Webpage: geek-picnic.ru

Geek Picnic is the festival devoted to fundamental science, advanced technologies, robotics, design, programming.

The organizers has divided the festival programme into six major areas - "Technology", "Art", "Lecture hall", "Science", "Picnic" and "Show". Within each area many interesting events will take place.

The festival guests will be able to visit the largest robotics exhibition in this country. Engineers from many countries of the world will bring their robots of various complexity and similarity to humans. Humanoid robots, flying robots, space robots - all those amazing scientific creations can be seen at GEEK PICNIC.

The demonstration of the exoskeleton of Exoatlet company looks to be of special interest.

Within the framework of the festival Russia championship of quadrocopters will take place.

The highlight of the scientific programme of GEEK PICNIC 2014 festival seems to be the demonstration of the world's largest Tesla coil.

The guests of GEEK PICNIC 2014 festival will be offered with educational lectures, an exhibition of works of contemporary artists, installation in festival style, innovative library.

The organizers provide the playground for children and the site where grown-ups could practice summer sports in the middle of winter.



XX National Russian Theatre Award and Festival "Golden Mask"

2014-01-25 — 2014-04-18

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Phone: (495) 662 53 52

Webpage: www.goldenmask.ru

"Golden Mask" was established in 1993 by the Union of theatrical figures of Russia as the professional award for the best works of the season in all kinds of theater arts (drama, opera, ballet, modern dance, operetta/musical, puppet theater). Award winners are named at annual festival of nominated performances.

Award nominees of Golden Mask - 2014 are selected by panels of experts. Making a list of nominees, experts have seen 767 theatre performances live and on video in Moscow, St. Petersburg and cities of Russia.

The leading Moscow theaters - Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow Art Theatre named after A.P. Chekhov, The Theatre named after V. Mayakovsky, The Theater named after A.S. Pushkin, etc. will become the sites of the festival, where one can see the most outstanding performances of Russia theaters. The awards will take place on April 18 at Bolshoi Theater.

Anniversary season of Golden Mask includes evening show, dedicated to the 20-th anniversary of the National Theatre Award and Festival Golden Mask, media project "The best of all worlds. The history of Russian theater, told by itself", the programmes "Context. Contemporary foreign performances" and "Children Weekend", photo theatrical installation in GUM, a series of events combined under the name "Golden Mask in City".

In January 2014 in the pogramme "First nights of Maryinsky Theater in Moscow" the ballets Holy Spring and Concerto DSCH as well as the opera Don Quichotte will be presented.

In out-of-competition programme The Mask Plus Russian performances recommended by Golden Mask experts will participtae.

The programme "New play" will be held in conjunction with Theatre.doc and include Russian and foreign performances based on contemporary texts, as well as seminars, discussions and master classes.

The audience of the festival will comprise some 50 000 people.

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Military and historical reconstruction "In the breakthrough bottleneck"

2014-01-25 — 2014-01-25

Historical reconstructions

Region: Leningrad region

Venue: Lomonosovsky, Kirovsky, Tosnensky districts

Phone: (812) 428 76 50

Webpage: www.k-zvezda.ru vk.com/spbvpo

Military and historical reconstruction, dedicated to the 70-th anniversary of the complete removal of the blockade around Leningrad, is held in the place of major military operation by Leningrad Front. Hundreds of WWII reenactors dressed in military uniform act by the statute – go to attack on command and fight to the last ditch... During that operation in 1944 Leningrad region was completely liberated from the invaders. The operation began on January 14 with the First Stalin strike from Oranienbaum spot and continued until the City of Military Glory – Luga – was liberated on February 12.

On January 27, 1944, in Leningrad the only salute that took place not in Moscow was fired.



Fencing Championship of Russia among juniors and cadets

2014-01-27 — 2014-02-13

Sport events

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

City: Arzamas

Venue: PRC "Zvezdny"

Phone: (831) 434 27 59

Webpage: www.government-nnov.ru fencingnn.ru

For two and a half weeks at the sites of Physical culture and Recreation Complex (PRC) "Zvezdny" in Arzamas the combats of the best young fencers of this country will take place. For participation in the competition athletes and coaches from different parts of Russia will come. For the first time in the city such competitions took place in early 2013, more than 1000 athletes from 38 regions of Russia have participated, they have competed for 24 sets of medals.



Inter-regional tourist project "Fabulous Sagaalga in Buryatia"

2014-01-31 — 2014-02-10

The folk celebrations

Region: Republic of Buryatia

City: Ulan-Ude

Venue: the city of Ulan-Ude, Ivolskiy, Kabanskiy, Pribaikalskiy, Tarbagatayskiy districts

Phone: (3012) 21 27 14

Webpage: www.baikaltravel.ru www.visitburiatia.ru

Buryatia invites to celebrate New Year by oriental (lunar) calendar!

The main event is the visit of winter fairy tale characters to the Republic of Buryatia. The guests of the republic together with the characters from fairy tales from different countries will participate in activities of tourist, ethnic and cultural, sports nature.

The unique project assists in acquaintance with rich historical and cultural heritage of the region and a variety of winter recreation opportunities in Buryatia. The idea of friendship, mutual respect for the history, culture, traditions and customs of other nations is the basic idea of the project. Over the years of the festival holding (2007-2013 years) 70 thousand people have taken part in its activities.



District holiday - The Day of Reindeer breeder

2014-02-01 — 2014-04-30

The folk celebrations

Region: Yamal-Nenets autonomous region

Phone: (34922) 403 50, (34922) 227 96

Webpage: www.yamolod.ru dkmns.ru

Annual national holiday is celebrated in all municipal formations of Yamal-Nenets autonomus region. In the days of the event in front of numerous guests artistic groups of the autonomus region peform.

As part of celebrations competitions in national sports, races of dog teams, demonstration of national clothing, competition for the best female harness, game programmes for children and much more are planned.

The Day of Reindeer breeder in Yamal has become the hallmark of the region in the field of incoming tourism. Colourful celebration showing strength and agility of Yamal reindeer breeders, skills of *chum* (tent from skins) housewives, their hospitality and generosity of spirit is an integral part of the event- and eco-tourism in Yamal-Nenets autonomus region.



The SaniDay

2014-02-02

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Leningrad region

Venue: Priozersk area, 54-km of Priozersk highway, the resort "Igora"

Phone: (812) 921 29 06

Webpage: www.saniday.ru vk.com/saniday2014

The SaniDay is serious and interesting competition combined with positive and feel-good celebration for the whole family devoted to winter, sledging and the revival of old Russian traditions.

The SaniDay is a festival-tournament of unusual sledges that brings together the followers of creativity and extreme.

In competition a team of two people may take part that has created an unusual sledge on any theme for which imagination and skill was just capable. The main requirement for the sledge is its safety for the crew and spectators.

The main nominations include: "The most creative sledge" and "The fastest sledge". The participation is free of charge.

The celebration programme features captivating quests, contest of snowmen, assault at snowy fortress, snowballs, games, jokes, riding on sledges and *ledyanky* (flat plastic means for riding on snowy and icy slopes), funny entertainers, music from DJ – all that will be offered to the guests of the festival from the very first minute.



XXXII All Russia mass ski race Ski Track of Russia

2014-02-02 – 2014-02-02

Sport events

Region: Moscow region

Venue: The central start: Moscow region, Dmitrov district, the city of Yakhroma

Phone: (495) 925 64 32

Webpage: www.usmsport.ru sport-booking.ru

The Ski Track of Russia for decades unites fans of one of the most popular and mass kind of sports. That bright large-scale winter event has glorious history highlighted by legendary names and achievements of skiers from different generations. Each year the Ski Track of Russia becomes yet more significant event in the sporting life of this country. The number of participants grows from year to year. This year 71 regions of Russian Federation from Altay Republic to Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District declare their readiness to take part in the sport festival. Participation of some 600 000 enthusiasts of active outdoor holidays is expected, for whom physical culture and sports is the way of life.

Alongside with amateurs professional sportsmen will start, too, as well as olympic champions and veterans of the sport.

Grand winter celebration is traditionally attended by prominent political and public figures, heads of subjects of the Russian Federation and cities, heads of ministries and departments.

Winners of races are awarded with medals, diplomas and prizes of the Ministry of Sports of Russian Federation. Yet, the main records present cheerful faces of competition participants crossing the finish line, the highest award is the people's faith in their infinite possibilities on the way to sporting heights!



XXXII International Opera Festival named after F.I. Chaliapin

2014-02-02 – 2014-02-18

Arts festivals

Region: Republic of Tatarstan

City: Kazan

Venue: The city of Kazan, Tatar State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre named after M. Jalil

Phone: (843) 231 57 02

Webpage: kazan-opera.ru

XXXII International Opera Festival named after F.I. Chaliapin is one of the cultural brands of the Republic of Tatarstan, the largest event of musical and theatrical life in Russia.

The traditions of Chaliapin festival are as follows: the participation of world stars and singers performing in the best theaters of the world in its performances; inclusion of the latests theatre premieres in the festival programme as well as operas from Shaliapin repertoire; invitation of "new names" - singers who have never before performed in Kazan. Each festival, by tradition, is crowned by gala concerts with the participation of world opera stars. Each year the festival attracts up to 15 000 spectators.



XXII Winter Olympic Games

2014-02-07 – 2014-02-23

Sport events

Region: Krasnodar region

City: Sochi

Phone: (800) 100 2014

Webpage: www.culture.sochi2014.com

www.sochi2014.com

Olympic Games are the brightest sporting event in the world. Hundreds of athletes train themselves for the start during their whole life. Those who can ascend the Olympic podium become the model to follow for millions. Their achievements forever remain in the history of sport and the Olympic movement.

Competitions of Olympic Games in Sochi will be held in seven winter sports:

- Biathlon
- Bobsleigh (bobsleigh and skeleton)
- Curling
- Ice Hockey
- Luge
- Skating (figure skating, short track and speed skating)
- Skiing (alpine skiing, nordic skiing, nordic combined, ski jumping, freestyle skiing and snowboarding)

Most of the ceremonies of awarding athletes will take place at the central square of the Olympic Park. On February 6, Russian House in the Olympic Park, the House of Russian team fans, will open its doors. In the House fans will meet with Russian athletes and legendary Olympians of Russia and the Soviet Union.

Ticket scheme "Sochi 2014" is one of the most large-scale in the history of Winter Games due to the record number of sports and new kinds of competitions included in the Olympic schedule.

The Organizing Committee "Sochi 2014" has presented the programme prepared for the period of Games for fans in the Olympic Park. Spectators will be able to get acquainted with the expositions of Russian regions, see the residence of Father Frost, support Russian team in the House of fans and become participants of the events and shows in the halls of Russian and international partners of the Games.

The cultural programme of Winter Olympic Games will offer performances of the best music and dance groups from all over Russia - unique chukcha throat singing, inspiring Dagestan lezginka dance, melodic tunes of Kuban Cossacks as well as virtuoso viola improvisations by maestro Yuri Bashmet - all in all, more than 500 hours of performances. The greater part of the cultural programme of the Games will be formed by performances of folk groups. The audience will be presented with the brightest samples of multinational culture of this country shown by the best artists.

Grand Festival of Arts under the patronage of the People's Artist of Russia and Ambassador of Sochi 2014 Yuri Bashmet will combine music, theater, cinema and visual arts as the result of four-year Cultural Olympics (2010-2013) in the form of themed events staged by world-class stars. Concerts, exhibitions, literary evenings, movies and master classes will be offered to the festival guests.

Cultural events will involve dozens of Sochi stage sites: in the Olympic Park, at competition venues, at Live Sites Sochi-2014 - the unique places of celebration with huge screens and a stage, in the concert halls of Larger Sochi as well as at Olympic and Paralympic villages. Some 5000 artists from 70 regions of Russia will be engaged in the events.

The exhibition projects in the museums of the city of Sochi will become the final touch of the cultural programme of Sochi 2014. Most concerts and exhibitions within the cultural programme will be free of charge.



The annual festival "Winter fun in Uglich"

2014-02-08 — 2014-02-08

The folk celebrations

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Uglich

Phone: (48532) 503 03; (48532) 230 72

Webpage: www.goroduglich.ru www.gouglich.ru

The purpose of that winter festival is to preserve and resurrect colourful traditions of Russian amusements as well as nourish new traditions of active winter holidays, promote healthy lifestyle. In the programme of 2013 year 13 kinds of competitions were offered: tourist trip at snowmobiles with instructor, snowmobile races, presentation swimming of "walrus" people, competition in cold swimming, winter motocross, competition of homemade sledges, mass ski race The Ski Track of Russia, show of motor paragliders, winter fishing, culinary competition "Fish tale", riding in a horse carriage, "Winter folk games", weight lifting and arm wrestling. For children inflatable amusements were operated. One could ride on sledges from poured slide as well as on inflatable "banana" hooked behind a snowmobile. At the festival sites animators work who offer buffoon fun and funny games.

By tradition, the festival is held at the left bank of the town of Uglich (the district of pits), that is a picturesque place and a convenient location to build tracks.



The celebration "Tumbotinsky finky"

2014-02-16

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

Venue: Working village of Tumbotino (Pavlovsky District)

The celebration that has become traditional one for the working village of Tumbotino is devoted to the exotic for the middle part of the country means of transportation - "finky", i.e. sledges with long runners.

The name "finky" recalls Finland. How many years ago have those sledges appeared in Pavlovsk area? It will remain a mystery, everyone in the place uses "finky" as a matter of course.

More than that - once a year the celebration "Tumbotinsky finky" is organized that involves not only local people but guests, too, who with great pleasure, noise and laughter, ride on "finky" and sometimes compete with the locals.

The festival programme features the fair of folk art crafts, tea drinking from Russian *samovar*, songs accompanied by accordion, buffoon fun. For visitors and newcomers rent-a-finky is provided and master class on "finky riding" is hosted.

Merry contests of the most unusually decorated "finky", the smallest "finky", the most elderly and the youngest driver, ditties about "finky" will take place.

The parade of Tumbotinsky "finky" makes part of the programme, too.



The VII Khabarovsk Festival of Films and Photos "The Edge - DV" on tourism, adventure and extreme sports

2014-02-19

Arts festivals

Region: Khabarovsk region

City: Khabarovsk

Phone: 8-914-541-49-50

Webpage: www.gran-dv.ru www.travel.khv.ru

During the festival a competition of amateur video and contest of photos related to travel and active holiday is held. Khabarovsk Festival is a spectacular event for all followers of travel, fans of video and photography. The festival facilitates the creation of single information space for active people, travelers who love their region, their motherland, who "infect" the others with their ideas. The festival promotes an active lifestyle and love of nature.

The geography of participants is vast: Kamchatka, Sakhalin, Primorye, Khabarovsk region, Tambov, Moscow, Israel, Ukraine.



Dog Sledge Race "Elizovo sprint"

2014-02-22 — 2014-02-23

Sport events

Region: Kamchatka region

City: Elizovo

Venue: Sports base "The Valley of Uyut (Comfort)", the area of the Mountain Moroznaya

Phone: (4153) 16 26 06, (4152) 41 23 55, (4152) 42 08 22

Webpage: www.visitkamchatka.ru

Dog Sledge Race "Elizovo sprint" starts in the Valley of Uyut of the city of Elizovo (in the direction of the mountain Moroznaya) on the eve of the Day of the Fatherland Defender – on February 22, Saturday. The festive event will unfold at a picturesque site. For Kamchatka residents the celebration that will go on on Sunday, February 23, will feature cultural and recreational activities, competitions in national kinds of sports, operation of shopping rows and children sports camp, the snowmobile competition, off-road racing and evening show programme of Kamchatka snowboarders.



Wide Siberian Maslenitsa

2014-02-23 — 2014-03-02

The folk celebrations

Region: Altay region

Venue: Smolensk district, the village of Novotyryshkino, tourist and entertainment complex "Konny Dvor"

Phone: (385722) 23 4 23

Webpage: www.kdvor22.ru www.belokurikha.ru

Folk festivities dedicated to the farewell of winter, horseback riding, fair and exhibition of handicrafts, equestrian competitions - all that awaits guests of Wide Siberian Maslenitsa!

The tourist and entertainment complex "Konny Dvor" (Horse Yard) is located some 15 km from the resort city of federal significance Belokurikha and 70 km from the Science City of Byisk.

Nearby there are branded tourist routes "Small Golden Ring of Altay" and "Large Golden Ring of Altay".



Multi-day festival The Main Maslenitsa of the Country

2014-02-23 — 2014-03-02

The folk celebrations

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Yaroslavl

Venue: The central part of the city of Yaroslavl

Phone: (4852) 40 51 60, (4852) 67 07 60

Webpage: maslenica.info

Maslenitsa (Pancakes Holiday) has been the most favourite holiday in Russia from time immemorial. Yet, in Yaroslavl region Maslenitsa week lasted not seven but eight days. The beginning of the holiday was not Monday but the previous Sunday - "Meat Shrovetide" when fathers-in-law called their sons-in-law "to eat up the sheep." That is why, despite the difference in time, people in Yaroslavl start Maslenitsa even earlier than Russians leaving at Kamchatka. In other words - they do it first in the world!

Officially the main Maslenitsa of the country is held in Yaroslavl since 2005. In 2013 the celebration in Yaroslavl was dedicated to the 250-th anniversary of the very first public celebration of Maslenitsa in Russia. Held in Moscow at Maslenitsa week of 1763 the masquerade "Minerva the Triumphant" was conceived by Catherine II and staged by the citizen of Yaroslavl - the creator of the first Russian theater Fyodor Volkov.

From the year 2011 the official hostess of the celebration is people's artist of Russia Nadezhda Babkina. For the carnival parade commanded by the Empress of the main Maslenitsa over 1000 artists as well as guests from the cities of the Golden Ring of Russia, countries of Europe, Asia and America arrive.

Traditional Maslenitsa contests include: National competition of *chastooshka* (two-line or four-line folk verse), open competition of maslenitsa dolls "Madam Maslenitsa", contest of photos taken during the main Maslenitsa in Yaroslavl.

In 2011 more than 150 000 people have attended the celebration, in 2012 - 270 000, in 2013 - already 307 000. In 2013 in Yaroslavl the new tourist attraction "The Residence of the Empress of the Main Maslenitsa of the Country" has opened, "Snowy agreement" between All-Russian Father Frost and the Empress of the Main Maslenitsa of the Country has been signed, too.



Alpine skiing Championship of Russia

2014-02-26 — 2014-03-04

Sport events

Region: Kabardino-Balkar Republic

Venue: The village of Terskol, area near Elbrus mountain

Phone: (86622) 40 16 75

Webpage: www.sport-kbr.ru

Alpine skiing Championship of Russia for men and women (disciplines: downhill and super-G). The aim of the sporting event is to strengthen friendly relations between athletes, promote healthy lifestyle and make the nation healthier.



The V International Festival of Green Documentary Film ECO CUP

2014-02-27 — 2014-03-02

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: The Center of documentary films in the Museum of Moscow

Phone: (495) 637 79 19

Webpage: cdkino.ru

ECO CUP means the best documentaries from around the world, specially selected for Russian audience and shown for the first time in Russian language.

The festival brings together filmmakers, "green" painters, designers, photographers, board of "green" dating, eco-fair, eco-breakfasts, discussions and much more.

The jubilee fifth festival offers to see what is really going on in the world: from Sicily to Guinea.

How to find rivers that flow under cities, what can be grown on rooftops in cities of America, what happens with Venice when tourists leave the city, how Sicilian fishermen survive.

This year programme is a vivid panorama of new documentaries, many of them have already gained success at international festivals.

The new programme of short films that are so liked by viewers worldwide will be presented.

This time animation, music movies and ironic talking on how to save the planet will be offered to the audience.



The XII International Festival of Film Debuts Spirit of Fire

2014-02-28 — 2014-03-06

Arts festivals

Region: Khanty-Mansy autonomous region

Venue: Khanty-Mansy Autonomous Region

Phone: (3467) 32 15 57, (3467) 32 14 21

The Spirit of Fire will be one of the events opening The Year of Culture in Ugra.

The festival is held since 2003 with the support of the Government of Khanty-Mansy Autonomous Region – Yugra and the Ministry of Culture of Russian Federation.

Filmmakers – debutants take part in the competition, the best of them will participate in master classes by leading Russian filmmakers. The main theme of the film festival in 2014 is "Oil".

The aim of the festival is to support national film production and film distribution, draw large social scope of film-goers to cinemas of new generation, facilitation of the territory of Autonomous Region to enter into Russian and global movie spheres.

Tourists may discover the history of the autonomous region, visit the national settlements and nomadic camps with tasting of national cuisine and familiarization with traditional culture and life of Khanty and Mansy people.

They may also spend time at ski resorts, go hunting and fishing at tourist recreation centers.

The total number of organized tourists and sightseers amounted in 2013 to almost 15 thousand people.



The IX International Festival-Contest of Ice Fishing Enthusiasts "The Silver Smelt"

2014-03-01

Sport events

Region: Khabarovsk region

City: Sovetskaya Gavan

Phone: (42138) 4 51 12

Webpage: www.sovgavan-rayon.ru www.khv.ru

In "Silver smelt - 2014" some thirty teams will take part. The contest participants will compete in speed ice drilling, cooking fish dishes, Miss and Mini Miss of "The Silver Smelt" will be named, creative contest among fans will be held, championship in mini-hockey with ball will be played.

For participants and spectators sports programme, field kitchen with fish soup, porridge and tea, snowmobiling will be offered.

For several years the festival-contest brings together the followers of winter fishing not only from Russia but from the People Republic of China, South Korea and Japan, too. Last year the team from New Zealand has joined the festival.

The festival-contest "The Silver smelt" was created to provide a new way for people to spend their leisure time, promote healthy lifestyle, respect for nature and permitted equipment for ice fishing as well as to identify creative talents among the population of Far East region and representatives of foreign countries.

"The Silver Smelt" has taken the second place in the category "Innovative event projects" at the I All-Russia competition of event tourism that was held in May 2013 in Moscow.



All-Russia Festival of Folk Culture "Siberian Maslennitsa"

2014-03-01 – 2014-03-02

The folk celebrations

Region: Krasnoyarsk region

Venue: The village of Sukhobuzimskoye

Phone: (391) 205 05 99

Webpage: www.sibmaslenica.ru www.visitsiberia.info

Krasnoyarsk region invites to participate in an active winter holiday! The educational forum "Surikov reading" will become the main event of the festival. Another highlight is the assault of snowy town – Siberian folk fun, made famous by the painter Vasily Surikov.

The first day of the festival will bring together creative people at the country-club "Buzim" where multi-format educational forum "Surikov reading" will be held.

Public lectures, master classes round table discussions and business consulting will provide pupils and students of art schools and institutions of Krasnoyarsk territory with creative charge for the whole year. Prominent figures of culture and art of Russia will participate in discussions.

The events of the second day of "Siberian Maslennitsa" festival will unfold at the central square of the village of Sukhobuzimskoye. That day will be devoted to outdoors activities for the whole families.

The guests of the celebration will be presented by folk rituals that were taking place since ancient time during the days of farewell to winter. Jolly ditties, carnival fun and large Siberian ring dance are also part of the event. Besides, performances by folk groups of the region, contests, sports and entertainment activities as well as riding husky sledge and Russian troykas will take place, too.

At the square an exhibition and fair of folk crafts will unfold. Alongside with it rural farmsteads where everyone can be treated with pickles and hot pancakes will be set.

The old Russian fun – "The assault of snowy town" – will be the culmination of the festival.

The Cossacks of Enisey Cossack Army Society will participate in the dramatized show.

Since 2013 the event is supported by the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation.



The Traditional Kamchatka Dog Sledge Race "Beringia"

2014-03-01 – 2014-03-26

Sport events

Region: Kamchatka region

City: Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

Venue: The race route: The city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky – the village of Tilichiky

Phone: (4153) 16 26 06, (4152) 41 23 55, (4152) 42 08 22

Webpage: www.visitkamchatka.ru

"Beringia" has become the traditional dog sledge race. The race usually takes place in March and comes to the villages along the way with the beginning of spring bringing joy to the settlers.

In 2014 the race route has been changed as follows: the city of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky (start) – the village of Tilichiky (finish). The total length of the route is 1,300 km.

The race will start on March 1, 2014, at the biathlon complex named after V. Fatyanov in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky.

On the opening day the race-prologue of 10 km long will be held. The main start of the race of 1,300 km is scheduled on March 2.

On the day of the start performances of folklore ensembles, exhibition and sale of souvenirs, lots of entertainment will be held.



The folklore festival "Novgorod Maslenitsa"

2014-03-01 – 2014-03-01

The folk celebrations

Region: Novgorod region

City: Veliky Novgorod

Phone: (8162) 77 60 53, 73 96 07

The traditional holiday in folk calendar that is celebrated before Great Lent. The guests of the holiday are treated to pancakes, they participate in traditional ceremonies, ring dances, Russian folk games and amusements, decorate stuffed Maslenitsa doll with ribbons and at the end of the holiday burn the doll singing folk chants. The activities include meeting the guests with pancakes, "dressing up" Maslenitsa, wedding Maslenitsa ceremonies, celebrations with folk groups, visits to workshops, folk drama "The boat", popular games and funs, the show-booth of Petrushka, horseback riding, ritual burning of Maslenitsa.



The Traditional Expedition of Paragliders to Rdeysky monastery

2014-03-01

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Novgorod region

Venue: Rdeysky monastery, the vicinity of the village of Navolok, Kholmok District

Phone: (81654) 5 24 17

Thirteen years ago a group of paragliders for the first time has reached the walls of Rdeysky monastery by paraglides. Since then, annually in March the expedition to *Rdeyshchina* takes place. As part of the adventure paragliders land on Rdeyskoye lake and then go on visiting the Cathedral of Assumption where divine service is held.

Demonstrational performances with taking to the air anyone wishing to experience the feeling of flight and look over surrounding landscapes are offered, too.

The representatives of Russian national team of motoparagliders as well as sportsmen from Bulgaria and Estonia will take part in the expedition.



Open All-Russia Boxing Tournament to the memory of Ya. Vysotsky

2014-03-03 — 2014-03-09

Sport events

Region: Magadan region

Venue: The village of Yagodnoye

Phone: (841343) 62 31 10

Open All-Russia boxing tournament of "B" class to the memory of the hero of French Resistance, the Knight of the Legion of Honor Jakov Vysotsky is held deep in Kolyma area, 530 km from Magadan. Some 200 athletes from 19 countries, republics, territories, regions will take part in the competition. The strongest athletes of the country and the world will participate.

In the village of Yagodnoye the museum-apartment that covers the theme of the village development and the story of concentration camps is located.



The VII International Festival of Circus Art

2014-03-06 — 2014-03-10

Arts festivals

Region: Udmurt Republic

City: Izhevsk

Venue: The city of Izhevsk, State Circus of Udmurtia

Phone: (3412) 90 40 44

Webpage: www.udmcircus.ru

The Festival of Circus Art is held annually since 2007.

Traditionally the legends of world circus and young gifted artists who just make their debut at international circus arena take part in the festival.

The festival programme always includes only the most colourful and unique performances, creative and technical innovations, live sound, specific effects with the use of modern multimedia and lighting equipment. More than 200 artists from 20 countries are expected to participate in the event.

The Festival of Circus Art is the event comparable in scale and level to the organization of World Circus Festival that takes place in Moscow.

The city of Izhevsk naturally combines the advantages of both provincial and metropolitan life.

The merchant houses from the XIX century stand next to high-rise apartment buildings. In the days of the festival Izhevsk turns into actual world capital of circus arts and draws attention of circus public and thousands of Circus fans from all over the world.



Russian Competition of Children and Youth creativity "Tikhvin Lely"

2014-03-07 — 2014-03-10

Arts festivals

Region: Leningrad region

City: Tikhvin

Phone: (81367) 73 802, (81367) 79 169

Webpage: www.tikhvin.org vk.com/club8708356

The competition "Tikhvin Lely" is a creative laboratory of cooperation between adults and children, a true celebration of childhood.

"Tikhvin Lely" is held since 1991, it has become one of the most ambitious projects aimed at supporting young talents not only Leningrad region, but in Russia, too.

The competition incorporates concerts, master classes, presentations of participating regions, the organizers develop entertainment and excursion itineraries.

In 2014, the competition "Tikhvin Lely" is timed to coincide with the 170-th anniversary of the great Russian composer, born in Tikhvin, N.A. Rimsky-Korsakov.

XI Paralympic Winter Games

2014-03-07 — 2014-03-16

Sport events

Region: Krasnodar region

City: Sochi

Phone: (800) 100 2014

Webpage: www.sochi2014.com



World War II has brought about a new approach to the rehabilitation of disabled persons. In 1944 neurologist and neurosurgeon professor Ludwig Guttmann has founded the medical center for the treatment of spinal cord injuries in Stock-Mandeville Hospital (UK). Later he became the founder of International Stock-Mandeville games in which people with injuries of musculoskeletal system were participating. Those games have become the prototype of Paralympics.

The First Paralympic Summer Games were held in 1960 in Rome. The first Paralympic Winter Games took place in 1976 in Swedish Ornskoldsvik.

The competitions of Paralympic Winter Games in Sochi will be held in five winter sports:

- Alpine skiing
- Biathlon
- Nordic skiing
- Sledge Hockey
- Wheelchair Curling



International dog team race "Kalevala"

2014-03-09 — 2014-03-16

Sport events

Region: Republic of Karelia

Venue: Republic of Karelia, the village of Kalevala (the start of the race and the race prologue), the villages of Haikolya, Voinitsa and Hame

Phone: 921 468 22 88

Webpage: huskygo.karelia.ru

The largest by duration and distance dog team marathon race in the European part of Russia goes 440 km along the land of the epic "Kalevala". The route (seven days with autonomous overnight stops) passes through historical sites associated with the epic "Kalevala". In 2012 the race has confirmed its international status with 47 participants from five countries and 17 regions of Russia.



IX Moscow International Festival "Guitar Virtuosos"

2014-03-12 — 2014-03-23

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: Concert Hall named after P.I. Tchaikovsky

Phone: (495) 232 04 00

Webpage: www.meloman.ru

The main message of the event is to unite in music. In 2013 the festival has brought together more than 13 000 people from all over Russia and various countries of the world.



The Snowmobile Trip "Siberian Extreme"

2014-03-15 — 2014-03-22

Sport events

Region: Yamal-Nenets autonomous region

City: Salekhard

Venue: The start is from Salekhard, the finish is in Novy Urengoy.

Webpage: www.yamolod.ru

The snowmobile trips "Siberian extreme" are held in Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District since 2008, the geography of routes varies, the number of participants increases every year. When conquering an extreme route all travelers have the opportunity to experience the "unhinged" life of Yamal Aborigines. Among the participants of the trip there are people of all ages, amateurs and professionals of active recreation from Urals, Siberia, other regions of Russia and abroad. This year, for the first time, snow racers will go by the floodplain of the river Yuribey where baby-mammoth Lyuba was found and cross the Gulf of Ob. The trip contributes to the promotion of adventure tourism in the polar latitudes, praise of active and healthy lifestyle, drawing attention of the world and Russian public, business elite to the investment projects of Yamal-Nenets Autonomous District (YNAD).



Demino ski marathon WORLDLOPPET

2014-03-15 — 2014-03-16

Sport events

Region: Yaroslavl region

Venue: Yaroslavl region, Rybinsk district, Demino International Centre of skiing

Phone: (4855) 23 97 00

Webpage: www.demino.com www.marathon.demino.com

The international celebration of sport and active recreation for the whole family. In 2012 Demino ski marathon was included in the series of elite marathons WORLDLOPPET.

In 2013 the marathon has attracted some 2500 participants - professional and amateur skiers from various countries of the world and nearly 10 000 spectators fond of outdoor activities and sporting events.

More than 250 000 people worldwide have watched the online broadcast of the event.

The programme of the event includes children ski marathon and entertainment activities with fairs, music and dancing, too, guests may take part in competitions and Russian winter fun.



The Regional Festival of Amateur Theatre Art "The Theatre Spring"

2014-03-20 — 2014-03-27

Arts festivals

Region: The Jewish autonomous region

City: Birobidzhan

Phone: (42622) 6 02 81

Webpage: eao.ru

The aim of the festival is to support amateur theater groups of the Jewish Autonomous Region, promote the best samples of classical and modern drama, identify the prospects of amateur art development in the Jewish Autonomous Region, provide creative exchange between theater groups.

The festival will bring together some 20 amateur teams from three regions of Far East Federal District: JAR, Khabarovsk and Primorye territories.

"The Theatre Spring - 2014" is dedicated to the 80-th anniversary of the Jewish Autonomous Region.

The festival programme, in addition to competition shows, features master classes for heads and artists, creative laboratory. The festival results will be drawn at the International Theatre Day, on March 27.



The International Contest of Orchestras and Ensembles of Folk Instruments named after N. Budashkin

2014-03-22 — 2014-03-26

Arts festivals

Region: Trans-Baikal region

City: Chita

Phone: (3022) 35 44 84

Webpage: www.забайкальскийкрай.рф

The event is held regularly since 1976. The contest has become one of the first creative events of the kind in Siberia and Far East and still facilitates the development of orchestral performance in Trans-Baikal area.



The Festival of Extreme Sports "The Breakthrough"

2014-03-22

Sport events

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: The arena of the sports complex "Olympiysky"

Phone: (495) 651 99 00

For the seventh time the grand festival of extreme sports will gather the most renowned athletes of the world in Moscow. The memorable stunts on motorcycles, snowmobiles, cars, bicycles and rollers - performed by the best international riders - at one stage, with one single over-extreme track!

The spectators of "The Breakthrough" of 2014 will enjoy watching unprecedented combination of disciplines: FMX, snowmobile and ATV freestyle, BMX, extreme roller sports, mountainboard, show performances of workout, auto show and much more ...

The height of the slope for MTB and BMX is 14 m. The total built-up area is 8500 sq m. All sorts of lighting and visual effects, pyrotechnics and the newest technical equipment will be applied. Athletes will be supported by rap readers and DJs.

The event is held with the support of the Government of Moscow, the Department of physical culture and sports of the city of Moscow.



Republican celebration "Chyl Pazy"

2014-03-22

The folk celebrations

Region: Republic of Khakassia

City: Abakan

Phone: (3902) 32 32 50, (3902) 34 67 09

Webpage: www.turism19.ru

The republican celebration "Chyl Pazy" (New Year by Khakass calendar) is one of the main celebrations of khakass people that symbolizes the end of winter and the beginning of new year.

The culmination of the celebration falls on the day of vernal equinox.

The main aim of the festival is revival, preservation and promotion of folk customs, traditions, national kinds of sports.

During celebration activities traditional khakass rites are held: the binding of *chalama* ribbons, feeding big fire, presenting horse as the gift to heavenly spirits.

At the celebration one can taste khakass food and drinks, take part in national games and contests. Traditionally at New Year khakass people come to the ritual stone - the saber-like menhir, endowed, according to a legend, by magical power.

The festival programme includes exhibitions, contests of national costume and for the best decoration of national *yurt* (tent from skins), sports competitions and much more.

In 2013, the number of visitors of the event was some 6000 people.



The International Festival of Arts "The Flowering Ledum"

2014-03-23 — 2014-04-24

Arts festivals

Region: Trans-Baikal region

City: Chita

Phone: (3022) 32 46 94

Webpage: www.visitchita.ru www.zab-cultura.ru

The event was established in 1974 on the decision of the Board of the Department of culture of Chita region as the annual festival of symphonic and chamber music.

In 1976, the festival has stepped up to All-Russia level. Since 2006, the festival has an international status. The festival introduces the masterpieces of world culture to the citizens of Trans-Baikal area, contributes to the preservation and enhancement of the spiritual and moral potential of the region population.



The Festival Cold Pole

2014-03-23

The folk celebrations

Region: Sakha (Yakutia) Republic

Venue: The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Verkhoyansk and Oymyakon districts

Phone: (4112) 34 09 27

Webpage: www.goyakutia.com

Cold Pole is the unique place on Earth, it is located in the place of Oymyakon in Yakutia.

The average monthly temperature in January is -61°C , and in the coldest days it is -68°C .

There are no more places like that in the world where at such low temperatures people constantly live and work. Academician Obruchev has visited the place with his expedition in 1926. During his meteorological observations he has marked the lowest temperature for this area -71.2°C .

Exactly there, starting from the year 2001, the International Tourism Festival "Cold Pole" takes place.

In the village of Tomtor of Oymyakon district during the festival solemn performances take place as well as exhibition and fair of national clothes, the festivity of reindeer breeders, races of reindeer sledges, throwing of *maut*, jumping over reindeer sledge, sports competitions, ice fishing for fishing enthusiasts, at the same time at improvised evenk nomad camp the guests may get acquainted with the unique culture of the evenk people and taste their national dishes. Among the regular guests of the festival there is Santa Claus from Lapland and Father Frost from Veliky Ustyug. In Oymyakon they meet with Chyskhan - Yakut Lord of Coldness.

The festival Cold Pole embodies the unique nature of yakut and evenk culture, clarity and primordial character of wild northern nature.