



THE NATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS



The XIV Summer Ballet Seasons

2014-07-01 – 2014-08-28

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Phone: (499) 248 19 12

Webpage: ballet-letom.ru

"The Summer Ballet Seasons" in Moscow are an integral part of the cultural life of the city in summer, they have become the tradition: "The Seasons" are held annually since 2001.

In 2014, from July 1 to August 28, the best classical ballets will be shown at the stage of Russian Academic Youth Theatre (RAMT) for the 14-th time.

The performances of "The Summer Ballet Seasons" are traditionally held at Russian Academic Youth Theatre (RAMT) that is located in the heart of the city: at Theatre Square, in beautiful old mansion – the unique monument of architecture of the XIX century. The house has always been known as a center of cultural life in Moscow.

The project "The Summer Ballet Seasons" is aimed at preservation and promotion of cultural heritage of Russia. The event presents the world famous classical Russian ballet. Over 13 years the performances of "The Summer Ballet Seasons" have been seen by more than 400 000 people.



The International Festival of Youth Photo

2014-07-01 – 2014-07-06

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Ivanovo region

City: Plyos

Venue: Plyos state historical-architectural and artistic museum-reserve

Webpage: www.photounion.ru culture.ivanovoobl.ru

The project is organized by the Union of photo-artists of Russia, it takes place with the support of the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation and the Government of Ivanovo region.

Within the framework of the festival the summing up of the results of the contest "Young photographers of Russia - 2014", the opening of an exhibition will take place, lectures and master classes will be held.

The jury body embraces well-known Russian and foreign specialists. The authors of the best 10 projects will be awarded by the state scholarships for young authors in the field of culture and arts and diplomas of the competition laureates.



The XXIII Republican Summer Village Games

2014-07-01 — 2014-07-05

Sport events

Region: Udmurt Republic

City: Glazov

Webpage: sportturizm.udmurt.ru

The games are traditional central event in the sporting life of Udmurtia. 1500 athletes from all over the republic will compete in 18 kinds of sports.



The IV International Culture and Tourism Forum "Historical and cultural heritage as the resource for social and cultural development"

2014-07-01 — 2014-07-03

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Republic of Khakassia

Venue: Cultural, sports, conference sites of towns and villages of the Republic of Khakassia

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Webpage: forum-khakassia.ru

The International Forum is held since 2011 under the auspices of UNESCO at the territory of the Republic of Khakassia that takes special place in Russian Federation by the potential of archaeological heritage.

The forum is aimed at the creation of discussion platform on the issues of preservation of historical and cultural heritage of Russia that would provide participants with the opportunity for effective cooperation in the field of public protection of historical monuments, the preservation and promotion of the sites of cultural heritage, the opportunity to employ historical and cultural heritage as the basis for economic modernization, including the involvement of immovable monuments of history and culture in social and economic development of regions.

The business programme of the fourth forum features the open meeting of national committees and commissions of Russian Federation on UNESCO issues concerning the protection of sites of cultural heritage, the international conferences "National cuisine and the culture of food consumption by the people of Sayan-Altay", "The Tea Road. Tradition and Modern days", "Natural heritage as the factor of tourism development" as well as the inter-regional exhibition project "The World of Turk steppes". Among the issues planned for discussion, the development of children and youth tourism is featured.

In 2013, the Forum has attracted more than three hundred participants from around the world to its locations - experts in the field of culture, history, archeology and mass media as well as government and business representatives.



The National holiday "El Oyin"

2014-07-02 — 2014-07-04

The folk celebrations

Region: Altay Republic

Venue: Onguday district, the village of Elo, the valley of Kabailu-Mezhelik

Phone: (388) 222 27 86, (388) 222 64 88

Webpage: www.culture-altai.ru

Translated from Altay language "El Oyin" means "Folk games". The tradition to organize that wonderful holiday has developed quite recently: for the first time it was held in 1988 in Ongudaisk area.

The picturesque valley situated near Altay village of Elo is chosen as the venue place for the festival.

Surrounded on all sides by mountains, it has evolved into an open-air stage. Performances are held simultaneously in different areas. During the holiday the following activities are held: theatrical performance, performances by epic storytellers and masters of throat singing, contest- parade of national costumes, competition of children and youth arts, exhibition and fair "The City of Masters", the competition of ails (yurts), contest of playing national musical instruments, humorous competition "Tastarakay", folk song competition, the exhibition "Hunting trophies", a concert of artists of Altay Republic and guests of the holiday.

Alongside with the cultural events, sports competitions and folk games with representatives of neighbouring regions (Khakassia, Tuva, Altay Area) are hosted, too. The total number of people present at the festival is always more than 20 000.

"El Oyin " is an unforgettable experience and serves for national cultural revival, strengthening friendship and brotherhood of Slavic and Turk people, the event draws attention to the pressing problems, tightens the traditions of good neighbour living and respect for people of all nationalities.



The V International Sail Regatta "The Cup of Three Governors"

2014-07-03 — 2014-07-06

Sport events

Region: Kaliningrad region

City: Baltiysk

Webpage: www.kld-sport.ru

Baltiysk has historical significance in the development of sailing sports.

By tradition, in the waters of Kaliningrad (Vislin) the international sailing regatta is held that attracts the interest of yachting fans from European countries.

The regatta plays very important role in the development of water tourism in the region. Its purpose is to promote bays as water areas with exceptional tourist and sport-recreational merits.

It is planned that some 50 Russian and Polish yachts will take start. The regatta will begin in the fishing heart of Vislin bay - Conty Rybatskiye. The regatta route will pass through the port of Frombork and end at the waterfront of Baltiysk.



The XXII International Children Film Festival "The Scarlet Sails"

2014-07-03 — 2014-07-11

Arts festivals

Region: The Republic of Crimea

Venue: The International Children Center "Artek"

Webpage: kinogrom.com vk.com/club25889555

The main aim of the festival is to draw attention to children cinema.

The festival includes competition and non-competition programmes featuring the best new and old children movies, master classes by popular actors and directors of theater and cinema, creative meetings, excursions and other cultural and recreational activities.

Very beautiful theatrical show of the opening of "The Scarlet Sails" festival invariably stirs the delight of the spectators.

The best children creative groups from Moscow, Moscow region and other regions of Russia take part in the opening and closing ceremonies.

This year, apart for the competition of new feature full-length films, the competition of animated films and short feature and artistic-journalistic movies is organized.

Out-of-competition programme includes a selection of films dedicated to the anniversary of the festival president, People's Artist of the USSR Vasily Lanovoy, the 95-th anniversary of Yalta film studio, the 70-th anniversary of the liberation of Crimea, the history of Russian fleet, the 200-th anniversary of Taras Shevchenko and other themes.

The festival is supported by the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation, the Government of the city of Moscow, the Department of Culture of the city of Moscow, the Ministry of Culture of Moscow region, the Union of Cinematographers of Russia and other state and public organizations.



The VIII International Ecological and Ethnic Festival of Puppet Theatres "Chyr Chayaan"

2014-07-03 — 2014-07-10

Arts festivals

Region: Republic of Khakassia

City: Abakan

Venue: the city of Abakan, the areas of the Republic of Khakassia

Phone: (3902) 22 25 08, (3902) 34 67 09

Webpage: www.skazka-theatre.ru www.turism19.ru

The festival is aimed at the exchange of experience between different schools of puppetry and the preservation and restoration of the national puppet theater traditions of the people of Russian Federation and abroad.

The uniqueness of the festival lies in the synthesis of ecology, ethnography and the art of theater. More than once "Chyr Chayaan" was recognized as the best Russian theatrical project, awarded by the grant of the President of Russian Federation and Soros Foundation. In 2012 Khakassia National Puppet Theatre "The Fairy Tale" has won the Russian Government award for organizing and hosting the festival.

The citizens and guests of Khakassia as well as participants of the previous seven festivals have got familiar with many Russian creative teams ranging from St. Petersburg to Chukotka. Theater and folk groups from Egypt, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Czech Republic, France, Hungary, Estonia, Finland, Australia, Ireland, Austria, USA, Italy, Slovenia, Denmark, Brazil, Serbia, Bulgaria, Iceland, Japan, India, the island of Taiwan have visited Khakassia.

"Chyr Chayaan" is held every two years. In 2012, the festival was attended by 15 creative teams from seven countries and seven regions of Russia; more than 10 000 spectators have come to the event.

Besides the show of festival performances, the festival programme traditionally includes master classes in theatrical disciplines, seminars on ecology and ethnography in the context of theater art, artistic and photo exhibitions, presentation of documentaries and feature films, excursion and concert programmes (excursions to museums and nature reserves of the republic, concerts of ethnic music and performances in the open air), social and cultural activity with the performances held in the municipal districts of Khakassia.



The Festival of Contemporary Urban Culture "The Architecture of Movement"

2014-07-04 — 2014-07-06

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Yaroslavl

Webpage: raci.ru

The festival is aimed at the development of city through creative initiatives, solidarity of citizens and cooperation of authorities, business and creative community.

That is the festival of ideas, its programme features artistic and social actions representing ideas on development, vision and critical views of a city and making it possible to develop a city as modern open territory.

The festival "The Architecture Movement" was held six times (2008-2013). Annually the theme and the format of the project is changing.

The project resulted in proposals and implementation of new mechanisms for the development of urban areas; extension of space and audience of cultural events; new ways of cooperation with commercial and non-profit sector; the creation of cultural products offering new images of a city.



The Volcano Day

2014-07-04 — 2014-07-06

Sport events

Region: Kamchatka region

Venue: Avachinsky volcano, Kozelsky volcano

Phone: (4152) 41 23 55

Webpage: www.visitkamchatka.ru

Kamchatka is the land of volcanoes.

The residents and visitors of Kamchatka enjoy the unique opportunity to get unforgettable impressions of magnificent landscapes, climb to the top of the fire-breathing giant – Avachinsky volcano, experience the beauty of Kamchatka nature.

The purpose of the event is to create ecological awareness and respect of people towards nature.



The VII International Folklore Festival "Window to the Sky"

2014-07-04 — 2014-07-06

Arts festivals

Region: Udmurt Republic

Venue: Zavyalovo area, the village of Zavyalovo, the village of Lyuk

Webpage: sportturizm.udmurt.ru vk.com/club10526226

The VII International Folklore Festival "Window to the Sky" will be held at the home land of the famous Russian scientist Dmitry Zelenin in Zavyalovo area of Udmurt Republic.

The festival will take place within the framework of the Year of Culture in Russian Federation and in the framework of the Year of people culture in the municipal body "Zavyalovo area".

The theme of the year 2014 is "Round dance and gaming tradition in the calendar".

Folklore groups and youth ethno-folk teams from Russia, CIS and foreign countries will participate in the festival.



The Inter-regional Historical Festival "The Bylinas of Beloozero"

2014-07-04 — 2014-07-05

Historical reconstructions

Region: Vologda region

Phone: (81756) 2-11-33, 2-16-72

Webpage: www.belozero.ru vk.com/istoriyabeloozera

During the festival mass performances of historical nature are organized themed around various historical events in the ancient history of Belozerye (the assault of Belozersk fortress with construction of the stylized wall in front of the bridge over the fortress moat, Vikings' attack on the old Russian settlement); buhurts (mass collision of heavily armed warriors); competition of historical costume and armour; tournament of archers (including the night one), tournament in *sulitsa* throwing; competition of minstrels; contest in medieval dance.

At the territory of Belozersk Kremlin the fair of medieval crafts and products is organized with training master classes as well as playground.

In time of the festival, interactive excursions are offered at the places located in the Kremlin.

Annually the festival programme includes activities of scientific and educational nature - roundtable meetings, seminars, hearings on various aspects of the reconstruction of ancient costume, protection and preservation of cultural heritage.

Bylinas (epics) and legends of ancient Russia will be presented in theatrical productions, performances of creative groups musicians and storytellers.



The V Festival of young European cinema VOICES

2014-07-04 — 2014-07-08

Arts festivals

Region: Vologda region

City: Vologda

Phone: (78172) 72 45 69

Webpage: www.voices-festival.org

VOICES (Vologda Independent Cinema from European Screens) - the international festival of feature films - has become the venue for a new generation of European film directors. The festival presents the works of both known and emerging filmmakers. Every year, one of the European countries becomes the guest of honour of the festival. The central place in the festival programme of 2014 will be taken by movies of British filmmakers.

As in the previous years, full-length debut and second films of ten directors from all over Europe will take part in the competition, they will be estimated by the international jury.

The programme of out-of-competition films will let Russian audience to see the most successful recent films of known European directors.

The festival guests and residents of Vologda region will be able to participate in master classes where film directors, producers and writers will talk about their work. Roundtable discussions will bring together professionals tackling issues and subjects urgent to filmmakers today.

Vologda Kremlin will become the epicenter of the festival. It will host both the opening night and closing ceremony as well as outdoor film presentations and concerts.



The XLIII (43rd) All-Russia Lermontov Poetry Celebration

2014-07-05

Literary holidays

Region: Penza region

Venue: Belinsk area, the village of Lermontovo, the museum-reserve "Tarkhany"

Phone: (8412) 56 57 22

Webpage: mk-penza.ru

The celebration is one of the symbols of cultural life of Russia.

This year the event is dedicated to the special date - the 200-th anniversary of the birthday of M. Yu. Lermontov.

As part of the celebration a number of activities will take place: the laying of flowers at the grave of the poet, awarding diplomas to the winners of the prize named after M. Yu. Lermontov, performances by folk groups and ensembles of classical music, meetings with famous writers and artists, declamation of verses by the poet monument, dramatized performances with the participation of the celebration guests, excursions to the museums and estate places.

During the day one may attend master classes on old crafts, take boat rides on Barsky pond and ride in the phaeton around Far garden.

The museum-reserve "Tarkhany" recreates the image of Lermontov time, that is the necessary context for museum presentation of the biography and creative heritage of M. Yu. Lermontov and comprehension by contemporaries of the phenomenon of the great poet who has enriched the world culture.



The Tourist Gastronomic Celebration "Don Fish Soup"

2014-07-05

The folk celebrations

Region: Rostov region

Venue: Azov area, the village of Kurgan

Phone: (863) 424 03 73, (863) 240 12 17

Webpage: www.dontourism.ru

Don fish soup is the main dish of the local cuisine. The celebration takes place on the picturesque banks of River Don and includes the contest to prepare authentic Don fish soup and its tasting, animation programmes for children and grown-ups, sport equestrian show, dance master classes, performances of artistic groups, fair of Don souvenirs. The celebration makes "green" gastronomic tourism in the South of Russia more popular.



The All-Russia Nekrasov Poetry Celebration

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-06

Literary holidays

Region: Yaroslavl region

Venue: Yaroslavl municipal area, the village of Karabikha

Phone: (4852) 43 43 16

Webpage: karabiha-museum.ru karabiha.yarcenter.ru

The estate place of Karabikha, built by the Princes Golitsyn in the XVIII century, is the only one in Yaroslavl region and one of the few in Russia that has kept its original appearance.

The estate is located 15 kilometers south of Yaroslavl.

In 1946 in Karabikha the State literary and memorial museum-reserve of N.A. Nekrasov was created.

Every summer a large-scale literary festival dedicated to N.A. Nekrasov who has put down his best poems at the estate is held at the place.

Each year, writers, poets, musicians, connoisseurs and followers of literature and everybody who cherish the multinational culture of this country come together to talk once again about Nekrasov and his creative activity.

In fact, the event represents a large literary and musical open air living room. At the territory of the estate and its park poetical citations, exhibitions, meetings of poets with readers, performances by music groups, interactive activities take place.

In 2013 the 46-th All-Russia Nekrasov poetry celebration was held themed "The keys to women happiness", the theme of the 47-th edition of the celebration is "There is something that Russia may be proud of ...".



IX Folklore and Ethnographic Festival of Eurasian People "Arkaim"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-06

The folk celebrations

Region: Chelyabinsk region

Phone: (351) 261 87 18

Webpage: www.arkaim-center.ru www.мк74.рф

The main purposes of the festival are to study and revive traditional material and spiritual culture, traditional crafts and handicrafts, rituals and customs of different nations of Russia, formation of modern environmental attitude, increasing of schoolchildren and young people interest for studying traditional cultures of ancient and modern nations.



The Inter-regional Folklore and Ethnographic Celebration "The Land of Ancestors"

2014-07-05

The folk celebrations

Region: Mari El Republic

Venue: Kilemar district, the village of Arda

Phone: (8362) 42 28 80, (83643) 2 11 47

Webpage: www.rnmc-rme.ru

The celebration introduces national life and culture of the people living at the territory of Volga Federal District to the guests of the event

The festival programme features:

- Presentation of folklore and ethnographic teams
- Presentation of the masters of traditional arts and crafts of the Republic of Mari El and the regions of Russia
- Operation of national dance, sports, gaming and children sites
- Master classes on people crafts and occupations
- Etno-discoteque with the participation of Honoured Artists of the Republic of Mari El.



The National Celebration "Lud"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-06

The folk celebrations

Region: Komi Republic

Venue: Izhemsky area

Webpage: www.izhma.ru

"Lud" celebration is the brand of Izhemsky district. It takes place on the eve of haymowing season between the rivers of Izhma and Kurya in the language of Komi that emphasizes its national character. The event is opened by dance processions with songs along the streets of the village of Izhma with later going on to an island. In the old days in anticipation of the holiday young riders used to drive a herd of horses around the island, in this way trampling down the site for festivities. The tradition has transformed itself into sport horse racing on flood-meadow and ravine cross-country terrain.

"Lud" combines the people of Izhemts living in Nenets, Khanty-Mansy, Yamal-Nenets autonomous areas, Murmansk and Arkhangelsk regions and other parts of Russia.



The International Festival of Historical Reconstruction "The Field of Abalak"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-06

Historical reconstructions

Region: Tyumen region

City: Tobolsk

Venue: Tobolsk region, the village of Abalak

Phone: (3456) 399 120, (3456) 24 65 95

Webpage: www.abalak.su www.kulturatotob.ru

The festival features tournaments of warriors and archers, buhurts (fighting clashes), show performances of historical reconstruction clubs, master classes on producing items of Middle Ages' epoch, the competition-show of medieval clothing, competition in throwing a stump and a log, archery, a series of scandball games as well as fair of souvenirs and operation of pottery workshop, the night open-air "The Honey Feast".

The event takes place on the territory of the tourist complex "Abalak" in close proximity to the historic site of the battle between the army of Ermak and khan Kuchum.

The tourist complex "Abalak" represents a wooden fort - the reconstruction of Siberian stronghold.



The XV Inter-Regional Tourist Festival "Kodar"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-19

Sport events

Region: Trans-Baikal region

Venue: Kalar area

Phone: (30261) 2 36 43

Webpage: калар.забайкальскийкрай.рф

Kalar area hosts inter-regional festival since 1999. The event has become the hallmark not only of the area but the entire Trans-Baikal Territory.

The aim of the festival is the development of children and youth tourism, eco-tourism as one of the forms of healthy lifestyle. The festival programme includes master classes of survival school and school of young lifeguards.

This festival is timed with the declared Year of Culture in Russian Federation and held on the occasion of the celebration of the 30-th anniversary from the day of "Golden" coupling of Eastern and Western directions of Baikal-Amur Mainline and the 40-th anniversary of the beginning of Baikal-Amur Mainline construction.

During the festival an environmental action is organized to clean hiking trails and routes.

As part of the festival the II stage of Open Cup of Trans-Baikal Territory for sports tourism (walking distances), tourist routes by Eastern Kodar (from excursion to category ones) is held.



Open Air Musical Performance "The Night at Divnogorye"

2014-07-05

Arts festivals

Region: Voronezh region

Venue: Natural, architectural and archaeological museum-reserve Divnogorye, Liski area of Voronezh region

Webpage: www.divnogor.ru

"The Night at Divnogorye" will be held already for the eighth time. In front of an audience Moscow theater of sand «7BiOZ» will create a poetic tale about Divnogorye.

The creative sites will operate in the museum-reserve: an open air cinema with films about Divnogorye, art ground by Voronezh Center of contemporary art.

Master class on freezelight and musical-poetry concert will take place, too.

For visitors the cave temple of Sicilian Icon of the Mother of God will be open.

The natural and cultural Complex "Divnogorye" is included in the unified state register of cultural heritage sites (the monuments of history and culture) of the people of Russian Federation.



The Festival of Orthodox Culture "The Celebration Bells"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-09

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Leningrad region

City: Tikhvin

Venue: The city of Tikhvin, the historical part of the city

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

Webpage: www.tikhvin.org

The festival "The Celebration Bells" devoted to the Day of Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God appearance takes central place in the celebration of the City Day.

To participate in the festival folklore groups, bell-ringers, amateur creative teams and 130 masters of decorative and applied art will come from various regions of Russia.

Within the framework of "The Celebration Bells" competitions of masters of decorative and applied art, the festival of rural settlements, concerts of bell music and literary meetings are held.

Tikhvin is a member of international Hanseatic League and the Union of Russian Hanseatic cities. Since 2011, in time of the celebration of the City Day an interactive playground "Hanseatic town" operates.

At the Day of Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God appearance (July 9) in the Orthodox parishes of the city Divine liturgies, the all-night vigils and prayer services are held.

Believers and pilgrims take part in cross processions at the city territory. In 2014, Tikhvin will mark the 10-th anniversary of the return of Tikhvin Icon of the Mother of God to its cloister - to Tikhvin Monastery of Mother of God.



Gatchina Historical Festival "The Day of John the Baptist. The Knights of the Priory"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-06

Historical reconstructions

Region: Leningrad region

City: Gatchina

Venue: The Priory park, the Priory Palace

Phone: (81371) 378 30, (81371) 966 24

Webpage: www.culture.gatchina.ru www.visitgatchina.ru

The reconstruction of the real historical events associated with the city of Gatchina and the history of Maltese Order in Russia is held annually in Gatchina on the eve of the Nativity of John the Baptist.

As part of the festival, musicians give performances playing medieval music, members of historical clubs demonstrate knights' battles by swords and spears, the tournament in archery takes place. On the hills around the site of the festival a medieval camp is set.

The history of Maltese Order in Russia is inextricably linked to Gatchina, where the most important events in the life of the Order took place and where the greatest Christian shrines were kept.

The tradition to kindle fires according to the Chapter of the Order of the Hospitallers on the eve of Midsummer day goes deep into the past. For the first time in Russia it was performed in the summer of 1799 by the Emperor Pavel I – the Grand Master of Maltese Order. The Emperor has personally developed the ceremony of that main celebration of the Order of Saint John.

The historical reconstruction of kindling bonfires in honour of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist according to the ceremonial of the Emperor Pavel I is held at the territory of the Priory castle, "the valley between two hills" adjacent to it and on the shores of Black lake.



Tikhvin Fair

2014-07-05

Fairs

Region: Ivanovo region

Venue: Yuzh area, the village of Kholui

Phone: (49347) 2 27 78

Webpage: dst.ivanovoobl.ru

In the village of Kholui in the XVIII century, and especially in the XIX century, five fairs were regularly held.

The most noisy one and the largest in the province of Vladimir Tikhvin fair was, it lasted for a month and was timed to coincide with the holiday of the icon of Tikhvin Mother of God.

At fairs in Kholui such phenomenon as "*ofenstvo*" has bloomed when sellers-peddlers, walking delivery men also referred to as "*ofenys*" were getting various goods (fabrics, icons, fancy goods, lubok painting, etc.) at Kholui fair and went to trade them all across Russia and even beyond.

In 2003, the successful attempt was made to revive Tikhvin fair in Kholui, its organizers see it as the way to support folk arts and crafts and as a good excuse to give back the former fair entertainment culture to modern people.

The visitors of the fair have the opportunity to buy products of masters from Kholui, Palekh, Mstera, Shuya, Puchezh, Yuzh, Ivanovo and other central artistic crafts, indulge into the atmosphere of vivid fair life.



The Folklore Celebration for tourists "Novgorod Koupalye"

2014-07-05

The folk celebrations

Region: Novgorod region

Venue: Novgorod region, the vicinities of the village of Yuryevo, the shore of the lake Ilmen

Phone: (8162) 73 02 27

Webpage: kupala.natm.ru

Koupalye is the celebration of the summer solstice, magical rites and sacraments – it is liked by all generations. The event programme features the rite of "the fulfillment of desires", folk games, dances, ritual praise of married couples, riding *soims* on the lake Ilmen, midsummer (*koupalye*) porridge, Novgorod *ukha* (fish soup), the ritual procession called "arrow", lighting *Koupalye* bonfire, ring dances, the rites of purification by water and fire.

Novgorod Koupalye is organized by the artists of folk theater "Kudesy" that for over 20 years collects and cherishes the traditions and customs of Novgorod land.



The Festival "The Night of yokhor"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-06

The folk celebrations

Region: Republic of Buryatia

City: Ulan-Ude

Webpage: www.visitburiatia.ru www.theatre-baikal.ru

The outdoor celebration each year attracts more and more people who are willing to dance *yokhor* and recharge themselves from the energy of the sacred dance. *Yokhor* is the ancient circular Buryat dance that reflects the solar circle. The dance is always accompanied by chants of dance participants.

At annual festival the representatives of various areas of Buryatia and Irkutsk region compete in the best performance of *yokhor*. At the end of the celebration everybody stands in the circle for Grand *Yokhor*. The festival has become the personification of people unity.

The benefits of the festival format (direct interaction between participants, their greater intimacy through the dance movements and chants) are naturally combined with the training format of master classes for film directors, heads of folk groups, ensembles and virtually everyone.



Multiformat Festival "The Life Energy"

2014-07-05 — 2014-07-12

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Sverdlovsk region

Venue: Sverdlovsk region, the city of Asbest, the village of Belokamenny, the river Pyshma

Phone: (34365) 7 66 32, (953) 044 67 26

Webpage: festivalim.ru

In nine years of the festival organization more than 5000 guests and over 500 professionals of various levels took part in it, more than 1000 different master classes and lectures were delivered.

Since 2013 the festival is held at the picturesque banks of the river Pyshma. The traditions of the people from Ural villages will become the most important component of the upcoming jubilee festival.

Each day of the festival will be filled with the sound of Russian folk songs, tunes and musical instruments. Craftswomen will create traditional fabrics, costumes, they will collect herbs, paint head bark decorations and wooden spoons.

Strong *bogatyrs* (warriors) will compete in agility and daring, wood and metal processing. Younger guests of the festival will learn Russian folk tales and songs and explore the surrounding world under the guidance of experienced teachers. The obligatory part of the children "The Life Energy" programme includes entertaining chemistry, physics, anatomy, this year astronomy and agronomy will be added, too.



The Folklore Show "The Midsummer Night"

2014-07-06 — 2014-07-07

The folk celebrations

Region: Kemerovo region

Venue: Yashkin area, the village of Pisannaya, the historic-cultural and natural museum-reserve "Tomskaya Pissanitsa"

Phone: (3842) 36 33 42, (3842) 65 72 96, (3842) 75 10 90, (3842) 75 86 33

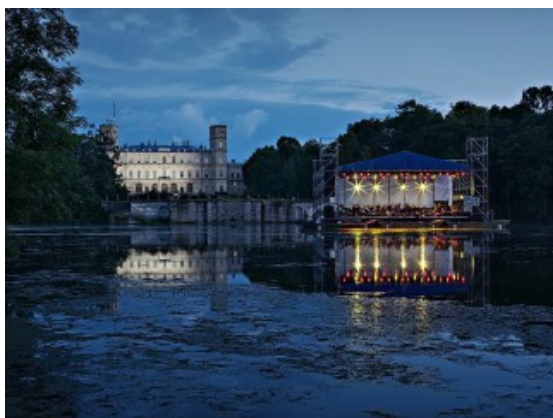
Webpage: www.gukmztp.ru www.depcult.ru

The regional folklore festival of national creative teams for more than 20 years is held on the eve of the ancient Slavic holiday. Representatives of all genres and types of traditional and contemporary folklore from Kemerovo region and Siberia take part in the festival.

The programme includes performances by folk singing groups and individual performers of various nationalities – traditional songs, games, vocal and theatrical performances based on the calendar and family ritual folklore, presentation of ancient midsummer ritual with mass participation by spectators, promotion of historical and cultural heritage of the people of Siberia.

"Tomskaya Pissanitsa" is an ancient sacred place, a monument of archeology and rock art of federal significance dating back to 4-3 millennium B.C., to Neolithic and Bronze Age.

During the celebration, the guests can experience the unity with nature through rituals of ancestors, pass through cleaning by fire by the biggest Midsummer (Ivan Kupala) bonfire in Russia.



The Night of Music in Gatchina

2014-07-06

Arts festivals

Region: Leningrad region

City: Gatchina

Venue: The Palace park

Phone: (81371) 378 30, (81371) 966 24

Webpage: www.culture.gatchina.ru www.gatchinanights.ru

The gala concert that takes place at white night of July in Gatchina Palace park on the shores of the White lake is called the real celebration of classical music.

The stage on special pontoons is mounted next to the pier with illuminated Gatchina Palace in the backdrop

The audience is at the shore of the White lake opposite to the pier. From 23:00 to 4:00 the musical extravaganza will last in the open air.

The Night of Music is a true gift to the citizens and visitors of the city, all lovers of music.

The guests of celebration may have an amazing night tour of the palace and walk through the ancient alleys of Gatchina Park.

The III Moscow International Festival of Gardens and Flowers

2014-07-06 — 2014-07-13

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: Gorky Park

Phone: (495) 960 81 83

Webpage: flowershowmoscow.ru vk.com/moscowflowershow



Within the framework of the Year of Culture in Russia, in Gorky Park the III Moscow International Festival of gardens and flowers Moscow Flower Show 2014 – the Fashion Week landscape and park arts will take place.

The festival will bring together landscape industry professionals, designers and florists from Russia, Britain, France, Italy, Ecuador and other countries.

The reputable jury, headed by accredited judge from the Royal Horticultural Society and popular TV anchor-man of BBC James Alexander-Sinclair, will name the winners in the categories of "Heritage Gardens", "Gardens of Russia", "Garden in a city", "Children garden", "City Vertical", "Show garden", "Land-art", "Art in the Garden".

For visitors of Moscow Flower Show daily lectures and seminars will be organized. For younger guests gaming master classes and competitions are prepared.

By tradition, the festival will be opened by charity marathon "The Flower of Hope".

On "The Day of Rose" (July 10) the new species of rose – the "Olympic" one, in honour of the XXII Olympic Winter Games in Sochi, from French house "Meilland" will be presented at the festival.

"The Godmother" of the flower will become the renowned Russian athlete, Olympic Champion and holder of 28 world records Elena Isinbayeva.

The prospects of the industry development will be discussed at international park forum "The Green Strategies" (July 9-11). Within its framework the meeting of seven presidents of associations of landscape industry of Europe will take place.

By virtue of its scale, the level of participants, the richness of the programme and set creative and professional goals Moscow Flower Show rightfully holds a special place among the largest specialized events in Europe, it can become the significant factor for enhancing tourism attractiveness of Moscow.



The VIII International Festival of Folk Arts "The City of Kitezh is the Soul of Russia"

2014-07-06

The folk celebrations

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

Venue: The village of Vladimirskoye of Voskresensk area

Webpage: nnwelcome.ru

The lake Svetloyar in the village of Vladimirskoye in Voskresensk area – where the festival of folk arts "The City of Kitezh is the Soul of Russia" is held – is one of the most mysterious aquatic sites of Russia.

Experts still have not reached the common opinion on the origin of the lake that has almost perfect oval shape and is filled with very clean water. According to a legend, at the bottom of the lake the mysterious city of Kitezh is hidden, it went under water together with its citizens to escape from enemy invasion.

Wrapped in aura of mystery the lake emanates special energy, no wonder it is the place of pilgrimage for believers.

Today Svetloyar is one of the centers of spiritual and cultural life of Russia, the preservation of true cultural and historical traditions is one of the objectives of the event.

The festival includes cross procession to the lake Svetloyar. At the territory of history and art museum the exhibition "The Art of Contemporary Ceramics" will open, the secrets of pottery may be learned at the master classes.

During the day performances by folk ensembles, exhibition and sale of items of folk crafts, chess tournament will be held.

The exhibition hall "Kitezh Rus" will present photo-pictures on the theme "Reserved nature of Voskresensk Povetluzhye". The festival will be completed by musical performance and "Kitezh bells' ringing" – the procession with candles around the lake.



The Regional Celebration of Family, Love and Fidelity

2014-07-08

The folk celebrations

Region: Volgograd region

Venue: Kamyshin area, the rural settlement of Lebyazhenskoye

Phone: (84457) 4 72 60, 4 05 18, 4 83 00

Webpage: www.welcomevolgograd.com

By couples, families and companies, young and old people annually come for the celebration where "The Shelter for lovers", "The Magic Table-cloth", "The love drink from the Magic Well", "The Bench of reconciliation", "The Rainbow of Family Happiness" and much more is waiting for everyone. The event takes place at the picturesque Romashka (daisy) clearing on the day of Saint Peter and Fevronia whose symbol the daisy is.

The rural settlement of Lebyazhenskoye is situated at the territory of Kamyshin district where one of the most beautiful natural parks – "Shcherbakovsky" – is located.

The city of Kamyshin – the old merchant city with a fascinating history – also represents a great interest for tourists.



The I International Festival-Forum "Prospects for the development of gastronomic tourism in Russia"

2014-07-08 – 2014-07-13

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Novgorod region

City: Veliky Novgorod

Phone: 499 729 74 90

Webpage: www.icwag.ru

The rich programme of the festival-forum includes the conference "Further training and retraining of personnel for certain sectors of the tourist industry", round table discussions with participation of market professionals; master classes for chefs; seminar on Russian winemaking for professionals and guests; gala dinner for the participants of the festival-forum made up of the dishes and drinks from the regions of Russia.

The exhibition of Russian regions will open by the presentation of routes and programmes in the field of gastronomic tourism. Open cooking classes for children and grown-ups are scheduled, too, while in restaurants of Veliky Novgorod in the days of the festival one may taste dishes of Russia regional cuisines.

The event is organized under the auspices of the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) with the assistance of Culinary Association of Russia, the World Association of culinary communities (WACS), the Union of Russian vine-growers and winemakers, MGIMO.



The Day of Family, Love and Fidelity

2014-07-08

The folk celebrations

Region: Ryazan region

Venue: The village of Laskovo, Ryazan region

Phone: (4912) 28 91 07

Webpage: www.rzraion.ru www.ryazantourism.ru

The Day of Family, Love and Fidelity in the memory of Saints Peter and Fevronia is annually celebrated on July 8 in the village of Laskovo in Ryazan region.

In 2014 the celebration will be held for the fifth anniversary year.

The village of Laskovo is the birthplace of St. Fevronia, the wife of Murom Prince Peter. It is believed that exactly at the place the events from the legend and lives of saints Peter and Fevronia took place.

Righteous princes - spouses, saints, the brightest personalities of Holy Russia who have embodied the country spiritual values and ideals. They are worshiped as protectors of family and marriage.

On the day of the memory, July 8, here at the historic location, surrounded by white-trunk birches, newly-wed couples may register their marriage in the holy land in accordance with native Russian traditions and customs.

At that day, families with many children and families that celebrate their silver, pearl and gold anniversaries of marriage are praised.

The guests will experience the atmosphere of traditional Russian Orthodox holiday. Festive prayer in rural chapel and holy water awaits everybody.

From hospitable villagers one will see treats: mint kvas with pies and traditional bread-loaf.

At the main site of the celebration the breathtaking theatrical performance - the hagiography of Saints Peter and Fevronia will be presented and afterwards people's festivities will take place with ring dances, songs and rhymes.

The symbol of the celebration is chamomile while Fevronia image is embodied by nut-tree near which she, according to the legend, was praying.

Local craftsmen will present various crafts. They include basket weaving, weaving with beads and laces, wood and birch-bark carving and burning, dry and wet felting, carpet weaving, making items of straw. Those products can be purchased at the fair.

Masters will share their secrets of creating unique family charm and souvenirs of chamomile. For children playgrounds are arranged, interactive programmes are prepared.

At the day, family comes first and one shall spend the day at the village of Laskovo!



All-Russian Day of Family, Love and Fidelity

2014-07-08

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Vladimir region

City: Murom

Phone: (49234) 3 11 02, 3 35 97

The Day of Family, Love and Fidelity is held annually on July 8, at the Memory day of Saints Peter and Fevronia whom Russian Orthodox Church honours as the protectors of family and marriage.

The marriage of Peter and Fevronia is considered by the Orthodox Church as the exemplary one. For Peter the Prince Davyd Jurievich is taken who reigned in Murom in the XIII century, at the end of his life he was tonsured and received the new name, and Fevronia is identified as his wife Euphrosinia.

As part of the celebration the prayer service is held at Holy Trinity Monastery. In festive evening concert leading artists of the domestic stage take part.



The III International Festival of Living History "Volga Way"

2014-07-09 — 2014-07-13

Historical reconstructions

Region: Ulyanovsk region

Venue: Ulyanovsk region, the village of New Bedenyga, TRZ "The Center of Crafts"

Phone: (8422) 44 65 13, (8422) 76 00 15, (8422) 67 45 05

Webpage: ulfest.ru

The festival of living history "Volga Way" is devoted to the reconstruction of the historic appearance and culture of the people of Eastern Europe of the X–XIII centuries. The emphasis will be made on the events presented in "living history" format, the reconstruction of the production processes and the organization of scientists' (archaeologists and experimenters) interaction with the lovers of historical reconstruction.

On July 9 the conference "The Historical and cultural heritage of the people of Russia as the resource for the development of domestic and inbound tourism" and promotion action – animated show in the historical format – will be organized.

The cultural programme of the festival is going to take place in archeopark "Mezdurechye" on July 12-13.

The programme includes:

- The grand opening with troop parade of knights
- Tournament fights
- Massive battles
- Equestrian competitions
- Contest of medieval costume
- Competition of archers
- Contest of medieval cuisine
- Concerts
- Operation of craftsmen sites
- Master classes on medieval crafts
- The award ceremony and closing ceremony.

More than 150 followers of historical reconstruction from Russia, Ukraine and Belarus as well as 50 historical artisans will become participants of show costumed performances.



The Festival of Bell Chime "Kamensk-Uralsky - the Bell Capital"

2014-07-10 – 2014-07-12

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Sverdlovsk region

City: Kamensk-Uralsky

Phone: (3439) 379 393

The Festival of bell chime "Kamensk-Uralsky - the Bell Capital" takes place in Kamensk since 2005.

The feastival founder is Nikolay Pyatkov whose bell factory "Pyatkov and Co" creates bells for churches all around the world.

The festival is officially included in the programme of "Tsar days". The main event of the festival is bell concert at the chapel of Holy Right-believing Prince Alexander Nevsky that is located at the main square of the city.

The festival programme features traditional and individual chimes, stories about the holy places of the region in question, historical references on each city participating in the festival.

Annually the festival brings together the best bell ringers from all over Russia and thousands of spectators – citizens of Kamensk and its guests.

Bell-ringers, one after another, climb to the bell tower and perform the bell chime of their church engaging 16 bells.

For several hours everyday chimes, Easter "red" (beautiful) chimes, holiday sounds with festive flavour of Far East, Western Siberia and area near Moscow enshroud the city.

The audience, not hiding its emotions, enthusiastically cheer each bell-ringer with applause.

In 2014 the festival will be held for the 10-th anniversary time.

The main themes of the festival are the anniversary of All-Russia Holy man Sergey of Radonezh and the 100-th anniversary of the First World War.

The list of the festival participants will be international. One of the novelties of the 10-th festival will be the historical reconstruction "Kamensk fair festivities" at the Cathedral Square in Old Kamensk.



The Celebration "Ust-Tsilma Hill"

2014-07-11 – 2014-07-12

The folk celebrations

Region: Komi Republic

Venue: the village of Ust-Tsilma

Phone: (8212) 24 36 61

Webpage: www.ust-cilma.ru

This is the colourful celebration - a living monument, the pearl of Russian North. The village of Ust-Tsilma is the historical and cultural reserve corner of Russia ancient times. In local people speaking, in their clothes, lifestyles, crafts, songs, dances, prayers the features of the Middle ages have remained. Over five hundred years the main ceremonial holiday for the people of Ust-Tsilma is The Red Hill. In Russia that is the only place where the holiday of the eve of haymowing season has preserved its original form.



The IX Russian Festival of summer fashion "Plyos-on-Volga. Linen Palette"

2014-07-11 — 2014-07-13

Arts festivals

Region: Ivanovo region

City: Plyos

Phone: (4932) 41 64 18, 41 64 93, 41 14 21

Webpage: www.bwclub.ru

Plyos-on-Volga is the small old Russian town that is unique not only due to its multi-century history, architecture, landscape, but also thanks to the traditions of flax production, jewelry, stitch-embroidery craft, fair trade, folk performances. Today Plyos is actively developing as one of the centers of Russian fashion, culture, recreation and tourism.

For the ninth consecutive year the festival "Plyos-on-Volga. Linen Palette" becomes an outstanding event in the cultural life of Russia. The festival is supported by the National Academy of fashion industry. The president of the festival is Vyacheslav Zaitsev, People's Painter of Russia, the laureate of the State Prize of Russia, academician.

The aim of the festival is to promote the development of the flax fashion industry, the establishment of international economic relations, the formation of the domestic market of the fashion industry.

The festival itinerary comprises the competition presentation of the collections of clothes made of linen, cotton, silk, flax yarn; the festival of children fashion theatres; Petrovskaya fair; the celebration of the City Day of Plyos; the gala show of works by fashion designers; exhibitions and rich cultural programme with excursions and boat trips.



The Inter-regional Festival "The Living Water"

2014-07-12 — 2014-07-13

Arts festivals

Region: Astrakhan region

City: Astrakhan

Phone: (8512) 51 26 38

Webpage: minkult.astrobl.ru

From year to year "The Living Water" attracts attention of visitors and participants from all over Russia. The event is traditionally held during the Day of Fisherman - the favourite holiday of the people of Astrakhan.

The festival founders are the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation, the State Russian House of folk art, the regional ministry of culture and regional methodological center of folk culture.

In Astrakhan region creative teams and folk craftsmen from Moscow, Dagestan, Kalmykia, Arkhangelsk, Saratov and Volgograd regions will get together.

At the embankment of the river Volga a gala-concert "From a pure source" will be staged.

Along the river the exhibition and fair of articles of applied and decorative arts and crafts "The City of Masters" will stretch.

As part of the festival the inter-regional competition of masters of applied and decorative arts will be held.

People festivities will take place throughout the whole region.



The V International Festival of Folk Crafts "Vyatka bast shoe"

2014-07-12 — 2014-07-13

The folk celebrations

Region: Kirov region

Venue: Kilmez district, the village of Kilmez

Phone: (8332) 64 96 32, (83338) 2 12 51

Webpage: www.visitkirov.ru www.nhpko.ru

For many centuries Vyatka region was famous by its masters of folk arts and crafts.

For instance, the unique craft of the producing painted clay Dymkovo toys is known for more than 400 years.

Nowadays at Vyatka land more than ten kinds of folk handicrafts are revived and successfully developed.

In the XIX century Vyatka was providing most of the peasants in Russia with bast shoes. Hence the nickname for the people of Vyatka - "Vyatka bast shoes" has arisen.

The craft was revived by craftsmen from the village of Kilmez.

"Vyatka bast shoe" presents a full range of skills of the people of Russia at the same site.

During the festival, master classes are organized on processing birch bark, vines, clay, straw, bast and working at the loom.

The programme also includes merry sports competitions, cooking contest, beauty contest with the demonstration of models of clothes produced from linen and clothes made in folk style, fair.

In 2014, 220 masters from 12 regions of Russia are expected to participate in the festival.

More than 7 thousand visitors will come to marvel at their work and take part in master classes, at the same time the population of the village is some 5 thousand people.



The IV International Tournament of Haymakers

2014-07-12 — 2014-07-13

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Sverdlovsk region

Venue: The settlement of town type Arty

Phone: 34391 21560

Webpage: kosari.ru artiz.ru

"The Tournament of Haymakers" is a vivid and spectacular event designed to revive such traditional values of Russian people as diligence, skill, family traditions.

Competitions are harmoniously intertwined with the cultural programme of the festival in which diverse cultural traditions of ethnic groups living at the territory of Artinsky city district are widely represented.

The folk crafts of Sverdlovsk region and products of "Artinsky Plant" company are highlighted.

The masters of "Artinsky Plant" provide master classes for everyone willing to grasp the skills of a scythe preparation for operation and the process of mowing itself.



The International military and historical festival "Prokhorovka field - the third battle field of Russia"

2014-07-12

Historical reconstructions

Region: Belgorod region

Phone: (4722) 32 82 17, (47242) 2 16 31, (4722) 21 34 24, (4722) 21 14 44

Webpage: www.belkult.ru www.prohorovskoe-pole.ru

The large-scale festival is dedicated to the anniversary of the Battle of Kursk and Prokhorovka tank battle. The festival programme features: the liturgy, the laying of wreaths and flowers at the memorial of the Victory "Belfry" and sculptural composition "the Great Commanders of three battle fields of Russia"; adoption of the military oath; airshow; theatrical presentation at tank field with performances of sports paratroopers, cossacks; the concert "To the feat of the century I will sing the song"; the parade of cadet classes; exhibition and sale of craft products; excursions around the places of military glory; "Soldier camp" for war veterans and guests; fireworks.



The Northern Art Festival "Taybola"

2014-07-12 — 2014-07-14

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Arkhangelsk region

City: Severodvinsk

Venue: The village of Solza, the shore of the White Sea (Summer shore of the White Sea)

Phone: +79115716319

Webpage: taibola.ru

Taybola is a small town (with over 20 locations) populated by several thousand people. The town comes to life for three full days while a month is spent to construct and dismantle it.

The festival guests and volunteers will experience the change of social roles, acquiring of new skills, the joy of the results achieved by own work, ethnic and contemporary music, all kinds of master classes, incredible art objects from salted and beached pieces of wood, heartwarming company and magical nature of the White Sea! All that turns "Taybola" into the bright event that is hard to describe in words.



The XVIII Inter-Regional Festival of Folk Crafts and Applied Arts "The Glade of Masters"

2014-07-13 — 2014-07-20

Arts festivals

Region: Tula region

Venue: The village of Filimonovo, Odoyevsk district of Tula region (the shore of the river Upa)

Phone: (48736) 4 22 49, 906 537 62 70

This is the mass folk festival that hosts a variety of master classes on the creativity in decorative and applied arts: artistic processing of clay, vines, birch bark, felt, metal, leather; artistic painting on fabric, wood, glass; making of rag dolls, belts, beaded jewelry; hand weaving; braiding, etc.

In the evenings, the guests will see folk sports games, listen to guitar songs as well as get familiar with artistic works of famous artists and masters.



"The Day of Painter"

2014-07-15

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Mari El Republic

City: Kozmodemyansk

Venue: Kozmodemyansk cultural and historical museum complex, Arts and historical museum named after A.V. Grigoriev

Phone: 88363272369

Webpage: www.kmkmuzey.ru

"The Day of Painter" is the annual holiday event for contemporary masters of painting and applied arts at regional and Russian level that offers the opportunity for creative personality to reveal his phenomenon. The participants of the event include: intellectuals, museum workers, members of the union of painters, art historians, painters and masters of decorative and applied arts. The holiday programme features grand opening event, opening of new exhibitions, excursion around historical part of the town of Kozmodemyansk and its museum complex, organization of master classes and round tables, entertainment itinerary "In the circle of friends".



The XIII Festival of aeronauts "The Golden Ring of Russia"

2014-07-16 — 2014-07-20

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Yaroslavl region

Venue: the cities of Pereslavl-Zalessky and Rostov the Great

Phone: (910) 978 56 26

Webpage: fly-pz.ru www.tourismpereslavl.ru

From July 16 to 20 in two small historical towns – Pereslavl-Zalessky and Rostov the Great – the traditional festival of aeronauts “The Golden Ring of Russia” will take place.

Annually the festival attracts pilots from all regions of Russia, CIS and far-away foreign countries as well as many tourists and followers of aeronautics. The festival "The Golden Ring of Russia" is of educational nature, it is intended to show the possibility of aeronautics not only as a kind of sports, but also as family leisure activity.

The guests of Pereslavl-Zalessky and Rostov the Great are offered the unique opportunity to enjoy air flights over ancient Russian cities with beautiful architecture and scenic nature.

The flights over water basins of two lakes – lake Pleshcheyevo and lake Nero – provide unforgettable impressions.



The XIX Regional Creative Camp of Young and Adolescent Painters “Volga painter”

2014-07-17 — 2014-08-06

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Ivanovo region

City: Plyos

Webpage: www.iohu.ru culture.ivanovoobl.ru

The creative camp "Volga painter" is the heritage and pride of Ivanovo region, the hope and the prospect for nourishing gifted children.

For more than 19 years of the camp existence its own traditions have developed, they are maintained by all participants – both young and grown-ups – as well as the atmosphere of fraternity, equality and inspiration.

The unique feature of the community is that at the camp schoolchildren and students make sketches alongside with venerable artists – their schoolmasters, teachers of schools and colleges.

An inextricable link is formed in the system of art education – from master to apprentice, from the younger one to the older and back.

The funds for the event are provided by the state programme "The Development of education in Ivanovo region".

The main goal is to identify, support, professionally teach artistically gifted children and youth, create conditions that facilitate the realization of their creativity and artistic ideas as well as active summer holiday.



The International Festival of Humour and Satire "Benderiada"

2014-07-17 — 2014-07-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Mari El Republic

City: Kozmodemyansk

Phone: (83632) 7 20 63

Kozmodemyansk is one of the most beautiful cities in the Republic of Mary El, founded in 1583. The city, situated on the right bank of the river Volga, belongs to small historic towns of Russia.

Kozmodemyansk is mentioned in the famous novel "The Twelve Chairs" by I. Ilf and E. Petrov put down in 1927.

In the novel, the city was called Vasyuki, according to the novel in the city enormous intellectual activity takes place: chess tournament.

To mark the city mentioning at the pages of classical literature the International Festival of humour and satire "Benderiada" was started in Kozmodemyansk since 1995. The event is called by the name of the novel's protagonist.

In 2014 the festival celebrates is the 20-th anniversary.

In time of the festival the mood of excitement, courage and carefree fun reigns in the city.

The festival activities include concerts, KVN (club of smart and humorous people) presentations, meetings with Ostap Bender at Vasyuki pier, carnival procession, chess tournament, auction "12 chairs" (the winner gets real diamonds), intellectual auction based on the knowing the plot of the novel "12 chairs", cockroach races, "triathlon", partially reenacting Ostap way described in the novel. Throughout the city many sites operate: folklore, sports, children, youth ones and others.

The festival is crowned by colorful fireworks.



The International Maritime Festival "The Sails of Vyborg"

2014-07-18 — 2014-07-19

Sport events

Region: Leningrad region

City: Vyborg

Venue: The cape of Smolyanoy, the city pier

Phone: (812) 405 13 23, (812) 496 22 78

Webpage: vbglenobl.ru/parusnaya-regata/o-festivale-parusa.vbg.ru

Every year the festival brings together marine vessels from Vyborg, St. Petersburg, Leningrad region and Finland, it has become a kind of hallmark of the city.

The main event of the festival is a sailing regatta. The programme includes show performance by children sailing section, the parade of sails, surfing competitions with a paddle, competitions of water motorcycles, boat races around the fountain, sailing sports competition "The Cup of Finn class veterans".

In various years, within the frames of the event the festival of Celtic culture, the international jazz festival "The Serenades of Vyborg Castle", All-Russia tournament "The White Nights" of radio-controlled models of seaplanes were held.

In 2010 the sailing regatta of cruiser yachts of the maritime festival "The Sails of Vyborg" took place jointly with the international regatta "The Cup of Baltic Sea."

This year, the regatta of cruiser yachts of the maritime festival "The Sails of Vyborg" is dedicated to the 300-th anniversary of the victory of Russian fleet under the command of Peter the Great at Cape Gangut in 1714 and represents one of the celebration events held by the Government of St. Petersburg, together with Sailing Training Association of Finland (STAF).



The X International Festival of Jazz and World Music "Petrojazz"

2014-07-18 — 2014-07-19

Arts festivals

Region: Saint-Petersburg

City: Saint Petersburg

Venue: Kronwerk of Peter and Paul Fortress

Webpage: petrojazz.ru

Classical music, jazz, avant-garde, rock-and-roll, latin music and reggae – all that will be featured with the beautiful scenery of the historic center of St. Petersburg in the background in time of White Nights.

In 2014 the festival acquires new strength and new breath. Two stages will operate at the same time, spectators will be offered eight hours of music performed by stars from jazz major league: Pee Wee Ellis (United Kingdom), saxophonist Celine Bonacina (France), Shine duo, pioneer of Russian ethno-jazz composer and conductor Boris Bazurov, young star of Russian jazz singer and multi-instrumentalist Alevtina Polyakova, musicians from Denmark, Poland, Moscow and St. Petersburg.

The jazz historian Vladimir Feiertag will supervise the festival. The entrance is free.

Peter and Paul Fortress is the unique tourist site as well as international exhibition and festival center that attracts masters of arts from around the world.

Applications for participation in "Petrojazz" arrive from America, Australia, Indonesia, Brazil, Africa, the Middle East and all countries of Europe. A large number of spectators specifically come to the city for the event from Scandinavia, UK, USA, not to mention the neighbouring countries and regions of Russia.

The International Festival of Finno-Ugric cuisine "Byg-byg"

2014-07-18 — 2014-07-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Udmurt Republic

Venue: Sharkan area, the village of Starye Bygi

Webpage: bygy.info vk.com/festbyg



The International Festival of Finno-Ugric cuisine will take place in the village of Bygi within the project "The Cultural Capital of Finno-Ugric World." The event organizers aim to create new cultural traditions of Finno-Ugric world.

The festival programme features creative and educational sites: "Culinary skill and culinary contests", "Etnobrending and promotion of Finno-Ugric territories", "Cultural management", "Traditional culture".

Master classes, fairs – exhibitions, performances of creative groups will be held.

More than 1,000 people from Finno-Ugric corners of the world, including Russia, Finland, Estonia, Sweden, Hungary, Latvia, Italy, France will become the festival participants.

The International Tourist Festival "Solovyov crossing"

2014-07-18 — 2014-07-20

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Smolensk region

Phone: (48167) 4 20 88

Webpage: solov.cardymovo.ru



Solovyov crossing is the place of fierce fighting during the Great Patriotic War (1941 and 1943), where more than 100,000 soldiers from all over the Soviet Union were killed.

The defence of Solovyov crossing lasted for two months. For the first time in the history of the Great Patriotic War, Hitler commanders at the direction of main attack had to retreat to defensive operations.

The significance of Solovyov crossing during that difficult period of the war is hard to overestimate. The persistence and courage of its defenders made it possible not only to withdraw two armies – the 16-th and 20-th ones – from an encirclement, saving soldiers and officers, keeping military equipment and weapons, but also save thousands of civilian lives.

The guests and participants of the festival "Solovyov crossing" may fully feel the great drama of the first days of the war.

Reenactors using ammunition and weapons of those days as well as by means of pyrotechnics recreate the real picture of the battles by Solovyov crossing during the Great Patriotic War.

All that will take place this time at the right bank of the river Dnieper will not leave spectators indifferent and apathetic.

Traditionally, during the festival the action "The Candle of Memory" is held. Accompanied by the sounds of classical music performed by Smolensk Chamber Orchestra hundreds of candles are lit. By the minute of silence all present will honour the memory of those who never returned from the battlefields of the Great Patriotic War. Afterwards, dozens of lanterns will rush into the sky.



The Tourist Festival "Romanov sheep - the Golden Fleece of Russia"

2014-07-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Tutaev

Venue: Tutaev municipal area, the left bank of the town of Tutaev, Lenin square

Webpage: gorodtutaev.ru

The festival "Romanov sheep - the Golden Fleece of Russia" is dedicated to the pride of the region - the famous Romanov sheep that was bred at the area by the decree of Peter the Great in the XVII century.

Romanov-Borisoglebsk is the pre-revolutionary name of the town of Tutaev that was celebrating its 730-th anniversary in 2013.

Fur products from Romanov sheepskins are known throughout Russia nowadays as well.

The festival praising Romanov sheep was revived in 2001 based on traditions of pre-revolutionary fairs.

The exhibition organizers present the best samples of the breed in bright Panama hats, colourful boots with motley costume jewelry, tied up with silk ribbons.

In the town during the festival large fair is set accompanied by songs, dances, jokes and rhymes, short theatrical performances.

The celebration concert with congratulations delivered by the chiefs of the area and the town guests, an exhibition of sheep, a contest of sheep shearers, the contest "Miss sheep", "The City of masters" featuring sale of items of folk crafts, the dramatized performance "The festivity at Kustodiev Boulevard" based on historical facts and documents have become traditional parts of the festival programme.



The IV International Festival-Fair of Amber - Amberfest

2014-07-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Kaliningrad region

City: Yantarny

Venue: The Municipal body "Yantarny city district" (the beach in the area of the mine "Anna")

Webpage: www.amberfest.ru

The festival motto is "Amber is the major tourist wealth of Baltic region".

Amberfest has become the hallmark of event tourism in Kaliningrad region.

Amberfest-2014 will be held simultaneously with the celebration of the City Day in Yantarny.

The festival guests will learn a lot of new things about the history of amber, become familiar with amber crafts and have an opportunity to participate in an exciting team relay with prize fund.

In relay of hunting for amber some 200 teams from Russia, Lithuania and Poland take part.

The festival gathers active people of all ages who are interested in history and culture and looking for a cheerful holiday.

The festival is held at the widest beach of Kaliningrad region, in Russia amber west.

The festival features an open air fair with participation of amber carvers, wood carvers and masters of other applied crafts; exhibitions with expositions associated with amber from the region museums; performances by music groups, open-air disco and fireworks.



The Regional History and Folklore Festival-Celebration "Olga coastlines"

2014-07-19

Historical reconstructions

Region: Leningrad region

City: Luga

Phone: (81372) 20 854, (81372) 21 164, (81372) 23 786

Webpage: www.lentravel.ru

In 947 equiapostolic princess Olga visited Luzhsky lands. That historical fact is recorded in the well known piece of ancient writing "The Tale of Bygone Years".

The festival-celebration is held on the banks of river Luga. Its programme includes performances by folk groups, the reconstruction of the historical events from the time of Princess Olga reign, exhibitions of contemporary fine arts and applied crafts, master classes on painting and making clay toys of Luga, night torch performance, fair of folk crafts, competition of players on traditional musical instruments of Russia.



The Festival "The Brotherhood of Folk Masters"

2014-07-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

City: Gorodets

Webpage: nnwelcome.ru

The XIII regional festival "The Brotherhood of Folk Masters", the hallmark of the city of Gorodets, will present the bright palette of folk arts and crafts to its guests.

The cultural event enjoys the popularity far beyond Nizhny Novgorod region. For 12 years the number of artists taking part in the festival programme has grown from 12 persons to 400. The number of representatives of folk crafts' enterprises has increased from 4 to 48 while the number of guests - from 218 to 6500 people.

The festival attracts masters of folk crafts from 17 regions and 33 cities of Russia. Among the guests there are visitors from Germany, France and other countries.

In 2014 the festival will be dedicated to the promotion of artistic embroidery art that has deep folk roots.

In front of the guests the fairy-tale world of hand-made embroidery will unroll, the history of its origin, unique patterns of exhibition and competition pieces produced by masters and artists of different generations.

The presentation of the new creative project "The museum of Russian musical culture" will take place as well.

At the festival master-classes on national art crafts (golden embroidery, clay toys, Gorodets and Khokhloma painting, Zhbannikov whistle, wood carving, rag doll, etc.) will be organized as well as folk games, photo shooting in historical costume, tea drinking with treacle cakes.

Concerts, exhibitions, helicopter ride and trips by hot air balloons will make the festival an unforgettable event.

Gorodets children river shipping will provide an opportunity for the festival guests to enjoy tours by the river Volga along the banks of the ancient city.



All-Russia Fatyanovo Celebration of Poetry and Songs

2014-07-19

Arts festivals

Region: Vladimir region

City: Vyazniki

Phone: (49233) 2 20 53, 2 65 86

Webpage: www.culture.avo.ru www.tourism.avo.ru

All those who would like to find peace of mind by plunging into lyrical atmosphere of the recent past are welcome to be guests of Fatyanovo holiday in the town of Vyazniki. Celebrations, meetings, concerts last more than a week. The culmination of the event is the concert at the famous "Small Sunny Clearing" in which well-known artists and artistic groups from Russia and abroad take part.



The Marathon "Small Kitezh"

2014-07-20

Sport events

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

City: Gorodets

Venue: The stadium "Spartak"

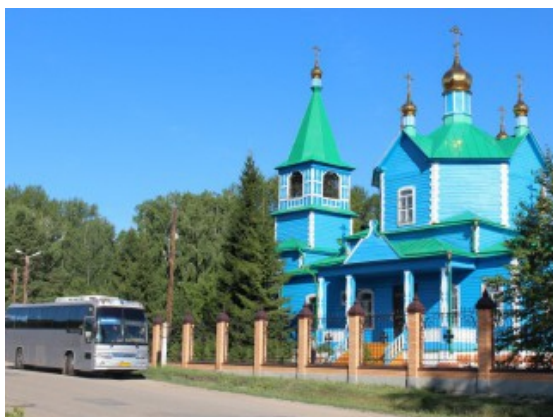
Webpage: nnwelcome.ru

The goals and objectives of the Open regional running marathon "Small Kitezh" are as follows:

- Promotion of running and healthy lifestyle
- Involvement of broad masses of population in doing sports regularly
- Improvement of sports skills
- Identification of the strongest athletes.

The programme features four marathon distances:

- 420 m - for children under 8 years
- 2000 m - for children up to 12 years
- 10,000 m - for boys and girls of up to 18 years, men over 60 and women over 50 years of age
- 42 km 195 m - for boys and girls over 18 years.



The festival of Orthodox Creativity "Chimeevo shrine"

2014-07-20 — 2014-07-21

Arts festivals

Region: Kurgan region

Venue: Holy Kazan Chimeevo monastery, the village of Chimeevo in Belozersk area of Kurgan region

Webpage: www.kocnt.kurganobl.ru www.kurgan.orthodoxy.ru

The IV open inter-regional festival of Orthodox creativity will be dedicated to the 700-th anniversary of the birthday of St. Sergius of Radonezh and held under the motto "We will be saved by love and unity".

The spiritual resurrection, search and support of gifted authors and performers - those are the main objectives of the festival timed to coincide with the celebration day of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Chimeevo.

Creative competition features eight nominations: vocal art, choreography, artistic and applied art, photography, instrumental music, literature, theatrical arts and artistic words, Orthodox films, television and IT projects.



The All-Russia Festival "Shukshin Days at Altay», The XVI All-Russian Shukshin Film Festival

2014-07-22 — 2014-07-28

Arts festivals

Region: Altay region

Venue: The city of Barnaul, The city of Biysk, Biysk area, Smolensk area

Phone: (3852) 24 89 43, 62 80 53

Webpage: shukshinfest.ru

The festival dedicated to the memory of the writer, director, actor V. Shukshin is held in the region for over 30 years. The final events of the festival, by tradition, take place in the village of Srostky at the mountain Picket. During Shukshin Film Festival the films participating in the festival are shown in movie-houses of the area and meetings are held with well-known filmmakers.

In 2014, the activities of Shukshin Film Festival are dedicated to the 85-th anniversary of the birth of Vasily Shukshin.



Jubilee Activities Dedicated to the 100-th Anniversary of the National Poet of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria Alim Keshokov

2014-07-22

Literary holidays

Region: Kabardino-Balkar Republic

City: Nalchik

Phone: (8662) 40 24 11

Webpage: www.mkrf.ru mkkbr.ru

Kabardian poet and novelist Alim Keshokov (1914-2001) was born in the village of Shalushka, nowadays located at the territory of Cheghem area of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria. A. Keshokov is the author of dozens of poetry books, plays, poems, verses for children. His poetry has played a great role in the development of Kabardian poetry, love and pastoral lyrics, dramatic poem.



The International Festival of Cold Weapons "The Dagger"

2014-07-23

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Republic of Ingushetia

City: Nazran

Phone: 988 120 10 00, 964 057 10 00

Webpage: www.facebook.com/ingtourism komturri@livejournal.com

The festival of Cold Weapons "The Dagger - 2014" is timed with the centennial celebration of the Caucasian Native Cavalry Division. During the festival exhibition and fair of cold weapons' produced in Russia, Georgia and Azerbaijan will take place. Also, auction of antique cold weapons, demonstration performances of fighting clubs and creative teams using dummy cold weapons will be held.



The Festival "The Crystal Key"

2014-07-25 — 2014-07-26

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

Venue: The city of Bogorodsk, the village of Sartakovo

Webpage: nnwelcome.ru

"The Crystal key" is an annual festival-competition of folklore groups.

The event is organized with the support of the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation and the Government of Nizhny Novgorod region.

Already for the 10-th time in front of the guests of the festival creative teams from different parts of Russia - Samara and Vladimir regions, the Republic of Mari El, Komi, Tatarstan and others will perform.

The participants will present two types of works for the audience judgement: folk songs from all regions of Russia and vocal work of professional composer written in the style of a folk song.

The singer Pelageya, People's Artists of Russia Lydia Nebaba and Ekaterina Zhemchuzhnaya, guests from Guinea, Kenya, Haiti and other artists will be the guests of honour of the gala concert.

The festival opening will be held on July 25 at 15:00 at the central square of the city of Bogorodsk while at 21:00 the concert will go on in the village of Sartakovo.

On July 26 the festival will be held in Sartakovo.

The monument to Saint Equal-to-Apostoles Grand Duke Vladimir will be opened during the event.



The Festival of Social Documentary Films in Memory of V.M. Shukshin "Man in the frame"

2014-07-25 — 2014-07-26

Arts festivals

Region: Vologda region

Venue: the town of Belozersk and the village of Sadovaya of Belozersk area

Phone: (81756) 2 11 33

Webpage: www.belozher.ru

The idea that "Morality - is the truth" expressed by film director, actor and writer Shukshin who was filming the movie "The Red Snowball Tree" at Belozerye (1973) makes the basis of the project "The Festival of Social Documentary Films" in memory of V.M. Shukshin. In Belozersk museum there is the separate collection of items and documents showing the history of the film creation. The collection is constantly growing.

The festival is held annually since 2011.

The year of 2014 is the anniversary one: it is 85 years of Shukshin birth and 40 years from the release of his legendary film "The Red Snowball Tree".

The festival will feature film screenings, creative meetings with film directors of documentaries, master-classes and celebration of folk art.



The Festival of Landscaped Objects "Archstoyanie"

2014-07-25 — 2014-07-27

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Kaluga region

Venue: Dzerzhinsk district, the village of Nikola-Lenivets

Phone: (495) 663 91 36

Webpage: www.arch.stoyanie.ru www.archpolis.org

"Archstoyanie" is the annual international festival of landscaped objects, it offers new approach to area development and implements the idea of interaction with the landscape by means of creative practices. Richard Castelli (France), the director of the International Association of Artists Epidemic, is the festival curator in 2014. The festival participants are known Russian and foreign architects, artists and designers. For each festival they create large-scale objects of art and architecture from natural materials such as wood, snow, hay, vines, etc. Some of the objects are functional. The most of the exhibits may interact with the audience – one may go inside them, climb on them or ride them. During eight-year history of the festival on the territory of the village of Nikola-Lenivets 101 objects of art were erected. They have become the part of the landscape of Nikola-Lenivets (now the territory features 27 objects, including out-of-festival objects by the festival founder the artist Nikolay Polissky) or were transferred to other areas.



The Military Historical Festival "Battle at Molody"

2014-07-26

Historical reconstructions

Region: Moscow region

Venue: Chekhov municipal region, rural settlement Lyubuchanskoe

Phone: (496) 724 36 43, (496) 724 31 03

Webpage: www.molodifest.ru

Battle at Molody is the major battle that took place between July 29 and August 2, 1572, some 50 kilometers to the south of Moscow. In that battle Russian troops under the command of Prince Michael Vorotynsky were opposed by the army of Crimean Khan Devlet Giray. Despite more than two-fold superiority in number, 120 thousand Crimean army was put to flight and almost completely destroyed. By its importance the battle at Molody is comparable to the battle at Kulikovo field and other key battles in Russian history. The festival offers everyone the opportunity to spend a weekend in the fresh air and get intellectually rich: to see the historic reconstruction of the battle, participate in contests, listen to good Russian songs and watch performances by popular folk groups.



XIX International Festival of the Reconstruction of the Middle Ages "The Castle of the Knights"

2014-07-26 — 2014-07-27

Historical reconstructions

Region: Leningrad region

City: Vyborg

Venue: the State Museum «Vyborg castle»

Phone: (81378) 21 515

Webpage: vk.com/knightcastle timeago.ru

The event takes place on the territory of Zamkovy (Castle) island and is notable for its theatrical performances – each summer "knights" from all over Russia gather at Vyborg and reconstruct breathtaking large-scale battles and military clashes.



The XIV International Festival of Floral and Landscape Art "The Imperial Bouquet"

2014-07-26 — 2014-07-27

Arts festivals

Region: Saint-Petersburg

City: Pavlovsk

Venue: Pavlovsk Park, Ceremonial square of the Palace

Phone: (812) 452 12 14

Webpage: www.pavlovskmuseum.ru

The festival is dedicated to the 200-th anniversary of Alexander I coming back to Russia after the victory in the Patriotic War of 1812.

The festival programme features master-classes, concerts, plays, demonstration of floral dresses, braiding of circlet of flowers, children cycling race. The Rose Pavilion will host an exhibition of floral objects dedicated to the war of 1812. On the same day the grand opening of Centaurs bridge after restoration will take place.



The Celebration "His Majesty Cucumber!"

2014-07-26

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Smolensk region

City: Demidov

Phone: 8-920-666-85-00

Webpage: demidov.museum67.ru

Every year at the stage of the town park in Demidov extensive culture and entertainment programme is held.

The celebration starts with the carnival procession. On that day, performances of professional and amateur folk groups of different genres are offered to the guests.

It is impossible to imagine the celebration without round dances, songs, contests, theatrical performances at which the green birthday holder is the main character. It's merry day for children, too: they ride on horses, jump on trampolines, compete in agility and wit, treat themselves with sweets.

Anyone may try cucumbers not only in fresh, salted, pickled, steamed and fried way but as cucumber tinctures, pancakes stuffed with cucumber, cucumber jam, stuffed cucumbers and other exotic dishes as well.

In "The City of Masters" one may obtain souvenirs and handicrafts made specifically for the celebration: one may get soft toys, wooden and paper cucumbers.

For the memory of the unusual and cheerful holiday a guest may take his photo in "The Vegetable Photo-studio".

Anyone who would visit the bright and joyous celebration take a lot of positive emotions with him and wish to return with friends so that they, too, can feel the atmosphere of the town of Demidov and the wide scope of festivities thrown in the honour of the Great Cucumber!

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Tourist and Cultural Forum on the Development of River Cruise Tourism in the Far East

2014-07-26 — 2014-07-28

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Amur region

City: Blagoveshchensk

Phone: (4162) 22 44 08

Webpage: www.amurobl.ru www.amurvisit.ru

The business programme of the forum features discussion of the state policy in the sphere of water and river tourism development in Russia, the conditions and prospects of river cruise tourism development in Russian Far East.

The examples of successful investment projects and issues of formation of inter-regional and cross-border river cruise tours are going to be considered. Presentations, discussions and experience exchanges will take place, too.

The third day of the Forum will be held in the city of Heihe (PRC). The itinerary of the outgoing session features the meeting with the heads of the Office of Tourism of Heihe People's Government concerning the issues of the development of cross-border river cruise routes. The meeting and exchange of views is planned on the issues in question with representatives of travel industry of Russia and China.

The forum participants will have the opportunity to take part in the opening ceremony of the V festival "Russian-Chinese Fair of Culture and Arts" that will be held on July 27 at Russian side (the city of Blagoveshchensk) and on 28 July at Chinese side (the city of Heihe).



The Festival of the Historical Reconstruction "Varangian Street"

2014-07-26 — 2014-07-27

Historical reconstructions

Region: Sverdlovsk region

Venue: Sverdlovsk region, the city of Asbest, the shore of the river Bolshoy Reft

Phone: (912) 662 08 93

In 2012 and 2013 near the city of Asbest in Sverdlovsk region, a series of the festivals of historical reenactments dedicated to the early Middle Ages in the period of the IX-XI centuries was held.

In two years "Varangian Street" has attracted some 11,000 visitors and tourists from Sverdlovsk region and the neighbouring regions.

In 2013, the event has received the international status: it was attended by guests from Kazakhstan and Belarus.

This year the participants from further foreign countries Sweden, Germany and Poland are invited.

The festival guests will be able to see firsthand the military combats and lives of people of the early Middle Ages, listen to performances of folk groups and take part in the entertainments held at interactive sites.



"Let Russian Navy Be!" - The Day of the Navy

2014-07-27

Historical reconstructions

Region: Yaroslavl region

Venue: Pereslavl area, the place of Botik, the territory of the Museum-estate "The Little Boat of Peter the Great"

Phone: (48535) 2 31 24, 3 81 00

Webpage: tourism.yarregion.ru www.museumpereslavl.ru

Annually in one of the oldest provincial museums in Russia that has come into being due to the youthful interest of Peter the Great for ship building on the shores of the lake Pereslavskeye, the Day of the Navy is marked.

The best historical clubs and theaters, dance and musical groups of Russia will make the celebration guests to have a fascinating journey through the history.

At the event one can see a theatrical performance, enjoy the tsar fish-soup and "porridge from an ax", try a suit of medieval warrior or a beautiful lady, see fireworks in a park, show their talents and get the charge of good mood at playgrounds.

The event is aimed at the military and patriotic education of citizens, the preservation of the historical past, the perpetuation of the memory of important historical events.



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The VIII International Art Symposium "Alanika"

2014-08-01 — 2014-08-15

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Republic of North Ossetia-Alania

City: Vladikavkaz

Phone: (8672) 54 86 51

Webpage: www.ncca.ru www.alanica-art.ru

"The Warmth of Patchwork Blanket" is the symposium theme that unites 20 painters from the Republics of the Caucasus, regions of Russia and several countries of the world.

Within 15 days the painters will implement their projects in order through the prism of various artistic views to explore the concept of "gaps", "interruptions" in the system of human values, "disruptions" in the space of the past that have made impact on the formation of the post-Soviet visual culture.

The symposium objective is not only to state the existence of the problem, but provide an opportunity for the participants to apply a positive vector to further development and try to tie up those "gaps".

The symposium parallel programmes feature: the III Forum of young painters of the Northern Caucasus "ART CAUCASUS NEXT"; meeting of the experts of Potanin Fund and Timchenko Fund with the museum community of Ossetia; the forum dedicated to the issues of formation of contemporary art space in the region.

The audience can follow the work of the symposium, visit both open studios and authors' creative meetings in evenings that will be daily held in the halls of the National Library as well as in social media.



The All-Russia Spasskaya Fair

2014-08-01 — 2014-08-03

Fairs

Region: Republic of Tatarstan

City: Elabuga

Venue: GBUK "Elabuga State historical-architectural and artistic museum-reserve"

Phone: (85557) 7 86 00

Webpage: www.elabuga.com mincult.tatarstan.ru

In 2008, in the city of Elabuga for the first time after more than half a century Spasskaya Fair has been revived that was historically held in the city from the XIX century. Merchants from 86 cities of Russia took part in it.

Every year in the All-Russia Spasskaya fair more than 500 masters of folk arts and painters from various cities of Russia and different countries participate.

As part of Spasskaya fair, the festival of bell rings takes place, too.

Some 30 000 people come to the fair each year.



The XVI Festival of Traditional Folk Shipbuilding and Shipping "Kizhi Regatta"

2014-08-01 — 2014-08-03

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Republic of Karelia

Venue: Medvezhiegorsk municipal area, Kizhi Island

Phone: (8142) 78 00 87

Webpage: www.kizhi.ru kizhi.karelia.ru

The annual festival "Kizhi Regatta" is aimed at updating national traditions of shipbuilding and yachting, the promotion of healthy lifestyle.

This year "Kizhi regatta" acquires the status of the First Kizhi International Festival of water kinds of tourism.

The celebration of 2014 is timed with the 300-th anniversary of the Church of Transfiguration in the architectural ensemble of Kizhi Island - the monument of world cultural heritage being under UNESCO protection.

The festival programme includes a contest of master- shipbuilders "People Boat" and competitions of traditional and modern rowing boats.



The Russian Festival of Folklore and Crafts "Rus of Songs, Rus of Craftsmen"

2014-08-01 — 2014-08-03

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Voronezh region

Venue: Vorobyevsk district of Voronezh region

Webpage: www.fio-5.vrn.ru

The festival "Rus of Songs, Rus of Craftsmen" takes place every two years, always in the first half of August. The event starts at the stage site on the pond in Lomovsk natural and landscape park, the favourite vacation spot for people from nearby residential districts.

The location itself of Vorobyevsk district calls for creative competition of cultural traditions: here the borders of Voronezh, Volgograd and Rostov regions "dock".

Those fertile lands were colonized in the XVIII century mostly by the natives from Lugansk and Kharkiv provinces.

The Cossacks of Don create their own pattern in the multicoloured picture of traditions and ceremonies.

Authentic old songs, dances and rituals make part of the life of people from Vorobyevsk.

Three days Pridonsk steppe is full of folk songs and games, it pleases the eye with products of skilled craftsmen.

At the festival one may observe the work of blacksmiths and tinsmiths, potters and weavers, on a wish one may also buy items he likes. Master classes on folklore are organized, too.



The International Music Festival "Kaliningrad City Jazz"

2014-08-01 — 2014-08-03

Arts festivals

Region: Kaliningrad region

City: Kaliningrad

Venue: Summer theatre of the Central park of culture and recreation

Phone: +74012616440

Webpage: www.jazzfestival.ru www.visit-kaliningrad.ru

The International Music Festival is one more reason to love Kaliningrad!

Jazz from the USA, Europe, Scandinavia countries, the Baltic States and, of course, Russian jazz is the wonderful music of freedom that brings people together and makes them happy!

"Kaliningrad City Jazz" is three days of joy, smiles and excellent mood in the rhythm of jazz!

The festival is held at the height of the summer season at Pevchesky field of the Central park of culture and recreation!



All-Russia Festival of Military Historical Clubs

2014-08-02

Historical reconstructions

Region: Rostov region

City: Azov

Phone: (863) 424 64 70, (863) 424 07 71, (863) 240 12 17

Webpage: www.dontourism.ru

The festival is dedicated to Azov siege stay of Don Cossacks in 1641. The festival culmination is the dramatized reconstruction of the battle for the fortress of Azov between Don Cossacks and the Turks of Ottoman Empire. During the staged battle the representatives of military historical clubs from Russian regions demonstrate their ability to master cold arms from the time of Middle Ages. The event script is developed on the basis of historical documents kept in Azov museum-reserve. For the guests of the festival animated and interactive programmes, master classes, souvenir fairs, evening shows and fireworks are planned. The entire city during the festival is plunged into the era of the XVII century.

Azov is the oldest among the cities that has preserved their status in the South of Russia. The festival shows the heroism and valour of the Cossacks who had stormed and conquered the fortress of Azak from Ottoman Turks, for five years it was made to be the capital of Don Cossacks.



The VII International Festival of Military and Historical Reconstruction and Medieval Culture "The Iron City"

2014-08-02 – 2014-08-03

Historical reconstructions

Region: Pskov region

City: Izborsk

Venue: the State historical and architectural and natural landscape Museum-reserve «Izborsk»

Phone: (8112) 29 95 08

Webpage: www.museum-izborsk.ru tourism.pskov.ru

The historical reconstruction takes place in amazingly beautiful place - in ancient Izborsk that has celebrated its 1150-th anniversary recently. Izborsk was one of the first border stops at north-west frontier of ancient Russia, one of the most interesting monuments of defensive architecture. The unique ensemble of Izborsk castle has well preserved the fragments of walls, towers, special defensive arrangements as well as St. Nicholas Church of the XIV century at its territory.

The clubs of military historical reconstruction from Russia, the Baltic States, Ukraine and Belarus take part in the festival. The historical camp is set that features both the everyday life of medieval people, the work of artisans and military activities. This year some 600 fighters from historical reconstruction clubs will take part in the festival. All activities of the festival programme will be held at the plateau reigning supreme over the lake of Gorodyshchensk, an evening concert will take place on the stage situated on the rampart.

The festival programme features show performances, mass staged battles, tournament of archers, equestrian competitions, catwalk of historical costumes.

At medieval fair everyone may buy products made by reenactors - dishes, decorations, items of warriors' equipment, etc.



The National Teleut Cultural and Sports Celebration "Ilyin Day"

2014-08-02

The folk celebrations

Region: Kemerovo region

Venue: Belov area, the village of Bekovo

Phone: (38452) 2 68 29

Webpage: www.depcult.ru

The celebration provides an opportunity to plunge into the unique atmosphere of Teleut culture: the event programme features ethnic songs, rituals, clothing, cooking, sports competition.



The Night of Lights in Gatchina

2014-08-02

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Leningrad region

City: Gatchina

Venue: The State museum-reserve "Gatchina", The Palace park

Phone: (812) 958 03 66

Webpage: www.gatchinanights.ru

At the night from August 2 to 3 in the Palace park of museum-reserve "Gatchina" for the second time the festival "The Night of Lights" featuring light and fireworks show in the open air will take place.

For several hours Gatchina park will turn into a magical land. Dramatized performances, laser and projection show intertwining reality and fiction in a tricky way will unfold by Admiralty, the well of Jordan, the Water maze, the Birch House, in the Botanical Gardens and at the Island of Love.

Reigning supreme over the park the magnificent Gatchina Palace thanks to illumination will "come to life" and turn into the main "participant" of the show.

The theme of performances this year is diverse, yet they are all somehow related to the images of Gatchina, Gatchina Palace and the Palace park.

At the end of "The Night of Lights" everybody will see grandiose multimedia show over the waters of the White lake.



The IX International Festival of Theatre and Cinema "In the Family Circle"

2014-08-02 — 2014-08-08

Arts festivals

Region: Irkutsk region

City: Irkutsk

Venue: The city of Irkutsk and Irkutsk region

Phone: (499) 611 45 43

Webpage: www.vkrugu7i.ru www.family.vkrugu7i.ru

The programme includes the presentation of eight performances, among them the ones that are awarded by the prestigious theater prize "Golden Mask".

Four shows for grown-ups and four for children will be presented at the stage of Irkutsk Academic Drama Theatre named after N.P. Okhlopkov.

The cinema programme features over forty films from 15 countries.

Within the framework of main programme children section is also organized with a selection of films for children and young people. The solemn opening ceremony dedicated to the 10-th jubilee anniversary of the national programme "In the Family Circle" will be held on August 2, 2014, it will take place right on the water of Lake Baikal, at the specially constructed pontoon.

Against the background of magnificent Baikal sunset the world-renowned pianist, People's Artist of Russia Denis Matsuev, born in Irkutsk, will play piano concert for the guests of the festival.

For viewers water and fireworks show on the surface of majestic Baikal will be offered, too.

The holding of international environmental forum dedicated to Lake Baikal is going to be the important event of the festival life.



The Festival "Our jazz"

2014-08-02 — 2014-08-03

Arts festivals

Region: The Republic of Crimea

City: Koktebel

Webpage: www.nash-jazz.ru vk.com/nashjazz

Within the framework of the Year of Culture the National Fund of the support of right holders will run the festival "Our Jazz" in Crimean village of Koktebel.

Billy's Band, Anna Buturlina, Daniyl Kramer, Anatoly Kroll, the ensemble of soloists of Oleg Lundstrem fund, the quartet of Anton Rummyantsev, Bel Suono and other artists will perform.

The legendary firm "Melody" in honour of its 50-th anniversary will present the special guest of the event – People's Artist of Russia Hibla Gerzmava – Russian gold soprano.

The festival "Our Jazz" is the unique cultural event that combines classic jazz, its modern interpretation and reputable performers of related genres. Yet, the festival will not be confined to music only: at the end of July auto race of vintage cars will start from Moscow and arrive in Koktebel on August 1.

On the beach car exhibition and music scene will operate, entrance for visitors will be free.

During the festival a photo exhibition of the Ministry of Culture of Russian Federation "People. Events. Objects" devoted to the key cultural events of the previous year held under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of Russia will be open.

The main idea of the event is the restoration of unified Russian cultural space. The main theme is the performance of favourite Russian, foreign and Soviet melodies in jazz arrangements.



Russian Festival of Guitar Music

2014-08-02

Arts festivals

Region: Ivanovo region

City: Plyos

Webpage: culture.ivanovoobl.ru

The musical event will bring together both venerable professionals and novice guitarists of Russia.

The performances of over 20 groups of various styles and trends of guitar music are planned during the festival.

The photo exhibition "The Guitarists" and a collection of exclusive handmade guitars ERG will be presented as well, master classes are going to be held by famous guitarists, too.

The main purpose of the festival is to promote various performance skills – from classical to modern guitar music, share experience, have dialogue between professionals and aspiring musicians, make guitar music more popular.



“Loon kutophatl” (The Day of Midsummer), the Traditional Ritual Celebration of Khanty

2014-08-02

The folk celebrations

Region: Yamal-Nenets autonomous region

Venue: Tyumen region, Yamalo-Nenets Autonomous Area, Shuryshkarsk district, the village of Khanty-Muzhy

Phone: (34994) 2 16 68, (34994) 2 16 68

Webpage: www.yamolod.ru

This is the line to sum up results of the annual work of fishermen and reindeer herders. At that festive day, communicating with God, the elders ask for well-being, luck, health and that the work would be a joy for every labour-able man.

The event programme includes ritual ceremonies, sightseeing tours, "Big Fish Soup", tea party, concert, national games, contests, quizzes, riding by *kaldanks* and much more.

The festival is held in the Natural and ethnographic park-museum "Zhivun" in the village of Khanty-Muzhy. This is the open-air museum that reproduces the image of Khanty village of early XX century. In the museum architectural objects (houses, outbuildings), big-sized items (boats, sledges), natural complexes are preserved and demonstrated.



The City Day of Orel

2014-08-05

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Orel region

City: Orel

Webpage: www.tourism-orel.ru

The city of Orel is the city of the first salute. The celebration of the City Day is held on August, 5, in memory of the liberation of the city from the Nazi troops in August 1943.

Traditionally at that day in the city solemn rallies, celebrations of the city streets, concert programmes, recollection of older times in the city history take place as well as performance on Alexander bridge with miniature shows and photos for memory, concerts in the city park of culture and recreation, evening celebration concert at Lenin Square, fireworks.



The International Photo Festival "The Photo-Parade in Uglich"

2014-08-06 — 2014-08-10

Arts festivals

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Uglich

Phone: (48532) 5 03 03, (48532) 2 30 72

Webpage: www.photofest-uglich.ru

The festival aim is the creation of Russia central platform to bring together followers and professionals in the field of photo arts and photo-journalism, provide an opportunity for young talents to present themselves.

The festival is held for five days. Traditionally, the festival programme includes:

- the training itinerary (lectures, master classes, meetings with leading Russian photographers)
- professional portfolio-review
- photo exhibitions of winners of prestigious international and Russian photo contests and photo awards
- blitz-competition on provided topic
- correspondence photo contest
- open jury of contests entries.

The distinctive feature of "The Photo-Parade in Uglich" is warm, friendly atmosphere that facilitates communication. Among participants 75% come to the festival from year to year.



The Gastronomic Festival "The Tsar Fish Soup"

2014-08-07 — 2014-08-09

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Tomsk region

Venue: Parabel area, the village of Narym

Phone: (83822) 51 04 08

Webpage: uha.tomskmuseum.ru tomskmuseum.ru

"The Tsar Fish Soup" is the new project of Tomsk regional history museum, one of its branches situated in the village of Narym. The event location was chosen not by chance.

The would-be Emperor of Russian state Nicholas II, during his world tour, has visited Narym. According to the legend, there he was treated to the excellent local fish soup. The festival organizers have restored an old recipe and promise to feed everyone with the royal dish. Yet, they refuse to name the ingredients that make up the famous soup.

The festival guests will have a chance to be treated to specialty fishing dish during time trial of delicious soup cooking. The dishes will be evaluated by restaurant holders from Moscow and Tomsk.

The festival programme also features a photo contest "Fishing is catching", tour around significant places of Narym and even a rock concert.

The village of Narym and adjacent area offer considerable natural, historical and cultural potential. There are 22 sites of cultural heritage and two sites of natural heritage, five of the buildings have the status of federal significance. Considering the uniqueness of Tomsk region heritage, in 1990, the village of Narym has been included in the List of historical populated places of Russian Federation.



The XXII Festival of Russian Films "Window to Europe"

2014-08-07 — 2014-08-14

Arts festivals

Region: Leningrad region

City: Vyborg

Venue: The Cinema Center "Vyborg Palace", The City Palace of culture, Central city library of Alvar Aalto

Phone: (81378) 2 75 66, (81378) 20 560

Webpage: www.okno-filmfest.ru

Vyborg festival includes only national movies in its programme. In individual competitions all kinds of films are represented: fiction movies, documentary and animated films. By tradition, three groups of jury will work at the festival.

The annual film festival is of great interest to both residents and visitors of the city.

The festival of Russian films "Window to Europe" is held with the support of the Ministry of culture with the aim to strengthen the prestige of the national cinema, promote its best works as well as to assist in developing the film industry and distribution in Russia. The festival founders are Russian-European Cinema Association (RECA), the Federal Agency on culture and cinematography, the Union of Cinematographers of Russia.



The V International Festival of Fishing "Ladoga Skerries"

2014-08-08 — 2014-08-10

Sport events

Region: Republic of Karelia

Venue: Sortavala area, the Lake Ladoga

Phone: 921 222 57 97, 921 527 28 17

Webpage: fish-festival.ru

The main aim of the festival consists in the development of fishing tourism and sports in the Republic of Karelia, the promotion of tourism potential of North Ladoga region. The festival attracts more than 50 fishing crews from regions of Russia and abroad, more than 1000 visitors arrive.



The VI Interregional Festival of Author Song to the memory of Nikolay Smolsky "Saviour at Tomy"

2014-08-08 — 2014-08-10

Arts festivals

Region: Kemerovo region

Venue: Yashkin area, the village of Pisannaya, Historic-cultural and natural museum-reserve "Tomskaya Pissanitsa"

Phone: (3842) 75 10 90

Webpage: www.gukmztp.ru www.depcult.ru

The event features the concert of bards from Moscow, Novosibirsk, Kemerovo, Tomsk, Krasnoyarsk, Gorno-Altaysk. Master classes for children and grown-ups in various categories will take place, too: author, performer, duet, trio, ensemble. The main idea of the festival consists in the promotion of art song among different kinds of people.



The Opera "The Legend of the City of Yelets"

2014-08-08

Historical reconstructions

Region: Lipetsk region

City: Yelets

Venue: The shore of the river Bystraya Sosna

Phone: (4742) 77 87 14

Webpage: filarmonia48.ru

The opera "The Legend of the City of Yelets" by contemporary composer and pianist, People's Artist of Russia, Alexander Tchaikovsky will be again presented on the shore of the river Bystraya Sosna opposite the Cathedral of Ascension. The first presentation of the opera was in July 2011.

This is one of the largest projects in recent years that is implemented with the support of the Administration of Lipetsk region and the region Department of culture and arts.

The libretto is created by Lipetsk writer N. Karasik and author from Moscow R. Polzunova.

The opera director is the winner of the "Golden Mask" award G. Isaakyan.

Large-scale scenery will be deployed at the river bank, for spectators amphitheater will be built.

More than two hundred people will participate in the performance that by its scale is not less than staging of "Aida" opera in Egypt.

Tamerlane role will be played by laureate of the V All-Russia competition of young singers named after N.A. Obukhova the opera singer from Mongolia Chimed Enhtayvan.

Opera artists from theaters of Moscow and Lipetsk Philharmonic, united symphony orchestra, Saratov provincial theater of choral music will take part in the performance.

More than one hundred members of the military and historical reconstruction club "Spear" will participate in mass scenes while in the scenes with cavalry representatives of the club "Crystal" will be involved.



The II International Jazz Festival "Ural Terra Jazz or Jazz at Pyshma"

2014-08-09

Arts festivals

Region: Sverdlovsk region

City: Kamyshlov

Venue: The Central stadium

Phone: (34375) 2 33 32

Webpage: uralterrajazz.ru gorod-kamyshlov.ru

The musical event harmoniously blended with the urban space of Kamyshlov and its unique architecture and natural landscape is held on the City Day. The hero of the occasion will be praised by stars of jazz. Already for the second time an ancient Ural town of Kamyshlov hosts a large-scale open-air jazz festival. Under the open sky world famous melodies and improvisations performed by Russian and foreign jazz stars will sound, master classes will be held, for the guests of the ancient merchant town city walking tours around the town will be organized. The artistic director of the festival is the iconic figure for music lovers – the outstanding jazz pianist, the People Artist of Russia Daniyl Kramer.



The Inter-regional Annual Festival "The Mouse"

2014-08-09

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Myshkin

Webpage: www.myshkinmr.ru

The first festival was held long ago – in 1996. It has become the starting point for the development of tourism in the small town on the river Volga.

The activities organized during the festival have attracted significant investments to the town, the tourist complex "The Mouse Chamber" has been opened, the Victory Memorial has appeared, the number of tourist attractions has increased significantly, new hotels have been built.

During the festival that contributes to the preservation of indigenous culture of the town of Myshkin and the atmosphere of merchant town annually the crafts' fair "Myshgorod" takes place as well as ceremonial procession along the town streets, concerts, children holiday "Cat and Mouse", evening entertainment programme.



The Military and Historical Festival "The Battle at Vozha"

2014-08-09

Historical reconstructions

Region: Ryazan region

Venue: Rybnov area, The village of Glebovo-Gorodishche

Phone: 8-905-690-94-04, 8-920-953-70-53, 8-903-640-81-75

Webpage: ryazantourism.ru

The festival is dedicated to the 636-th anniversary of the victory of Russian army in the battle against Tatar-Mongol troops by the river Vozha.

It was the first battle in the history that was won by Russians over Tatar-Mongol Horde, the battle has become the "dress rehearsal" of the battle at Kulikovo field.

The main aim of the festival is help guests to feel the spirit of ancient Russia, the spirit of this country history, its ancestors who gave life to the present generations, defended and saved the independence of our country.

Tourists will see the medieval battle. For historical-patriotic and ethnographic clubs the festival is the place where they may show their achievements made during the year.

The festival programme also features master classes on medieval crafts, "historical photo shop", fun games of strong men, folk games and other attractions.



The Interregional Festival "The Sketches of the North"

2014-08-09

The folk celebrations

Region: Tomsk region

Venue: The village of Parabel

Phone: (38252) 2 11 47

Webpage: www.parabel.tomsk.ru

The enchanting action demonstrates the traditional festivities and rituals of indigenous northern people.

The programme of traditional interregional festival of indigenous people of the North "The Sketches of the North" includes the ritual part, creative presentations by the participating delegations, exhibition and fair of products by masters of applied and decorative arts from the north of Tomsk region, the exhibition of national dishes, catwalk in folk costumes, national competitions, gaming activities, concerts.

The main objective of the festival is the revival, preservation and development of cultural traditions of indigenous people of the North: their folklore, customs, rituals, celebrations, folk trades and crafts.

All festival events are held in places of compact inhabitation of indigenous people of the north of Tomsk region (people of *Selkup*, *Khanty*, *Evenk*).



The I International Festival of Folk Game Culture "The Games and the People"

2014-08-09 — 2014-08-10

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Novgorod region

Venue: Staraya Russa: Regional history museum. Veliky Novgorod: Museum of wooden architecture "Vitoslavlitsy", Yaroslav Courtyard.

Phone: (816 2) 77 37 38

Webpage: visitnovgorod.ru

The festival programme features the opening of clay whistles and clay piggy banks' exhibition, presentation of Petrushka (funny character) theater, master classes on folk toys and folklore games.

Among the festival participants there are theaters and performing groups from St. Petersburg and Veliky Novgorod, Novgorod museum-reserve, Novgorod regional House of folk arts.



The IV International Jazz Festival JUST JAZZ OPEN AIR

2014-08-09

Arts festivals

Region: Novgorod region

City: Veliky Novgorod

Venue: Kremlin

Phone: (8162) 99 89 09

Webpage: justjazz.okb53.ru

The Jazz Festival JUST JAZZ OPEN AIR takes place at open area site in the heart of Veliky Novgorod – in its Kremlin. Five hours of jazz in all its diversity will be offered to the guests of the festival. Groups / bands from Veliky Novgorod, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Belgium, Czech Republic, Cuba – that is the general range of the evening in August.

JUST JAZZ OPEN AIR is not merely a music festival, it is the format of leisure time that has become favourite with residents and visitors.

The festival is supported by the Government of Novgorod region.



The International Festival of Historical Reconstruction and Slavic Culture "Gnezdovo"

2014-08-09 — 2014-08-10

Historical reconstructions

Region: Smolensk region

Venue: Gnezdovo archaeological complex

Phone: (4812) 38 26 11

Webpage: www.dkgnezdovo.ru

The festival represents the reconstruction of warriors' culture and living conditions of the population of one of the largest early centers of ancient Russia – Gnezdovo.

The participants and spectators feel themselves involved in the reconstruction of the events of the past, they get acquainted with the history, culture and household life of the population of ancient Russia and its neighbours – people of the Nordic and Baltic states, people from steppe.

At the event trade shops operate where decorations and weapons of Slavs, household items are offered.

Guests may savour original Slavic food and beverages. Craft masters hold master classes on pottery, knitting with bone needles, embroidery, making patchwork dolls, wood carving, blacksmith skills.

Guided tours around Gnezdovo archaeological complex are organized as well as medieval costume contest, concert of medieval music, fire show, medieval games and entertainment.

For children playgrounds are organized.



The Festival of Military and Historical Reconstruction of the Battle at Lubino

2014-08-09 — 2014-08-10

Historical reconstructions

Region: Smolensk region

Phone: (48167) 4 11 33

Webpage: lubino.cardymovo.ru

Each year in time of the anniversary of the battle of Smolensk at Lubino large-scale military and historical reconstruction takes place that attracts many spectators. Entertaining costumed action in the maximum way brought to the historical truth unites hundreds of participants and visitors from Russia and neighboring countries.

On August 7, 1812, at the field near the village of Lubino the fierce battle against French army was fought.

For Russian troops it was defensive operation, yet it was very important from strategical point of view. The battle was one of the bloodiest in the Patriotic War of 1812.

On the Russian side over 22 thousand people while from French one 55 000 soldiers – took part in the battle.

According to the inscription on the ninth wall of the temple of Christ the Saviour, Russian troops have lost 6000 lives in the fights by the villages of Gedeonovo and Lubino. The loss by French side is estimated by historians as 9000 people.

The battle at Lubino has ended by undoubted strategic success of Russian army, it was able to keep its reserves.



Inter-regional Festival "Epiphanskaya Fair"

2014-08-09

Fairs

Region: Tula region

Venue: The village of Epiphany, Kimovsk district

Phone: (4872) 36 28 34

Webpage: www.kulpole.ru

Inter-regional festival "Epiphanskaya Fair" takes place annually on the eve of Honey Spas (Our Saviour) celebration in mid-August at the central square of the town of Epiphany that used to be quite big regional town.

To the fair, as it was hundreds of years ago, folk craftsmen, creative groups, farmers from various towns and villages, situated in the basin of the river Don, arrive.

The fair programme features:

- sale of honey of 2014 harvest
- concert programme "We stand on Don! We praise Don!"
- theatrical performance of Epiphany and Evdokia
- exhibition and sale of items of decorative and applied arts and crafts
- master classes run by craftsmen and game activities



The XVIII District Festival of Creativity of Indigenous People of the North "Stork over Amur"

2014-08-09 — 2014-08-10

The folk celebrations

Region: Khabarovsk region

Venue: The Village of Ommi of Amur municipal district

Phone: 8 (42142) 2 49 15

Webpage:

www.amursk-rayon.ru/about/subdivisions/department_of_culture/kulture_tourizm.php

The festival is held with the aim to preserve and develop traditional culture, historical and cultural heritage of the indigenous small-numbered people of the North of Khabarovsk region. This year the festival is dedicated to the 55-th anniversary of the village of Ommi in Amur area.

The festival nominations include: contest of national cuisine, contest of national house, competition concert programme, exhibition-contest of items of decorative and applied arts, contest-defile of national costumes.

The sporting events include: throwing of weights, long jump with a pole, tug of war.

The basis of concert programmes is made by the best examples of music, song, oral, poetic, instrumental, dance and rite folklore.

The repertoire of the festival participants incorporates the pieces of folklore of indigenous small-numbered people of the North in all genres: dance, song, fairy-tales, stories, narration, legends, rites, folk theatrical performances and others. The participants' costumes represent traditional national clothes or their stage versions.



The Open Inter-regional Festival of Cossack Creativity and Culture "Cossack Razgulyay on Khoper"

2014-08-09 — 2014-08-10

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Saratov region

Venue: Balashov municipal district of Saratov region, the village of Nikolyevka

Phone: +79061552076

Webpage: www.prihoperye.com

The festival is held since 2012 in the tourist village Nikolyevka in Balashov district of Saratov region.

The festival is organized to promote and make popular the historical and cultural traditions of Prikhopersk Cossacks and Russian Cossacks in general as well as to provide spiritual, moral, civic and patriotic education for children and youth.

The annual festival is a major cultural event in the region. Its main objectives include: the preservation of Cossack traditions, the development of inter-regional cultural cooperation; nourishing respect for unique cultural traditions of the people of Russia in younger generation.

In 2013 the festival was attended by 9 artistic teams from three regions: Voronezh, Volgograd and Saratov region. All in all more than 150 people.

Within the framework of the festival the operation of Cossack fairs, theatrical performance, show performances of Cossacks using cavalry swords and gala concerts of creative Cossack groups are planned.



The Open VI Regional Motocross Competition to the Memory of Raif Shayapov

2014-08-10

Sport events

Region: Kirov region

City: Vyatskie Polyany

Phone: (8332) 41 47 07

Webpage: vp43.ru www.visitkirov.ru

More than 100 athletes from various regions of Russia (Udmurtia, Tatarstan, Samara, Perm, Kirov regions) on motorcycles of different categories take part in the competition.

The event framework includes motocross competition for the prizes and certificates of the organizers, the festival of moto-tuning "Vyatka-moto-show", show performances of freestyle motocross, sports and children competitions for spectators.

The motocross to the memory of Raif Shayapov is not only an opportunity for fans of the brave sport, its activists and admirers of the gift of prematurely deceased athlete to come together and simply have a ride, but also to identify the strongest athletes of Kirov region with the aim to form the team of Kirov region of motocross for participation in competitions and championships of Russia.



The III Open International Children Festival "Russian language and modern communications"

2014-08-10 — 2014-08-17

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Tver region

Venue: Tver region, Kalinin district, Mednovskoye rural settlement, the village of Yamok

Phone: (4822) 79 02 79

Webpage: www.l-computeria.com www.computeria.ru

The international meetings of children in August in "The Land of Computer and Me" have become traditional. The week spent in the land turns into important event in lives of children and grown-ups from various countries of the world.

"The Land of Computer and Me" is the place to where children come from all over the world to better understand what is friendship, experience the joy of meeting, plunge into the world of Russian language and Russian culture. Having met once in Tver region, the children find here new Russian friends from around the world.

The official programme of the meeting includes trainings, interactive lectures, games for children and adolescents as well as for accompanying persons - round tables, study of new methods of teaching bilingual children, acquaintance with examples of success and achievements, conditions necessary for fruitful work.

The First International Festival has brought together more than 200 participants from 16 countries, the Second one - some 100 people from 9 countries. Due to the success of those meetings and gained experience, in 2014 it is planned to increase the number of participants.

For delegations excursions around the region will be organized.

Tver regional public organization "Assistance to children rest"; All-Union Camp of Information Technologies "Computer and Me".



The Summer District Education Forum of Pupils "The Small Clever Boys and Girls"

2014-08-11 — 2014-08-29

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Chukotka autonomous region

City: Anadyr

Phone: (42722) 6 22 76

Webpage: www.edu87.ru

The forum "The Small Clever Boys and Girls" aims to stimulate cognitive activity of schoolchildren, increase pupils' motivation for self-education, identify and develop gifts of young students of Chukotka Autonomous District. The forum is dedicated to the Year of Culture in Russia.

To participate in the forum the graduates of 9-th class are invited from secondary education organizations of Chukotka Autonomous District.

The forum programme includes an intellectual contest "I want to know everything!" and scientific and practical conference "Study! Dare! Create!".

In addition to intellectual contests visits to institutions and organizations at the territory of the city district of Anadyr, meetings with interesting people, sports games and competitions are scheduled.



The Inter-regional Festival of Creativity of Indigenous Small-numbered People of the North, Siberia and Russian Far East "The Golden Springs"

2014-08-11 — 2014-08-18

Arts festivals

Region: Kamchatka region

City: Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

Phone: (4152) 42 66 52

Webpage: www.kamcnt.ru

"The Golden Springs" represents the large-scale folk festivals that stay in memory as vibrant celebrations of folk art. They are the hallmark of Kamchatka.

Beautiful, emotional and sublime art of northern people is one of the main adornments of always alluring and extraordinary Kamchatka.

The festival participants have included Yakut, Evenk, Koryak, Chukchi, Itelmen, Aleut and Evensk lovers and connoisseurs of aboriginal culture.

Within the frames of the northern Biennale once in two years theatrical concerts in the capital of the region, neighbouring cities and in rural areas take place; master classes in applied arts and national choreography are organized as well as competitions of storytellers, performers of kin melodies, creative laboratories for preservation of objects of intangible cultural heritage, presentations of publications, operation of "The City of masters".

In 2014 "The Golden Springs" again will welcome artists - professionals and amateurs - from all over Kamchatka peninsula, the regions of Far East and Siberia. The capital of Kamchatka peninsula will hospitably open its doors to everybody.



Regional Roaming Festival of Traditional Crafts "The Masters of Uykoal Land"

2014-08-11 — 2014-08-18

The folk celebrations

Region: Kamchatka region

City: Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky

Phone: (4152) 42 66 52

Webpage: www.kamcnt.ru

Kamchatka land is famous for its masters of folk crafts who not only create unique works but strive to maintain the technology of production used by their ancestors for centuries in their pieces of art.

The first regional festival of traditional crafts of indigenous small-numbered people of Kamchatka region "The Masters of Uykoal Land" took place at the territory of the ethno-cultural center "Menadeck", the reconstructed Evensk nomadic camp located near the village of Anavgay in Central Kamchatka.

In 2014 the festival of masters will move to the capital of the region and will be held in the form of "The City of Masters".

Within the frames of the festival theatrical opening of the celebration is planned as well as demonstration of national costumes, creative laboratories and master classes where the best craftsmen will tell about their products and demonstrate the production technics.

Spectators may take part in the unique lessons on grass weaving, artistic carving on bone and horn, birch bark weaving, making of national clothing, producing tambourines, beadwork.



The International Wedding Festival "Ssypchina of Honey"

2014-08-12 — 2014-08-17

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Arkhangelsk region

Venue: The village of Oktyabrsky, Ustyansk district

Phone: (818-55) 5-14-80

Webpage: www.ustyany.com

The main purpose of the festival is to revive the wedding traditions and support basic family values and family authority. The wedding festival "Ssypchina of Honey" will present wedding traditions and rituals of various people living in Arkhangelsk region. Thereby the festival will reach the international level contributing to the strengthening of international relations. Within the frames of the festival the following activities will take place: the Inter-regional conference "Sustainable development and life support of the region, roundtable of the Council of Nationalities of Arkhangelsk region, scientific and practical conference "On the Problems and Prospects of beekeeping development in the North", demonstration of the elements of wedding ceremonies of different nations, master classes on cooking national wedding dishes of various nations, interactive exhibition "The Hollowed Boats at Ustye", excursions with visits to region museums, tourist attractions "Chudskoye settlement" and "Urochishche" (Ravine), fair of beekeeping products "Honey Saviour", exhibitions, contests of masters of decorative and applied arts, fairs, master classes on traditional crafts, folk festivity holiday "Ssypchina of Honey". The festival "Ssypchina of Honey" will let tens of newlyweds celebrate their wedding in original and memorable way.



The International Festival "The Territory of Peace"

2014-08-14 — 2014-08-17

Arts festivals

Region: Kaliningrad region

City: Kaliningrad

Venue: Kant Island

Phone: (4012) 599 353, (4012) 599 153, (4012) 310 078

Webpage: 2014.cultfest.net/ru

The open festival of culture of the world nations is a mass outdoors celebration in beautiful historical place that demonstrates the achievements of national cultures of participating countries. The unique nature of the event is in its scale and diversity. The programme features theatrical performances of the participating countries, evening concerts, literary lounges, themed exhibitions in museums, a wide range of entertainment both for participants and family pastime (children playground, performances of street theatres, fair of people creativity, operation of restaurants of national cuisine and much more).



The International Music Festival KUBANA

2014-08-14 — 2014-08-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Krasnodar region

City: Anapa

Venue: The village of Veselovka

Phone: (495) 769 51 20

Webpage: www.kubana.com

The unique format of KUBANA represents full-fledged holiday at sea with great variety of cultural activities. At the single space all possible forms of entertainment are combined: more than 50 musical groups, sports competitions, impressive pyrotechnics, light shows and much more. KUBANA is Russia first open-air event that has made into top ten finalists of European Festival Awards that marks only the festivals complying to world level of organization. KUBANA infrastructure makes it possible to comfortably accommodate fans of different kinds of leisure: it provides modern campsite with plenty of shower and toilet cubicles as well as hotels, recreation centers and accommodation at the private sector. One may get to KUBANA in several ways: by plane or train to Anapa / Krasnodar, by own car or book convenient bus tours organized from various cities in Russia and abroad.



The V International Festival of Felt "The Patterns of Life Impressed on Felt"

2014-08-15 — 2014-08-16

Other festivals and celebrations

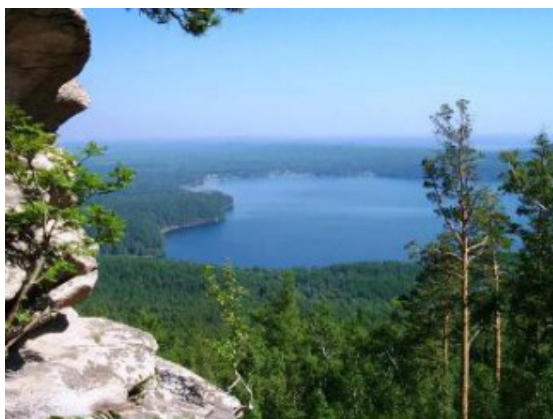
Region: Tyva (Tuva) Republic

City: Kyzyl

Phone: (39422) 3 03 10

Webpage: tuvaculture.ru

The International festival "The Patterns of life impressed on felt" with the participation of guests from Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Khakassia, Altay, Krasnoyarsk Territory, Buryatia, Kemerovo, Omsk and other regions will take place as part of the 100-th anniversary celebration of the unification of Russia and Tuva and the founding of the city of Kyzyl. Traditionally, the felt festival represents one of the brightest events in the development of incoming tourism to the Republic. The festival is focused on felt - the cult stuff of nomadic people. As festival sections exhibition and sale of yurts, fair of handmade souvenirs produced from felt and products of folk handicrafts, master classes run by Tuvan, Khakassian, Altay, Kyrgyz and Mongol felt masters who preserve traditional ways of making items will be organized. Also, competitions for the best product made of felt, the best presentation and the best yurt will be held. In the Center of Tuvan traditional culture and crafts round table with the participation of leading felt masters from Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, Khakassia, Buryatia, Tuva and Krasnoyarsk Territory will take place.



The XIII Open Regional Festival of Amateur Song "Arakuly"

2014-08-15 — 2014-08-17

Arts festivals

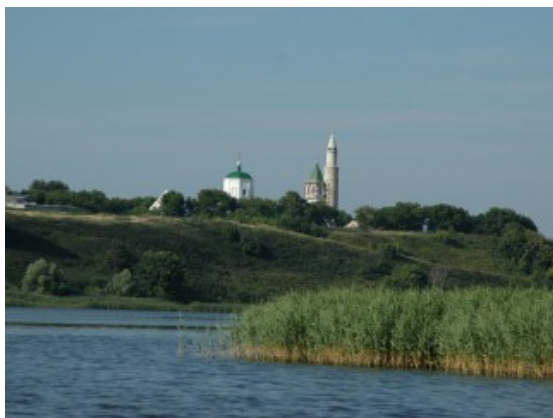
Region: Chelyabinsk region

Venue: The village of Arakuly of Kasly area in Chelyabinsk region

Phone: (35130) 6 87 87

Webpage: uralbards.ru

The festival of authors' song is held annually in August at the lake Arakuly near the town of Kasly in Chelyabinsk region. The main objective of the event is the preservation of cultural heritage of the city of Kasly and Kasly area and development of amateur authors' song movement. Groups, clubs of amateur songs, authors, performers of amateur author songs take part in the festival. Age and place of residence of the participants does not matter. The winners of the contest concert are named in the following nominations: solo performer, duets, ensembles, authorship of songs (music, text), children song (performed by children up to 14 years of age). The specific atmosphere of the festival is created by its special features. One of them is the ecological action "Arakuly is the monument of nature" in which the contestants take part. Kasly area has for long been famous for its lakes and fish that is why fish soup is constant feature of the festival "Arakuly", the organizers try to treat all guests with it. Torchlight procession, uniting camp fire, large Vishnevogorsk cakes baked for guests and participants, hiking to the mountain Shikhan - all that add up to a wide palette of festival colours.



The I All-Russia Festival of Historical Reconstruction "The Great Bolgar"

2014-08-16 — 2014-08-17

Historical reconstructions

Region: Republic of Tatarstan

Venue: Bolgar state historical and architectural museum-reserve

Phone: (84347) 30 4 56

Webpage: bolgar-muзей.ru

Some 200 re-enactors from 30 regions of Russia as well as more than 7000 guests from the regions of Volga Federal District will take part in the I All-Russia festival of historical reconstruction "The Great Bolgar".

The festival programme features: historical fair, operation of interactive sites, tournament of historical fencing, mass battles (*buhurts*) (including the night ones lit by torchlight), all-round competitions on foot, fire shows, concerts, contests for spectators and other pleasant surprises.

The modern Bolgar is a settlement of considerable size surrounded by a rampart and a moat by the length of more than five kilometers.

At the place there are architectural monuments of the XIII-XIV centuries: Jameh Mosque, Eastern and Northern mausoleums, Khan's tombplace, Small Minaret, Black chamber, White chamber, Khan Bath-house and numerous archaeological sites.



The Celebration of Viniculture and Wine-Making "Tamany Vine"

2014-08-16

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Krasnodar region

Venue: The village of Tamany of Temrjuk area

Webpage: www.temryuk.ru

The traditional celebration of viniculture and wine-making "Tamany Vine" will be held in the village of Tamany on August 16.

By that day in agricultural companies and at peasant farms of the area various kinds of grape of table grades will be ripe.

The grapes will be brought to celebration to show the achievements of wine-growers, entertain the guests of the event, give them opportunity to purchase amber-coloured bunches and take them to other parts of the country.

At the celebration there will be a plenty of tasty award-winning wine produced from own grapes at wineries of Temrjuk area.

"Taman Vine" promises to be generous, hospitable and merry – exactly the same as the hard-working wine-growers and wine-makers of the area.



The Celebration Programme "The Russian Wings"

2014-08-17

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

City: Chkalovsk

Webpage: nnwelcome.ru

The festive event is dedicated to the Day of Russia Air Fleet. The main activities will take place in the Museum Quarter "The Russian wings" that is associated with the names of two geniuses of the twentieth century: Valery Chkalov and Rostislav Alexeyev.

The celebration guests will see an interesting and extensive programme with attractions, master classes on how to make and launch kites and lift the hot-air balloons, rides on "velo-flyers", boats and horses.

As part of the celebration the VI regional festival "The fabulous pattern of guipure" will be held.



"Creative boulevard"

2014-08-17

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Chuvash Republic

City: Cheboksary

Webpage: vk.com/chebw_2013

The art project "Creative boulevard" is one of the largest cultural events in the city of Cheboksary. The city main streets are transformed into a huge stage: some 50 various creative sites are open along Lenin Avenue and Karl Marx Street. Those sites include arts, sports, dance, vocal, tasting places alongside with children themed sites, trampolines, the camp of historical reconstruction clubs, the theater of village rites. Young poets and bards, dancers and circus performers, masters of folk art and caricaturists, clowns and jugglers take floor. Show of soap bubbles, quizzes and contests take place. The main themes of the festival are: film and photo, music, literature, circus and sports, dance, fashion and design, crafts, children activities. The holiday mood is complemented by living statues, old cars, flowerbeds and other "peculiar things" that are located along the whole boulevard. The project invites everybody who wants to open themselves, share their creativity or learn something special. Everyone may become the part of the art project.



"Gumbinnensky Breakthrough ... 1914"

2014-08-20 — 2014-08-24

Historical reconstructions

Region: Kaliningrad region

Venue: The town of Gusev, the town of Chernyakhovsk, the city of Kaliningrad

Phone: +79852500168, +79118507445

Webpage: pobeda1914.ru vk.com/club51701544

The International military and historical festival "Gumbinnensky Breakthrough ... 1914" is dedicated to the heroic periods of the national history - the first victory of the Russian Army in the First World War. This year the 100-th anniversary of the event is marked. The festival will bring together teams from Russia, Belarus, Poland, Ukraine, Czech Republic, France, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain: 400 infantrymen, artillery, cavalry, armoured vehicles and airplanes. The festival will incorporate a number of actions: the retro train of memory "The Great War", historical military parade in Chernyakhovsk, saluting military honours to fallen heroes, interactive activities, scientific and practical conference and exhibition in the town of Gusev.



The VII International Festival-Competition "The Celebration of an Ax"

2014-08-21 — 2014-08-24

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Tomsk region

City: Tomsk

Venue: The village of Zorkaltsevo

Phone: (3822) 21 18 87, (3822) 21 57 58

Webpage: plotnik.tomsk.ru

"The Celebration of an Ax" may be rightly called one of the brands of Tomsk and the main event of the year in terms of the revival of Siberian wooden architecture traditions.

All skilled carpenters of the area as well as guests from other carpentry centers from regions of Russia, CIS and foreign countries get together at the festival.

For the guests of the event a cultural programme is developed that combines performances by folk groups from Tomsk and Tomsk region, the exhibition and sale of products by masters of applied arts, concerts of bard songs, showing of travelling exhibition of painters, performances by poets from Tomsk writers' organization, contests and games for children and grown-ups, excursion programmes.

Not by chance the village of Zorkaltsevo has become the venue of the international celebration – the historical, ethnographic and architectural complex located by the river of Poros in 20 kilometers from the city of Tomsk. At the place there is the atmosphere of the real Siberian village where national colour and distinctive architecture is preserved.



The IV International Festival of Monastic Culture "Rostov Action"

2014-08-22 – 2014-08-24

Arts festivals

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Rostov

Venue: The State museum-reserve "Rostov Kremlin"

Webpage: www.rostmuseum.ru

Rostov is the city with centuries-old cultural and historical traditions, it was and still remains the spiritual center of the country. The symbol of the festival – the Angel blowing a trumpet – unites spiritual and musical components in its image. The festival is divided into two parts: medieval sacred music and the monastic way of life.

The main aim set by the festival organizers is to present the best performers and researchers of ancient Orthodox music to the public.

As part of the musical programme of the festival the concerts of ancient Christian music will take place. The authentic church hymns and spiritual verses of medieval Rus will sound as well as Byzantine spiritual songs.

The modern audience will have the unique opportunity to listen to those songs within the walls that recall and keep those ancient clear sounds.

During the festival, the museum guests can visit a book fair, master classes run on icon painting, gold sewing, producing enamel, the guests may taste dishes from monastic lean cuisine, too.



The XXIII All-Russia Festival of Authors' Song "Indian Summer"

2014-08-22 – 2014-08-24

Arts festivals

Region: Kemerovo region

City: Yurga

Venue: Yurga water basin

Phone: (38451) 5 46 81

Webpage: www.babye-letu.ru

All willing authors and performers (bards) from any areas and territories of Russia, the CIS and foreign countries are invited to participate in the festival as well as clubs and studios of author (amateur) songs.

The festival is aimed to raise the spiritual level, preserve cultural heritage, support family values and the spirit of patriotism.



The International Blacksmith Festival "The Secrets of Medieval Blacksmiths"

2014-08-23 — 2014-08-24

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Ryazan region

Venue: The village of Istye in Starozhilovo area of Ryazan region

Phone: (4912) 45 53 92, (4912) 21 57 45, (4912) 25 92 51

Webpage: www.ryazantourism.ru

On the order of Peter the Great in the village of Istye in 1716 iron factory was established, one of the oldest in Russia. At its place a melting furnace has remained, the only sample of a melting furnace of the XVIII century in Europe.

The festival programme includes master classes by experimenting blacksmiths representing various blacksmith schools, the mocking of blacksmith wedding ritual, performances by folklore groups, the demonstration of the process of reduction of iron from meadow ore and metal products made during the master classes.



The Harvest Day

2014-08-23

Fairs

Region: Murmansk region

City: Monchegorsk

Venue: The Central Square

Phone: +78153672354

Webpage: monchegorsk.gov-murman.ru

Annually in Monchegorsk the fair and sale "The Harvest Day" is held.

During the event the following will be offered for its visitors:

- Unusual flowers and plants;
- Products from venison and other meat and poultry
- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Food products
- Souvenirs



The Regional Festival "The Legends of Tamany"

2014-08-23 — 2014-08-24

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Krasnodar region

Venue: The village of Tamany of Temrjuk area, the ethnographic complex "Atamany"

Phone: (86148) 31 561, (86148) 31 148

Webpage: www.atamani.ru

The dramatized legends and ceremonies, horse races, fancy horse riding, sea vacation.



Svensk Fair

2014-08-23

Fairs

Region: Bryansk region

Venue: Andreyev meadow by the walls of Svensk monastery

Webpage: www.svenskaya.ru

Svensk fair was started yet in the XVII century, it has reached its peak in the middle of the XVIII century. The revived Svensk fair is held annually at historic Andreyev meadow by the walls of Svensk monastery, the fair attracts hundreds of agricultural and industrial enterprises of Bryansk and other regions of Russia. Dozens of thousands of residents of Bryansk region as well as numerous guests wait for Svensk fair and visit it with pleasure. For them trade yards of all districts of Bryansk region with their best products and achievements are organized. At the fair one may see and buy the products of folk and creative crafts and masters-craftsmen as well as agricultural products. By tradition established in ancient days, for the fair guests performances of professional and amateur artists, fun contests and entertainments are offered, too.



The International Finno-Ugric multi-festival "Ybitsa"

2014-08-23 — 2014-08-24

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Komi Republic

Venue: the village of Yb, Syktyvdinsky area, Finno-Ugric ethnic and cultural park

Phone: +7 912 866 02 40

Webpage: www.ybitsa.ru www.ethnopark-rk.ru

At the sites of multi-festival "Ybitsa" musical groups from different countries, regions and cities of Russia representing various ethnic cultures perform.

At the territory of Finno-Ugric ethnic and cultural park a stage is built, grounds are prepared for national kinds of sports, national cuisine demonstration and attractions.

The first multi-festival "Ybitsa" was held in June 2011 in the format of open-air fest.

In 2012, on the hills of the village of Yb real fightings occurred: at the place the medieval camp of historical and reconstruction clubs was set.

At "Ybitsa 2012" the first performance of the song «Revontulet» («Together we go to have good time») revealing the friendship of Finno-Ugric people was held.

In 2013, at the Smart clearing of the festival the republican tournament of computer all-round competitions took place, the Sports clearing has presented extreme and national kinds of sports, the Culinary clearing has become a sort of culinary duel ground between Udmurtia cooks and cooks from Saami village of Lovozero in Murmansk region.

An hour ahead of midnight at the central site the fire show "Ybitsa on Fire» has started.

The participants from 11 regions of Russia have presented intense musical programme. Finnish rock band «The Rasmus» and singing group "Buranovsky grandmothers" have become the stars of "Ybitsa 2013".

The entrance to the festival is free.



The International Festival and Fair of Slavic culture "Belgorod Sloboda"

2014-08-23 — 2014-08-24

Fairs

Region: Belgorod region

City: Belgorod

Venue: Belgorod city park of culture and recreation

Phone: (4722) 32 82 17

Webpage: www.belkult.ru

The aim of the festival comprises: the development of inbound, domestic and rural tourism; the promotion of traditional folk culture of Belgorod region; strengthening of friendly relations with the neighbouring regions of Ukraine and Belarus, neighbouring regions of Russia. In addition to the exhibitions of participants, the international conference "Urgent issues of inbound and domestic tourism within the Euroregion "Slobozhanshchina", master classes in folk arts, various show-contests, the fair "Fruit Basket of Belgorod region", sports and entertainment programme, concert are planned, too.



The III History and Folklore Festival "The Glory to Dobrynya"

2014-08-23

The folk celebrations

Region: Ryazan region

Venue: The working village of Shilovo in Ryazan region

Phone: (49136) 2-21-43, 2-24-70

Webpage: www.shilowokultura.jimdo.com www.ryazantourism.ru

In August 2014 the historical and folklore festival "The Glory to Dobrynya" in the village of Shilovo in Ryazan region on the bank of the river Oka will take place for the third time.

Two places in Shilovo area are connected with the name of Russian *bogatyry* (warrior) Dobrynya, the hero of many tales and legends. One is presently existing Dobrynin island between the villages of Erakhtur and Rubetskoye and the other - the destroyed in the 20-s Dobrynin mound near the village of Pribrezhny.

According to local tales, Dobrynya was born not in the capital of Ryazan principality - Ryazan, but in Nersk (now Shilovo).

The festival programme includes: the theatrical performance "The tales of bogatyr deed", the celebration with the participation of folklore and ethnographic groups, clubs of historical reenactment, the exhibition-fair "Uzorochoye of Ryazan", acquaintance with games and funs of the past centuries "As it was in the old days", culinary competition programme "Old regales".



St. Petersburg International Marine Festival

2014-08-29 — 2014-08-31

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Saint-Petersburg

Venue: St. Petersburg, Kronstadt and Lomonosov

Phone: (981) 122 21 35

Webpage: gov.spb.ru www.omfestival.ru

The festival programme includes:

- The parade of yachts, races of sailing ships, show performances of yachtsmen and aqua-bikers, water show, show of divers, exhibition of ship models, races on by skiffs and galleys, competition of fishermen;
- Food courts representing seafood dishes from around the world, cooking master-classes, competitions;
- Concerts of music artists and bands of various genres and styles;
- Complimentary land and sea excursions;
- Themed flea markets;
- Screening of movies, contests and interactive theatrical actions, exhibitions of painters, plein airs, etc.

The festival will take place at three sites: St. Petersburg, Kronstadt and Lomonosov.



The Tourist Celebration "Alyosha Popovich - the hero of Rostov"

2014-08-30

Historical reconstructions

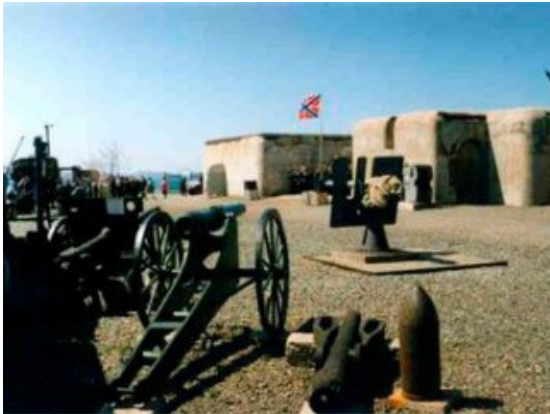
Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Rostov

Phone: (48536) 6 99 34, (48536) 6 57 03

Webpage: www.rostov-tourism.ru www.admrostov.ru

The land of Rostov is the birthplace of the famous epic hero Alyosha Popovich. The tourist celebration "Alyosha Popovich – the hero of Rostov" is devoted to the culture and traditions of Russian epic tales. The main character of the celebration is Alyosha Popovich himself. The project is based not on the regional legends, but on historical facts that provide the unique nature of the event.



The Festival "Vladivostok Fortress"

2014-08-30

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Primorsk region

City: Vladivostok

Venue: Vladivostok fortress

Phone: (423) 240 09 52

Webpage: primorsky.ru

The complex of fortification constructions Vladivostok Fortress is the monument of federal significance. The museum Vladivostok Fortress is located in the city center, next to Sportivny waterfront at Bezymyanny hill. From its territory the wonderful view over Amur Bay and the central part of Vladivostok opens. Visitors and residents of Vladivostok come to the museum with pleasure not only to learn the history, but simply to relax as well.



The III Honey Festival

2014-08-30

Fairs

Region: Pskov region

City: Pskov

Venue: The children park

Phone: (8112) 29 97 88

Webpage: tourism.pskov.ru ocnt-pskov.org

One of the ancient names of Pskov region is "The Land of flowing honey". The bee-keeping in the region has a thousand year long history. Pskov region is one of the greenest and most ecologically clean regions of Russia. The most of apiaries are located in remote locations, away from the busy roads. The honey is collected by bees only from wild plants that allows to produce honey and bee products of high purity, very beneficial and tasty ones. "The sweetest holiday of the year" is held to support the brand "Pskov honey." The event is a large annual fair of bee products produced in Pskov region. The event is timed to the end of honey harvesting. In 2013 the festival was attended by some 60 apiaries. Apart for presentation of fresh honey and various products of bee-keeping, at the festival people's honey tasting and choosing of "the most delicious honey" takes place, show apiary and consultancy of api-therapists and beauticians operate, restaurants offer special "honey menu". At the stage and playgrounds active entertainment programme is held, all games and contests are related to the theme of the celebration. The organizers arrange people's tea party with a giant honey cake. The festival is held in the historic center of Pskov, the city celebrates this year its 1111 anniversary.



The Festival "The Days of Altay cheese"

2014-08-30

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Altay region

City: Barnaul

Phone: (3852) 63 59 73

Webpage: www.ffprom22.ru

The unique event that demonstrates the state and potential of the cheese-making industry of Altay region and Russia as a whole, promotes different kinds of cheese as valuable food product for domestic and foreign markets, facilitates the development of the culture of cheese consumption. The festival promotes the exchange of experience between cheesemakers of Russia and foreign countries. At the festival the record was set that was listed in the Guinness Book of Records - cheese "Giant" weighing 712 kg.



The VII International Military and Music Festival "Spasskaya Tower"

2014-08-30 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: The Red Square

Phone: (495) 917 85 07

Webpage: www.kremlin-military-tattoo.ru

The detachments of Honour Guards of the Heads of States as well as leading military orchestra and creative teams from Russia and foreign countries are traditional participants of the festival.

As in previous years, the festival opening in 2014 is timed with the City Day of Moscow. Daily spectators' audience of the festival on the Red Square alone exceeds 7000 people, while all in all the festival will be viewed by more than 50 thousand people (with Internet and television audience - over 100 million people).

According to Russian and foreign media, guests and participants of the event, spectators, the festival is one of the most exciting and significant events in the cultural life of Russia capital. The festival presents military and musical traditions of various countries around the world to its viewers and promotes military-patriotic education of youth.



The All-Russia Boxing Tournament of "A" Class

2014-09-01 — 2014-09-05

Sport events

Region: Murmansk region

City: Monchegorsk

Venue: The complex of physical culture and recreation

Phone: +78153672506

The annual tournament to the memory of the Mayor of the city of Monchegorsk I.G. Ermakov.



The Statehood Day of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria

2014-09-01

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Kabardino-Balkar Republic

City: Nalchik

Venue: The city of Nalchik, municipal areas, city districts of the Republic of Kabardino-Balkaria

Webpage: pravitelstvo.kbr.ru

The motto of the event is "Kabardino-Balkaria is the Republic of peace and creation".



The I Festival "The Days of Elevated Music in the Arctic"

2014-09-03 — 2014-09-05

Arts festivals

Region: Nenets autonomous region

City: Naryan-Mar

Venue: The Cultural and business center "Arctica"

Phone: (81853) 2 17 01

Webpage: kdc-nao.ru adm-nao.ru

"The days of elevated music" is the project that exists for several years. The festival has traveled to many regions and cities of the country - Vladivostok, Chelyabinsk, Samara, Khabarovsk, Sakhalin. The aim of the festival is to show the diversity of classical music. The idea to hold the festival of elevated music in Nenets Autonomous Area originated during the creative tour of the violinist Dmitry Kogan to Naryan-Mar.

The festival "The Days of elevated music in the Arctic" will become the traditional event in Nenets Autonomous area.



The II International Ecotourism Forum "Yezh" ("Hedgehog")

2014-09-03 — 2014-09-05

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Komi Republic

City: Syktyvkar

Phone: (8212) 301 290 (доб. 111)

Webpage: tur.rkomi.ru www.ezheforum.ru

The mission of the forum is to assist the development of Russian natural tourism with active involvement of local community. This year the event will be held under the motto "The Common House" and focus on the infrastructure of nature tourism: green construction, waste disposal, eco-meals and eco-consumption.

The forum participants will discuss the issues of tourists' safety on natural tourist routes and projects aimed at the development of tourist routes at the territory of Polar and Near-Polar Urals.

The main forms of the participants' activities include: thematic conferences, round table discussions, presentations in the format "Stove - Heap".

The forum delegates will be invited to choose from several options of cultural and learning programmes: the excursion around Syktyvkar, dinner in an ethnic restaurant, the visit to the exhibition "Travelling in the North of Russia" at the National Museum of the Republic of Komi, the visit to the Museum of mountain minerals, master class on folk crafts in Finno-Ugric cultural center, a concert of ethnic music, the visit to the exhibition and sale of posters by ethno-futurists.



The VI International Jazz Festival «Live in Blue Bay»

2014-09-03 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: The Republic of Crimea

City: Koktebel

The VI International Jazz Festival «Live in Blue Bay» is traditionally held in September in the village of Koktebel at "Blue Bay" resort pansion.

The festival has a good history, it is liked by people having holiday. It is held on a non-commercial basis with free admission.

Simultaneous attendance reaches some 5-6 thousand people.

In five previous festivals many jazz stars from Russia, Ukraine, Europe, USA, Brazil, Georgia, Belarus and other countries performed on the festival stage.

At each festival up to a hundred artists perform.

The festival stage has hosted world-renowned artists: Mezzoforte, Incognito, Clients Funk Project, Birelli Lagrene, Tommy Emmanuel, Andreas Oberg, Sintia Scott, Mausha, Kejaleo, Alexey Kozlov, Alexey Podymkin, Sergey Manukyan, Bril brothers and others.

During the festival master classes and exhibitions are also held and many other interesting events take place.



The Exhibition "The Victory! Our Countrymen"

2014-09-04 — 2014-10-05

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Murmansk region

City: Murmansk

Venue: Murmansk regional museum of arts

Phone: (8152) 450 385

Webpage: artmmuseum.ru vk.com/murmanskmuseum

At the exhibition the photographs made by the members of the studio "Murmansk" are presented that have resulted from the joint project with the military and historical club "The Polar Frontier".

The photos show the episodes of reconstruction of battles for Kola Polar territories during the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945 organized by the club.



The exhibition "The Radiance of Hased"

2014-09-04 — 2014-10-05

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Murmansk region

City: Murmansk

Venue: Murmansk regional museum of arts

Phone: (8152) 450 838, 455 298

Webpage: artmmuseum.ru vk.com/murmanskmuseum

The city of Murmansk is rich with nationalities. It is the city cold by climate, but warm by its atmosphere. The city with polar nights and days and low-key yet so dear nature has become a genuine home for many people.

On September 4 in the department of folk arts and crafts of Murmansk regional museum of arts the opening of the exhibition "The Radiance of Hased" will take place.

The exhibition will feature exquisite paintings, photography, decorative and applied arts of the members of Jewish national society "We are united by Murmansk".



The Festival of Creative Youth of the Republic of Crimea and the City of Sevastopol in Moscow

2014-09-04 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: The Cathedral of Christ the Saviour

Phone: (495) 632 18 17 (доб. 120)

Webpage: tvorcheskaya-molodezh.ru

From September 4 to 7, 2014, in the Hall of Church Councils of the Cathedral of Christ the Saviour the first festival in the history of modern Russia of creative youth of the Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol will be held. The event is supported by the Department of culture of Moscow.



The XII International Festival of Jewish Culture and Art

2014-09-04 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: The Jewish autonomous region

City: Birobidzhan

Phone: (42622) 6 02 81

Webpage: eao.ru

It is the bright event in the life of the Jewish Autonomous Region with the possibility for everyone to get acquainted with Jewish culture.

More than 50 events are held during the festival for residents and visitors of the region. Those include exhibitions of visual arts and photography, a film festival, concerts, entertainment programmes, expositions, lectures, sports events and much more.

The well-known Russian and foreign artists take part in the festival.

The XII International festival of Jewish culture and art is devoted to the 80-th anniversary of the Jewish Autonomous Region.



Orel Regional Festival of Author Song

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: Orel region

City: Orel

Venue: Hotyn area, NP "Orel Polesye", the village of Staroye; The city of Orel, BUKOO "Orel State theatre for children and youth "Svobodnoye prostranstvo (Free space)"

Webpage: www.tourism-orel.ru

Orel festival means meeting with those who know and praise author song, who are faithful to the traditions of the genre.

The scene is set by the lake, people sing around campfire accompanying themselves with a guitar. It's the joy of being in touch and creativity of like-minded people, it's the magical land of native nature where in fabulous way the real life with its worries disappears for a while, the problems go away and the joy of getting in touch and the wonder of song creativity takes their place.

The festival is held for more than 10 years. Traditionally, it begins at a picturesque location near the lake of Staroye in the national park "Orel Polesye" and is completed by a gala concert in the city of Orel.



The X Kazan International Muslim Film Festival

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-11

Arts festivals

Region: Republic of Tatarstan

City: Kazan

Phone: (843) 273 28 13

Webpage: kazan-mfmk.com

This is the festival-competition of films that reflect universal spiritual and moral values and cultural traditions, facilitate the idea of peacemaking, tolerance and humanity, regardless of national and religious identity.

The motto of the festival is "Through the dialogue of cultures to the culture of dialogue". The festival is held in close proximity to peacefully co-existing in the city Orthodox churches, mosques, the Lutheran church, the Catholic temple and the synagogue.

Filmmakers from more than 30 countries, including Russian Federation and the CIS countries, annually take part in the festival.

The cultural programme of the festival provides the participants and guests with visits to historical sites, places of cultural heritage in Kazan, Sviyazhsk, Bolgary, Elabuga.

Each year the festival is attended by some 20 thousand people.



The XVII International Festival of Art Masters "Peace to the Caucasus"

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: Stavropol region

City: Stavropol

Phone: (8652) 26 15 16

Webpage: www.mincultsk.ru

The XVII International festival of art masters "Peace to the Caucasus" is organized with the support of the Ministry of culture of Russian Federation. Artistic delegations from the regions of the Southern Federal District, North Caucasus Federal District, Abkhazia and South Ossetia (all in all some 700 people) will take part in the event.

The State Academic folk dance ensemble named after Igor Moiseyev will be the guest of the festival.

The event programme includes: a meeting of the Coordinating Council on culture and arts of the Association "South" with the participation of heads of executive state authorities in the field of culture of the Southern Federal District, North Caucasus Federal District, Abkhazia and South Ossetia; scientific and practical conference "The integrity of Russian state - in the unity of national cultures"; thematic exhibitions of items of decorative and applied arts; creative meetings and concert performances of the participants - in the municipal bodies of the area as well.

The solemn opening ceremony will take place on the stage of Fortress Hill of Stavropol.



The Regional Festival "Save Salmon Together"

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-07

Sport events

Region: Kamchatka region

Venue: Ust-Bolsheretsky area, the river Bystraya

Phone: (4152) 41 23 55

Webpage: www.visitkamchatka.ru

The river Bolshaya at Kamchatka Peninsula is one of the main salmon ways of the peninsula, the richest in the variety of fish species river on our planet - it is the perfect location for sport fishing and fishing tourism. During the course of salmon going to spawn - fishermen, ecologists and tourists from all over the world come to the area.

The festival programme includes the championship of Kamchatka region of fishing sport - personal-team competition of Pacific salmon fishing by spinning from the coastline.



The Week of Culture and Tourism in Kamchatka. The International Forum on Ecological Tourism

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-12

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Kamchatka region

Phone: (4152) 41 23 55

Webpage: www.visitkamchatka.ru

Kamchatka is the unique natural territory of a global scale. The climate, geographical location and recreational resources of Kamchatka territory make it possible to welcome tourists all year round. Thermal and mineral springs, volcanoes and glaciers, the famous Valley of Geysers, variable and in most places untouched by civilization flora and fauna. All that provides a great opportunity for the development of ecological tourism. During the Week of culture and tourism in Kamchatka art exhibitions, the regional festival "Save the salmon together", fair and sale of items by Kamchatka producers will be held.



Kurgan Interregional Festival "The Bards' bonfires"

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: Kurgan region

Venue: Ketov area, the bank of the river Utyak

Webpage: kurgankonzert.ru

The festival takes place since 2001. "The Bards' bonfires" today is significant event not only for the bard movement behind the Urals. All Ural region participates in the festival: once a year authors and performers from Kurgan, Tyumen, Chelyabinsk and Sverdlovsk regions, Yamal-Nenets Autonomous territory and Kazakhstan come to the event. "The Bards' bonfires" is held in two rounds: in the first round - the jury listens to the authors and performers of songs, creative laboratories operate; in the second round - musicians and song writers give performances. For many authors and performers the festival provides the opportunity to find their audience - at the days of the festival to the bank of the river Utyak up to 2500 followers of bard creativity as well as nature lovers are coming.



The International Festival of Fine Arts "The Art Layer"

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-07

Arts festivals

Region: Volgograd region

City: Volgograd

Phone: (962) 760 17 77

Webpage: www.artsloy.ru

"The Art layer" is the project that brings together works of different areas of contemporary visual arts: architecture, sculpture, painting (including iconography), graphics and photography. The framework of the festival includes round table discussions, seminars on the issues of contemporary art and master classes.

Russian and foreign artists, galleries, artists' unions and associations are invited to participate.

When making decision on the selection of works of contemporary visual arts to participate in the festival expert council of "The Art layer" festival is guided by the following criteria: professional mastery (technical skills), author's identity, potentiality for development, urgent nature of themes, expressiveness, compositional completeness.

Preferences would be given to the works created not earlier than 2013 that were not previously presented at competitions, exhibitions and festivals.

The festival is supported by the Ministry of Culture of Volgograd region.



The Open Saratov Festival of History and Reconstruction clubs "Living History of Uvek"

2014-09-05 — 2014-09-07

Historical reconstructions

Region: Saratov region

City: Saratov

Phone: (8452) 74 87 32

Webpage: saratovmer.ru/uvek/ www.comk.ru

On the first day of the festival, at the territory of the natural park "Kumysnaya Polyana" the base camp with elements styling it as the camp of medieval Russian military campaign will be set.

Master classes for starting participants of historical reconstruction movement will be provided as well as roundtables on patriotic education of youth, master-classes for organizers of historical clubs, activities for the exchange of practices, open presentations of participating clubs.

On September 6, 2014, at the territory of the archaeological monument of the medieval culture of the people living in Volga region "Uvek settlement" the historical reconstruction "One day in the life of a medieval city" will take place.

At an elevated plot from where a magnificent view is offered over Volga, the picture of one day in a life of a medieval city will be recreated: markets - Russian and Turkish ones, European quarters, meeting of embassies, competition of *batyrs* (warriors).

On September 7, 2014, in the historical district of Saratov the historical reconstruction "Fair in the medieval town of Uvek" will be reenacted.



The International Festival-Contest of Orthodox and Patriotic song "Arzamas domes"

2014-09-06

Arts festivals

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

City: Arzamas

Phone: (831) 230 30 38

Webpage: nnwelcome.ru

The festival-contest is timed to coincide with the Day of the Baptism of Russia and the celebration in honour of the finding of the relics of St. Seraphim of Sarov.



The International Military and Historical Festival "The Day of Borodino"

2014-09-06 — 2014-09-07

Historical reconstructions

Region: Moscow region

Venue: Mozhaysk municipal area, the village of Borodino

Phone: (496 38) 5 15 46

Webpage: www.borodino.ru

"The Day of Borodino" is held since 1962. Military and historical clubs and associations from 80 cities of Russia as well as from Belarus, Ukraine, the Baltic States and Europe take part in the festival.

The culmination of the event is the reconstruction of the episodes of the battle by Borodino at platz-theater. The show is completed by the parade of military and historical clubs.

"The Day of Borodino" is on a par with such events as "The Battle of Three Emperors" by Austerlitz (Czech Republic), "The Battle of the Nations" by Leipzig (Germany), "The Battle of Waterloo" (Belgium).



The Festival of New Lifestyle "The Healthy Nation"

2014-09-06

Sport events

Region: Nizhny Novgorod region

City: Nizhny Novgorod

Venue: The Embankment of Grebnoy channel

Phone: (953) 562 11 73

Webpage: nnwelcome.ru nnhealthynation.ru

On the embankment of Grebnoy channel more than 10 sports sites will be organized representing various developing modern kinds of sports: outdoor athletics (workout), parkour, break-dance, CrossFit (functional games), weight-lifting, BMX, rollers, pole dance, disc-golf, slackline, mixed Martial Arts (MMA), arm-wrestling.

At the sites competitions, shows, open training will be held.

The festival spectators will be able to show themselves worth in performing sports standards, fitness marathon, master classes by professional trainers in the area of free sports (table tennis, checkers, trampoline, etc.) and in beach volleyball tournament.



The National Celebration of Saami People "The XVIII Traditional Saami Games"

2014-09-06

The folk celebrations

Region: Murmansk region

Venue: The railway station of Loparskaya

Phone: (81553) 3 33 47

Webpage: kola.murmansk.ru

For nearly 20 years in Kola area of Murmansk region in September in the place of compact living of Saami people the celebration at regional level – The Saami Games – is held.

The organizers prepare extensive programme of competitions in traditional Saami kinds of sports.

Everyone may take part in activities and try one's hand at throwing a lasso on a deer, jumping over a sledge, crossbow shooting, fishing in traditional Saami way – "by the can". The highlight of the competitions is Saami women football.

On that day in Loparskaya an exhibition and fair of items produced by masters of decorative and applied arts from various cities and areas of the region will take place as well as holiday trade of items of native Saami crafts. By all means, on that day guests of the celebration will be treated to traditional fish-soup (*ukha*) from salmon that everyone may taste.



The Open Knights' Tournament of Historical Fencing

2014-09-06

Historical reconstructions

Region: Murmansk region

City: Polyarny Zory

Spectators will see the battle scenes, single combats by real swords of knights in medieval armour. The exciting show will make one to forget that it is the XXI century already and feel oneself engrossed in the Middle Ages when noble knights staged tournaments and fought for the favour of beautiful ladies.

The event programme features single and massive medieval battles. In the tournament teams from cities of Murmansk region will participate.

On September 6 the courage, bravery and ability to handle a weapon will be shown not only by professionals and experienced members of the club, but by very young participants, too.



Blacksmith Festival "The Day of Scobary"

2014-09-06

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Pskov region

City: Pskov

Venue: the Pskov Kuznechny Dvor

Phone: (8112) 29 97 88

Webpage: www.kovpskov.ru ocnt-pskov.org

By the legend, Peter the Great called the people of Pskov "scobar" (holdfast maker) when he was not able to straighten out the holdfast forged by local blacksmiths while Peter the Great used to easily unbend horseshoes. On his order, Pskov masters started to produce holdfasts for Russian fleet under construction.

In Pskov the founder of the revived Russian school of art forging Vsevolod Smirnov has lived and created. The park of interactive forged sculptures, replenished with new exhibits to each festival is the unique one.

The celebration takes place in the historic center of the city, near the walls of Pskov fortress. Spectators watch the actual work of the masters, they themselves may forge a coin or a nail, take part in the competition of inventors. One may hire a fancy vehicle, walk around the mall where products of Pskov masters are shown, taste "porridge from an ax".



The International Ethnographic Festival of Karachay-Balkar Culture "The Celebration of Ayran at Honey Waterfalls"

2014-09-06 — 2014-09-07

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Karachay-Cherkess Republic

Venue: The village of Krasny Kurgan

Phone: (928) 027 11 28

Webpage: medovye-vodopady.ru

Ayran is the fermented milk drink produced by mixed fermentation of cow, goat and sheep milk.

The main objectives set by the organizers of the extraordinary festival consist in strengthening cooperation between the people of North Caucasus whose representatives today live not only in Russia but abroad as well. The development of traditional national culture and ethnographic tourism is the goal, too.

The festival programme features a contest of making various types of *ayran* and cooking dishes of Caucasian cuisine with the use of that fermented milk product as well as concerts of masters of performance, folk mass sports games and much, much more.

The Honey waterfalls, where the festival takes place, is a natural monument, one of the most picturesque places in the Republic of Karachay-Cherkess.

In 2013 some five thousand guests representing more than 30 nations have come to the festival.



The Fair-Exhibition "The Gifts of Autumn"

2014-09-06

Fairs

Region: Murmansk region

City: Polyarny Zory

Venue: The square named after A.S. Andrushechko

Phone: (81532) 7 16 57

Webpage: www.pz-city.ru

The fair-exhibition "The Gifts of Autumn" is held with the aim to sale and promote the products made in Murmansk region, improve the competitiveness of the products, establish mutually beneficial relations of producers with trading organizations of the city. The task of the fair-exhibition includes: in a better way to meet the needs of the population for food products, agricultural tools, seeds and seedlings of agricultural plants.

At the fair summing up the results of the competition "The Harvest 2014" and awarding its winners is scheduled, too.

The creative programme of the fair features concerts with participation of creative groups of the City Palace of Culture and from the towns of Murmansk region.



The Open City Festival of Folklore Creativity "The Tales of Kanda Beauty"

2014-09-06

The folk celebrations

Region: Murmansk region

City: Kandalaksha

Webpage: www.kandalaksha-admin.ru vk.com/album-32656884_179469536

The festival is one of the most prominent cultural events in the life of Kandalaksha and Murmansk region.

Creative teams and masters of decorative and applied arts and crafts from all over the region are invited to participate in the festival. Within the framework of the event open city competitions will take place: the literary contest "The Tales of Kanda Beauty" (fairy tales, stories, tales, dreams, fantasies, fables, figments, fiction), the competition of the gentle sex "The Image of Kanda Beauty" (photo against the backdrop of nature or Pomor lifestyle in a folk costume) and the contest of designers and artists to create the logo of the festival.

The aims and objectives of the festival include:

- Popularization of folk heritage of *Pomors*
- Preservation of continuity and development of Pomor folk traditions
- Stimulation of interest to study traditional folk culture
- Impulse to creative activity, adding of new songs, dances and games of northern folklore to repertoires
- Expansion of creative links between amateur groups and folk masters of decorative and applied arts and crafts of Russian North and the twin cities

During the holiday shopping arcade will operate with floral and honey production and more. The festival guests will be able to take part in games and master classes.



The Film and Theater Festival "Amur Autumn"

2014-09-06 — 2014-09-14

Arts festivals

Region: Amur region

City: Blagoveshchensk

Phone: (495) 915 40 89, (4162) 777 009

Webpage: amurfest.ru www.amurvisit.ru

The Twelfth "Amur Autumn" is going to be devoted to Russian culture. Traditionally, the festival takes place in the city of Blagoveshchensk and at the territory of Amur Region. The competition programme includes 13 feature films and nine enterprise performances.

The activities of "Amur Autumn" will be associated with the commemorative dates for Russia: the 100-th anniversary of World War I outbreak and the 200-th anniversary of the birth of Mikhail Lermontov.

Non-competition movie programme will be devoted to the 25-th anniversary of the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. The festival is going to bring together a whole constellation of representatives of Russian arts' world. Within the framework of the festival artistic evenings of popular favourite actors will be held.



The International auto-moto-festival "The sharp turn of Belogorye"

2014-09-06

Sport events

Region: Belgorod region

Venue: Belgorod region, Belgorod district, the village of Belomestnoye, Auto-motor sports Complex "Virage"

Phone: (4722) 32 82 17, (4722) 770 888

Webpage: www.belkult.ru www.ask-virazh.ru

The festival "The sharp turn of Belogorye" features the theatrical musical AutoMotoShow with pyrotechnics; stunt riding with acrobatic elements; moto free style; jeep trial (show demonstrations of ASK "Virage" crews); auto competitions and moto-crossing; performance of paragliders and bikers' show; the exhibition of sports cars and auto contests.

In 2014, not less than 20 thousand visitors and participants are expected at the festival.



All-Russia Film Festival of Actors - Directors "The Golden Phoenix"

2014-09-07 — 2014-09-12

Arts festivals

Region: Smolensk region

Venue: The city of Smolensk and other cities of Smolensk Region

Phone: (4812) 29 23 64

Webpage: www.directorfest.ru

The main aim of the festival is to foster the best films created by actors, script writers, cameramen, producers, composers and other professionals in the field of cinema who have expressed themselves as film directors.

The festival introduces new movies to wide audience, invites art lovers for the first nights of theatrical performances and creative meetings with directors and actors. By all means, the festival offers a start in life for gifted beginners.

The rich programme, star list of participants, quality interesting movies offered for audience judgement - all that contribute to the success of the festival.

Festival screenings and creative meetings with actors-directors invariably stir a keen interest and a great response, attracting a large number of arts' fans.

At Movie Stars square in front of the movie house "Sovremennik" personal "stars" in honour of the winners of the festival "Golden Phoenix" are placed annually.

The film festival is open for wide audience. All competition screenings are free. All that happens on stage is broadcast to big screens in the streets.



The XVI International Balloon Festival "Caucasian Mineral Waters are the Pearl of Russia"

2014-09-09 — 2014-09-14

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Stavropol region

Venue: The region of Caucasian Mineral Waters (the cities of Zheleznovodsk, Pyatigorsk, Essentuki)

Phone: (495) 491 29 00, (8793) 23 19 89, (8793) 76 48 04

Webpage: www.balloon26.ru

This is the major event and spectacular show, each year hundreds of tourists from all over Russia are coming to it. Hosting the event of the kind contributes to the development of domestic and incoming tourism as well as respectable positioning of Stavropol area at Russian and international markets as the region favourable for the development of tourism.

Among the festival participants there are pilots of hot air balloons from Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Kazakhstan, the United Arab Emirates, Belarus, Lithuania and Poland.

Public organization "The Federation of Aeronautics of Russia", Public organization "The Federation of Aeronautics of Stavropol area"



The XI International Festival of Sports Films "Atlant"

2014-09-09 — 2014-09-11

Arts festivals

Region: Lipetsk region

City: Lipetsk

Venue: Regional centre of culture and folk arts

Phone: (4742) 35 55 61

Webpage: atlantfest.ru

The festival promotes the Olympic ideas, sports, healthy lifestyle and is one of the world's biggest forum of sports film makers. In the days of the festival in movie houses of Lipetsk competition films are shown free of charge.

Each year the number of participating in the festival countries increases. At the II Festival (2005) 40 works from 14 countries were presented. In 2012, in three categories of international competition ("Sports and personality", "Sports and Society" and "The Best Feature Movie on Sports") and two categories of Russian competition ("Loyalty to the Olympic ideals", "The Best TV programme") over 100 works from 30 countries were featured.



The Military and Historical Festival in Crimea

2014-09-09 — 2014-09-14

Historical reconstructions

Region: Sevastopol

Venue: Fedyukhin heights, the village of Pervomayka, Balaclava area, Sevastopol

Phone: (495) 215 29 26

Webpage: ratobor.com vk.com/krymfest2014

The six-day multi-age excursus into the history of the region will let residents of Crimea and the guests of the festival re-live the highlights of Crimea chronicles.

Fifteen historical episodes will unfold in front of the guests starting from the era of ancient Rome to the present days.

"The Middle Ages" and "The New Age" will become the main sites of the event. All themed spaces will operate daily in interactive way, yet each day of the festival will be dedicated to the particular historical period:

September 9 - The Day of Antiquity

September 10 - The Day of Ancient Russia

September 11 - The Day of the Middle Ages

September 12 - The Day of the Crimean War,

September 13 - The Day of the Great Patriotic War

September 14 - The Day of polite people.

Since Crimean festival is planned as the destination for a family holiday, its programme will be developed in such a way that visitors of any age and gender could find activity and entertainment they like.

In the "Middle Ages" one may attend master classes on blacksmithing and pottery, weaving, wood processing and other traditional crafts. For all who want to try their hands archery and crossbow shooting ranges will operate, training on how to handle medieval weapons will be held, too. The hay fortresses will wait for children where they may play knights to their heart content. For kids tailored master classes and entertainments will be organized.

At the site of "The New Time" in front of the guests the episodes from the history of Crimean and the Great Patriotic War will come to life.

Shooting range with the models of weapons of WWII, nursing courses and obstacle course will become the main interactive zones.

At the site an artillery redoubt from the time of the First defense of Sevastopol will be recreated and the models of the tanks involved in the Great Patriotic War will be placed.

The medieval knight show and World War II themed show with participation of armoured vehicles will become the festival culmination moments.



Sakhalin International Festival of Military Bands

2014-09-10 — 2014-09-23

Arts festivals

Region: Sakhalin region

Venue: Sakhalin region and Kuril Islands

Phone: 8 (4242) 72-84-98

Webpage: sakhfilarmonia.ru

Sakhalin International festival of military orchestras contributes to patriotic education of the population, forms traditions of joint performance of military orchestras from various countries in honour of World War II completion as well as facilitates the popularization of the best samples of world music.

The festival is held in September, at least once every three years. Between festivals, concerts, processions, solemn memorial events, meetings, master classes according to the plan annually approved by the Ministry of Culture of Sakhalin region take place.

The festival is an unforgettable musical celebration for citizens and guests of the city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk, concerts are held at outdoors sites of other cities of Sakhalin region, too.

Musical show brings together performers from different countries at one stage, great technical equipment and awesome performing skills create a special holiday atmosphere.



The XIII International Festival of Chamber and Orchestra Music "Siberia - Europe"

2014-09-11 — 2014-09-27

Arts festivals

Region: Krasnoyarsk region

City: Krasnoyarsk

Venue: Small Hall of Krasnoyarsk Regional Philharmonic

Phone: (391) 227 49 30, 223 23 79

Webpage: www.kko.ru 2014.siberia-europe.ru/

From September 11 to 27 in the Small Hall of Philharmonic the XIII International festival of chamber and orchestra music "Siberia - Europe" will be hosted.

Famous soloists and conductors from Europe and Russia, well-known groups will become the guests of the event.

The festival "Siberia - Europe" is the event of classics where concert programmes are of original nature and feature conceptual integrity and a truly festive richness of genres.

The interested listeners may also visit the creative meetings and master classes run by the festival participants that will be held at the Academy of Music and Theatre.



The III Symphony Forum of Russia

2014-09-11 — 2014-09-18

Arts festivals

Region: Sverdlovsk region

City: Ekaterinburg

Venue: Sverdlovsk State Academic Philharmonic

Webpage: sgafest.ru sgaf.ru

The symphony forum is held to revive the touring activities of symphony orchestras, representing the regions of Russia.

This year for the participation in the Forum the orchestra MusicAeterna of Perm Opera and Ballet Theatre named after P.I.

Tchaikovsky, Rostov Academic Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Orchestra of Nizhny Novgorod State Academic Philharmonic named after Mstislav Rostropovich, Yaroslavl Academic Governor Symphonic Orchestra as well as the State Academic Symphony Orchestra named after E.F. Svetlanov is invited.

Within the forum framework Ural Academic Philharmonic Orchestra and Ural Youth Symphony Orchestra will perform.

The creative heritage of the composer will be the theme of the project "The Time of Terteryan" - the General special project of the III Symphony Forum of Russia.



The VII International Festival of Puppet Theatres "Petruška the Great"

2014-09-12 — 2014-09-16

Arts festivals

Region: Sverdlovsk region

City: Ekaterinburg

Venue: Yekaterinburg Puppet Theatre

Phone: (343) 350 30 05

Webpage: www.uralkukla.ru

The festival "Petruška the Great" is one of the most beloved and long-awaited theatrical events in Russia, it is held every two years.

The festival is aimed to reveal, support and promote the most interesting creative projects of puppet theaters, facilitate the further development of Russian theater, strengthen cooperation between theaters of Russia, CIS and foreign countries.

The guests from eight countries - Germany, France, Italy, Serbia, Poland, Czech Republic, Belarus and Kazakhstan - were taking part in the previous festivals.

The festival is competitive one and includes presentations of performances by participating theaters, discussion of performances, master classes, creative meetings with the masters of stage.

The festival theme in 2014 is "The Puppet theatre: the experience and the experiments".



The Tourism Exhibition and Fair "The Great Volga"

2014-09-12 — 2014-09-14

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Samara region

City: Samara

Phone: (495) 762 87 65, (846) 207 07 38

Webpage: www.itmexpo.ru www.tic-samara.ru

The exhibition and fair organization is timed with the celebration of the City Day of Samara.

Within the framework of the exhibition and fair "The Great Volga" the presentation of the tourist infrastructure of Russian Federation regions - the participants of inter-regional agreement on cooperation in the field of tourism between the regions along Volga and Russian Federation "The Great Volga" is planned. The cooperation involves Samara region, the Republic of Tatarstan, Ulyanovsk region, Chuvash Republic, the Republic of Mari El, Nizhny Novgorod region, Penza region, Saratov region, the Republic of Bashkortostan, Perm region, Tver region, Astrakhan region, Volgograd region, the Republic of Mordovia, Ivanovo region, Kostroma region, Yaroslavl region.

The people of Samara region will have an opportunity to get acquainted with the wide range of offers made by the regions of Russian Federation concerning leisure and purchase tours to resorts and sanatoriums, New Year tours, river cruises and much more.



The International Traveling Exhibition "The Beauty of the North: the Visual Arts of Barents Region of 1970-1980"

2014-09-12 — 2014-10-19

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Murmansk region

City: Murmansk

Venue: Murmansk Regional Museum of Arts

Phone: (8152) 450 385

Webpage: artmmuseum.ru

The exhibition is one of the largest cultural projects of the countries of Barents region. Four border territories - Finland, Sweden, Norway, Russia - take part in the project.

To Murmansk the exhibition will arrive from Norway. The organizer of the event is University of Lapland in Rovaniemi.

The exhibition exposition includes works by 52 artists from Russia, Finland, Norway and Sweden, including paintings by Vitaliy Bubentsov, Nikolay Morozov, Mikhail Kirin.



The XII International Film Festival of Asian Pacific Countries "The Pacific Meridians"

2014-09-13 — 2014-09-19

Arts festivals

Region: Primorsk region

City: Vladivostok

Venue: Towns and villages of Primorye territory

Phone: (423) 241 27 59, 230 20 74, 226 15 82

Webpage: pacificmeridianfest.ru primorsky.ru

The festival attracts up to 30 thousand residents and guests of Primorye territory, it aims to strengthen cultural ties between Asia-Pacific countries.

The official programme takes place in Vladivostok, the cinema tours "The Best Movies - to Primorye" are held throughout the whole region.



The Festival "The White Mushroom"

2014-09-13

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Leningrad region

City: Lodeynoye Polye

Venue: The square in front of the House of folk arts

Phone: (81364) 224 92, (81364) 254 11

Webpage: www.admlodia.ru

In the midst of mushroom high season the town of Lodeynoye Polye calls guests to the festival "The White Mushroom (The Cep)" since the region is famous for its forest gifts.

The festival guests may visit an exhibition of culinary products "The Mushroom Fantasy", enjoy mushroom dishes, learn new recipes for cooking mushrooms.

Citizens and visitors will be entertained by music ensembles and dance groups. Theatrical performances, master classes on pottery-making, exhibition-sales, the contests "The best mushroom picker", "The biggest mushroom", "The biggest harvest", "The merry family" will be held.

At the fair fresh ceps, chanterelles, dried mushrooms and berries, souvenirs are sold.

At the same day the Day of the town is celebrated. The town of Lodeynoye Polye is often called the birthplace of the Baltic Fleet. Here in 1702, on the order of Peter the Great, Olonetsk (later on - Lodeynopolsk) shipyard was founded, from its building ways the first ship of the Baltic Navy - the frigate "The Standard" - was officially launched into waters.



Itelmen ritual celebration "Alhalalalay"

2014-09-13 — 2014-09-14

The folk celebrations

Region: Kamchatka region

Venue: Itelmen ethnographic village of Pimchakh, the village of Sosnovka of Elizovo area and the village of Kovran of Tigilsk area

Phone: (4152) 42 66 52

Webpage: www.kamcnt.ru

"Alhalalalay" is the ancient ritual Itelmen calendar holiday that marks the completion of the economy cycle.

The basis and the meaning of the holiday actions is made by eternal gratitude to nature. Creative and educational activities take place during the ritual celebration: concerts, contests, round table discussions, conferences, exhibitions-fairs, master classes.

The culmination of the event is a dance marathon or Russia Open Championship of dances of indigenous people of Kamchatka that in 2013 lasted 16 hours and 30 minutes!

That truly exciting dance and sporting show for several years is organized as the part of "Alhalalalay". Not only competitors from Kamchatka, yet dancers from other regions of Russia and even foreign countries, neighbouring and far away, take part in it.

"Alhalalalay" is the official holiday of Kamchatka region.



The International Volkov Theatre Festival

2014-09-15 — 2014-09-26

Arts festivals

Region: Yaroslavl region

City: Yaroslavl

Venue: Yaroslavl State Drama Theatre named after F.G. Volkov

Phone: (4852) 59 19 01

Webpage: www.volkovteatr.ru

The city of Yaroslavl is rightfully considered to be the birthplace of Russian theater. In 1750, Fyodor Grigoryevich Volkov has created the first Russian national theater in the city. Volkov festival dates back to 2000 when the 250-th anniversary of the first Russian professional theater – Russian Drama Theatre named after Fyodor Volkov – was celebrated. Since then, the festival takes place every year. In 2008 the festival new motto was adopted "Russian drama in the world languages". Such approach made it possible to form the special festival programme bringing the best Russian and foreign performances based on works created in Russian language to the homeland of Russian theater. The festival participants include Russian professional theaters, representatives of provincial Russia, laureates of Russian Government Award named after F.G. Volkov.



The IV International plein air of Modern Landscape Painting "The Green Noise"

2014-09-16

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Ivanovo region

City: Plyos

Webpage: www.plyos.org

A kind of creative laboratory of painters traditionally takes place in the reserved areas of Plyos. This year painters from the Netherlands and Russia take part in the project. Based on the results of the plein air the exhibition of landscape painting will be organized. The international plein air "The Green Noise" contributes to the cultural exchange, integration of Russian art into international cultural context, enhancement of the region artistic life, development of event tourism both in Plyos and Ivanovo region in general.



The International Festival of Advertisement "The Red Apple"

2014-09-18 — 2014-09-19

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: Digital October

Phone: (495) 783 65 39

Webpage: www.festival.ru www.facebook.com/Festival.Red.Apple

The International festival of advertisement "The Red Apple" takes place at one of the most innovative sites of Moscow – Digital October. This year "The Red Apple" represents a whirlpool of changes, the most open site for large-scale creative communication. It provides the inspiration, continuous interaction, exchange of thoughts and ideas. Exactly in the educational programme of "The Red Apple" their concentration will be the utmost. The renowned leaders of the world creativity will encourage to create. Those are, at first, the members of international jury, each of them has won, averagely, seven Cannes Lions, and produced iconic significant works in the advertising industry. In addition, at the festival prominent star speakers from Russia will take floor. Such as Andrey Boltenko – the director and writer of the script for the opening and closing ceremony of Sochi Olympics 2014. He will tell how the world's major show of the year has been created. Sergey Kapkov will raise the issue of "Cultural codes of the capital", Maxim Krongauz is going to try to find out whether social networks would kill the art of telling stories while Leonid Feygin will dwell upon the subject of humor convertibility under modern reality. Also at "The Red Apple" the issues of "Time trouble", "Businesses of the Future", "Why is human affected by fashion?", "The Future of Money", "Crowdsourcing and Society" and other issues will be discussed.



The International Military and Historical Festival "Kulikovo Field"

2014-09-18 — 2014-09-21

Historical reconstructions

Region: Tula region

Venue: The village of Tatinky, Kimovsk district

Phone: (4872) 36 28 34

Webpage: www.kulpole.ru

The International military and historical festival "Kulikovo Field" is held annually since 1997 on the eve of the celebration of the anniversary of the Battle by Kulikovo on the banks of the river Don.

In 2014 near the place called "Tatinskye brody" the camp will be set for the delegations of military and historical reconstruction clubs from Russia and neighbouring countries that are active in recreating lifestyle, costumes, armours and equipment of warriors of medieval Russia and the Golden Horde.

The festival itinerary includes the historical fencing tournament, the tournament of archers, contests of historical reproduction of armours and costumes, buhurts, equestrian tournament, historical fair.

In the days of the festival the guests of Kulikovo field have excellent opportunity to immerse themselves in the epoch of the Middle Ages.



The Open Ethno-Festival "Nekrasov Tales"

2014-09-19 — 2014-09-21

Arts festivals

Region: Stavropol region

Venue: Levokumye district, the village of Novokumsky, the House of Culture

Phone: (8652) 26 64 78

Webpage: www.skdnt.ru

The event features the competition of theater teams and individual artists based on folklore tales of Cossacks-Nekrasovets, concert performances by folk groups, acquaintance with unique vocal, song, dance and household culture, decorative and applied arts and crafts of Cossacks-Nekrasovets who for 250 years far away from home were preserving the culture of their ancestors.

Levokumye, literally speaking, is the province of Champagne at the territory of Stavropol area. The hallmark of the region is the development of viticulture.



The Inter-regional Competition of Artistic Knitting Using Goat Down and "The Goat Show"

2014-09-19 — 2014-09-21

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Volgograd region

City: Uryupinsk

Phone: (84442) 4 35 82

Webpage: www.welcomevolgograd.com

The annual celebration attracts folk masters from various parts of Russia. The town of Uryupinsk is famous for products from goat down.

Until recently many people were believing that Uryupinsk is a town from humorous folklore. Yet, the city really exists in Volgograd region and has recently been marketed as the tourist destination called "The Capital of Russian province".



The Exhibition and Fair "Rye loaf ob bread of Urzhum"

2014-09-19 — 2014-09-20

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Kirov region

City: Urzhum

Phone: (83363) 2-20-01

Webpage: visitkirov.ru

The exhibition and fair revives the tradition of Beloretsk-Trinity fair - the holiday of people of Vyatka village, merchants and artisans that is held since the XVIII century.

The festival programme includes performances of creative groups, accordion contest, sports and entertainment.

Business forum with discussion and presentation platforms of country-side products' manufacturers, processors and scientists is planned, too.

Urzhum is the old merchants' city, its center has fully retained its image of the XIX century.

There are more than 10 objects of cultural heritage of federal importance at the place. Fair guests may get acquainted with the sights of Urzhum during excursions.



The Festival - Carnival "Pavlovsky Possad shawls - the symbol of Russia"

2014-09-20

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow region

City: Pavlovsky Posad

Venue: Revolution square

Phone: (496) 432 13 55

Webpage: www.pavpos.ru

In Moscow region four kinds of folk applied arts are developed: Pavlovsky Possad scarves and shawls, gzhel, porcelain of Dulevo and decorative painting of Zhostovo. Each of them is the symbol of Russia.

The carnival "Pavlovsky Possad shawls - the symbol of Russia" is the costumed festivities with street parades, dramatized contests and performances of folk groups from Moscow region showing that Russian artistic crafts effect large impact on household culture of this country.



The Historical Reconstruction of the Battle by Vokhon

2014-09-20 — 2014-09-21

Historical reconstructions

Region: Moscow region

Venue: Pavlovsky Posad municipal area, the village of Bolshiye Dvory

Phone: (496) 432 13 55

Webpage: www.pavpos.ru

The military and patriotic festival and theatrical performance (the historical reconstruction) of the battle by Vokhon is devoted to the Patriotic War of 1812.

On the shore of the old bed of the river Klazyma - the site of the historic battle - in accordance with the historical facts the presentation of peasants' fight ("military activities") against the regular troops of the French army enrolls.

As more than 200 years ago, the remains of the "invincible army" shamefully fled from the battlefield.

The reconstruction participants manage to revive the historical events of 1812 with great accuracy. One gets the feeling of the real battle: cannons, guns, swords, banners and decorations exactly match the armament of the time.

The clothing of people volunteer corps, military uniform, outfitting of soldiers and officers of French and Russian armies are reconstructed by members of military history clubs based on sample costumes of those times.

At the end of the "battle" the parade of the reconstruction participants is traditionally held and then, as the final - a gala concert.



The City Day of Monchegorsk

2014-09-20

The folk celebrations

Region: Murmansk region

City: Monchegorsk

Venue: Central square, the central alley of city park

Phone: +78153672443, +78153672435

Webpage: www.monchegorsk.gov-murman.ru

Annually in Monchegorsk the City Day is celebrated in a colorful way. The programme includes creative performances of amateur groups, "photo-drying", living statues, fair.

The photo exhibition "Drying up in Monchegorsk style" is the exhibition of works of professional and amateur photographers of Monchegorsk and Murmansk region. The participants submit photos and hang them on the rope by means of pegs. All those who would like pictures, may apply stickers to them as though booking a selected photo and showing that it's taken.

At the end, spectators will have the opportunity to take the photos they liked with them.



The International Youth Forum "Targim"

2014-09-20 — 2014-10-05

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Republic of Ingushetia

Phone: 88732 23 22 41

Webpage: www.kdm06.ru

The annual youth forum is organized by Republican Committee on the issues of youth with the support of the Republic leadership. "Targim" and other similar projects provide the opportunity to reflect the likings and interests of youth, they bring people together and make them more friendly.

Young people aspire to actively participate in the processes of the country development.



The XIV International Documentary Film Festival "Flahertiana"

2014-09-21 — 2014-09-28

Arts festivals

Region: Perm region

City: Perm

Phone: (342) 241 38 02

Webpage: www.flahertiana.ru mk.permkrai.ru

The movies presented at "Flahertiana" reflect the actual picture of documentary films shot during the year in the way of aesthetics discovered by American director Robert Flaherty.

The first festival took place in 1995, until 2006 the event was held once every two years rather as theoretical symposium than the competition.

In 2006, the festival finally has got the status of the annual international documentary film festival with an international jury, the jury of FIPRESCI.

In addition to the international competition, "Russian" Flahertiana" is held, too, where the best movies matching the "Flahertian" aesthetics and produced in Russia are presented. The winner is determined by the results of the audience voting.

The winners will be determined in the following categories:

- The Grand Prix for the best film of the festival
- The prize for the discovery of new themes and characters
- The prize for original artistic concept
- The prize of FIPRESCI
- The prize of audience jury for the best film of "Russian" Flahertiana".

This year, the festival will be opened by the film directed by Italian Gianfranco Rosi "The Holy Roman ring road".

In addition to the films of the competition programme one may see documentary films under special programmes: the films of jury members, the films for children, retrospective screening. As part of "Flahertiana" a wide range of seminars, round tables and master classes is planned.

The main sponsor of the festival is the Government of Perm region.



The Concert "To Leave the Trace in People's Heart", dedicated to the 100-th anniversary of the poet V.F. Bokov

2014-09-21

Arts festivals

Region: Moscow

City: Moscow

Venue: Moscow Philharmonic, Concert Hall named after P.I. Tchaikovsky

Phone: (495) 988 76 42, 988 76 84

Webpage: www.smib.ru www.smibpress.ru/index/bokov_viktor_fjodorovich/0-23

The jubilee concert "To Leave the Trace in People's Heart" is dedicated to the 100-th anniversary of the national poet of Russia V.F. Bokov.

The creativity of Victor Fedorovich holds a special place in Russian and world poetry. As a poet of the XX century, V.F. Bokov has fully shared the historical destiny with the people, that is reflected in his poems and songs.

During the poet's life his 50 poetry collections and anthology "Russian ditty" were published.

More than 150 songs were based on the poems of Victor Bokov, many of them have become people's ones.

At the concert the songs based on the poet's verses will be performed by famous bands and artists as well as his poetry will be cited and the memories about the poet shared.

To the event participants the audio album "My Life, the road far away" will be presented with the records of the songs based on the poet poems.



The Festival "In Ryazan mushrooms have eyes"

2014-09-21

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Ryazan region

Venue: The village of Laskovo in Ryazan region

Phone: (4912) 28-91-22

Webpage: www.rzraion.ru www.ryazantourism.ru

Since old times the forests of Ryazan are famous for an abundance of mushrooms. In September, in the place of Ryazan region most rich with mushrooms the festival in the format of eco-celebration - "In Ryazan mushrooms have eyes" - takes place. The main aims of the festival comprise the preservation of tradition to love and respectfully treat nature, to nourish culture of family outdoor recreation, to extend people knowledge about the ecosystem. The fair featuring diversity of mushrooms will take place, too.

The guests of the celebration become participants of "Mushroom marathon" - command and single competition in picking mushrooms.

Professional pickers – guides will share the secrets of their skills and introduce the wonderful world of mushroom forests of Ryazan region to the event guests.

Mushroom pharmacy will reveal the medical secrets of mushrooms. The hospitable villagers will present the fair of culinary products.

In "Recipes' shop" the festival participants will get acquainted with new ways to cook mushrooms and put down their own special recipes in mushroom book.

At exhibition-fair one may buy souvenirs, magnets, charms, books, booklets, calendars and much more.

The festival guests will be able to participate in master classes on making charms and gifts, vine-weaving, basket weaving, wood and birch bark carving and burning.

At the festival one may learn how to choose the right basket for mushrooms, not to get lost in a forest, to set up a tent. "Ten tips for beginners" will be provided, too.



The All-Russian Festival-Contest of Military and Patriotic Song "The Crimean Wave"

2014-09-24 — 2014-09-28

Arts festivals

Region: The Republic of Crimea

City: Alushta

Venue: The Palace of culture of Alushta sanatorium under the management of Administrative Department of the President of Russian Federation, the Central embankment of the city of Alushta

Phone: (495) 681 36 95

Webpage: www.crimvolna.ru www.soiuz.ru/crim-expo

The first All-Russian festival of military and patriotic song "The Crimean wave" is dedicated to the 160-th anniversary of the defense of Sevastopol during the Crimean War of 1853-1856.

The festival is held as part of the exhibition "Soyuzkurort. Crimea – All-Russian health resort" and is designed to promote the theme of military song and music that reflects the valiant history of Russian weaponry and Russian soldiers.

The festival-contest will be held in the following nominations:

- A song for children and young people
- Bard song
- Marching song
- Lyric song
- A song in modern style (rock, rap, jazz, folk, city chanson, etc.)

Within the framework of the festival concert performances of the leading army creative groups – the Ensemble of Song and Dance of the Black Sea Fleet and Concert Ensemble of the Cultural Center of Russia Armed Forces are planned.



The Festival "Revival"

2014-09-24 — 2014-09-28

Sport events

Region: Krasnodar region

Venue: Absheron district

Phone: (861) 267 25 43

The festival is for outdoor enthusiasts of the following types: walking and mountain hiking, cross-country cycling, climbing, multirace, skyrunning, sports orienteering.



The V International Festival of Tourist Movies "Rendezvous with Russia"

2014-09-24 — 2014-09-29

Arts festivals

Region: Republic of Ingushetia

Venue: The cities of Magas, Nazran, the village of Armkhi of Jeirakh area

Phone: (499) 558 31 80, (495) 607 37 42, 988 120 10 00, 964 057 10 00

Webpage: www.tourfilmfest.ru komturri@livejournal.com

The Annual International Festival of Tourist movies "Rendezvous with Russia" is organized with the aim to promote tourism opportunities of Russia to domestic and international markets and form the image of Russia as the country favourable for tourism, recreation, strengthening and development of cultural and creative relations between filmmakers of various countries working in the genre of tourist movie.

The festival, with over 100 films in its application list, will take place at four sites in the Republic of Ingushetia.



The International Tourism Forum Open Dagestan

2014-09-24 — 2014-09-25

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Republic of Dagestan

City: Makhachkala

Phone: (8722) 56 49 09

Webpage: www.dagtourism.com

The main objectives of the event is to demonstrate cultural and historical potential of Dagestan, facilitate new projects of effective positioning and promotion of tourism product and development of hospitality infrastructure, discuss the problems of the development of the tourism industry prospects by professional and expert community.

Within the frames of the event the specialized exhibition of tourism products, goods and services will take place as well as fishing tourism festival.

The business programme of the event features scientific and practical conferences, plenary and sections' sessions, panel discussions, "round tables", presentations of investment projects of the Republic of Dagestan on the creation and reconstruction of tourist and recreational clusters. For the first time the Republican contest in the field of event tourism will be held.

The guests will be able to go on a free guided tours of Makhachkala and Derbent.



The Exhibition "Russian Paris: A.P. Bogolyubov and the Artists of his Circle"

2014-09-25 — 2014-12-07

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Saratov region

City: Saratov

Venue: Saratov State Art Museum named after A.N. Radishchev

Phone: (8452) 26 16 06

Webpage: www.radmuseumart.ru

The year 2014 is marked with the important date for Saratov – the 190-th anniversary of the birth of the outstanding painter, collector, public figure, the founder of Radishchev museum – A.P Bogolyubov (1824-1896).

The name of Aleksey Petrovich Bogolyubov is among the names of prominent people of the XIX century and forever remains as an example of the patriotic service to the Motherland.

At the exhibition organized within the framework of the project "A.P. Bogolyubov. To the 190-th anniversary ... " one may see lyrical in mood landscapes of Russia, France, Germany, Italy and other European countries, portraits and genre works by Bogolyubov and the painters of his circle.

The viewers will also see the battle paintings by Bogolyubov depicting naval battles and ships, those paintings present him as a marine painter, a brilliant historian of the domestic fleet.

The project of the exhibition also includes: paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, books and archival documents from the collections of the State Russian Museum (the city of St. Petersburg), the State Tretyakov Gallery (Moscow), the State Historic-Artistic and Natural Museum-reserve of V. D. Polenov (Polenovo), the Central Naval Museum (the city of St. Petersburg).



Caspian Halal Expo 2014

2014-09-26 – 2014-09-28

Exhibitions and forums

Region: Republic of Dagestan

City: Makhachkala

Venue: The National Library named after R. Gamzatov

Phone: (8722) 55 55 33, (989) 455 53 33

Webpage: www.caspianhalal.ru

The unique event shows the present condition and potential of halal industry in Dagestan and Russia in general, promotes halal products to domestic and foreign markets, make it popular and develop the style of consumption of goods and services that meet the norms and standards of halal.

The exhibition will present the latest achievements in the production of goods and services for the whole family, innovative technology, consumer goods, cultural exchange and much more.



The International Festival "The Days of Jazz in Arkhangelsk"

2014-09-26 – 2014-09-28

Arts festivals

Region: Arkhangelsk region

City: Arkhangelsk

Webpage: www.jazzdays.ru

The festival is organized by the famous saxophonist, director of the jazz group "Arkhangelsk" Vladimir Rezitsky in 1982.

In 2012 the event was held as "The Festival of Contemporary Arts named after Vladimir Rezitsky".

From the very beginning "The Days of Jazz" were aimed at the promotion of new jazz, without detriment, however, to the traditional styles of jazz – within the framework of the festival those two trends are usually presented on different days.

The event includes presentations of creativity of professional musicians, painters, photographers from Russia, Europe, USA, Japan, master classes, the project "Jazz-relay" with the participation of gifted students of music and secondary education schools, excursion programmes.

From 1982 to 1990 regular sea cruises were organized, from 2006 to 2008 air tours to Solovki Islands were made.

In 2014 it is planned to attract an audience of up to 2500 people to Arkhangelsk and up to 100 people for visit to Solovki Islands.



The Celebration of Wine Culture and Wine Making "Don vine"

2014-09-27

The folk celebrations

Region: Rostov region

Venue: The village of Pukhlyakovsky

Phone: (863) 519 12 02, (863) 240 12 17

Webpage: www.dontourism.ru

The celebration is dedicated to Don traditions of wine culture and wine making. The village is famous for its kind of grape called "White Pukhlyakovsky" which grape stalks were brought by Cossack Pukhlyakov as a trophy from Balkan campaign. The thematic interactive programmes at Cossack estates are planned as well as quests on the history of Don region, sightseeing and entertainment programmes, sports competitions, the fair of Don goods, performances of artistic groups, fair-shows of souvenirs. At this land one may see the wonderful ethnographic pictures of Cossack everyday life, learn the unique way to grow grapes - "Don cup" and, of course, taste Don wines.



The V Tourist Event Festival "The Antonovka Apples"

2014-09-27

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Lipetsk region

City: Yelets

Phone: (47467) 2 30 65

Webpage: www.kultura48.ru

One of the oldest and most beautiful Russian cities Yelets invites to tourist event festival where everyone may feel the atmosphere of three centuries' unity, absorb the aroma of the ancient Russian city mixed with a taste of modernity. The Festival "The Antonovka Apples" is associated with the life and work of the great Russian writer Ivan Bunin. The concept of the festival is based on the writer's works in which the image of Russian provincial life is depicted. Up to the present day Yelets impresses its guests by old well-kept streets, measured unhurried pace of life, patriarchal way of living. The programme of the festival features the competition of traditional and modern costume "From grandmother's chest", "Flower market", a competition of recitation "The Living Word", master classes run by folk masters, colourful dramatized performances, contests with an audience participation, fair of souvenir and food products.



The XII Republican National Cultural and Sports Festival "Dzhangariada"

2014-09-27

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Republic of Kalmykia

City: Elista

Webpage: www.minmolrk.ru minkult.rk08.ru

"Dzhangariada" is carried out with the aims to revive the traditions, customs and national kinds of sports of Kalmyk people, form healthy lifestyle, strengthen friendship between the people living in the regions of Russia. That is the bright holiday bringing the features of old nomadic civilization to the present day: the national way of life, rituals, material culture, applied arts, the art of song and dance of a single ethnic group in Europe of Central Asian origin that has carried its culture and religion from Asia to Europe. The main audience of the festival is people who are interested in Buddhism, sports, races, active tourism.



The Fair Festival in Honour of the Exaltation of the Cross "Palekh - the City of Masters"

2014-09-27

Fairs

Region: Ivanovo region

Phone: (4932) 58 99 45

Webpage: ivkult.ru

Inter-regional Holy Cross fair is held annually on the eve of the patronal feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 27) nearby Holy Cross Church.

The aims and purposes of the fair are:

- to raise the prestige of Palekh - the center of lacquer miniature
- to preserve, develop and promote traditional and contemporary folk arts and crafts by means of demonstration of artistic skills and organization of sales of items made by masters
- to attract domestic and foreign tourist flows, increase tax revenues to the regional and district budgets
- to promote the development of souvenir market and support domestic producers of souvenir and gift products.

To participate in the fair representatives of Ivanovo and all regions of Russia are invited where there are creative crafts, skillful masters of decorative and applied folk art, enterprises and organizations engaged in the production of artistic objects of folk art, agricultural producers.



The Republican celebration "Urtun toyi"

2014-09-27

The folk celebrations

Region: Republic of Khakassia

City: Abakan

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

Webpage: www.turism19.ru www.r-19.ru

"Urtun toyi" is the only celebration that introduces guests and participants to the wedding traditions of Khakassian people, provides the opportunity to meet with a "root culture" and learn the family relics of Khakassian birth. The final race of "Big Siberian circle" competition has become the good tradition of "Urtun toyi".

The history of the celebration is as follows: according to the tradition, in the autumn, after harvest reaping, the feast dedicated to the harvest was thrown at cornfloor. Under the leadership of venerable elder person, the blessing to the earth was given, the rite was performed in the honour of the spirit - the owner of arable land - thanking him for the harvest. More often than not, Khakassian weddings, like with many other people, were organized during that time, the richest period for the harvest of the Mother-earth.

The celebration includes ceremonial and concert parts, exhibition and sale of items of decorative and applied arts, folk handicrafts as well as agricultural fair, tasting of traditional dishes of Khakassia, national sports and much more. Yet, the main event of the festival is the presentation of Khakassian people birth.

In 2013, more than 400 people have become the participants of the celebration while the total number of visitors has reached 5500 thousand people.



The Tiger Day

2014-09-28

Other festivals and celebrations

Region: Primorsk region

City: Vladivostok

Venue: The Central square

Phone: (423) 222 12 72

Webpage: primorsky.ru

The annual celebration takes place to protect the Siberian tiger. It facilitates the environmental education of the residents of Primorye territory and visitors of the region.
