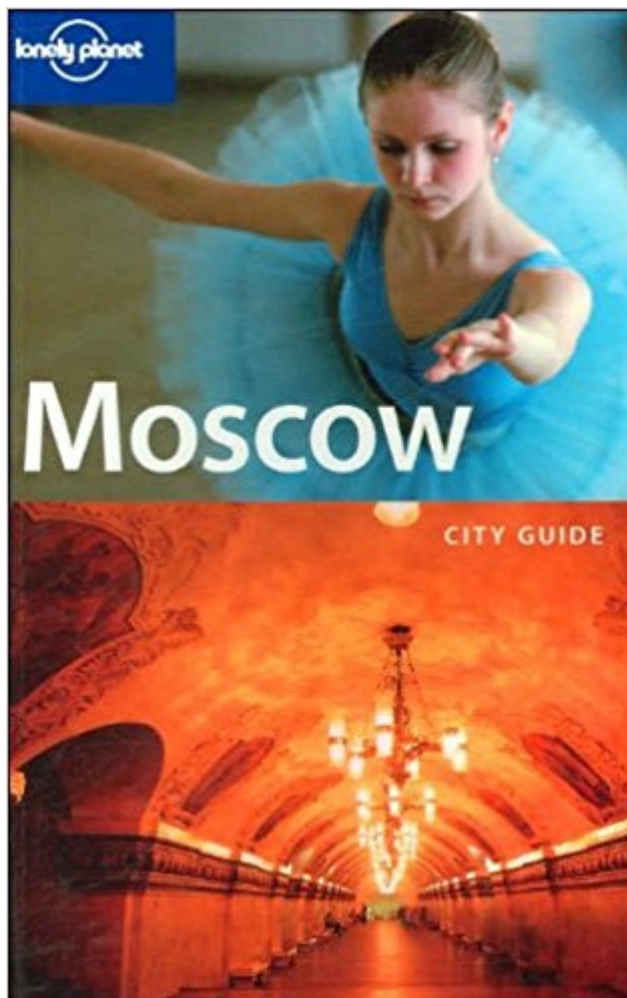


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Synopsis

Delight in the iconic onion domes of St Basil's Cathedral, treat yourself to world-class ballet at the Bolshoi, be dazzled by chandeliers in the metro and get steamed and washed at a banya. From the splendour of the Kremlin to fine dining haute-russe, you'll discover a city that's cloaked in history and embracing the future. Revel in this frenetic, changing capital with this best-selling guide. Discerning Reviews - hand-picked eating and sleeping options from Georgian cuisine to the best renovated Soviet hotels Muscovite Nightlife - elite clubs, bohemian bars, cafés, opera and ballet Cultural Context - insightful history coverage puts Moscow's past and present in perspective Full Color Maps - detailed, grid-referenced maps and a metro plan In-Depth Language Chapter - includes Cyrillic script

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Customer Reviews

Nobody covers the world like Lonely Planet.' --New York Post, May 2004

Moscow is a huge city, of course, with many things to do and see. I only spent two days, focusing on the Kremlin area. Lonely Planet was more than sufficient for this area, though once again the graphics and photos were sub-standard. In terms of practical information, i don't have much to complain about; though walking around the Kremlin is pretty easy. The metro map is useful, and the practical guidance about leaving your bag before entering into various sites is on the dot. As many things are written in cyrillic and not a lot of tourism staff speak english, this guide is a must-have

unless you are fully escorted. The visitor has to be prepared for various unexpected closures, time changes, and reroutings. But this can happen anywhere. I didn't use the food recommendations; but personally I recommend the cafeteria in the GUM or the food court in the other commercial center near the tomb of the unknown soldier. These are great during a day of sightseeing, and Americans will find familiar foods and not need to speak Russian (pointing works perfectly!).

This city guide is informative and up-to-date. We used it to help get around Moscow a day before we got on a cruise boat. The neighborhood guides are informative and clear. They help travelers make good use of their time. Each neighborhood section includes a suggested walking tour. These tours are well laid out and a good way to see an area of town. We have also used the Kyoto city guide, similar in layout to the Moscow guide. What prevents me from giving the Moscow guide 5 stars is its organization - I liked the idea of having walks organized into a single chapter (as in the Kyoto guide) rather than appended to the end of each neighborhood (as in the Moscow guide).

I found this book very helpful. Moscow (and St. Petersburg) are in a different universe from the rest of Russia, and they have very much to offer the traveller.

Just came back from Moscow. I usually love LP Guides and have only been using LP guides when I travel, so it was a surprise that the Moscow guide turned out to be so lacking in terms of usefulness. The problem mainly lies in opening times of sights and details about admissions. It was quite obvious that the guide needs an update.

Provides a good overview of the main attractions in Moscow. Nice map to take with you.

I have been living in Moscow for 3 months now as part of a 3 year posting. I brought this book along expecting it to be of help, but I have hardly used it. OK, I'm getting older (my first LP guide was New Zealand, 1978, which I still have), but I would have preferred more unexciting, but useful information about where to buy day-to-day items. I think one can reasonably assume that the average person who buys this book, rather than the Russia guide, is going to be in Moscow for longer than a few days. Supermarkets barely get a mention, but there are pages on expensive (and useless other than for window-shopping) specialty shops. Lots of space devoted to drinking and nightlife. I would have preferred a bit more space on more sedate and less wallet-emptying places like parks. There is a lot of green space in Moscow, but you would hardly know it reading this guide. Moscow is a big

city, and much of interest is neglected or given cursory treatment in this book. While finding accommodation wasn't a problem for me (we were provided with an apartment), I have never found this part of any Lonely Planet guide particularly useful. Other visitors with the same guide book are converging on the same hotels and there is far more hotel information on the internet than any guidebook can possibly include anyway. Its time guidebooks stopped listing hotels and just provided general information about the best areas in which to seek accommodation and maybe some helpful websites. That saved space could be used for information about those places of interest that currently get neglected or given that cursory treatment I mentioned before. Ditto for restaurants (which often seem to be out-of-business anyway). In short, if you like boozing, looking in expensive specialty shops and aren't going to explore too far afield in Moscow, you might just find this useful.

I came to Moscow on business and my work took me to parts of Moscow that are not necessarily tourist attractions like science institutes. But I thought that having a book about Moscow would help. This was just not the book for me. Moscow is a behemoth city so it would be difficult to cover everything. But, things like the maps not covering the entire city and the map of the subway only covering the main section was really irritating. The metro map is very different than the official maps. It would be useful to have the official map in there. The instructions on getting Sergiev Posad were not great either. The hotel listings are pretty limited. I know..it's a lot to ask. If you are going to Moscow beyond the typical tourist places, don't buy this book.

I traveled to Moscow in 2003 and 2004 and took this book both times. I honestly don't think I could have survived without it. Since I spent numerous weeks in Moscow I covered a lot of territory and especially took advantage of a lot of the information provided in LP, including the info on sites in outer Moscow. Moscow is a wonderful city, but can be confusing and sometimes a little dangerous. However, I found the maps very helpful for making my way around, and especially the map of the metro. The restaurant listings are helpful as well (the descriptions of Georgian food are dead on, it's really that good), though because I lived in dorms I didn't have much experience with the hotels. Prices for museums or other attractions are iffy since they do change a lot but this book was a must for both of my trips.

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