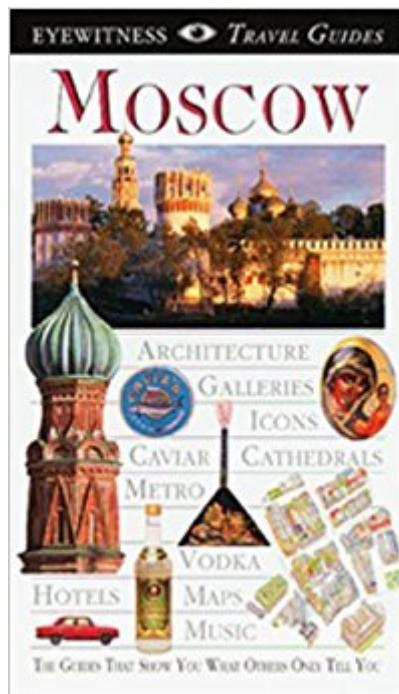


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# Eyewitness Travel Guide To Moscow



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Richardson's thorough history and detailed information on sightseeing, lodgings, and restaurants paired with the glossy, colorful Eyewitness guide provide a well-rounded picture of trekking in and around Moscow. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Greetings, As the founder of a company devoted to enriching cultural and business travel to Russia, we are always looking for a good, general guidebook for clients. We give "Moscow Eyewitness Travel Guide" to all of our full-service clients going to Moscow. It is a good visual and historic guide to Moscow. We call "Moscow Eyewitness Travel Guide" the "Moscow for Dummies" as it is designed to be browsed. The thumbnail-sized color photographs will inspire you to read a bit more about the attractions, so it is ideal to review before the trip, as well as during the first meeting with a local tour guide ("Gee, this building looks interesting, how do I see it?"). Most of our clients read the book before going, and put Post-It notes on pages with interesting attractions to ask about. "Moscow Eyewitness Travel Guide" is also ideal for the cruise ship visitors who will be in Moscow for less than three days, as the photos give a good appreciation to the visitor of what there is to see, especially in a limited amount of time. The history and art sections are reasonably good for a guide book. The restaurant and hotel suggestions are accurate (as far as quality and general pricing range, although the pricing itself is not accurate).. Note, however, that we always tell clients and other visitors to Russia that you should get the most current guidebook, as attractions, hotels, restaurants and transportation options do often change--AND THEN VERIFY THE INFORMATION! All in all, we recommend "Moscow Eyewitness Travel Guide" as the first guidebook to purchase when planning on journey of Discovering Russia's capital city, Moscow. Marc David Miller, Discovering Russia, New York

Went to Moscow in December 2002 for 2 weeks for a funeral with my mother (I'm a hardened

traveler in my 30s). I speak very little Russian and read even less (i.e. none). I also took the Rough Guide book on Moscow. Didn't use the Rough guide after the 2nd day, stuck to the Eyewitness guide. Why? Because if you can't read Russian your screwed - the Cyrillic alphabet is like reading Arabic; if you want to tootle around on the subway or walk the streets - nothing makes sense and it all looks the same. Pictures and maps (with the actual and phonetic spellings on them) are how you're going to make it work. Rough guide has no pictures - Eyewitness boatloads! I explored Moscow on my own - with no guide, no translator and no dictionary - only my eyewitness guide. I didn't get lost and I saw everything that I wanted to see. I didn't care that Eyewitness Moscow was published in 1998 - churches, museums and other places of interest do not move - prices change frequently anyway. It also cuts out a lot of the crap that other guides spend too much time on. This is a guide for seeing, doing and exploring. If you want a hotel guide, get a travel agent.

If I was taking just one guide, 'Eyewitness Travel Guide to Moscow' would be my first choice. Although it is starting to age (published in 1998) it is a good visual and historic guide to Moscow, with enough color photographs to both inspire and guide you. As other reviewers have noted, this book is ideal to use to review with a tour guide the sights and areas that you want to see because of its diagrams, pictures and suggested itineraries. The history and art sections are reasonably good for a guide book. The restaurant and hotel suggestions are a bit stale, and the pricing is out of date (although the range of pricing is still reasonably accurate).

I would like to second the other reviewers about the practicality of this guide. I've been to Moscow twice and know a little Russian. The maps and pictures in this book work really well. I was going to the Tretyakov art gallery for the first time. I came out of the metro stop found the well drawn landmarks and the street names and was able to find the gallery without taking a single wrong turn. The other guidebooks have more scholarly information, but this one seems better for basic getting around. Although I highly recommend learning at least a little Russian; it's not that hard. The Pimsleur method is my favorite for getting started on your own. You can learn the Cyrillic alphabet very quickly. I also like the Rosetta Stone programs. Both of these are far more expensive than average - but their quality shows.

I travelled to Moscow in November 2002 and found this guide to be of great assistance in planning what I wanted to see, getting background information and in follow-up reading and reference after I returned. One use after I returned was in matching my photos to the pictures in the guide to label

them and this worked extremely well. The pictures are beautiful, and the background information is extensive and helpful in understanding what you are going to see. The one drawback is that the 1998 publication date makes this book not very useful in information on new hotels, restaurants or prices. Compare guidebooks and I think you will see that this one is by far the best for detail, pictures and general information. Highly recommended.

I have travelled to Moscow several times and bought this book for my nervous parents who are soon coming along with me for the first time. What I like about this book is that it preps you for what to expect in Moscow without having to do extensive research. The pictures are really helpful, and I found the portrayals to be very accurate (pre-Kosovo). However, I did buy the book with the thought that I will be able to help my folks along. If you have a guide or host to help you with your trip, than this book is ideal.

This is one of the best travel guides I have ever used. It gave more information than the private guides I hired. It includes some of the little known, "personal facts" as well as information on food, transportation and gifts to bring home. I highly recommend this book. It was so good, I bought the ones for my next two trips as soon as I got back from Moscow!

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