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When one thinks of Moscow, it's easy to imagine tall domes and spires jutting into the sky. As the capital of Russia, the biggest city in Europe, and the hub of everything political, economic, educational, and financial in the country, you can expect that a visit to this colorful and impressive city is far from boring. Taking a vacation to Russia does require a [pass port](#), but if you don't have one, don't fret, as you can get yours online.

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Trying to decide where to start in the largest city in Europe is no easy feat. If you are stuck trying to decide just where to begin your adventures in Moscow, try the Red Square, as it is an excellent representation of much of what Moscow is. Located right in the middle of the city, it is a site containing some of Russia's most important historical landmarks, including the absolutely breathtaking St. Basil's Cathedral, Lenin's Mausoleum, where the body of Vladimir Lenin's embalmed body is on display, and the interesting State History Museum. GUM, Russia's largest department store, is also located in the Red Square. The Red Square was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and is one of the largest public squares in the world.

The Kremlin, an area rather similar to the Red Square, is another UNESCO World Heritage Site full of landmarks and interesting things to see. A kremlin is a Russian citadel, and the Kremlin is the most important of them all, as it is the residence of the President of Russia. This walled and fortified compound is right on the Moskva River, and it contains four palaces, four cathedrals, many tall towers, and more, including the Armory, a museum displaying Russia's national treasures. Inside is a breathtaking precious stones exhibit you can't miss. Be sure to also see the monstrous cannon and bell as well.

A perfect place to take a little walk, Old Arbat Street is a cobblestone street lined with out-door cafes, artists and street performers on the streets, and stores selling everything from cheap and tacky souvenirs to high-quality items with set prices. Definitely try to avoid the tacky souvenirs and aim to get something authentic.

The Moscow Zoo is a great place to stop and explore while you're in Moscow. The zoo itself is a hundred years old and has more than a thousand species of animals in residence, and it's actually the oldest and biggest zoo in all of Russia.

There are several reasons why Moscow is such a popular vacation destination. The signature architecture, the overwhelming grandeur of the Red Square and the Kremlin, the deep historical roots, and more add to the appeal of this huge city. Don't forget to get your U.S. passport before you go. Online passport services can get you an [emergency United States passport renewal](#) and more as quickly as you need.

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