



Ryazan region

- The Ryazan region was founded in 1937
- Regional centre – city of Ryazan
- Region's area – 39,600 sq. km (0.23 % of Russia's total area)
- Region's population (c. 1.01.2000) – 1,269,000 people (0.88 % of Russia's population)
- Density of population – 33.5 p./sq. km
- Administrative regions – 25
- Cities of regional subordination – 4
- Population of the largest cities:
Ryazan – 533,100
Kasimov – 38,500
Sasovo – 33,700



HISTORY & CULTURE

The administrative centre of the region, the city of Ryazan (population – 533,100), is situated 200 kilometre south-east of Moscow.

The main waterway, the Oka River, divides the territory of the Ryazan region into two parts: the north – covered with forests, and the south – including zones of broad-leaved forests and forest-steppe. The climate of the region is moderately continental.

There is an Oka biosphere reserve, of international significance, and the

Meshchera national state natural park in the region. The ecologically clean forest district of Meshchera situated rather far from the large industrial centers is of considerable interest. Small rivers, forest reserves, and the lakes of Meshchera are unique for the organisation nature tourism.

Ryazan region has rich and centuries-old traditions. The earliest times population living there has created a thick bed of traditions and the memory of generations that is inseparable from Slavonic culture. Historians consider Ryazan a contemporary of Kiev (6-7th centu-

ry). During the following five centuries the city, having an advantageous geographic position, grew and developed rapidly. As for its beauty and accomplishments, it could be compared with Novgorod and Kiev. Being the south-eastern outpost of the Russian principdoms, in 1237 old Ryazan was destroyed by the army of Baty-khan along with its inhabitants who refused to surrender. For 113 years the palace of the prince Oleg of Ryazan was based in Pereyaslavl-Ryazanski.

In 1778 Pereyaslavl-Ryazanski was renamed Ryazan. Along with the

country through the periods of ups and downs, devastating wars and years of revival and prosperity Ryazan's inhabitants with their self-denying work, feats of arms, scientific discoveries and creative inspiration added many glorious pages to the country's history, science and culture. Special respect is reserved for the names of the academician-physiologist Ivan Pavlov and poet Sergey Yesenin, the engraver Ivan Pozhalostin and the Pirogov-brothers, the founder of cosmonautics Konstantin Tsiolkovsky and academician Vladimir Utkin, the painter Petr Boklevsky

and writer Alexander Solzhenitsin. The list of these glorious names can be continued and continued.

There is also admiration for the architects who created a real miracle from stone — the Ryazan Kremlin. The jewel in its crown is the Uspenski (Assumption) Cathedral of the 17th century. Moreover, the place for the Cathedral was chosen wisely: the shining golden domes are seen from everywhere. They became a kind of visiting card of the modern city.

The cultural life of Ryazan is diverse. There are many theatres, concert halls, museums, art galleries, palaces of culture, stadiums, and gymnasiums. A lot of festivals, holidays and popular cultural performances attract tourists from other parts of Russia as well as from abroad.



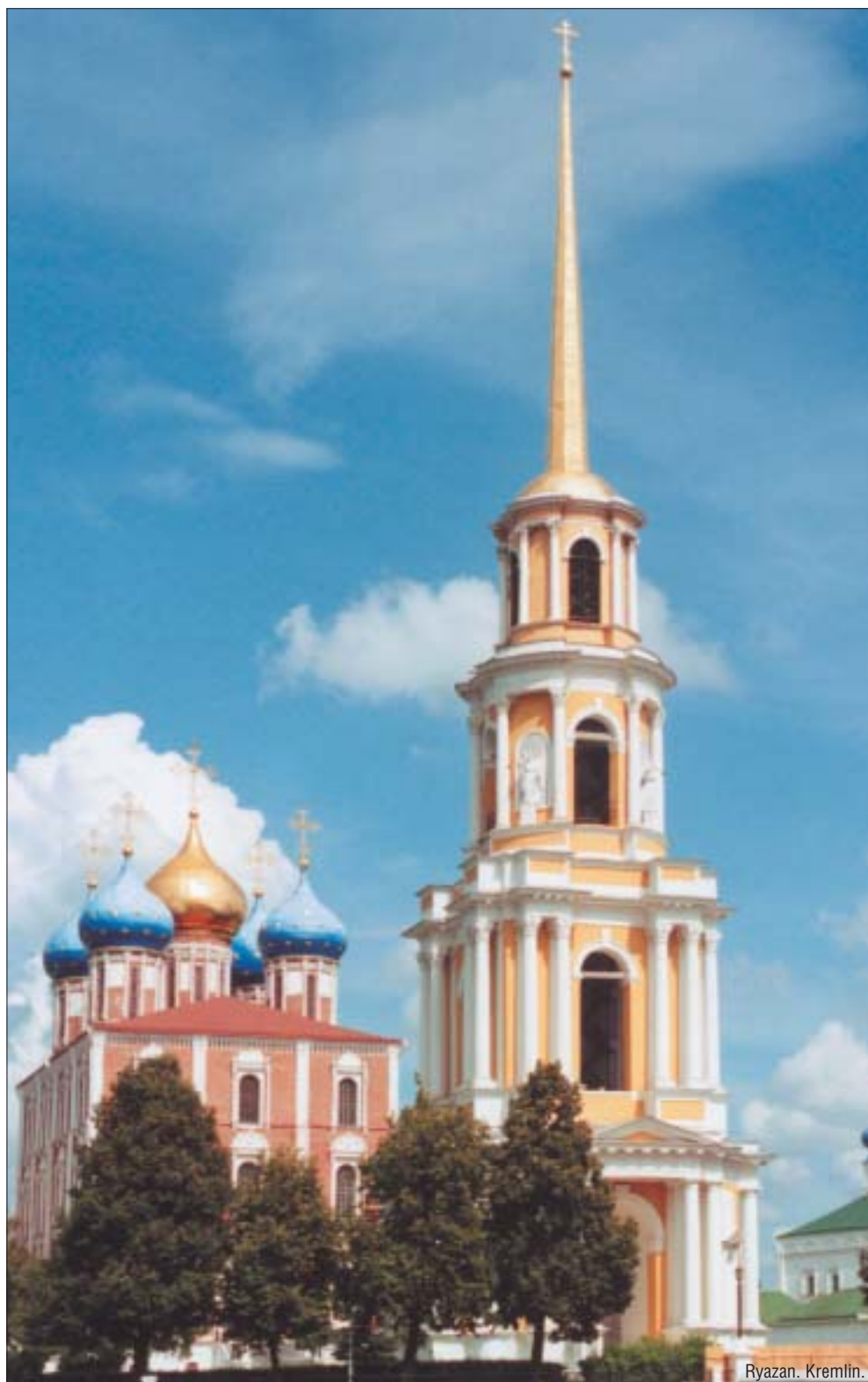
SIGHTS

ROUTES

“Hey, my dear Russia...”

Moscow-Konstantinovo-Old Ryazan-Konstantinovo-Moscow
The route is geared towards both Russians and foreigners coming to Moscow. 1-2 nights in Ryazan. The main idea is to show modern provinces and life in the Russian countryside at the beginning of the 20th century through an exhibition of the preserve museum in Konstantinovo, a visit to the site of Old Ryazan — cradle of Old Russia — a visit to the exhibition of the Ryazan Kremlin and an excursion of modern Ryazan (an excursion in the Rybnovskiy area can also be added).

“All about Esenin”



Konstantinovo-Ryazan-Kriousha-Klepiki-Moscow-St.-Petersburg
1-2 nights in Ryazan.
The route travels through sites of birth (Konstantinovo), study (Klepiki), stay (Ryazan, Kriousha), life and creative work (Moscow) and death of the poet (St.-

Petersburg).
“Literary Ryazan”
Konstantinovo-Ryazan-Solotcha
1-2 nights in Ryazan. The route includes excursions in the Konstantinovo museum, literary places in Ryazan connected to the creative work of Polonsky, the

Hvoschinskys, Solzhenitsin, Saltykov-Schedrin, Gaidar, Paoustovsky and Freierman. The route can be extended by adding a visit to the house museum of Novikov-Priboi in Matveyevskoe, the Sasovskiy area, and Museum of Russian song



Village of Konstantinovo. Museum of Esenin

in the city of Sasovo.

“Road to the stars”

Konstantinovo-Ryazan-Izhevskoe – (homeland of Tsiolkovskiy). Konstantinovo-Ryazan-Kasimov (homeland of Utkin). 1-2 nights in Ryazan.

“The Field of Russian Glory”

Konstantinovo-River Vozha (battle at Vozha)-Seltsy (military camps)-Old Ryazan (defence of Old Ryazan)-Ryazan (military museums and panorama of the Old Ryazan defence in the History and Architecture preserve museum, monuments to Skobelev, Poletaiev) (further visits to Kulikovo battlefield and Borodino can be added). 1-3 nights in Ryazan.

“Orthodox Ryazan” in the

monasteries of the Ryazan region: Sviato-Ioanno-Bogoslovskiy Monastery, village of Poschupovo; Sviato-Nikolocherneevskiy Monastery, Shatskiy area, village of Starocherneevo; Sviato-Troitskiy Monastery, city of Ryazan; Sviato-Velikomuchennika Dimitry Solunskiy Monastery, Skopiinskiy area, village of Dmitriievo; Sviato-Uspenskiy vyshenskiy convent, Shatskiy area, village of Bykova Gora, Vysha district; Solotchinskiy Rozhdestva Bogoroditsy Convent, village of Solotchka; Sv.-Milostivo-

Bogoroditskiy Convent; Sv.-Pokrovskiy Convent, city of Mikhailov. 1-5 nights in Ryazan. Options possible.

“Pictorial Ryazan”

Konstantinovo-Ryazan (art museum, gallery, art school, rest en plein air). 1-5 nights in Ryazan.

“Pride of the Ryazan land”

Konstantinovo-Ryazan (History and Architecture preserve museum — gallery of glory, house museum of I. Pavlov, Art museum, Museum of military glory). 1-2 nights in Ryazan.

“Musical Ryazan”

Konstantinovo (a concert by Otrada band) — Novoselki (the Pirogovs’ museum) — musical school (symphony orchestra) — Chamber of Popular Creation-Philharmonia (Ryazan chorus) (you need to date the visit to the concerts). 1-2 nights in Ryazan.

“Agrotour”

Konstantinovo Museum of horse-breeding research institute-beekeeping research institute (also cow milking, grass mowing, gathering of berries, apples, mushrooms according to season, forest hiking, promenades along Oka river). 1-5 nights in Ryazan.

“Ethnographic” excursion of Ryazan region's ethnogra-

phy. 1-5 nights in Ryazan.

“Hunting and fishing” 1-2 nights in Ryazan. Hunt for birds, hares and foxes. For those who are interested — “Royal hunt” with greyhounds. Fishing on River Oka and floodplain lakes all year round. For those interested — fishing in stocked ponds.

“Nature” Konstantinovo, with visit to Mescherskiy national park and a branch of the Esenin museum in Spas-Klepiki and Okskiy preserve in Brykin Bor. 1-3 nights in Ryazan.

“Classical” visit to the preserve museum of S. Esenin with exhibiton, concert performance of Esenin works with tourists' participation, performance of different companies. Morning visit to Ioanno-Bogoslovski Monastery and the holy springs. 1-2 nights in Ryazan.

Traditional Holidays “The city and its museum” is held in Ryazan History and Architecture preserve museum every first Sunday of July. All day long visitors and participants of the trip can visit the museum free of charge, assist at a spectacular performance, concerts, historical and local lore quizzes and a fair of souvenirs made by Ryazan



Monument to Esenin

region craftsmen.

Annual Pozhalostin days in the house museum of I.P. Pozhalostin are held on the first ten days of June in the village of Solotchka and the whole Ryazanskiy area. Participants of the holiday events may not only see the house museum I.P. Pozhalostin, where K.G. Paoustovskiy stayed, but also travel the path of Paoustovskiy through the lakes of Meschera, praised by the writer.

Oksky preserve

Beautifully unique corner in the very centre of Russia with its various nature.

- is the famous Meschera praised by K. Paoustovskiy, with its shoreless spring floods, with its deep forests and expanse of the flowering water-meadows.

- is a kingdom of swamps and warm stacks in the haze, light birch groves and thick oak woods, bewitching silence of forest lakes and unimaginable sinuosity of silent rivers; odour of blooming valley lilies and nightingale serenades in the white blossoming cherry trees.

But perhaps first of all Oksky preserve is the River Pra, of which Konstantin Paustovskiy said: “I doubt whether I will ever see a river more mysterious and virgin than river Pra”

Besides, the Oksky preserve has strong bisons and mysterious relic animal — the Russian desman. It is also the only place in the world where one can see all seven species of crane living in Russia including the beautiful white crane.

And finally the Oksky preserve is a safe shelter to many animals and birds:

thick bush of the rarest plant – chilim (waternut). It is a place of rest to thousands of migrant geese, the place of regeneration for the beaver in Ryazan region and the only place in the region where the rare predator erne nests.

It is lost in the picturesque pinery and shrouded in the beautiful legend of the Brykin Bor village preserve, where the famous rebel of the times of Stepan Razin – Ivan Brykin hid with his gang.

The nature in the outskirts of the village is as beautiful and remarkable as its history. On the shore of the lake surrounded by grass there is a well-preserved earthwork barrow Gorodische – an ancient Slav settlement of the 2nd century A.D.

There is an unexplainable quality to the preserve: anyone who comes here, will be captivated by this place forever.

MONASTERIES

Sviato-Ioanno-Bogoslovskiy Monastery
Rybnovskiy area, village of Poschupovo

Sviato-Nikolocherneeviskiy Monastery
Shatskiy area, village of Starocherneevo

Sviato-Troitskiy Monastery
Ryazan, Ogorodnaya St., 23

Monastery of Sviato-Velikomuchennik Dimitriy Solunskiy
Skopinskiy area, village of Dmitriyev

Sviato-Uspenskiy Vyshenskiy Convent
Shatskiy area, village of Bykova Gora, Vysha

Convent of Birth of Our

Lady in Solotcha
village of Solotcha,
Monastyrskaya Sq., 1

St. Milostivo-Bogoroditskiy Convent
Village of Kadom

St Pokrovskiy Convent
City of Mikhailov

MUSEUMS

Ryazan historical and architectural preserve museum
Ryazan. Tel. 21-56-55

House museum of academician I.P. Pavlov
Ryazan. Tel. 77-62-72

Ryazan regional art museum
Ryazan, Tel. 77-60-15

House museum of history of the youth movement
Ryazan, Tel. 44-72-53

Airborne troops museum
Ryazan, Tel. 79-06-58

Mikhailov historical museum
City of Mikhailov.
Tel. (09130) 2-13-75

Museum of history of the long-distance bomber air force
Ryazan. Tel. 53-55-33

Memorial house museum of I.P. Pozhalostin in the village of Solotcha
Ryazan. Tel. 28-75-65

State preserve museum of S.A. Yesenin in the village of Konstantinovo
Rybnovskiy area
Tel. (09137) 5-00-18

House museum of the Pirogovs in the village of Novoselki
Rybnovskiy area.
Tel. (09137) 6-12-12

Museum of Russian folk songs
Sasovo. Tel. (09133) 4-00-00



Ryazan. Theatre

Kasimov museum of local lore, history and economy
City of Kasimov
Tel. (09131) 2-20-61

Ryazhsk museum of local lore, history and economy
Ryazhsk.
Tel. (09132) 2-18-66

Sasovo museum of local lore, history and economy

Sasovo. Tel. (09133) 4-03-45
Memorial museum of P.P. Semenov of TienShan
Village of Gremiachka,
Miloslavskiy area

Memorial estate of K.E. Tsiolkovskiy in the village of Izhevskoe
Spassk area.
Tel. (09135) 7-12-93

Skopin museum of local lore, history and economy

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