



WHAT'S ON

Exhibition of Artist Tatyana Mavrina in Moscow



The Alexander Pushkin Museum has opened an exhibition dedicated to the Russian artist Tatyana Mavrina (1900-1996). She is called "the most Russian of all artists". The exposition presents around 200 works of painting, graphic art, and applied arts. Special part is dedicated to her illustrations of Alexander Pushkin's fairy tales. The exhibition runs till 30 March.
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Journey to Father Frost



The Russian north has always held a fairy-tale appeal for its wooden architecture, historical monuments and forest, marshland and lakes. Nestled in the Vologda region, the town of Veliky Ustyug is no exception. Though a small settlement of some 30,000 people, it boasts a venerable historical pedigree and enjoys a special cachet among tourists after being designated the "hometown" of Ded Moroz. A figure akin to Santa Claus in the West, Ded Moroz (or Father Frost) traditionally brings presents to children on New Year's Eve. Snegurochka (or Snow Maiden), his granddaughter, typically accompanies him at Christmas.
The St Petersburg Times

Ice Hotel to Appear in Russia



The Permafrost Kingdom

An ice hotel will appear in Yakutsk, one of the most ancient cities of Siberia. It will be located on the territory of the tourist complex "The Permafrost Kingdom", a huge ice-house inside the mountain with museums and amusements. The hotel will include rooms with a low temperature, ice furniture and reindeer skins. The project is designed for people, who like extreme tourism. Guests will be able to spend even a whole night in the hotel. Similar facilities currently exist in Canada and Sweden.
RIA Novosti.

Elk Sculptures Appeared in Moscow Parks



Seventeen life size elk sculptures appeared in Moscow parks. This is a special way ecologists have chosen to draw public's attention to environmental problems. Unusual art objects have been placed in four capital's parks. Ecologists explain that it has been done for people to understand that they are in a reserve area and there is no need to fear animals living here. Wild animals are now leaving sanctuaries of Moscow and Moscow region and it is important to create right attitude in the society to bring them back. Many people have never seen elks before and that is why sculptures are made in full size.
LifeNews.

Ski Resort to be Opened in Petrozavodsk

New complex "Yalguba", occupying 20 hectares, is situated 50 km to the north-east of Petrozavodsk. The resort will include children's ski lift and snowmaking system. Here tourists can find all necessary facilities - service centre with a hall, rental of sports equipment, medical centre, cafe and sports school for children. A hotel complex with a two-story building and 15 cottages is also expected to be built on the resort's territory. In addition to a ski holiday, guests will be able to skate in winter and to sunbathe and swim on a special beach in summer.

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