

# PERESLAVL-ZALESSKY

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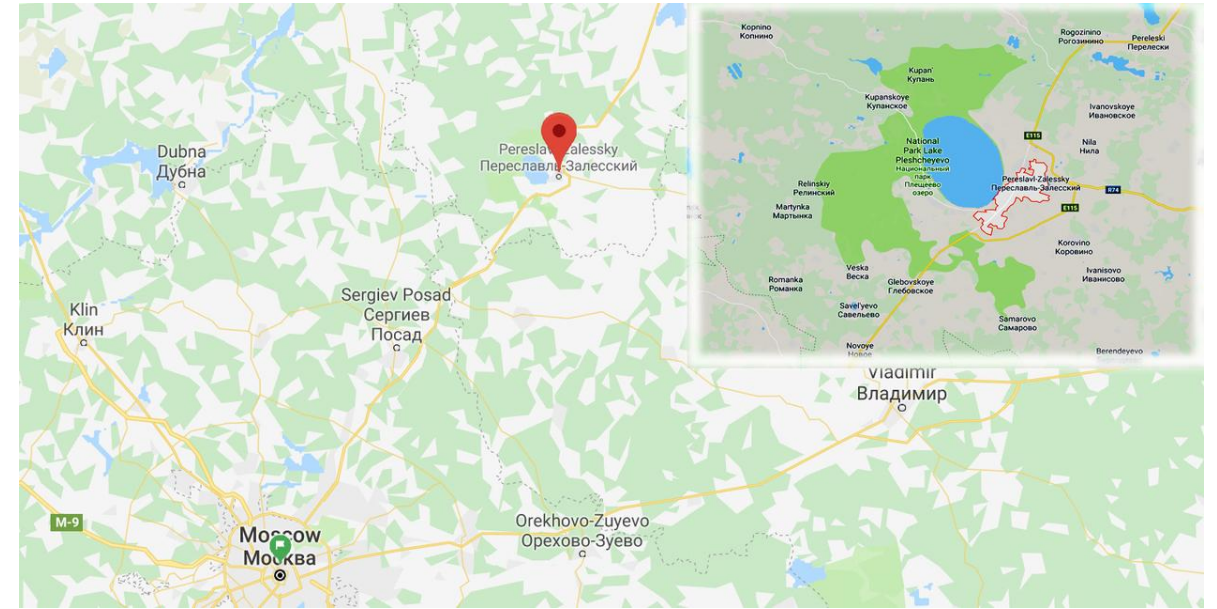
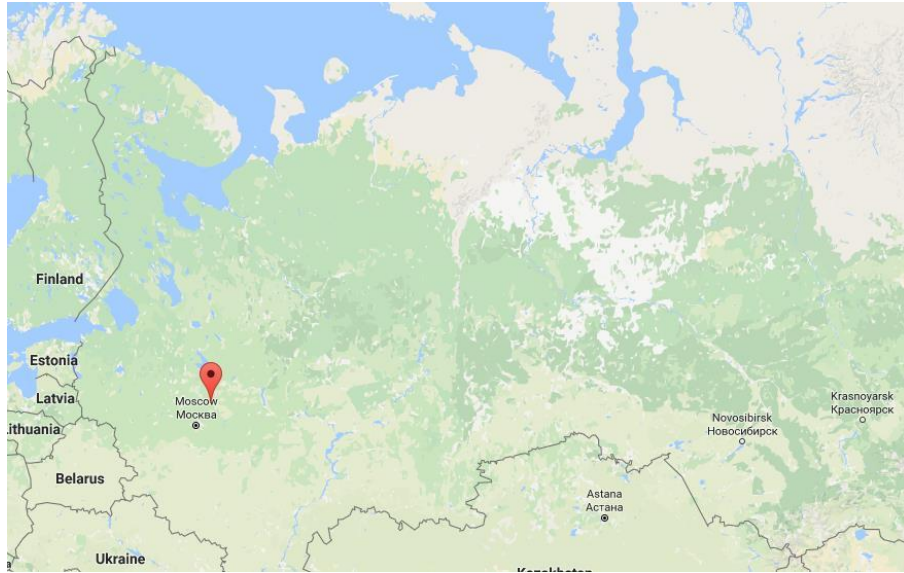
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An aerial photograph of a city situated along a wide river. The river occupies the left side of the frame, curving towards the top. The city is visible on the right, with a dense grid of buildings and green spaces. The sky is a pale, hazy blue. A white-bordered box is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the main text.

# HAVE YOU BEEN TO YOUR HOMETOWN LATELY?

The last time I was in my hometown was over the New Year holidays with my family. The word 'Zalessky' was added to distinguish the city from the original Pereyaslavl and means 'beyond the forest', as it was located in the forest lands of present day north-western Russia then known as Zalesye. Over time the name of the city mutated into Pereslavl-Zalessky as it is known today. Upon founding the city, Yuri Dolgoruky established a kremlin in the form of a wooden fortress on an earthen mound.



WHERE IS IT ON THE MAP?

## WHEN WAS IT FOUNDED?

- Pereslavl-Zalessky was founded in 1152 by **Prince Yuri Dolgoruky** who was at the time prince of Rostov-Suzdal. The city was originally called Pereyaslavl-Zalessky as it was named in honour of the important Kievan Rus city of Pereyaslavl which is now located in Ukraine.



## WHAT IS IT FAMOUS FOR?

- In **1221** Prince Yaroslav's son Aleksandr was born in Pereslavl-Zalessky. Aleksandr would go on to become Pereslavl-Zalessky's most famous son: Russian hero and saint Aleksandr Nevsky.
- In **1688** Tsar Peter the Great, who was then still ruling alongside his half-brother Ivan V and under the regency of Sofia, started to build a "play fleet" of ships on Lake Plescheevo. His play fleet was created in **1692** and Peter had them perform a ceremonial review. His experiences on Lake Plescheevo instilled in Peter a great love of shipbuilding which would lead him to create Russia's first navy later in his reign.



## WHAT IS ITS MAIN ATTRACTION?

- Spaso-Preobrazhensky Cathedral in the Pereslavl Kremlin was founded by Yury Dolgoruky in 1152. Completed under Andrei Bogolyubsky in 1157. Functions as a branch of the town museum-reserve. Access inside is restricted. This one-domed, cross-domed, four-cupola, three-apsed church is the earliest white-stone architectural monument of north-eastern Russia (like the Church of Boris and Gleb in Kideksha). Translated with [www.DeepL.com/Translator](http://www.DeepL.com/Translator) (free version)



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- **Blue stone on Pleshcheevoe lake.** A must-see place when visiting the city is the Sin stone, located on the shores of Lake Pleshcheyevo. It is remarkable for a unique boulder lying on the shore [ancient lake](#)...The total weight of the boulder is 12 tons. His [distinctive feature](#) serves as a distinct blue tint, which becomes especially noticeable after rain. According to legend, this stone has healing properties and is able to relieve many ailments, for example, from female infertility. To achieve the effect, according to legend, you just need to sit on a stone, and all problems will remain in the past. The boulder is 3 meters long and approximately 2.6 meters wide.



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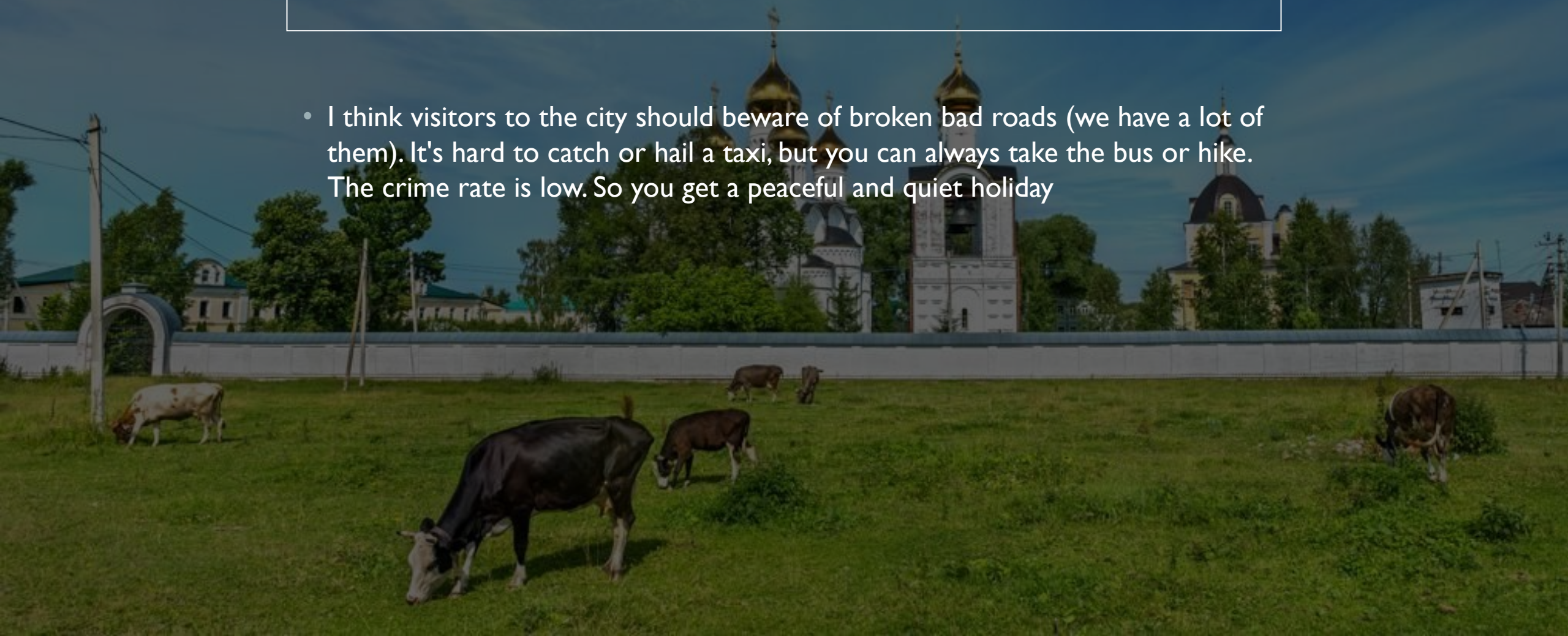
- **Goritsky monastery**- was founded at the beginning of the fourteenth century by Ivan Kalita, but in 1744 for some unknown reason it was abolished. Today there is Pereslavl-Zalessky State Historical and Architectural and [art museum-reserve](#)- one of the main attractions of the city of Pereslavl-Zalessky. On the large territory of the museum, visitors get acquainted with the interiors of the majestic churches, and from the bell tower, admire the views [ancient city](#) and its surroundings. Entrance to the territory is carried out with a ticket purchased at the box office. It is worth warning right away that the churches are already in need of restoration, but visitors can admire the ancient buildings, with the original wall painting, monastery and church utensils, in their present form, not changed or distorted during restoration. By the way, the cathedral was erected in a very unusual style for our country - the Italian Baroque.





## WHAT SHOULD VISITORS BEWARE OF?

- I think visitors to the city should beware of broken bad roads (we have a lot of them). It's hard to catch or hail a taxi, but you can always take the bus or hike. The crime rate is low. So you get a peaceful and quiet holiday



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!