

The only debut in our country of young cinema in the Baltics and Northern Europe is the **International Film Festival «Baltic Debuts»**. This festival is for both moviegoers and star guests of the westernmost region of Russia. Annually hundreds of amateur films take part in the film festival, behind which stand both young authors and world cinema figures.

At the beginning of September, the Museum of the World Ocean invites everyone to visit the **Water Assembly**. This event takes place on the embankment of the historical fleet. There guests of the festival can enjoy the parade of historical ships, a sailing regatta and an antique fair.

In February, the citizens of Kaliningrad celebrate the **Long Sausage Holiday**. The history of this event dates back to 1520 when the local butchers made a 20-meter sausage. The popularity of the festival was rapidly growing, as well as the length of the sausage. For example, in 1601 the sausage was more than 400 meters. Nowadays, guests of the festival enjoy singing, dancing and, of course, tasting the Prussian sausage.

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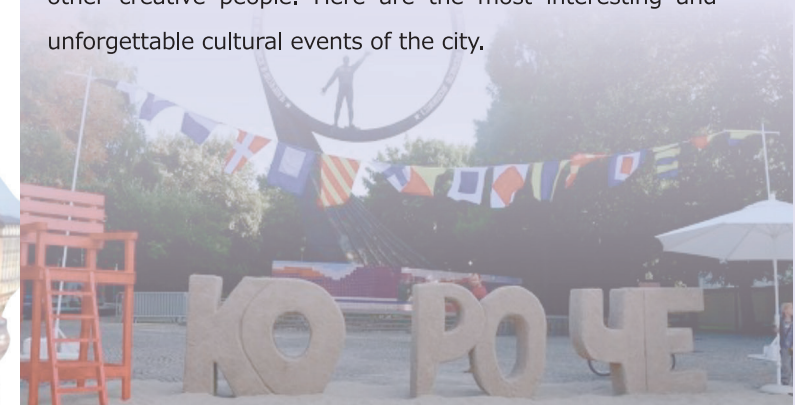


*Tourist route  
through Kaliningrad*  
**City of events**



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Kaliningrad is the unique city that combines Russian culture and the spirit of Europe at the same time. This amber region attracts not only fans of the Baltic beaches, history and architecture, but also the lovers of art. The city has become an international venue of such cultural events as the **The International Music Festival «Bach devotion», Mikhael Tariverdiev International Organ Competition**, or the **International festival of art «The Baltic seasons»**. All year round, the citizens enjoy theatrical performances, concerts of world-famous stars and different outdoor festivities. Kaliningrad attracts artists, photographers, musicians and other creative people. Here are the most interesting and unforgettable cultural events of the city.





1 The autumn in Kaliningrad starts with the International festival of art **«The Baltic seasons»**. This large-scale cultural project was launched in September 2004 as a gift to the city residents for the 750th anniversary of Kaliningrad. This is a unique festival because it lasts for the whole three months. During this time, the visitors enjoy theatrical and musical events with the participation of the best performers and cultural groups of the country. There is a wide range of performances from the Italian opera to the Norwegian drama that can suit the most exquisite taste.

<http://www.baltseasons.ru/>

2 Several times a year, the guests of Kaliningrad can take part in one of the brightest events of the Russian Baltic coast – **the Street Food Weekend**. There are dozens of street food projects from Russia, the Baltic and central Europe countries presented within this event. The guests can enjoy live music, dancing, active sports, quests, and, of course, a varied menu of dishes.

<http://streetfoodfestival.ru/>

3 **The Herring Day** was introduced by the staff of the Kaliningrad Museum of the World Ocean. On this holiday, thousands of guests and participants from Russia and Europe gather in Kaliningrad. The outdoor events are held on the Embankment of Peter the Great. There visitors can not only buy different species of fish, but also taste the Russian fish soup called Ukha, unusual dishes made of herring and all sorts of smoked fish.

4 On May 9, Kaliningraders widely celebrate the anniversary of **Victory Day**. On this joyful though mournful holiday, people commemorate those who sacrificed their lives during the war. Citizens and guests of Kaliningrad watch a military parade with the participation of different troops of the Baltic Fleet, attend a solemn wreath-laying ceremony, congratulate veterans of WWII and enjoy historical reconstructions of the battles. At the end of the day, there are colourful fireworks which adorn the evening sky.



10 Every two years, Kaliningrad hosts **The International Competition of Organists, in honor of M. Tariverdiev**. Kaliningrad was chosen as a venue of this event because it is close to European countries famous for the organ music. The competition was named after Mikael Tariverdiev because his unique musical legacy has gained immense popularity in Russia. His creativity and personal views formed the ideological basis of the competition.

<http://www.organcompetition.ru/?lang=ru>

9 Kaliningrad is also known as a starting point for young directors. Talented people from all over the country actively take part in **The Festival of short film «Koroche»** and present their works to the grand jury. Spectators enjoy not only the films, but also installations and live music. The festival starts with a red-carpet ceremony where one can see famous directors and actors.

<http://www.korocheckino.ru/>

8 Another cultural event that makes Kaliningrad worth visiting is **the Kaliningrad City Jazz Festival**. It is usually held in Central Park which resembles a beautiful oasis in the heart of the city. The festival was introduced in 2006. Since that time, its popularity has spread far beyond the westernmost region of Russia. Every year, this event gathers the brightest and most talented performers who produce high-quality music. Within three days, the brightest bands from Italy, the USA, Germany, Lithuania and Russia perform in the park. Bright and unusual musicians charge Kaliningraders and the guests with positive emotions for the whole year until the next jazz festival.

<http://jazzfestival.ru/>

7 **The International Music Festival «Bach devotion»** has been held in Kaliningrad since 2000. That year was declared by the UNESCO as the Year of Bach. Therefore, the festival was timed to July 28 that is the memory day of the composer. Although this festival is associated with the organ, one can listen to other types of music. Bach left a vast legacy of instrumental, orchestral and vocal music performed at this event.

6 In the middle of summer, the citizens of Kaliningrad celebrate the **City Day**. Kaliningrad is the modern name of Königsberg (Royal Mountain) which history dates back to 1255. The city was founded on the site of the Prussian settlement known as Tvangste. Nowadays, there are a lot of cultural events such as symphonic concerts and theatrical performances held all around the city. The authorities also invite modern stars who enjoy performing in Kaliningrad. Those who prefer sport to music can take part in sports programmes. At the end of the holiday, there are beautiful fireworks.

5 The museum of Kaliningrad actively take part in the traditional **Museum Night all-Russian event**. This has occurred every year since 2006 and now has taken its place in the cultural life of the city. On this spring day, there is a special bus that goes around the city and transports those who have bought a single ticket. The bus will take visitors to the museums where one can enjoy the best expositions, a fire show, exciting guests and performances. Traditionally, several museums take part in this activity: The Kaliningrad amber museum, the museum «Fridland Gates», the Museum of fine art, Kaliningrad museum of history and art. However, visitors can also get to these venues either by car or on foot and accompanied by the project "Folk Guide".

