



**A virtual tour around the houses and
estates connected with the names of some
Russian writers**

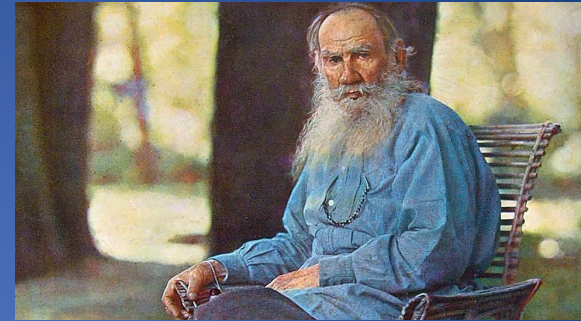
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The Russian country estate has long been associated with literary classic. The country estate, *usadba* in Russian, has played a major role in Russian history and culture generally.

Many 19th century writers had some intimate connection with that milieu.

Let's have a look at the highlights.

Museum-estate of Leo Tolstoy “Yasnaya Polyana”



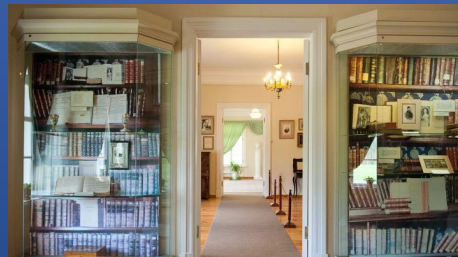
It is located in the Tula region, 12 km southwest of Tula. Leo Tolstoy was born here, lived here most of his life and is buried nearby. Here he wrote both “War and Peace” and “Anna Karenina”.



Mikhailovskoye



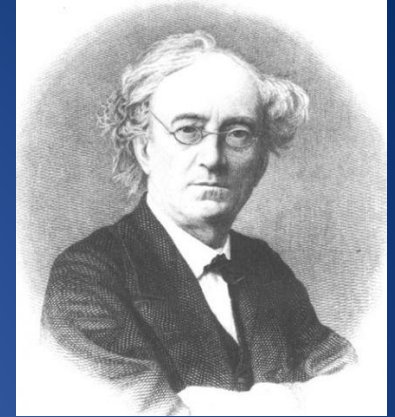
A family estate of Alexander Pushkin where the main house, several service buildings, and a landscape park were preserved; is located in Pskov Oblast.



Ovstug



The estate is situated in the Bryansk region. A nice park, a garden and a lake decorate the milieu where the poet was born, spent his childhood and youth.



Tarkhany



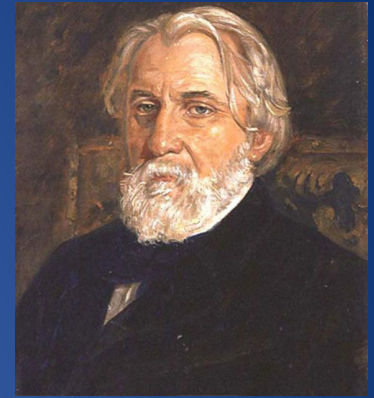
The estate is located in the village of Lermontovo (formerly Tarkhany) in the Penza Region, where the Russian romantic poet- author of the novel *A Hero of Our Time*, poems “*Circassians*” and “*Prisoner of the Caucasus*”, the romantic poem “*A Song About Tsar Ivan Vasilyevich, His Young Bodyguard, and the Valiant Merchant Kalashnikov*”, *Demon*, author of many masterpieces of Russian lyric poetry- spent his childhood and was buried.



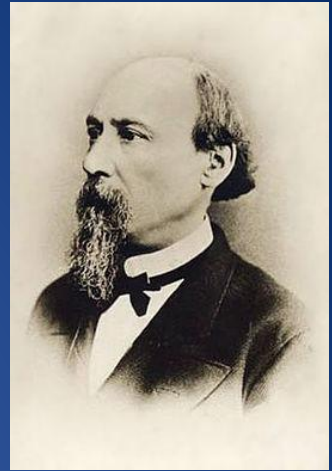
Spasskoye-Lutovinovo



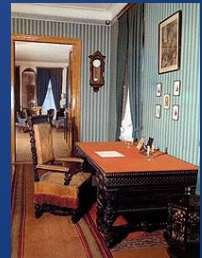
Is located in Oryol region.
Family estate of the novelist I.S. Turgenev whose major works include : *Rudin, Home of the Gentry , On the Eve , Fathers and Sons* and some more.



Karabikha



Is located 15 kilometers to the south of Yaroslavl center. From 1861—1875 the poet lived here ten summer seasons and wrote some of his well-known poems: *“Red-Nosed Frost,”* *“Who Can Be Happy and Free in Russia?”* and others.



Melikhovo



The country estate of the Russian playwright and master of the modern short story –A.P. Chekhov. It is where he wrote some of his most famous plays and stories, including *The Seagull* and *Uncle Vanya*. The estate is located about 70 km south of Moscow.



Exercises

Match the name of the estate to the place in Russia where it is located.

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| 1. Milikhovo | a/. Yaroslavl region |
| 2. Ovstug | b/. Tula region |
| 3. Yasnaya Polyana | c/. Pskov region |
| 4. Mikhailovskoye | d/. Oryol region |
| 5. Karabikha | e/. Bryansk region |
| 6. Tarkhany | f/. Penza region |
| 7. Spasskoye-Lutovonovo | g/. Moscow region |

Match the name of the estate and the name of the writer/poet it is connected with.

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| 1. Milikhovo | a/. M.Y. Lermontov |
| 2. Ovstug | b/. L.N. Tolstoy |
| 3. Yasnaya Polyana | c/. I.S. Turgenev |
| 4. Mikhailovskoye | d/. F.I. Tyutchev |
| 5. Karabikha | e/. A.S. Pushkin |
| 6. Tarkhany | f/. N.A. Nekrasov |
| 7. Spasskoye-Lutovonovo | g/. A.P. Chekhov |

Quiz: How well you know Russian literature

1. Who is Lermontov talking about in his poem "Death of the Poet"?

The Poet's dead! - a slave to honor -
He fell, by rumor slandered,
Lead in his breast and thirsting for
revenge,
Hanging his proud head!...

1. A. Puskin
2. V. Mayakovski
3. S. Esenin

2. Who wrote the novel "Oblomov"?

- A. Pushkin
- I. Goncharov
- A. Chekhov

3. Which of the following is not a play written by A. Chekhov?

- The Seagull
- The Cherry Orchard
- The Three Sisters
- Money to Burn

4. What is the famous opening line of Leo Tolstoy's novel *Anna Karenina*?

1. All happy families are alike; each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.
2. It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen.

5. What poet wrote these lines?

I still recall the wondrous moment:
When you appeared before my sight
As though a brief and fleeting omen,
Pure phantom in enchanting light.

1. M. Lermontov
2. A. Pushkin
3. F. Tyutchev

6. What novel written by Nikolai Gogol traces the adventures of Chichikov?

1. Dead Souls
2. The Nose
3. The Government Inspector
4. The Portrait

7. Which one of these authors wrote the national anthems of both the Soviet Union and Russia?

1. S. Marshak
2. S. Mikhalkov
3. Kornei Chukovski

8. Which Shakespeare character appears in a title of Nikolai Leskov's work?

1. Romeo
2. Lady Macbeth
3. King Lear
4. Ophelia

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