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Smolensk is one of the oldest Russian towns. In Ustyug chronicles it was mentioned in the year 863 as the city which was "big and populous".





Smolensk is the city of military glory. Military glory of Smolensk is commemorated by the numerous monuments.



The ancient fortified walls of Smolensk keep the memory of the Smolensk battle of the Great Patriotic War of 1941-1945.







The monument to the liberators of the Smolensk region from fascist invaders in 1943





The monument "Mourning Mother"



The monument to V. Kurilenko

These monuments devoted to people who fought heroically defending their Motherland.



The monument with Eagles



The monument to Kutuzov

These monuments devoted to the war with the Napoleon Army.

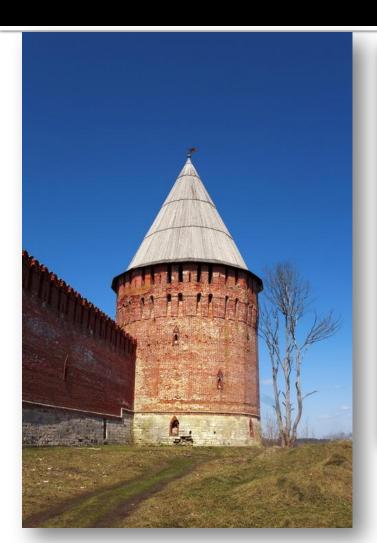




Tourists` attention is attracted by a number of historical architectural buildings. The most important part of Smolensk architecture is the 16th century fortified wall was built by F. Kon.

The monument to architect F. Kon



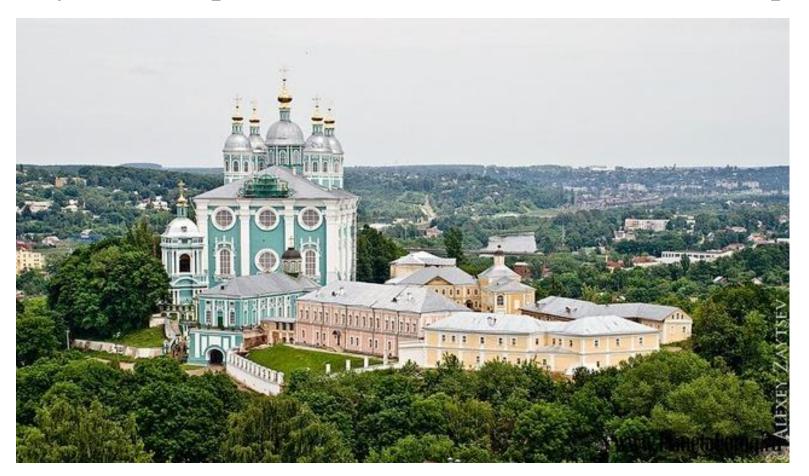




Nikolsk Gate

"Veselukha" Tower

Beyond comparison is the Cathedral of the Assumption

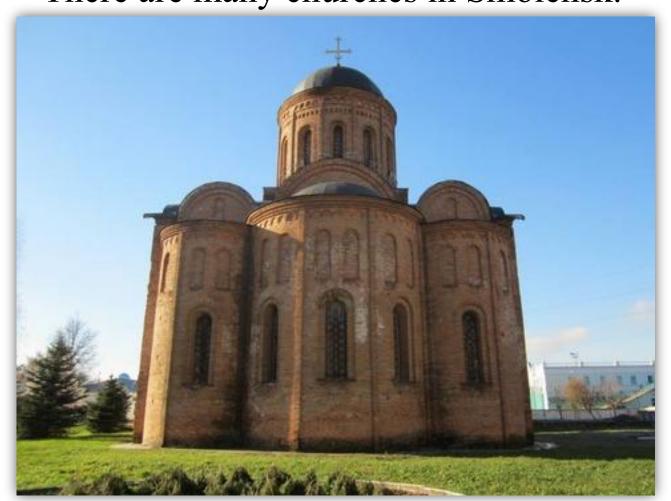


Built in the XVIII century the Cathedral has very rich decorations inside.





There are many churches in Smolensk.



The Church of St.Peter and Paul



The Mikhail Archangel Church



Troizkiy cathedral



Voznesenskiy cathedral

The Church of St. George





Voznesenskay church

Many-outstanding people were born in Smolensk and its region. There are many memorial places connected with their life in Smolensk.



The monument to scientist Przhevalsky



The monument to composer Dargomyzhsky



The monument to sculptor Mikeshin



The monument to composer

Glinka





The monument to scientist Dokuchayev



The monument to sculptor Konenkov



The monument to actor Nikulin

The monument to actor A. Papanov





The monument to writer Tvardovsky

Today Smolensk is a modern regional centre; 340 thousand people live in it. There are many educational university in Smolensk.

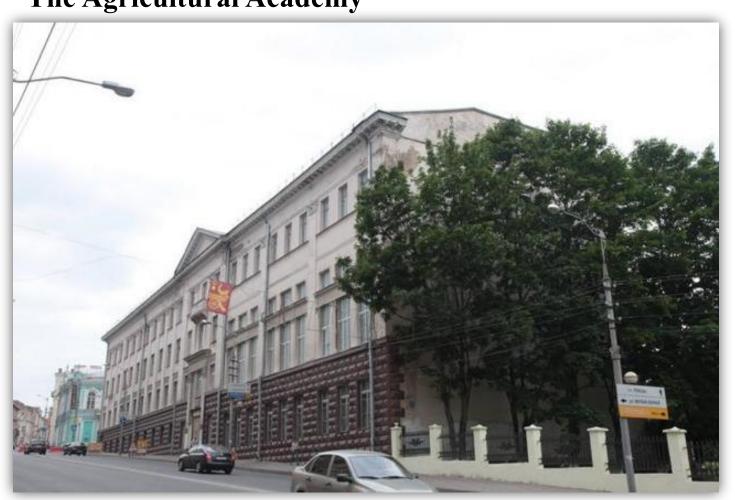
Smolensk state medical Academy

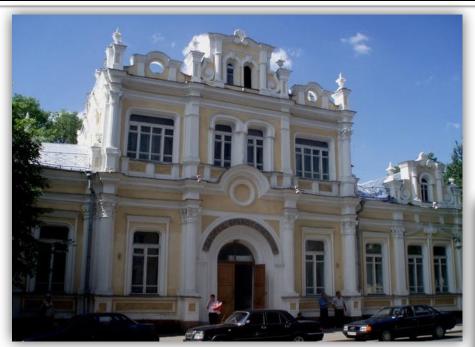




Academy of physical culture, sport and tourism

The Agricultural Academy





The House of Engelhardt



Smolensk State Drama Theatre



Museums of History





