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EVERYTHING IS READY FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS!

The Republic of Belarus welcomes the participants and guests of the 2013 UCI Track Cycling World Championships.

In addition to discovering the best track riders on the planet, this event will undoubtedly become a true celebration which will unite sports enthusiasts.

Hosting such a high level and large scale sports event is a great honor for our country, demonstrating international recognition of the contribution of Belarus to the development of the best traditions of world sports. It also stands as a tribute to the outstanding performance of Belarusian athletes, who have won dozens of gold medals at the Olympics, World Championships and European Championships.

We will endeavor to ensure the highest level of organization and hosting for the Championships, which is going to attract the keen interest of athletes and supporters of the sport.

Comprehensive development of physical fitness and sports is one of the main priorities of the Belarusian state. This can be verified by anyone who visits our country. New sports facilities become available each year in various locations. They are accessible by any person who wishes to improve their health and fitness.

The Track Cycling World Championships will be held in a modern velodrome, part of the multi-function Minsk Arena sports complex. Prominent among the modern sports facilities in Belarus, this is a unique venue where the athletes, officials, VIP guests and spectators will feel comfortable.

I am sure that the track riders will demonstrate their world class skills at the Minsk Arena velodrome in 2013, and I wish them the best of luck !

It is my sincere hope that the Track Cycling Championships in Minsk will offer an unforgettable experience to all enthusiasts of this wonderful sport.

And let the best athletes get to the podium!



Anatoly Tozik,
Deputy Prime Minister,
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**A warm welcome on behalf of the sports community
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We applaud the initiative of the Belarusian Cycling Federation in holding the 2013 Track Cycling World Championships in Minsk, under the auspices of the International Cycling Union.

There is no doubt that the World Championships will be a symbolic event for our country and many other nations. It will help to make the sport of cycling more popular among young people, enabling a host of amateur cyclists to experience the thrill of watching the performance of the world's leading riders.

The Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Republic of Belarus has extensive experience of holding sports events at the highest level. It is ready to provide all necessary support in preparing for and hosting the World Championships.

I am absolutely positive that our joint efforts will create a bright and memorable event attracting huge attention from cycling enthusiasts, and that the Championships will be held in the spirit of fair and uncompromising competition.

Let commitment, will power, and team spirit help the athletes to provide a commendable performance at the World Championships in Minsk.

**We wish to everyone good luck,
brilliant victories, and all the best!**



**Oleg Kachan,
Minister of Sports
and Tourism of the Republic
of Belarus**

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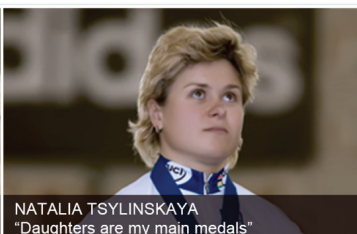
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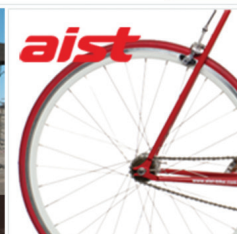
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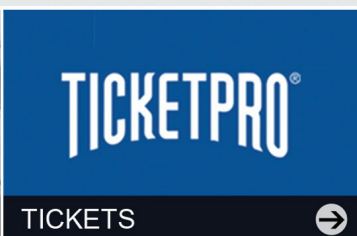
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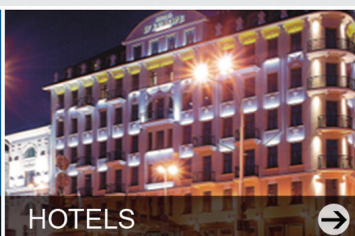
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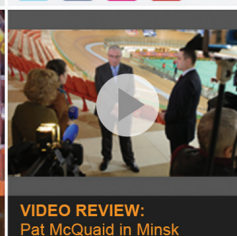
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WELCOME TO MINSK!

Hosting the 2013 UCI Track Cycling World Championships is a great honor and a huge responsibility for the capital city of the Republic of Belarus.

The city of Minsk is a political, economic, scientific, cultural and, of course, a sporting center of the country. Minsk has a modern infrastructure and a convenient transport system. Comfortable hotels are ready to accommodate large numbers of guests, and public safety, law and order are ensured at all times.

Our numerous sports facilities fit well within the modern outlook of our city and attract sports enthusiasts like giant magnets. They meet the highest international standards in terms of functionality and flexible usage, with pleasant and appealing exteriors.

The Minsk Arena offers a modern velodrome. This multi-function sports and cultural center has already been the venue for numerous world and European sporting events and competitions.

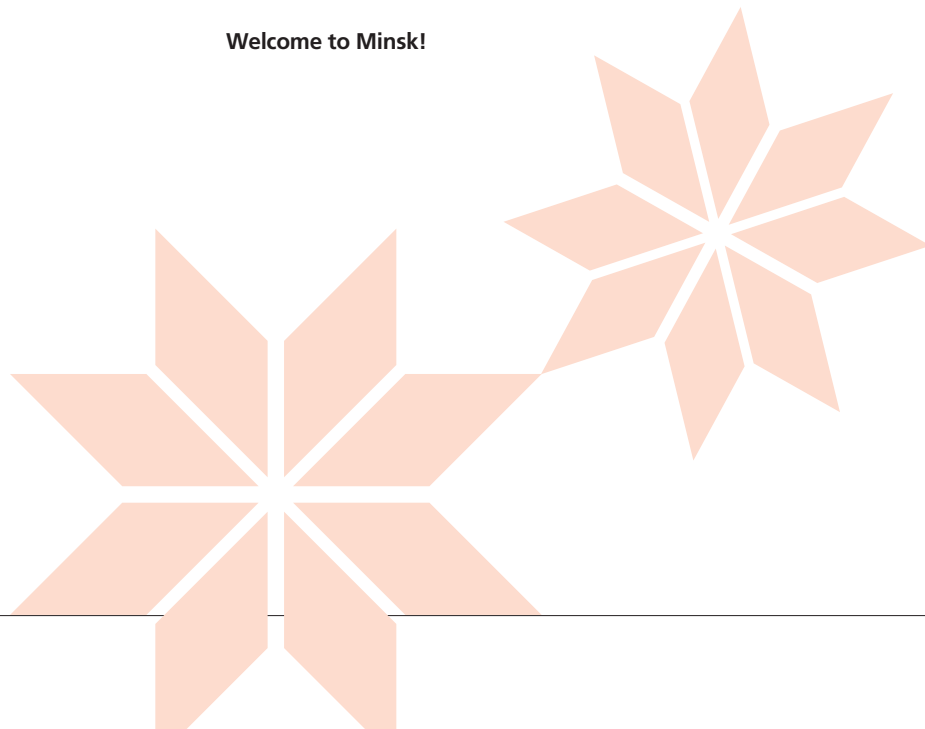
I am sure that new victories will be achieved, and new records set, in this superb sports arena.

I sincerely believe that the Track Cycling World Championships in Minsk will be a true celebration of the sport of cycling, and will create an unforgettable experience for all participants.

Welcome to Minsk!



**Nikolai Ladutko,
Chairman, Minsk City
Executive Committee**



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Guide to Minsk



YOU WILL WIN IN MINSK!

With great enthusiasm we welcome the decision of the International Cycling Union to hold the 2013 UCI Track Cycling World Championships in Belarus. For us it is an important milestone in the development of the sport of cycling in our country, an honorable and responsible mission, for which we are sincerely grateful to the Management Committee of the International Cycling Union (UCI).

I strongly believe that the forthcoming event will attract huge public attention. The more so, as cycling as a sport enjoys particularly serious and dedicated attention in our country.

It is a tradition for Belarusian athletes to be among the best cycle riders in the world. Natalia Tsylinkaya, Vasili Kirienko, Olga Panarina, Tatsiana Sharakova, Alexander Lisovsky, Victor Repinsky and many other eminent Belarusian riders have entered their names in the history of track cycling competitions. They introduced a strong tradition of selfless dedication, endurance, hard work, and brilliant victories, now being followed by a new generation of Belarusian riders.

The broad and comprehensive support of the Government, the Minsk City authorities, and numerous partners within the Belarusian Cycling Federation; the warm interest and hospitality of the Belarusian people; and the work of a team of professionals capable of undertaking complex tasks, will combine to ensure that the hosting of the World Championships will be of the highest quality.

I am sure that the Belarusian velodrome will enable each rider to show their best sporting and human qualities and to achieve spectacular results, and that a huge audience will be able to watch an engrossing, dynamic and fair competition in the course of this colourful and memorable event.

Let new cycling stars shine bright at these Championships!



**Alexander Muraviev,
Chairman, Belarusian
Cycling Federation**



Country of Blue Lakes **in the Heart of Europe**

Belarus is a country of thousand lakes and rivers, green forests and oak-groves, spacious meadows and fields, legendary castles and churches, noble palaces and parks, and hidden ancient treasures. It is a brave country in the centre of Europe, which played a significant role during the World War II; it was among the first countries to face the blow of the fascist army in 1941 and got all the anger and despair of the defeated in 1945. Travelling throughout Belarus, you will notice how time slows down there, how calm and quiet the country is. Belarus has managed to preserve its unique identity. The Belarusians are known as calm, peace-loving and hospitable people. There, nature is real, people stay humane, values remain eternal.





Territory

Belarus occupies an area of 207,600 square kilometers; being the 13th among the European countries and the 6th among the CIS countries, in terms of the territory size.

Regions

Belarus is divided into six regions, named after the cities that serve as their administrative centers — Minsk, Brest, Vitebsk, Gomel, Grodno and Mogilev. Regions are further subdivided into districts, cities and other administrative parts. There



are over 100 towns in Belarus; in 13 towns, the population exceeds 100 thousand people.

Capital city

Minsk. The city covers an area of about 300 square kilometers, being a home place for 1,837 thousand people.

Population

According to 2009 census, 9,503 thousand people live in Belarus, with a quarter of all the population residing in the urban area. Belarus is a multinational state; the Belarusians count 83% of all the population. All in all, people of over 140 nationalities, alongside the Russians, Poles, Ukrainians, Jews, Armenians, and others, live here.

Languages

The Belarusian and Russian languages are announced the state ones, according to the Belarusian constitution. Most used business languages are English and German.

Location

Belarus is a landlocked country, situated in the Eastern part of Europe. It borders on 5 countries, Lithuania and Latvia to the northwest, Ukraine to the south, Russia to the east, and Poland to the west. Due to its location, the country is an important trade and transit corridor between Europe and CIS countries.

Religion

Belarus is a multi-confessional state, with a dominated Orthodoxy. Traditional are Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran churches, Judaism and Islam. Totally, there are 25 religious confessions in Belarus; with over 3 thousand registered religious communities.

Climate

Temperate continental, featuring mild and humid winters and warm and rainy summers. The average temperature in January is -6°C , and the average temperature for July is about $+18^{\circ}\text{C}$. Average annual precipitation ranges from 600 to 700 millimeters.

Economy

Industry forms the third part of the country's gross domestic product. Most developed branches of industry are tractor and agricultural machine building; machine-tool manufacture; production of synthetic fiber and mineral fertilizers; pharmaceuticals; production of building materials; light and food industry.



10 Symbols of Belarus



Wisents at the Belovezhskaya Pushcha

Perhaps, the most known symbol of the country is the Belarusian wisent. A prehistoric animal, enlisted in the Red Data List of Belarus, the wisent inhabits Belarus only (with over 850 animals), alongside several dozens of animals found in the Polish part of the Belovezhskaya dense,

a unique woodland, which can be itself announced another symbol of Belarus. Earlier, Polish kings and Soviet general secretaries had their residences there.

Hidden Treasures

For 200 years, over 1,000 treasures have been found on the territory of Belarus; with at least 2,000 estimated to be still

hidden underground. The most legendary among missing treasures is 12 figures of apostles from the collection of the Radziwills noble clan. They are believed to have been made of silver and gold with precious stones, assembled of a man's height. One more hidden treasure in Belarus is believed to keep the riches of Napoleon. It is known, that the French

commander took two barrels with gold from Moscow and hid them somewhere in Belarus.

Stalin-times Empire Architecture

Of all the former-socialistic countries, Minsk can boast the most beautiful, unified and strongest architectural ensemble in the style of the Stalin



Empire. Its significance was recognized by the UNESCO. Holistic architectural ensemble is situated on the major city's street, on the Nezavisimosti (Independence) Avenue. 13-storyed houses on the Privokzalnaya Square were among the latest to have been constructed in Minsk, now considered as the Gates to the City.

Heritage of the Radziwills

The Radziwills clan was one of 4-5 most powerful noble families of Belarus. In 16th-19th centuries, they had a great influence on the development of the entire country. They were famous as patrons and collectors of arts, founders of numerous manufactures and landlords. Today many tourists visit the Nesvizh Castle,

the major residence of the Radziwills, which architecture traces the architectural features of the renaissance, baroque, rococo, classicism, neo-gothic, and modernism. The castle is enlisted in the World Heritage List by UNESCO.

Augustow Canal

The navigable Augustow canal, between Belarus and Poland, counts about 200 years. Initially, this artificial river was aimed to become a transit corridor from Poland to Lithuania round Prussia, which set high customs fees for goods, transported from the Russian Empire. The canal had been constructed for about 15 years, at a price of 14 million Polish zlotys. There are only two artificial water system of this kind in the world, the Gota canal in Sweden and the Kaledonski canal in Britain.

Miraculous Zhyrovichy Monastery

Dozen buses with tourists and pilgrims from Belarus and abroad come to Zhirovichy village, close to the town of Slonim. They want to see a splendid baroque architecture of the local monastery and get to know, how monks live and work there. Many people come to the monastery, expecting miracles. Monastery's relic is a kid's palm size icon of Virgin Mary. It is believed to help the suffering people to get rid of illnesses and misfortune.

Kupala Day

Kupala Day is a former-pagan holiday, which gained its place in the Christian culture at first and then became recognized as a bright secular feast of modern days. It is known all over Europe and is a very popular in Belarus. Alongside going to the church, people usually pay tribute to ancient gods, according to traditions, by burning fire and putting men of straw to it. Besides, people bathe in rivers and lakes at dawn, gather herbs

and search for the legendary blooming flower of miraculous fern, which is believed to bring happiness.

Slutsk Sashes

In 17th century, unusual sashes with gold and silver fibers were made for the local nobility in the Belarusian town of Slutsk. Over 200 grams of gold and 60 grams of silver were taken to assemble one sash. These belts possessed a "F.S." label, what meant "Made in Slutsk". At that time, Slutsk sash was a symbol of power and wealth of its owner. Now, sashes have become a symbol of the Belarusian history and nation; the price of one sash from Slutsk may be set up to US\$300,000.

Artists from Belarus

Marc Chagall, the initiator of modernism in arts, stays one of the most famous artists from Belarus. He painted the new ceiling for the Paris Opera, created a series of stained-glass windows and mosaics for the Catholic church in Metz, and in 1964, he created a mosaic for the UN Headquarters in New York. At the beginning of the 20th century, another Belarusian artist Chaim Soutine made a major contribution to the expressionist movement while living in Paris.

Symbol of the Capital

Trinity Hill (or Troitskoye Predmestie) is the historic neighbourhood that sprawls along the left bank of the Svisloch River in centre of Minsk. It's an outdoor museum, which combines styles and patterns of the urban stone architecture of the 19th century. Thus, the house of Pinsukhovich once was leased to accommodate the companies of the Serpukhov regiment. The Museum of Nature today occupies the former Kitayevskaya synagogue, which was built in 1874. Walking in its courtyards, you appear in the atmosphere of the first part of the 19th century.



Belarus among Strongest Nations

In Belarus, the development of physical culture and sports stays among the priorities of state policy. Traditionally, Belarusian athletes achieve high results in the competitions of the highest level. New sports centres, accessible for every citizen are being constructed throughout the country. The infrastructure meets the world standards.

With its population of about 10 million people, independent Belarus appears in Top-20 strongest countries among over 200 sports countries in the world, which participate in the world Olympic movement. 132 kinds of sports are taken and being developed in Belarus. Belarus is the only country in the world, which National Olympic Committee is led by the head of the state, Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko.

For the first time, Belarusian athletes participated at the Olympic Games in 1952, in Helsinki, as members of the USSR team. As a new independent state, Belarus participated at the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer; our team managed to win two silver medals.

At the XXIX Summer Olympics in Beijing, Belarus became the 16th in the national medal table for the quality of medals, and

got the 13th place in accord to the total quantity of medals. Belarusian athletes won 4 gold, 5 silver and 10 bronze medals and set a number of personal and world records. The most successful were the performances in such disciplines as track and field athletics, weightlifting, and canoe racing.

Belarus has hosted numerous significant competitions of world and continental level so far, alongside: the European Track Cycling Championships, in 2009; the European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, in 2011; the European Weightlifting Championships, in 2012; the World Junior Figure Skating Championships, in 2012; World Cup rounds in rhythmic gymnastics and freestyle skiing. In 2014, Belarus is hosting the World Ice Hockey Championships.

Dynamo Minsk FC, founded in 1927, stays the most recognized football club in the history of Belarusian football. It won numerous titles and became

the 1982 USSR champion; thrice bronze winner of the USSR Championships (in 1954, 1963, and 1983), USSR Cup finalist in 1965 and 1987, 1989 Football Cup finalist, quarterfinalist of the Champions Cup in 1983/84 season, quarterfinalist of the UEFA Cup in 1984/85 season, quarterfinalist of the Cup Winners' Cup in 1987/88 season.

The 10th part of all the Olympic gold medals, Belarusian athletes have won since 1956, has been awarded to the Belarusian handballers. Handball is the Belarus' most awarded sports according to the number of the Olympic champions. Since 1975, the SKA Minsk team has gained a prominent success on pan-Soviet and international arenas, for ten years having been in the elite of the best European and world handball teams. The club has won six USSR champion titles, five silver medals of the USSR Championships, and has become thrice winner of the USSR Cup. At the same time they managed to win



the Cup of the European Champions (three times), European Cup Winner's Cup (twice), and once, in 1989, the European Super Cup.

68 Belarusian athletes have become the Olympic champions so far. They are: Andrei Aramnau (weightlifting), Elena Belova (fencing, foil), Svetlana Boginskaya (artistic gymnastics), Dmitry Dovgalyonok (canoe racing), Ellina Zvereva (track and field, discus throwing), Ekaterina Karsten (rowing), Olga Korbut (artistic gymnastics), Marina Lobatch (rhythmic gymnastics), Igor Makarov (judo), Alexandr Medved (freestyle wrestling), Yulia Nestsienka (athletics, 100 metres race), Aleksei Grishin (freestyle skiing), Valery Shary (weightlifting), Vitaly Scherbo (artistic gymnastics), Vyacheslav Yanovskiy (boxing).



Belarus on a Pedestal

Marina LOBATCH
(Rhythmic Gymnastics)

Olympic champion of the XXIV Olympics in Seoul (South Korea, 1988) and a repeated world champion (in 1984—1989). She is a silver medalist of the Goodwill Games (in 1986).

"It is impossible to get used to the podium, as far it is impossible to book a place on it. Every time you start your way to it from scratch, whatever a great athlete you are. And the basic feeling you have when you are staying on top of the podium, is the feeling of excitement, when you understand that you managed to get the better of yourself, to win over yourself, your competitors and all the circumstances".



Aleksandr MEDVED
(Freestyle Wrestling)

Three times he became the Olympic champion (in 1964, 1968, and 1972) and seven times he won the World Championships.

In 2005, he was recognized as the best athlete in the history of freestyle wrestling, with his name introduced in the wrestling Hall of Fame.

"I've never been seeking fame; don't think it is lack of modesty, but success has always found me due to my hard work and persistence. I'm sure that every athlete should possess these qualities..."



Aleksei GRISHIN
(Freestyle Skiing)

Champion of the XXI Winter Olympics in Vancouver, 2010; bronze medalist of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City; silver medalist of the 2003 World Championships in Salt Lake City.

"I think, if our Belarusian guys keep working without laziness, pushing themselves to the limits, they will succeed. This fact has already been proved; I have proved it to myself, in my career. There is nothing impossible, if you are aimed to win and follow this aim".

Antonina KOSHEL
(Rhythmic Gymnastics)

Olympic champion of the XX Olympic Games in Munich (Germany, 1972) in team all-round.

"The feeling of the forthcoming victory... it exists. It's a kind of inner calmness, or a feeling that you are ready to win; a certain feeling of self-confidence, when you can't deceive yourself. Before the Olympic start I imagined my program in my sleep, and I entered the carpet being absolutely calm. I knew I was ready to win, and I managed to win!"



Aleksandra GERASIMENYA
(Swimming)

Champion of the 2011 World Aquatics Championships, in swimming (100 m freestyle); champion and silver medalist of the 2010 European Championships.

"One shouldn't consider himself luckless, every time trying to find evidences of this! Stay positive. Every new day try to gain a victory over a person you were yesterday; go ahead and you'll see how lucky and happy you are".



Darya DOMRACHEVA
(Biathlon)

2012 World champion in pursuit; three times she has become a silver medalist of the World Championships (in 2008, 2011, and 2012). She was announced the 2010 best biathlete, according to the Biathlon-Award.

"Every starts is a good lesson for every athlete. Competition is a very fast-going training, when you have to show your skills and all what you have learnt before... You should always have faith in yourself and never give up".

Victoria AZARENKA
(Tennis)

The world number one in WTA singles' rankings.

"I'm a kind of a person, who has never been satisfied with the achieved results, trying to gain new heights every time. I don't mean tennis only and can say it about my life in general. I always try to make maximal efforts and not to lose. I wish more victories happen in the life of every athlete".



Ekaterina KARSTEN
(Rowing)

Twice the Olympic champion: the winner of the XXVI Olympics in Atlanta, in 1996, and XXVII Olympics in Sydney, in 2000. The silver medalist of the 2004 Olympics in Athens, the bronze winner of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing. Six time she has become the World champion in single sculls.

"Rowing is the sports of my life. And to win has never been the most important thing. As for me, it has always been interesting to participate in competitions. Though, every time you want to be the first. But nobody knows, what may happen. And I keep working to become even better!"



Yulia NESTSIARENKA
(Athletics)

Olympic champion of the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, in 100 metres race.

"When you are staying on the track right before the start, feeling the starting blocks under your feet, you should be angry. I mean a peculiar anger of sports excitement. Sport is a tough thing. And you'd never be a whiner".

Leonid TARANENKO
(Weightlifting)

1980 Olympic champion, 1992 Olympic silver medalist. Twice he has become the World champion (in 1980 and 1990), four times he has won the European Championships. He has set 19 world records; two of them, 266 kg in clean and jerk and 475 kg in snatch and clean and jerk totally, haven't been beaten up to date.

"I would advise first of all to decide on a sports discipline to everyone, who wants to take sports. Then, you should set forth an aim and keep working and working. Sports achievements are a matter of hard work at first; and only then talent comes".



Cycling Pride of Belarus

Cycling sport in Belarus is represented by 7 regional divisions of the Belarusian Cycling Federation, 26 cycling schools, 146 trainers, over 3,500 riders and 100 days of exciting competitions, alongside events of the national calendar and world major events of the season, like European and World Championships, and Olympics.





Belarusian cycling school has trained such prominent athletes as the Olympic champions Vladimir Kasmirski (road racing), Oleg Logvin (road racing), Valery Moachan (road racing); the Olympic bronze medalist and 8-time's words champion Natalia Tsylynskaya (track cycling); world champions Vasily Kirienko (track cycling), Alexander Lisovski (track cycling), Olga Panarina (track cycling), Tatyana Sharakova (track cycling), Zinaida Stagurskaya (road racing); U23 world champion Konstantin Sivtsov (road racing); world junior's champion Vasily Repinski (track cycling).

Many riders from Belarus today perform in the world leading cycling clubs, participating and winning different rounds of cycling legendary races.

Within the Minsk Arena sports centre, a velodrome with a modern track was built, which meets the highest international standards. In 2009, Minsk hosted the European Track Cycling Championships. New bicycle lanes, MTB and BMX tracks are being planned and constructed, aimed to extend a number of cycling amateurs, who use a bicycle as a basic transportation and recreational means.

Today cycling in Belarus is aimed to adopt international standards in terms of event's organization and new modern technologies of sports marketing and management, to involve public organizations and business in the cycling movement.

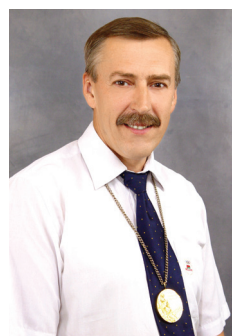
In Belarus, cycling competitions find a wide support of media resources. Actual media coverage for the Belarusian and post-Soviet audience is carried out via www.cycling.by, the official web-side of the Belarusian Cycling Federation.

Belarusian Riders among Strongest Athletes



Natalia TSYLINSKAYA
(Olympic bronze medalist, World champion, track)

"There is somewhat a presentiment of victory... first world won. Before the start I was watching my competitors and understood that they wouldn't reach me. At the Olympics, when I got the bronze, I knew beforehand that both Anna Meares and Yonghua Jiang would excel me. It was just a foreboding, which couldn't be stated for sure; it was like the sixth sense".



Vladimir KAMINSKI
(Olympic champion, road)

"I have a dream to appear on the Olympic stadium under the Belarusian flag, as a member of the national team. I wish not only the bronze medal of Natalia Tsylynskaya were in the box of the Belarusian riders; some more Olympic medals would be fine! And I want these medals to be placed in my hometown Gomel!"



Olga PANARINA
(World champion, track)

"I've never been obsessed with being defeated. Why should I be distressed, if someone appears stronger at the moment! You should just start from the very beginning to win in future".

Oleg LOGVIN
(Olympic champion, road)

"If to sum up all the kilometers, I have covered in my career, it appears that I have already travelled all over the Earth on equator line, for over dozen times. For sure, every kilometer was extremely difficult, with no ease. I would say that these were kilometres of victories, and kilometres of grief".



Vasiliy Kirienko
(World champion, track)

"For me, a bicycle is not just a machine, or a kind of metal construction. It is a somewhat greater thing, the one I can't live without. Bicycle is an essential part of me. I know its every millimeter, as my own body; every second of the race I feel its character... I wouldn't imagine my life without it"

Tatyana
SHARAKOVA
(World champion,
track)

"Health, strength, energy and years of renunciation every sportsman lays at the feet of Her Majesty Victory. That is why every athlete deserves to win. But any of us possess something, what makes us a second faster. For me, it's a support of my family..."



Alexander LISOVSKIY
(World champion,
track)

"I'm not a romantic; it's a hard job to treadle. But beautiful landscapes, speed and wind are not alien to me; they are the things I love cycling for! Either, I like cycling for an ability to see the entire world, like in the kid's song "I treadle and turn the wheel; I want to see the world". Really, I've already visited half of the world..."



Evgeniy
GUTAROVICH
(The winner
of the prestigious
cycling races, road)

"I hold my competitors in high respect. They do the same huge and difficult work, as all we do. Moreover, they give you a chance to win. Sure, we are friends, but only after crossing the finish line. During the race, everyone pursues the only aim — to become the first. To know weak sides of your competitor, sports anger and excitement of the competition process, this is exactly what guarantees you success".



Konstantin
SIVTSOV
(World
champion U23,
road)

"Victory is a sweet word... This is a peculiar image for me and for the entire country. This is a pride of my family. It sounds exciting, when everybody talks about Belarus. Victory causes unforgettable feelings. As a rule, nobody recollects who has finished the second; the winner reaps all the laurels!"



Oksana POPKO
(European champion,
track)

"The secret of success is in persistent training to achieve the goal. Everything else, like speed, reliable bike, national uniform, adrenaline, the best competitors, cool training staff and the big aim to win — just makes me delighted".

Natalia Tsylynskaya: "Daughters are my main medals!"



Today, a prominent track rider Natalia Tsylynskaya devotes her life to three charming daughters, Maria, Anna and Ekaterina. Though, not long ago she excited Belarusian fans with her great success. There are over 50 medals in her rich collection of awards. In mid 2000ies, this girl from Minsk alone dominated in sprint and 500 meters track time trial. She won 28 medals in the World Cup ties and eight times she put on the rainbow jersey of the World Champion.

— Is there the most valuable victory you would recollect?

— I wouldn't mark out a single victory. In 2000, in Manchester, for the first time I became the world champion, and right in two disciplines, sprint and time trial. It's impossible to forget this. Two years later, in the Dutch Bal-lerup again I won a double victory and proved that my British triumph wasn't occasional. Everyone knows that to defend a champion's title is much more difficult than just to win it; and all the following victories are valuable for me. Though, to tell you the truth, I often recollect those world contests, where I failed to win and made mistakes. I think if I lost, I was doing something wrong.

— Any Olympic medal is an undoubted success. But any way, do you feel incompleteness of your career?

— Sure, as far as getting on top of the Olympic podium is the major aim of any athlete.

— Who was your most inconvenient match?

— During World Cup rounds and Olympics, there are no occasional people. Only sports elite can get there, and nobody expects easy laps. As for me, the more experienced were my competitors, the more interesting was the race. Thereupon, I did like to compete with Australian rider Anna Meares; her style

was always unpredictable and she always showed a very exciting sprint racing. And, I would note that I myself was the most inconvenient match for me.

— Was there the place for friendship among athletes?

— We were friends with Anna Meares and Simona Krupeckaite from Lithuania, I trained with.

— Due to your success, Minsk has got such a modern cycle track...

— Several times in my career, I had a chance to talk to the Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, who does much for the development of sports in the country. And every time I asked him to promote construction of a velodrome in Belarus. Once we even agreed that when I become the Olympic Champion, the track would be built. Unfortunately, I didn't take a chance to win the Olympics, but the track was soon constructed. I don't even know, whether this can be turned into my merit.

— Don't you regret that you had no chance to compete on the home track?

— As clever people say, there is no better investment than to invest in children. Okay, cycle racing is not my offspring; but all the boys and girls, who come to train there, are mine too. Throughout my career, I think I did much to promote this sport. And I'm sincerely glad, that young rider can train in such majestic conditions, we couldn't even dream of! That is why there is no sadness. Let's hope, that out track will help us to train many new stars.

— What did you feel when it was announced, that Minsk was chosen as the 2013 World Championships venue?

— I was extremely delighted! Even though I wouldn't have a chance to please my fans, with real pleasure I will dive back into fantastic atmosphere of track cycling. This is really a spectacular show, with numerous disciplines and formats. Imagine that every time the picture you try to grasp is changing, as a kaleidoscope, and you are overwhelmed with emotions! I'm sure, no one will be disappointed after this event.

— Recently, you've gave birth to the third daughter. Congratulations on that happy occasion!

— Thank you very much! Maria, Anna and Ekaterina are my major awards. They are not gold; they are diamond medals. I have always been dreaming about big family, and now my dream has come true.



Track Cycling

World Championships Programme



20 FEBRUARY / Wednesday

15:00	17:05	M	Team pursuit	Qualifying	125
19:00	21:25	W	Team sprint	Qualifying	15
		M	Team pursuit	Finals 3-4 & 1-2	15
		M	Team sprint	Qualifying	30
		W	Team sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2	10
		M	Team pursuit	Award ceremony	10
		W	Scratch 15 km	Award ceremony	10
		M	Team sprint	Final	25
		M	Team sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2	10
		M	Scratch 15 km	Award ceremony	10
		M	Team sprint	Award ceremony	10

21 FEBRUARY / Thursday

13:30	17:15	W	Sprint 200 m (24)	Qualification	35
				Break	10
		W	Sprint	1/16 Final	30
		W	Team pursuit	Qualifying	90
		W	Sprint	1/8 Final	20
		M	Omnium I	Flying lap	35
		W	Sprint	Repechages	5
19:00	23:30	W	Sprint	1/4 Final (1st round)	15
		W	Team pursuit	Finals 3-4 & 1-2	15
		W	Sprint	1/4 Final (2nd round)	15
		M	Omnium II	Points race 30 km	45
		W	Sprint	1/4 Final (3rd i.r.)	5
		W	Team pursuit	Award ceremony	10
		M	Kilometre t.t. 1000 m	Final	90
		W	Sprint	5th to 8th places	5
		W	Points Race 25 km	Final	35
		M	Kilometre t.t. 1000 m	Award ceremony	10
		W	Points Race 25 km	Award ceremony	10
		M	Omnium III	Elimination	15



22 FEBRUARY / Friday

13:00	17:10	M	Sprint 200 m (24)	Qualification	75
			Break		10
		M	Sprint	1/16 Final	30
		M	Omnium IV	Individual Pursuit 4 km	80
		M	Sprint	1/8 Final	20
		W	Omnium I	Flying lap	30
		M	Sprint	Repechages 1/8	5
19:00	23:05	W	Sprint	1/2 Final (1st heat)	10
		M	Sprint	1/4 Final (1st heat)	15
		W	Scratch 10 km	Final	20
		W	Sprint	1/2 Final (2nd heat)	10
		M	Omnium V	Scratch 15 km	25
		W	Sprint	1/2 Final (3rd heat i.r.)	5
		M	Sprint	1/4 Final (2nd heat)	15
		W	Scratch 10 km	Awards ceremony	10
		W	Sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2 (1st heat)	10
		W	Omnium II	Points race 20 km	30
		M	Sprint	1/4 Final (i.r.)	5
		M	Sprint	5th to 8th places	5
		W	Sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2 (2nd heat)	10
		M	Omnium Final	Kilometre t.t. 1000 m	35
		W	Sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2 (i.r.)	5
		M	Omnium	Award ceremony	10
		W	Sprint	Award ceremony	10
		W	Omnium III	Elimination	15



23 FEBRUARY / Saturday

13:00	16:50	M	Individual Pursuit	Qualifying	110
		W	Keirin	1st round	20
		W	Omnium IV	Individual Pursuit 3 km	80
		W	Keirin	Repechages	20
19:00	23:10	M	Sprint	1/2 Final (1st heat)	10
		W	Omnium V	Scratch 10 km	20
		W	Keirin	2nd round	15
		M	Sprint	1/2 Final (2nd heat)	10
		W	Omnium Финал	Kilometre t.t. (500 m)	35
		W	Keirin	Final places 7 to 12	10
		W	Keirin	Final 1-6	10
		M	Sprint	1/2 Final (1st, 2nd, 3rd heat i.r.)	5
		M	Individual pursuit	Finals 3-4 & 1-2	15
		W	Omnium	Award ceremony	10
		W	Keirin	Award ceremony	10
		M	Sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2 (1st heat)	10
		M	Individual pursuit	Award ceremony	10
		M	Points race 40 km	Final	45
		M	Sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2 (2nd heat)	10
		M	Points race 40 km	Award ceremony	10
		M	Sprint	Finals 3-4 & 1-2 (i.r.)	5
		M	Sprint	Award ceremony	10

24 FEBRUARY / Sunday

14:30	16:50	M	Keirin	1st round	30
		W	Individual Pursuit	Qualifying	80
		M	Keirin	Repechages	30
19:00	22:20	W	Individual Pursuit	Finals 3-4 & 1-2	15
		M	Keirin	2nd round	15
		W	Kilometre t.t. 500 m	Final	60
		W	Individual Pursuit	Award ceremony	10
		M	Keirin	Final places 7 to 12	5
		M	Keirin	Final 1-6	10
		W	Kilometre t.t. 500 m	Award ceremony	10
		M	Madison 50 km	Final	55
		M	Keirin	Award ceremony	10
		M	Madison 50 km	Award ceremony	10



Minsk Arena

Multifunctional Cultural and Sports Centre

From 20th until 24th February 2013, Minsk Arena multifunctional cultural and sports centre will host the UCI Track Cycling World Championships.



Minsk Arena is one of the most multifunctional venues in Europe, aimed to host international sports, cultural and entertainment events.

The centre consists of four basic facilities: Arena sports and cultural complex (with 15,000 seats), "Cycle Track" (with 2,000 seats), "Skating Stadium" (with 3,000 seats), alongside multilevel parking (1,080 car spots).

Minsk Arena has become a leader as the most spacious stadium of the Continental Hockey league; it is one of the largest ice hockey stadiums in Europe in terms of spectator's seats capacity.

New construction, which makes impression with its Hi-Tech architecture and

excels any other Belarusian sports centre in its beauty, internal design and the number of services, has become an attraction not only in Belarus, but either in whole Europe.

Ultramodern equipment, which satisfies the highest professional demands, and a unique stage complex with no analogues in Belarus, all this enables Minsk Arena to host numerous events of high international and national significance in sports and cultural life of Belarus.

Minsk Arena multifunctional centre has hosted the 2010 Junior Eurovision Song Contest, the Star Match of the Continental Hockey League, the Track Cycling European Championships, the European Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, alongside

concerts of world singers like Rammstein, Scorpions, Sir Elton John, Sting, Jose Carreras and many others.

Arena stadium is a home arena for the "Dynamo-Minsk" hockey club, which is playing in the Continental Hockey League; it will be the main venue for the 2014 World Ice Hockey Championships.

During sports and cultural events, numerous facilities are at the service of the spectators, alongside 37 VIP-boxes, "SpArt" restaurant and several bars with stylish interiors, festive atmosphere and tasty menu on offer.

www.minskarena.com





Nikolai Ananiev: "Visit us even today"

In 2013, Minsk cycle track, one of the three sports facilities of the Minsk Arena centre, is hosting UCI Track Cycling World Championships. General director of the largest sports centres of Belarus Nikolai Ananiev told us about all the aspects of the forthcoming event.

— Mr. Ananiev, at first, please tell us if you expected the news that Minsk Arena was chosen as the main venue for the Track Cycling World Championships?

— I would say at once, that this news wasn't sudden. We knew that there were several objective reasons for the successful application process. First one is the achievements of our sportsmen. Tsylynskaya, Kirienko, Lisovski, Sharakova, Panarina — all these athletes has already won at the Olympics, world Championships and

World Cup rounds. The second one is the venue itself. The cycle track is a unique facility for our country; it was constructed accordingly to all the international standards, being one of the best tracks in Europe. This fact was confirmed by Olga Panarina, who managed to show there the best time in the history of cycling, in 500-metre's track time trial. Thirdly, in 2009, Belarus hosted the European Championships. This has put us even closer to the world event. Last year, we demonstrated all the facilities of the cycle track

and the entire Minsk Arena centre to the inspection committee, which appreciated our work carried out. The International Cycling Union appreciated our preparations and was convinced of our ability to host the event in Minsk on the highest level. These are major reasons for the positive decision, made by the UCI, I think.

Naturally, the Belarusian application underwent a long way, being coordinated by the Government, Sports and Tourism Ministry, Minsk City Executive Committee, as far as this event is

significant for cycling and the development of the entire country. It costs much to see the strongest track riders of the world.

— Has the infrastructure of the Minsk Arena has been ready so far to host the event?

— As the general Manager of the centre, I can say that we can host the contest even today. Of course, every sports event has its own peculiarities. But we manage to foresee all the things. Let's say, today we host the World Figure Skating Championships among junior athletes, and some days ago the centre hosted the pop-concert. UCI inspectors were excited by our quick ability for such a complex transformation and said that European venues should adopt our experience.

There are no such complexities with the cycle track. We may host different cultural and entertaining events inside

but the track surface is never been touched, being used by the riders only. If someone steps it in the wrong footwear, we treat this as the emergency situation. Due to peculiar care of it, the track is always ready-to-use. Concerning urban infrastructure, Minsk has already proved its highest approach to the holding of different sports events

— Tell us some words about the European Track Cycling Championships in Minsk, in 2009.

— It was a very good sports feast. The specialists had all the facilities to work during the event, while sportsmen showed their best results. I'm sure that during the World Championships, the Cycling Federation of Belarus will do its best to enhance sincere interest of fans. I think this event will attract even more fans from different countries, than the European one.

— It's not a secret that people abroad know little about Belarus. Is it a real problem?

— During preliminary process our guests made sure that there are really good conditions for the world-class competitions, in terms of security, services and infrastructure, etc. Even specialists from Japan, who searched for exotic Belarus on the world map, were excited. Though, we are situated in the heart of Europe. I guess, we haven't known how to represent the country; we need to acquire new experience in this sphere and we have already started to accumulate it. After putting Minsk Arena center into operation, many foreign visitors have enriched their image of Belarus. Many sportsmen come there for training, on cycle track or skating stadium. Many world sports stars are frequent visitors to Belarus, like the Dutch skater and the Olympic champion Sven Kramer. The same thing happens in cultural ties. And I'm sure that the World Championships in Minsk wouldn't be treated as exotics.

— Minsk Arena is a multi-functional centre. Is it easy to synchronize different events held in it?

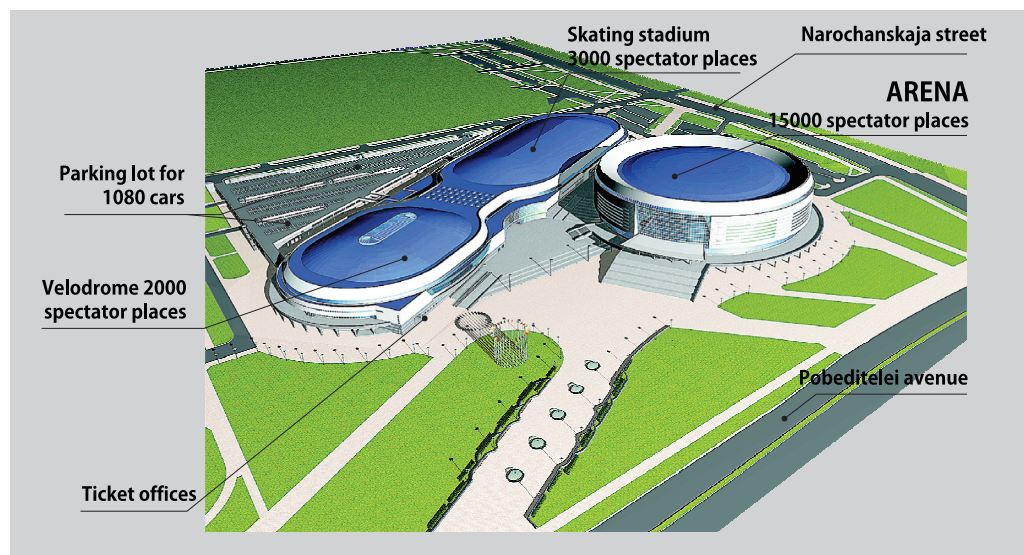
— The complex consists of three sports facilities, with arena itself, skating rink and cycle track. Every facility is a separate world-class construction. Of course, as far as they represent one centre, this makes its maintenance more complicated. If one of them is hosting any event, it doesn't mean that two others do not operate. There are days, when we receive three sports events on the republican level. This puts serious requirements on the level of service. Usual for us is the situation when 15 thousand spectators enjoy the hockey match of the Continental Hockey League. They should be met, ac-

Cycling Championships give a chance to both Minsk Arena and Belarus to show our possibilities to the entire world. A very important thing here is accommodation of guests. Close to the centre, there are "Yubileynaya", "Planeta", "Victoria", "Europe" and "Minsk" hotels. Three hotels are being constructed right by the Minsk Arena. This creates a unique infrastructural surrounding, when all sportsmen and guests can be accommodated close to the Championships's venue. Catering is another issue. I have travelled to many countries, and have seen different approaches to catering. Our catering service is none the worse. Our guests from international organization

usually dine right in the centre and they always state a very good quality of our food.

— What influence of the World Championships on the Belarusian sports and cycling in particular do you predict?

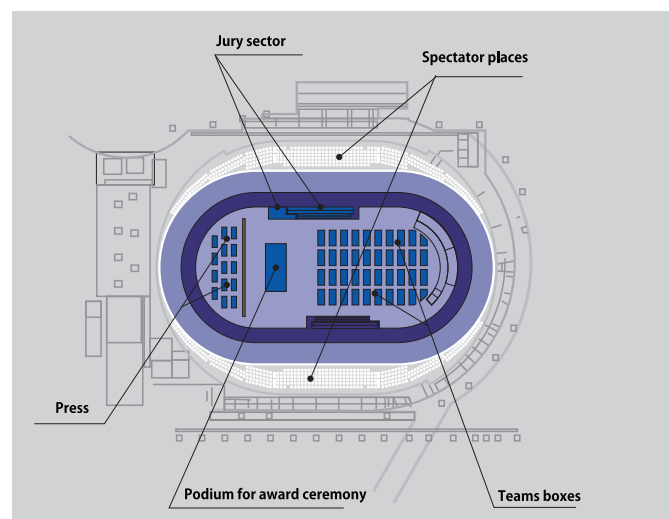
— Hosting any world competition gives stimulates the development of sports. And when the athletes, who represent your country, show their best and appear on the award podium, supported by their friends, fans, and families, and the national flag is being raised, I can compare these emotional moments with no others. Such an event is of a great importance for the popularization of sports. And I can find no other answer.



companied to the stands and accommodated. At the same time, athletes are training on the second arena, and the third arena is hosting another competition. And this every activity demands for our constant attention. Only a good team-work can provide the quality of the organizational process.

— Minsk Arena has become a major venue for international competitions. Has this become a certain trend?

— I'm sure, yes. The competitions like the World Track





AIST as First Love

Minsk Motovelo plant, founded in 1945, assembles numerous models of Aist bicycles, alongside roadsters, mountain bikes, models for youngsters and kids, with two or three wheels. In former USSR countries, Aist stays one of the most popular and recognized brands. Today, these bikes have found their owners in over 30 world countries, in Europe, Asia and Africa.



In 2007, the Motovelo manufacturer was acquired by the Austrian ATEC company. This change gave a start to the new stage of brand's development, as Alexandr Slutski, the head of the supervisory council, states.

— These changes have affected all the spheres of our activities, alongside the model range expansion, innovative technologies implementation, and new approaches to marketing and sales activities; sales geography enhancement, and improvement of management system. Today, **Aist** bikes meet all modern trends, being customized for a user's individuality and specific regional markets. Model range includes 38 basic models and over 100 custom modifications. 65% of all the production is reserved for export. Alongside Belarus, sales geography covers countries of the Eastern Europe, post-Soviet markets and the Eastern Asia.

— Is there a chance for the Aist sports bike to become a flagship model of the enterprise in future?

— Sure! First sports bikes we assembled in 2008. Eight-time's world champion Natallia Tsyhinskaya performed on our bike during the Olympic Games in Beijing. When creating new models, we apply all the most innovative achievements of the bike industry. Our bikes are being used both by the beginners and by the team leaders; we assemble individually customized bikes for them. Support of sports and participation in sports events is an exciting combination of the efforts of our technicians, a set of modern technologies, and unforgettable emotions, of course. Motovelo company and **Aist** brand are the sponsors and a technical partner of the Belarusian Cycling Federation and several cycling clubs. Besides, we consistently keep in touch with cycling federations of Belarus neighbor countries.

— Do you support any sports events?

— Really, **Aist** supports both professional and amateur cycling sports in Belarus. One of our most important goals is to popularize cycling movement in Belarus. It's not a difficult challenge, as far as



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sports and a healthy way of life find a huge support from the side of the state authorities. We are pleased to see, that bicycles and cycling races gain more and more popularity in the country; we see a real formation of a cycling culture. Historically it happens, that **Aist** bikes have become the first bicycle for several

generations of the Belarusians; even the first love, I would say. We believe this to become a tradition.

— What would you expect from our team during the Summer Olympics and 2013 Minsk World Championships?

— Victories, for sure!

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Dining

Minsk restaurants are offering cuisines of different world countries, from Belarusian to Asian. There is a plenty of bars with their own breweries, alongside American and European-style pubs. Alongside numerous dinning venues, drop in the Upper Town restaurant situated right in the centre of Minsk, on Svobody Square, in the building of an old-day Merchant Yard. This historic building has been staying in the heart of Minsk for 3 hundreds years and is famous for its town panoramic view. From the restaurant bay-window, one can enjoy an amazing landscape of Svisloch River, refined silhouette of the Palace of Sports, and Medieval area of the Trinity Suburbs, in a cosy atmosphere. Those who want dive back into the Soviet past should visit Deja Vu or Tovarisch restaurants, with classic retro interiors, which remind of a bright and unique era of the Soviet Union.



AMERICAN

NEWMAN — Steakhouse and bar. Steaks, fish and meat cooking on a grill. Su-Th: noon-midnight, F-Sa: noon-2 am. 36 Ul. Nemiga. T: 306 4839, (044) 777 4242. **MAP: G5.**

ASIAN

JOMOLUNGMA — Tibetan, Japanese, Nepalese, Chinese and Indian cuisine. Hookah bar, tea room, karaoke room, VIP room. M-Su: noon-2 am.

7 Ul. Gikalo. T: 280 5388. **MAP: J4.** National airport, 1st sector, 2nd floor. T: 279 2096. jomalungma.by

BELARUSIAN AND EUROPEAN

ATELIER — European cuisine. Pizza, desserts, handmade cakes, fresh pastries and fresh baked bread. The wine and cocktail lists. M-Su: noon-2 am. 4 Ul. Melnikaite. T: 203 9016, (044) 530 2302. **MAP: G5.**

BOULEVARD — European cuisine.

Cocktail menu. M-Su: 11 am-11 pm.
22 Pr. Nezavissimosti / 10 Ul. Engelsa.
T: (029) 111 4747. **MAP: H5.**

DEJA VU — Soviet and European cuisine. The hall seats 100 people and a banquet hall seats 25 people for banquets and weddings. Su-Th: noon-11 pm, F-Sa: noon-3 am. 6 Ul. Volodko. T: (029) 124 2490. **MAP: H7.**

GRUNWALD — Finest Belarusian, Polish and Lithuanian cuisine in a pleasant friendly atmosphere. M-Su: 8 am-11 pm. 19 Ul. K. Marksa. T: 210 4255, (029) 177 5690. **MAP: H5.**

KAMYANITSA — Belarusian dishes, served in a Belarusian setting accompanied by live folk music. A midday menu, separate hall with a screen and karaoke, VIP hall. M-Su: noon-11 pm. 18 Ul. Pervomaiskaya. T: 294 5124, 233 9401. **MAP: I5.**

KUHMISTR — Belarusian and Litvin cuisine. The atmosphere of gentry feast. Live music. 2 halls for 70 seats, VIP hall for 10 seats. M-Su: noon-midnight. 40 Ul. K. Marksa. T: 227 4848. **MAP: H5.**

KUSHAVEL — European and Japanese food. Grill, cocktail and coffee lists. Banquets, cocktails, parties. Large and comfortable open air terrace. Su-W: 11 am-midnight, Th-Sa: 11 am-2 am. 49 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 226 6891, (044) 788 8000. **MAP: F3.**

RAKOVSKY BROVAR — This brewery restaurant found in the historical part of the city. Its special interior design gives it a cosy ambiance complementing the Belarusian and European cuisine. 10 Ul. Vitebskaya. Metro: Nemiga. T: 328 6404. **MAP: G5.**

RENAISSANCE — Cosy restaurant in the historical centre of the city. European cuisine. A choice of tea room, cigar room and grill bar. Billiards. M-Su: noon-2 am. 23 Pl. Svobody. T: 227 0991. **MAP: H5.**

ROBINSON PORT — European cuisine, food cooked over an open fire. The luxurious interior, beautiful view of the Minsk Sea, a high level of service and live music. M-Su: 11 am-2 am. Minsk-Molodechno highway, 7 km from MKAD. T: (044) 502 1222.

SALOON — European cuisine served to the accompaniment of live country and blues music daily. Dance shows from Th-Sa. Su-W: noon-midnight, Th-Sa: noon-3 am. 21 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 203 8968, 203 9438. **MAP: G4.**

TALAKA — Traditional Belarusian cuisine cooked to authentic recipes and served in a quaint rustic interior to the accompaniment of national music. M-Su: 10 am-2 am. 18 Ul. Rakovskaya. T: 203 2794, (029) 637 0380. **MAP: G5.**

VASILKI — National cuisine. Lunch menu from noon to 4 pm. Background music. Takeaway. M-Su: 11 am-11 pm. 37 Ul. Y. Kolasa. Iceberg Shopping Centre. T: 292 6533. **MAP: J2.**

VERHNIY GOROD — Belarusian cuisine. Lenten menu. Non smoking cafe. Su-Th: 10 am-midnight, F-Sa: 10 am-2 am. 4 Pl. Svobody. T: 321 2089. **MAP: H5.**

FRENCH

LA CRETE D'OR — French cuisine. M-Su: 9 am-11 pm. 3 Ul. Lenina. T: 227 3204, (029) 105 0503. **MAP: H5.**

PIKOVAYA DAMA — French cuisine. Elegant atmosphere. Business lunch from noon to 4 pm. Business meetings and celebrations. M-Su: noon-midnight. 17/30 Ul. Y. Kupaly. T: 227 7314, (029) 615 1313. **MAP: H5.**

ITALIAN

BERGAMO — Italian food: carpaccio, tagliata with rosemary, tagliatelle with salmon and home-made pasta. The restaurant seats 60 people. Live music every evening. M-Sa: 10 am-midnight. 37 Ul. Coolman. T: 334 4556. **MAP: H2.**

BELLA ROSA — The main dining room seating 100, banquet hall, VIP room. Business meetings and ceremonial welcomes. Open air seating. M-Su: noon-2 am. 3 Ul. Gikalo. T: 284 5303. **MAP: J4.**

DOLCE VITA — Italian and Mediterranean cuisine. 3 halls seat 140 people. Live music. Banquets and corporate parties, tourist service. M-F: noon-2 am. 13 Ul. Kirova. T: 218 3555. **MAP: G6.**

FALCONE — Italian cuisine by master chef Giuseppe Zanotti. Live music. VIP-hall, a child's room. Business and ceremonial meetings. Design hookah. M-Su: noon-2 am. 9 Ul. Kololya. T: (029) 377 7776, 800 0525. **MAP: F5.** falcone.by

GRAND CAFE — Italian author's cuisine. Cocktail bar. Room for non smokers. Private room. M-Su: noon-midnight. 2 Ul. Lenina. T: (044) 703 1111. **MAP: H5.**

POYUSHCHIYE FONTANY — Classic and author's recipes by Italian chefs Ignazio and Claudio Rosa. Full-Bar, extensive wine list and cocktails, hookah. Live jazz. Wi-Fi. M-F: 8 am-midnight, Sa-Su: noon-midnight. 5 Ul. Oktyabrskaya. T: 385 9779, (044) 500 0000. **MAP: H6.**

MEDITERRANEAN

PORTO DEL MARE — Mediterranean cuisine. Dishes from fresh cooled fish, steaks, grill. Halls seats 120 people and VIP-hall seats 20 people. Banquets, weddings, business meetings. M-Su: noon-midnight. 3 Ul. Kozlova. T: 288 1153, (029) 197 000. **MAP: 14.**

SPANISH

CASA AGUSTIN LOPEZ — The club offers a wide selection of dishes with a seafood accent and has night shows. Flamenco, salsa, sevillana featured. M-F: noon-midnight, Sa-Su: noon-3 am. 31 Ul. Zakharova. T: 233 9584. **MAP: I5.** casaagustinlopez.by

THEMED RESTAURANTS

MY ENGLISH GRANNY — A cosy restaurant offering elite coffee and tea sorts, pastries, desserts like Victorian setting. Chef's specialties. Elit coffee and tea varieties. Special cocktails. M-Su: 9 am-11 pm. 36 Ul. K. Marksa. T: 227 2224, 227 5537. **MAP: H5.**

TOVARISCH — This cafe-club's Soviet-style restaurant brings the past to life, with live music, discos and Soviet films to enhance your evening. Banquets, presentations and wedding. M-Su: noon-midnight. 21 Ul. Y. Kupaly. T: 227 3435, (029) 678 6666. **MAP: H4.**

BARS

COYOTE — Restaurant and show-bar. Grill menu, tea and coffee menu, wine list. M-Su: noon-6 am. 117A Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: (029) 190 6666. **MAP: M2.**

STRAVINSKY BAR — A wide range of cocktails. Lunch menu: M-F. Sushi menu. Su-W: noon-2 am, Th-Sa: noon-5 am. 25B Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 227 3113, (029) 190 9999. **MAP: H5.**

CAFES

BEZE — Cakes made to order. Coffee and tea menu. Italian pizza, European dishes. Business lunches. M-Su: 10 am-1 am. 18 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 328 6409, (044) 723 5278. **MAP: H5.**

COFFEE INN — European cuisine, breakfasts, business lunches. Coffee and tea menu. Handmade desserts: candy, cookies and cakes. M-F: 8 am-3 am, Sa-Su: 10 am-3 am. 23 Ul. Internatsionalnaya. T: 227 4041, (029) 199 0099. **MAP: G5.**

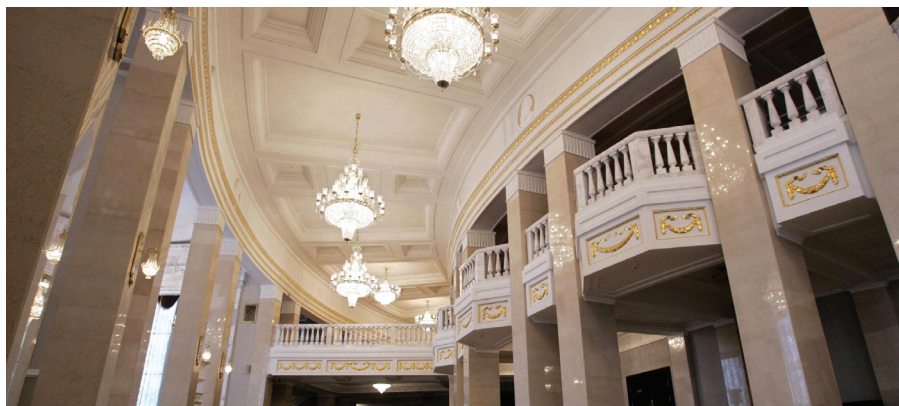
GURMAN — Pleasant cafe serving European, Belarusian cuisine and ravioli. M-Su: 8 am-11 pm. 7 Ul. Kommunisticheskaya. T: 290 6774. **MAP: H4.**

MON CAFE — European and Japanese cuisine. Cafe-Theatre: show programmes, live music. Su-Th: 11 am-midnight, F-Sa: 11 am-2 am. 2/4 Ul. Melnikaite. T: 203 9957, (029) 623 9957. **MAP: G5.** moncafe.by

NEWS CAFE — European cuisine. Business lunches. Wine, cocktail and coffee menu. Fresh baked goods. M-F: 8 am-midnight, Sa-Su: 11 am-midnight. 34 Ul. K. Marksa. T: (029) 103 1111. **MAP: H5.**

PUBS

GVOZD — This alehouse offers beer cuisine and huge selection of draft beer. Lunch menu. Sport broadcasting, live music. Rooms for smokers and non smokers. M-Su: noon-midnight. 5 Ul. Gikalo. T: 290 2891. **MAP: J4.** 65 Ul. Timiryazeva. T: 209 0148. **MAP: E2.**



Culture

There are about 20 museums in Minsk, alongside the National Art Museum, Historical Museum, and the Museum of the Great Patriotic War. Among the theatres, The National Opera and Ballet Theatre is of the highest interest. Its modern stage has seen the best productions of world classics and modern art. The theatre's troupe has been performing not only on home stage, but has also toured to many world countries, being heartily met by the audience. Besides, there is a plenty of art-galleries, and concert halls showcasing concerts of classical music and touring world stars.

GALLERIES AND FOLK CRAFTS

GALLERY IN MINSK CONCERT HALL — The gallery features folk crafts and modern applied art: linen, wooden pieces, ceramic, glass, straw and woven items, paintings, graphics and clothing. Minsk Concert Hall, 1st floor. 5 Ul. Oktyabrskaya. Metro: Pervomaiskaya. T: 289 1980. **MAP: H6.**

KONTSEPTSIA — A modern art gallery. M-Sa: 10 am-7 pm. 20/9 Ul. K. Marksa (entrance at the back). Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 227 1796. **MAP: G6.**

UNIVERSITY OF CULTURE ART GALLERY — Exhibitions by both established and young artists. M-F: 11 am-7 pm. The Palace of the Republic. 1 Oktyabrskaya Pl. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 227 2612. **MAP: H5.**

CONCERT HALLS

THE BELARUSIAN STATE PHILHARMONIC — 50 Pr. Nezavisimosti. T: 284 3202, 331 1617 (booking office). Metro: Ploshchad Yakuba Kolasa. **MAP: I4.**

MINSK CONCERT HALL — 5 Ul. Oktyabrskaya. Metro: Pervomaiskaya. T: 328 6638 (booking office). **MAP: H6.** rkpc.by

THE PALACE OF THE REPUBLIC — 1 Oktyabrskaya Pl. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 222 3806 (booking office). **MAP: H5.** palace.by

MUSEUMS

ART MUSEUM — A collection of Russian and Belarusian pre-revolutionary, Western European, Oriental and Soviet Belarusian artworks. W-M: 11 am-7 pm. 20 Ul. Lenina. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 227 7163, 227 4562. **MAP: H5.**

HISTORY MUSEUM — This museum features a collection of artefacts and documents relating to domestic and international history and culture, including 338,000 exhibits grouped into 45 collections. Tu-Su: 11 am-7 pm. 12 Ul. K. Marksa. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 227 4322, 227 0633. **MAP: G6.** history.museum.by

MODERN FINE ARTS MUSEUM — Contemporary Belarusian and foreign art is on show. Tu-Sa: 11 am-7 pm. 47 Pr. Nezavisimosti. Metro: Ploshchad Yakuba Kolasa. T: 288 2468, 284 8621. **MAP: I4.**

MUSEUM OF BELARUSIAN LITERATURE HISTORY — It is the leading museum in the documentation of the literary process in all of Belarus. M-Sa: 9.30 am-5 pm. 15 Ul. M. Bogdanovicha. Metro: Nemiga. T: 334 5621. **MAP: H4.**

MUSEUM OF GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR HISTORY — Displays dedicated to the 1941-45 war. Tu-Su: 10 am-6 pm. 25a Pr. Nezavisimosti. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 227 5611. **MAP: H5.** war-museum.by

MUSEUM OF FOLK ARCHITECTURE AND THE HOME

This museum is located out of town. Folk holidays celebrated with folk bands performing, craftsmen showing their skills and souvenir fairs. T: 507 6937, 209 4163.

MUSEUM OF THEATRE AND MUSIC HISTORY

The *Origins of Theatre and Musical Culture in Belarus* shows ancient folk instruments and gives information on Belarusian role-play feasts and rituals. The museum also features batleika folk puppet theatre. M-Sa: 10 am-5.30 pm. 5 Muzykalny Per. T: 220 2667. **MAP: H5.**

VANKOVICH'S HOUSE: A MUSEUM OF EARLY

19TH CENTURY CULTURE AND ART — The museum's first and second halls are dedicated to Vankovich's life and work as an artist. Archive documents, photos of portraits painted by Vankovich, original canvases and decorative and applied arts are on show. Tu-Sa: 10 am-5 pm. 33A Ul. Internationalnaya. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. T: 227 8796. **MAP: H5.**

PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS

CENTRAL BOTANICAL GARDENS — Founded in 1932, the Gardens occupy an area of 92.8 hectares. Plants from around the world are cultivated. 2v Ul. Surganova. Metro: Park Chelyuskintsev. T: 284 1484. **MAP: K3.**

CHELYUSKINTSEV CULTURAL LEISURE PARK

Opened in May 1932, it is the city's central park. Attractions include a children's railway. 84 Pr. Nezavisimosti. Metro: Park Chelyuskintsev. T: 281 6546. **MAP: K3, L3.**

LOSHITSIA ESTATE AND PARK — A late 19th century estate and park, including a mansion, a chapel, housekeeper's residence, a water mill, a distillery, household premises and a landscaped park. 10 Proezd Chizhevskikh. T: 221 3405, 221 1380.

YANKA KUPALA PARK — Built in 1962, it is home to Yanka Kupala's monument and the *Venok* (Wreath) sculptural fountain. The Yanka Kupala Literary Museum is also situated within. Ul. Y. Kupaly. Metro: Oktyabrskaya/Kupalovskaya. **MAP: G6.**

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMORIAL SITES

KHATYN STATE MEMORIAL — The complex was erected on the site of Khatyn village, burnt down by the Nazis during the Second World War. Guided tours Tu-Su: 9 am-5 pm. Logoisk district, Minsk region. T: +375 17745 5787.

MOUND OF GLORY — The mound was erected on the 21st kilometre of the Minsk-Moscow motorway to commemorate the heroism of the Soviet Army in the 1944 Belarusian operation.

THEATRES

THE NATIONAL ACADEMIC BOLSHOI OPERA AND BALLET THEATRE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS — 1 Pl. Parizhskoy Kommuny. T: 334 1041, 334 0666. **MAP: H4.** belarusopera.by

Nightlife

Minsk night clubs are offering numerous night amusements to fit any taste, alongside dance shows, pop-star performances, striptease. There are over 30 gambling points and casinos in Minsk, where everyone can try his luck. In the night centres, one can play billiards and bowling. Most bowling centres are equipped according to the industry demands and meet international standards to please both beginners and professionally-trained amateurs. Alongside with the nightlife amusements, Internet-clubs, currency exchange offices, food and drug store operate all night in Minsk.



CASINO CLUB XO — Poker, black jack, roulette, club poker. Show-programs. M-Su. T: 331 4777, (044) 777 7751. **MAP: J3.** casinodox.by

DANKOFF CLUB — Casino, slot machines and lottery, alongside a night club. Erotic show. Restaurant. M-Su. 25 Ul. Myasnikova. T: 200 2409. **MAP: G6.**

DIAMOND PRINCESS — Black jack, poker, American roulette and slot machines. 9 gambling tables, 2 bars, open-buffet, show-programs. M-Su. 13 Ul. Kirova, building 2. T: 218 3445, 226 1496. **MAP: G6.**

DOZARI — Night club. Bar. Show programs. W-Su: 10 pm-6 am. 58 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: (029) 305 2233, 345 2233. **MAP: J3.**

GLOBAL — Roulette, black jack, poker and interactive games machines. Cocktail bar. Original programs. VIP-service. M-Su. 23 Pr. Pobediteley, building 1. T: (029) 624 0000. **MAP: G4.**

MADISON CLUB — This night club has bowling and can organise banquets, solemn events, press conferences and workshops. M-F: 1 pm-6 am, Sa-Su: 9 am-6 am. 9 Ul. Timiryazeva. T: 219 0010. **MAP: F4.**

MILLENNIUM — Casino and a night club. VIP-hall. Slot machines, poker, roulette, blackjack. M-Su. 7 Pr. Pobediteley, building 2. T: 209 4225, (029) 177 0077. **MAP: G4.**

MIRAGE — Poker, black jack, American roulette and Punto Banco. Wide range of slot machines. VIP hall, show programs. Junket.

M-Sa. 89 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 250 9696. **MAP: D1.**

MOJITO — Business lunch, cocktail bar and hookah. Sport broadcasting. M-Su: noon-6 am. 58 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 290 0560, (029) 325 2233. **MAP: J3.**

NEXT — Nightclub offers show-programs, positive music and European cuisine. M-Su: 7 pm-5 am. 13 Ul. Kirova. T: 218 3435, (044) 718 7777. **MAP: G6.**

PRINCESS — Black jack, poker, American roulette, slot machines and electronic roulette. Daily wins. Live music and shows. M-Su. 25 Ul. Y. Kupaly. T: 328 6917. **MAP: H5.** 12 Ul. Nemiga. T: 200 4281. **MAP: G5.** worldofprincess.com

ROYAL — American roulette, black jack, poker and interactive games machines. Phantom incognito play room. European cuisine. M-Su. 11 Pr. Nezavissimosti, Minsk hotel. T: (029) 111 3333. **MAP: G5.** royal.by

SHANGRI LA — American roulette, black jack and poker. 28 slot machines. Privacy game. Show programs. Restaurant. Halal menu. Billiards. Transfer services. M-Su. 8 Ul. Kirova, building 3. T: 321 2022. **MAP: G6.**

TEXAS — Strip bar. Erotic show of Texas amazons. Parties. M-Su: 8 pm-6 am. 19 Pr. Pobediteley, 1st floor. T: 226 9904. **MAP: G4.**

THE BLACK DOOR — Japanese, European and Chinese cuisine. Karaoke Club. Su-Th: 10 am-6 am, F-Sa: 10 am-9 pm. 29 Ul. Khoruzhei, the territory of the cafe-bar Vienna. T: (029) 734 4344. **MAP: H3.**

VENEZIA — Striptease and erotic shows, live music and bar. M-Su: 9 pm-6 am. 25 Ul. Myasnikova. T: 200 2409. **MAP: G6.**

VERSUS — Strip club with cosy ambience. Female erotic show, stag parties. European cuisine. M-Su: 9 pm-7 am. 11 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 200 2520, (029) 634 4412. **MAP: G6.**

VICTORIA — 15 gambling tables. American roulette, poker, black jack and baccarat. Show programs and wins. VIP-service. 59 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 306 0808. **MAP: F3.**

X.O.EROTIC CLUB — Female erotic show and striptease, VIP-parties, stag parties and hen nights. Bar. M-Su: 10 pm-5 am. 15a Ul. Storozhevskaya. T: (029) 631 1241. **MAP: G4.**

ZHURAVINKA — This complex features bowling, restaurants, bars, cafes, casino and a hotel. M-Th: 1 pm-3 am, F: 1 pm-5 am, Sa and holidays: 11 am-5 am, Su: 11 am-3 am. 25 Ul. Y. Kupaly. T: 328 6900, 328 6926. **MAP: H5.**



Shopping

Traditional souvenirs from Belarus are wooden filigrees from Gomel, ceramics, linen clothes and towels. Belarusian artisans are famous for their straw figurines, being the only craftsmen who know the techniques of the volume straw plaiting. Art pieces of the Belarusian straw decorate interiors of the Buckingham Palace in London and the White House in Washington. Star-talismans, dolls in the national suits, wedding garlands, birds, spiders and even full-scale aurochs are made from straw. Find them at one of Minsk best souvenir shops, Slavutiya Maistry in the Trinity Suburbs.

CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES

ALISEE — Alisee lingerie made in France.

Major cards. M-Su: 10 am-8 pm.

34 Ul. Komsomolskaya. **MAP: H6.** alisee.fr

BERGHAUS — Men's and women's clothing and accessories. Discount system. Free tailoring service. Parking. V, MC, Maestro, Belkart. M-F: 10 am-8 pm, Sa: 11 am-7 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 48 Pr. Nezavissimosti. Metro: Plushchad Yakuba Kolasa. T: (029) 610 9909. **MAP: I4.**

CANALI — Men's clothing, footwear and accessories. Major cards. M-Sa: 10.30 am-8 pm, Su: noon-6 pm. 8 Ul. K. Marksa. T: 226 0985, (029) 633 5599. **MAP: G6.**

CORNELIANI — Men's clothing, footwear and accessories. Discount. V, MC. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 4 Pl. Svobody. T: (044) 711 1000. **MAP: H5.**

DEFILE — Men's and women's clothing by famous Italian designers. Shoes, bags, accessories. Brands: Moschino, Ferre Milano, Who's who, etc. Major cards. M-Su: 10 am-8 pm. 10 Ul. M. Bogdanovicha. T: 286 3200, (044) 786 3200. **MAP: H4.**

DOLCE VITA — Clothing, footwear and accessories by Italian and German luxury brands Escada, Escada Sport, Salvatore Ferragamo, Laurel, Agnona. V, MC, Maestro. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 4 Ul. Kommunisticheskaya. T: 233 9419, (029) 668 6323. **MAP: I4.**

ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA — Men's clothing, footwear and accessories: Ermenegildo Zegna, Z Zegna, Zegna Sport. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 13 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 227 1677, (029) 177 3677. **MAP: G6.**

HUGO BOSS — Luxury clothes for men and women. Shoes and accessories. Major cards. M-Su: 10 am-8 pm. 12 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 328 6730. **MAP: G6.**

MAXMARA — Elite woman's apparel, footwear and accessories by MaxMara Fashion House. M-F: 10 am-8 pm, Sa: 10 am-7 pm. 29 Ul. Komsomolskaya. T: 227 6986. **MAP: G5.**

MILAVITSA — 36 Ul. V. Khoruzhei. T: 283 2112. **MAP: H3.** Expobel, booth 35. Intersection of Logoisky Trakt and MKAD. **MAP: G1.** 41 Ul. Ulyanovskaya. T: 226 1912. **MAP: G6.** 2 Pr. Rokossovskogo. Hippo Trade Centre. T: 214 6535. **MAP: J8.**

8 Ul. Nemiga. T: 200 9676, 220 9676.

MAP: G5.

PAL ZILERI — Pal Zileri clothes and accessories for men. M-F: 11 am-8 pm, Sa: 11 am-7 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 5 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 226 6312. **MAP: G5.**

PIERRE CARDIN — Men's clothing. M-Su: 10 am-10 pm. Expobel Shopping Centre, ground floor, booth 55. Intersection of Logoisky Trakt and MKAD. T: (029) 677 2313. **MAP: F1.**

RENOMMEE — Luxury clothes, shoes and accessories for men, women and children. Major cards. M-Su: 10 am-10 pm. 15 Ul. Komsomolskaya. T: (044) 720 7507. **MAP: G5.** renomme.by

SEZONY — Women's and men's clothing and accessories Emporio Armani, Armani Jeans, Just Cavalli, Galliano, Liu Jo. Major cards. M-F: 11 am-8 pm, Sa: 12.30 am-8 pm, Su: 12.30 am-6 pm. 19 Ul. Y. Kupaly. T: 217 8483, (029) 686 5221. **MAP: H5.**

5TH AVENUE — Fashionable women's and men's clothes of premium brands. M-Su: 10 am-10 pm. 24 Ul. Kalvaryiskaya. Korona Shopping Centre, Modny Moll, the 1st floor. T: (029) 114 0419, 366 8774. **MAP: F4.**

COSMETICS AND PERFUMES

ELATIO GALLERY — Selective perfumes and cosmetics (Creed, Decleor, Menard, Burberry, Van Cleef&Arpels, etc.). Discount system. M-Sa: 11 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 12 Ul. Nemiga, Elatio Gallery, 1st floor. Metro: Nemiga. **MAP: G5.**

KRAVT — Perfumes and cosmetics. Discounts. M-F: 10 am-8 pm, Sa: noon-8 pm, Su: noon-6 pm. 76 Pr. Nezavissimosti. Metro: Akademiya Nauk. T: 284 2003, 280 5666. **MAP: K3.** Stolitsa Shopping Centre, 1st level. T: 227 0485. **MAP: G6.** Expobel Shopping Centre. **MAP: G1.**

LESKAL — Perfumes, make-up, skin and body care products. Discounts for regular customers. Major cards. M-F: 10 am-8 pm, Sa: 12 am-8 pm, Su: 12 am-6 pm. 10 Ul. Kuibysheva. T: 290 6418, (029) 190 0907. **MAP: H4.**

FOOTWEAR

BALDININI — Men's and women's footwear. Bags and accessories by Baldinini (Italy). Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-7 pm. 13 Ul. Kirova. T: 200 8497, (029) 177 8497. **MAP: G6.**

GIORGIO FABIANI — Boutique featuring Italian footwear and handbags. The collection is kept updated. M-Sa: 11 am-7 pm, Su: noon-5 pm. 1 Pr. Pobediteley. Metro: Nemiga. T: 200 5288, (029) 654 6244. **MAP: G5.**

FUR & LEATHER

BRASCHI — Clothing by brand Braschi. M-Su: 10 am-8 pm. 57B Ul. Surganova, 1st floor. T: 331 4820. **MAP: I2.**

SNEZHNYAYA KOROLEVA — Mink, zibeline, chinchilla, karakul fur coats made in Italy and Greece. Headwear. Women's jackets and down coats. Men's and women's leather clothing. V, MC, Maestro, AmEx. M-Sa: 11 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 5 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 210 4259, (029) 680 2979. **MAP: G5.**

GIFTS AND FLOWERS

PODZEMKA — This gift shop sells original gifts and gadgets for any occasion. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 43 Pr. Nezavissimosti. Metro: Ploshchad Pobedy. T: 288 2036, (029) 670 7369. **MAP: I4.** podzemka-minsk.by

ROZMARIN — Flower services. Bouquets for birthdays, anniversaries and all other occasions. Interior and gifts decorating with flowers. Wedding bouquets. M-Su: 8 am-11 pm. 23/1 Ul. Zaslavskaya. Universam Ubileiny-92. T: 203 3626, (029) 122 3300. **MAP: F4.** rozmarin.by

JEWELLERY AND ACCESSORIES

DE LUXE — Authorized dealer for brands Chopard, Chaumet, Piaget, Carrera y Carrera, Roberto Coin, Giorgio Visconti, Montblanc, Dunhill, S.T. Dupont. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 10 am-6 pm. 58/4 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 292 1804. **MAP: J3.**

DE LUXE TIME — Swiss watches of class De Luxe. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 10 am-6 pm. 4 Pl. Svobody. T: 222 4611. **MAP: H5.**

LA PAS — Gold and silver jewellery with and without precious and semiprecious gems — including wedding rings. Major cards. Tu-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 10 am-6 pm. 18 Ul. Coolman. T: 331 8617. **MAP: I3.**

MONOMAKH — Gold and silver jewellery. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 72 Ul. Kropotkina. T: 334 2686. **MAP: H3.** 18 Ul. Komsomolskaya.

T: 328 6165. **MAP: G5.** 69 Ul. Kuibysheva. T: 286 3215. **MAP: I3.**

SHVEITSARSKIE CHASY — Swiss watches of premium brands. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 10 am-6 pm. 13 Ul. Komsomolskaya. T: 203 7064. **MAP: G5.**

SMOLENSKIE BRILLIANTY — This jeweller's sells Kristall pieces: precious metals with and without gems. M-Sa: 11 am-8 pm, Su: noon-6 pm. 4 Pl. Svobody. T: 227 8568. **MAP: G5.**

TIMECITY — Watches and accessories. Brands: Jaeger-leCoultre, Ulysse Nardin, Zenith, Tag Heuer. V, MC. M-F: 10 am-8 pm, Sa-Su: 11 am-7 pm. 12 Ul. Komsomolskaya. T: 203 1414, (044) 703 4444. **MAP: G5.**

TISSOT — Monobrand watch boutique. Wide range of models of different styles. Service. V, MC. M-F: 10 am-8 pm, Sa-Su: 11 am-7 pm. 4 Ul. Pervomaiskaya. T: 321 2086, (029) 302 5555. **MAP: H6.**

VERTU BOUTIQUE — Mobile phones of class De Luxe. V, VE, MC, Maestro. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 23 Pl. Svobody. T: 227 1127, (044) 727 1127. **MAP: H5.**

ZHENEV — Jewellery made of precious metals with and without stones. Wedding rings. Russian, Belarusian and Italian-produced jewels. Discount. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-6 pm. 76 Ul. Surganova. T: 331 8836. **MAP: I2.**

ZIKO — The showroom sells well known brands of watches and jewellery. Major cards. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 10 am-6 pm. 13 Ul. Komsomolskaya. T: 203 7064. **MAP: G5.**

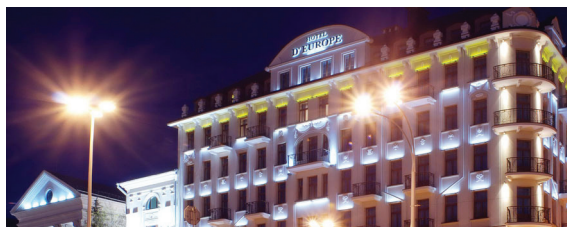
LEATHER GOODS

MATTIOLI — Leather handbags, belts, brief cases and gloves. M-Sa: 10 am-8 pm, Su: 11 am-5 pm. 56 Pr. Nezavissimosti. T: 288 2308. **MAP: G3.** Pl. Nezavissimosti, Stolitsa Shopping Centre, 1st level. **MAP: G6.** 3 Ul. Coolman. T: 387 0039. **MAP: I3.**

WITTCHEN — Women's and men's bags for travel, briefcases and wallets as well as leather gloves and belts. Umbrellas and accessories for sale. M-Su: 10 am-10 pm. Expobel Shopping Centre. **MAP: F1.** Korona Shopping Centre. **MAP: F4.**

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Europe Hotel

Minsk centre is rich in good hotels; but the most amazing pearl in this hospitality collection is a five-star Europe hotel. In the early beginning of the 20th century, it remained the most comfortable on the Belarusian territory, with its restaurant, being known far-far away from the Minsk province. In 1920ies, it was turned to the elite condo, with members of the governmental body and guest celebrities residing here. During Second World War, the building was razed to the ground; only in 2004, it was decided to construct the hotel again, keeping close to its authentic design. Today, Europe hotel is one of the two five-star hotels in Minsk (the other one is the Crowne Plaza Minsk).



President Hotel

Minsk 5-star President Hotel opens its doors after the complete reconstruction of the former Oktyabrskaya hotel. The complex occupies three buildings. In two of them, rooms meet the needs of the most demanding guests. There are enough space both for official delegations and usual guests. The third building operates as a meeting area, with numerous facilities like a parking area with 100 car spots, sports and beauty centres, and billiards club. Exterior design of the hotel is rich in marble, granite and facade panels with a special illumination system.



Crowne Plaza Minsk

Minsk Hotel of the Crowne Plaza hotel chain is the second 5-star hotel in Minsk up to date. Comfortable rooms, careful service, and new safety technologies are at the service of guests. The hotel is situated in the very centre of Minsk, close to major trade centres and fashion venues. Business centre, several conference halls, fitness club with a pool, beauty centre, night club, restaurants and bars are on offer.



Robinson Club Hotel

4-star hotel features 51 rooms with a panoramic view of the Minsk Sea water basin. The hotel is offering 2 restaurants, bar, conference hall and a meeting room. Additional services, alongside sauna, helicopter excursions, kid's room, boat rental and others, at your service.



Victoria Hotel

4-star Victoria hotel stands on the Pobeditelei Avenue, close to the Minsk Arena sports and cultural centre. The hotel is offering 169 comfortable rooms with a majestic view of the Svisloch River landscape.



Minsk Hotel

The hotel was constructed in 1959 and soon became a significant hospitality venue for Minsk and the entire country. Today, the hotel is offering service of the international level, having proved it 4 stars. It stands on Nezavisimosti Avenue, the major avenue of Minsk.



Useful Information

Most flights to Minsk are carried out via the Minsk International Airport. To take a taxi from the airport to Minsk costs approximately US\$30. The urban transportation system is represented with two lines of the underground, numerous bus, trolley, and tram routes. Transport system operates from 6am until 1am. Those, who are planning to explore the city by car, should take into consideration the following information: it is a right driving in Belarus; driving after consuming any alcohol (and beer) is prohibited; in most cases speed is limited to 60 km per hour.

CAR RENTAL

AVIS BELARUS — Car and minibuses renting of different models with or without a driver. Transfers around the territory of Belarus and Europe. V, VE, MC, Maestro. 11/2 Pr. Nezavissimosti, office 329. T: 334 7990, (029) 669 7311. **MAP: G6.** Internet: avis.by

EUROPCAR BELARUS — Rental of new cars. Minsk-airport transfer 24/7. 11 Pr. Nezavissimosti, Minsk Hotel, lobby. T: 209 9009, (029) 133 6553. **MAP: G6.** Minsk National Airport, gate 5—6. T: 279 2241. europcar.by

HERTZ BELARUS — Rental of new cars and mini-buses. Transfer to and from the national airport Minsk, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia with English-speaking drivers. V, MC. M-F: 8.30 am-6 pm. 2 Ul. Sverdlova, building 2, office 6. T: 306 5335, (029) 660 2988. **MAP: G6.** hertz-belarus.by

RENTACAR — Rental of new Citroen cars. Low prices, discount. Major cards. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Sa-Su: 10 am-6 pm. 19 Pr. Pobediteley. T: 226 9018, (029) 677 8800. **MAP: G4.**

SIXT — Car rental, leasing, car rental with a driver. Transfers. V, MC, Maestro. M-F: 9 am-6 pm. The company can work 24 hours with pre-order. 59 Pr. Pobediteley, office 208a. **MAP: F3.** Minsk National Airport, gate 5—6. T: 306 0465, (029) 251 7517.

TOYOTA RENT — Rental of Toyota cars. Cars can be delivered and booked in advance. M-F: 9 am-6 pm, Sa-Su: 9 am-6 pm. 88 Ul. Orlovskaya. Toyota Centre. T: (029) 694 0007. **MAP: E2.** toyotarent.by

EXPRESS DELIVERY

DHL — Express delivery service to more than 220 countries worldwide. V, MC. M-Sa: 8 am-7 pm. 18 Ul. Brestskaya. T: 278 1108. **MAP: E9.** dhl.by

M&M — Express delivery worldwide. International freight forwarding (air, road, sea and rail container freight). Groupage and complete truck delivery services. M-Th: 9 am-6 pm, F: 9 am-5 pm. 1 Ul. Melezha, office 902. T: 268 4111, 226 9909. **MAP: J4.**

TNT EXPRESS — Express delivery worldwide. Couriers collect orders from home. Cargo delivery confirmation. Customs formalities and cargo delivery services. M-F: 8 am-7 pm. 10 Ul. Platonova. T: 284 9044. **MAP: J5.** Minsk National Airport. T: 279 1186. tnt.by

UNITED PARCEL SERVICE (UPS) — Express delivery of mail, documents and cargoes throughout the world. V, MC. M-F: 8.30 am-6 pm. 3 Per. Muzykalny. T: 328 5580, 227 2233. **MAP: H5.**

INFORMATION SERVICES

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS — **Universal emergency services:** 101. **Ambulance:** 103. **Fire Brigade:** 101. **Gas Emergency Brigade:** 104. **Police:** 102. **Republican Special Task Division of the Emergency Ministry:** 275 2901.

LEGAL SERVICES

AGENSTVO PRAVOVYKH USLUG — Starting a business. Licensing, certification, construction business. Advice, audit. Contracts. Representing at court. M-F: 9 am-6 pm. 2 Pl. Svobody, office 26. T: 226 1333. **MAP: H5.**

ARZINGER & PARTNERS — International law company offers legal services to domestic and international clients in all branches of business law. M-F: 9 am-8 pm. 169 Pr. Nezavissimosti, XXI Vek Business Centre, office 303C, 304C. T: 218 1055, (029) 304 3411. **MAP: G2.**

IVANASHKO, FEDOROVSKY AND SONS — Business registration, sale, liquidation (including Russia and Ukraine). License, certification. Debt collection. Representation in court. M-F: 10 am-6 pm. 2 Ul. Kulman, office 323. T: (029) 778 7093, 686 9391. **MAP: I3.**

LEGAL SERVICES CENTRE — Business accompaniment, interest intermediation in court and arbitration. Paperwork. Assessment of real estate. M-F: 9 am-6 pm. 25 Ul. Y. Kupaly, office 203/3, Zhuravinka business centre. T: 328 68 93, (029) 626 5077. **MAP: H4.**

VLASOVA, MIKHEL & PARTNERS — Full range of legal services. M-F: 9 am-6 pm. 57/2 Ul. Parnikovaya. T: 211 8142, (029) 611 8143. **MAP: N3.**

YURIDICHESKY ALLIANCE — Full legal services (registration, liquidation, representation of interests in litigation, business transactions). Crisis management; representation of creditor's interests, debt collection activities. 22, Ul. V. Khoruzhei, office 401. T: 335 2274. **MAP: H3.**

MEDICAL SERVICES

EKOMEDSERVICE — Medical Multi-care Center. Dental treatment, medical and diagnostic department, laboratory study. Children welcome. SPA. Major cards. M-Sa: 8 am-9 pm. 4 Ul. Tolstogo. T: 160, 207 7474. **MAP: G6.**

LODE — Full range of medical (dentistry, gynaecology, urology, etc.) and cosmetological services. Professional standards. M-Su. 1 Ul. Gikalo. T: 111, 284 7220. Metro: Ploshchad Yakuba Kolasa. **MAP: J4.** 140 Ul. Pritytskogo. T: 315 0003. **MAP: B3**

NORDIN — Diagnostic, X-ray and dental services, clinical diagnostic laboratory, a fitness center. Parking and a pharmacy. M-Sa: 8 am-10 pm, Su: 8 am-4 pm. 47B Ul. Surganova. T: 159, 289 5456. **MAP: J2.**

PROFI-DENT — Dental Clinic: therapy, orthodontics, digital X-ray diagnostics, orthopedics, surgery, implants and whitening. M-Sa: 9 am-9 pm. 39 Ul. Pritytskogo. T: 202 6262, (029) 602 6262. **MAP: C4.** orthodont.by

TRANSPORT

AIRPORTS — **Minsk-1.** 7 Ul. Korotkevicha. T: 222 5476 (inquiry), 222 5402 (traffic superintendent). **MAP: F8.** **Minsk National Airport.** T: 279 1300, 279 1730. **Airport inquiry:** 106.

BUS — **BUS INQUIRY:** 114.

RAILWAY — **Central station.** 3 Privokzalnaya Pl. Metro: Ploshchad Lenina. T: 225 6908, 225 6706. **MAP: G6.** **Railroad inquiry:** 225 7000. **Ticket reservation:** 225 7051. **International ticket reservation, sale and door-to-door delivery:** 225 1667. **Railway Station Club SV Vip Lounge:** T: 225 0052.

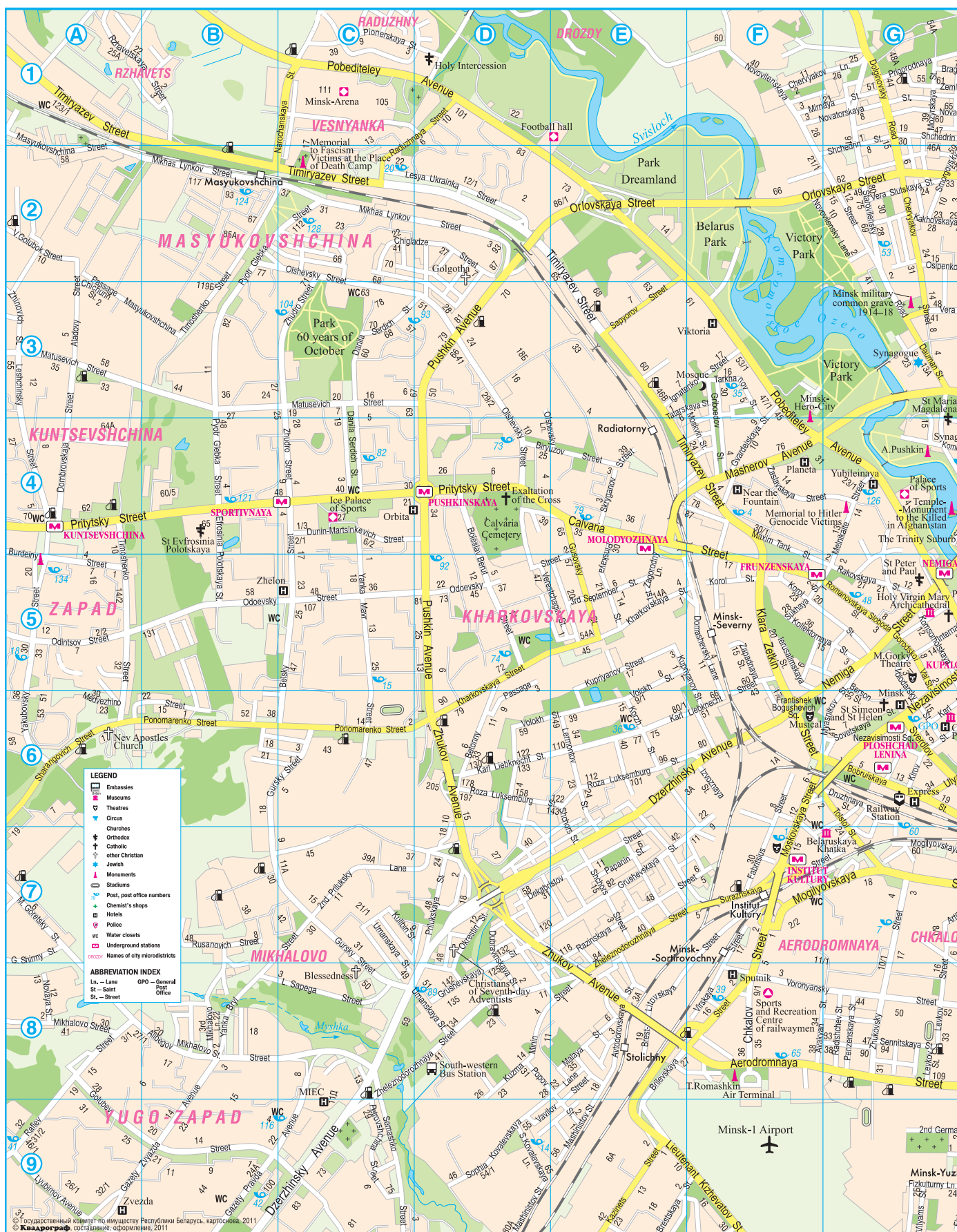
UNDERGROUND — There are two lines — the Moskovskaya Line and the Avtozavodskaya Line. Open 6 am-1 am, trains tend to run every 3 to 8 minutes depending on the season and time of day.

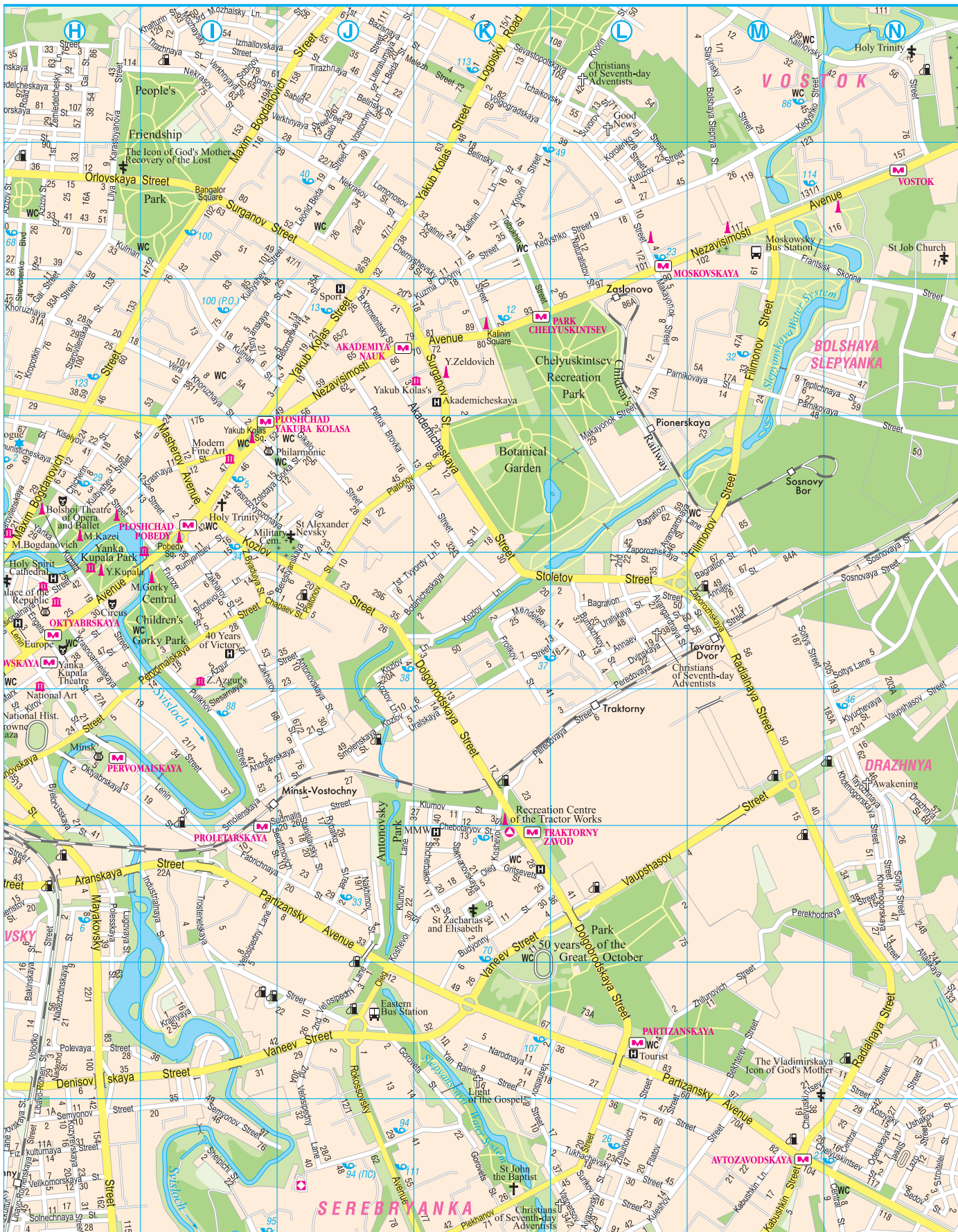


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President Hotel — Championships' Official Hotel

In summer 2012, Minsk 5-star President Hotel will open its doors after the complete reconstruction of the former Oktyabrskaya hotel. It is being constructed in a big way, but without excess bigotry. There will be no significant differences between the former and the present hospitable venues; it's just a reconstruction and not a new building site. Still, it hasn't been decided on what statues would decorate the building; but six niches are left for them according to the general plan.



Convertible Facilities

Renovated hotel complex will occupy three buildings. In two of them, rooms will be arranged, which will meet the needs of the most demanding guests. There will be enough space both for official delegations and usual guests. An 8-storeyed dwelling will be constructed on the place of former restaurant on Kirov Street to expand a number of rooms. The second building is constructed on the place of the present hotel's yard, which is hidden from the eyes of pedestrians. Its separate elevator will bring VIP-guests right to the President Room, which will occupy a separate floor.

The space of the ground floor will be changed completely. Its halls will be easily converted to the one restaurant for 120 guests. Sports and beauty centre will occupy a part of the two buildings, with a 25-metre pool, saunas, gym, beauty studio and SPA-centre on offer.

The third building will operate as a meeting area, with numerous facilities like a parking area with 100 car spots, sports and beauty centres, and billiards club. All the facilities of the ground floors, like meeting area, convertible halls, restaurants and new conference hall, will be connected to each other. Exterior design of the hotel is rich in marble, granite and facade panels with a special illumination system. Chocolate, gold and beige colours will dominate in the design of interiors, alongside natural materials like granite, onyx, rock crystal, fine textiles and woods.

Safety and Comfort

All the innovative technologies will be at the service of guests, alongside free wi-fi spots, new security and automated control systems. The hotel will be equipped with autonomous fire-control system with voice signal devices, modern lightening system, climate-control and door-locking units

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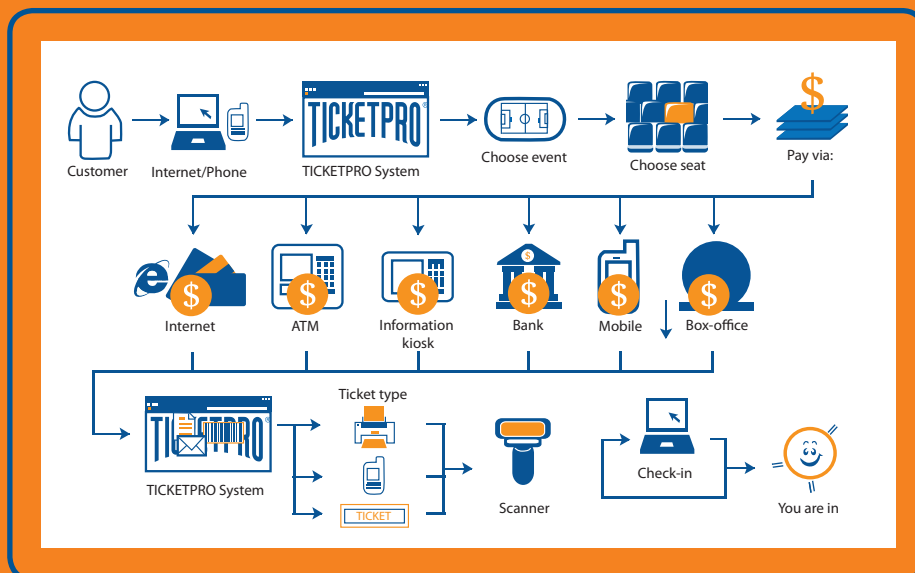
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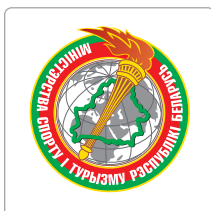
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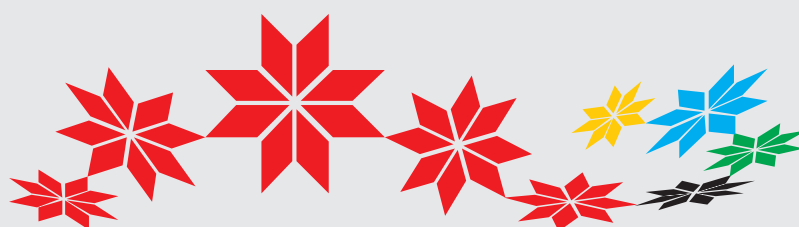
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