

Activities and Entertainment

Bowling

Yes, bowling in Russia !!! With Russians!!! At a place named for a wrinkled dog (Shar-pei)!!! OK, it's a Chinese wrinkled dog, but nonetheless, there are few things in life, if any, that equal this experience. (See more about Shar-pei in Bars and Clubs)

Ice Skating

It should go without saying that winter sports are popular in a place where the season of freeze can seem everlasting. Even if you happen to catch those fleeting few moments between frosts, you can still put on a display of grace for all to see at one of Tver's skating rinks all year round. Take to the ice any day of the week (in winter) for about 30 rubles per hour at the outdoor Rink Khimik near the football stadium, or skate the magnificent Sport Palace, the venue for local minor league hockey battles, on Wed, Sat, and Sun for 80 rubles which also includes the rent for your blades. Don't forget to bring your camera for the spectacular action shots.

Horseback Riding

About a 10-20 minute drive up the Volga River on the St. Petersburg road, you can explore the woodlands of the city's outskirts by horseback. For around 400 rubles per hour, your guide will lead you, your companions, and the horses you have commandeered along placid forest trails where you can breathe the fresh air and spot the abundant wildlife of the Tver region. A wonderful experience to share with someone special any time of the year.

Billiards

Shooting a few games of pool is a favorite activity of many at the several cafes and bars around town who sport tables. You will find that 8-ball is generally the game of choice, albeit with a slightly Russian twist (tip: ask your adversaries about the rules before you start the game). If you feel particularly confident in your abilities, or if you are inclined toward a stiff challenge, you should try your hand at Russian billiards. Often a game of attrition, it is played on a large table with a handful of giant white balls and narrow pockets to sink them in. Matches can easily devour large chunks of an evening, unless you shoot a sharp stick. (See also Academia, Cafe Sport, and Kalinin in Bars and Clubs , and Cafe Bo in Cafes and Restaurants).

Drama Theater

Adorned in classical Russian baroque architecture, Tver's Drama Theater houses the local theater company and occasionally hosts traveling companies from Moscow and St. Petersburg . The main hall seats several hundred patrons for ballet, opera, and musical productions, while a second more intimate theater stages one-acts and smaller scale dramas and comedies. Although ticket prices vary, they are generally very reasonable considering the quality of the performances and usually require no more than 2 days advance purchase, if at all. Located at Ulitsa Sovetskaya 16, next to the Philharmonic and near City Park .

Philharmonic

Melodies from beautiful classical and chamber players usually fill Tver's Philharmonic, although they do from time to time, endeavor into other musical traditions, including the popular all night jazz festivals held twice each year. Located on Ulitsa Sovetskaya next to the Drama Theater and City Park .

Circus

While it could be argued that it is the more low brow of Russian cultural activities, the circus nonetheless has a place all

its own, deep within most people's hearts. So much so, in fact, that performances take place in a permanent structure devoted for this sole purpose. Traveling circuses, like theater and ballet companies, are always in house staging shows most days of the week, featuring a wide variety of different types of animal, daredevil, and comedy acts. This is obviously a great place to take children, but the magic of the circus has the tendency to effect children of all ages.