

# Calendar of Tourist Events 2012





Late December — Early January

## Festive Christmas and New Year Events



Traditional celebrations by the New Year trees, concerts, fireworks, sport events, morning performances for the children.

**Location:** concert pavilions, stadiums, parks in Minsk and other Belarusian cities.

**Organizers and contact information:** Local executive and administrative authorities

January

## Open republican freestyle wrestling tournament dedicated to the memory of the 3rd rank captain A.M. Ispenkov and the “Komsomolets” nuclear submarine crew



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The event is held with the goal to prepare for the official republican and international competitions.

**Location:** Vitebsk, State Establishment “VCSC”

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Vitebsk Region Executive Committee | +375 212 21-56-90 | [tour-vit@mail.ru](mailto:tour-vit@mail.ru) | [www.vitebsk.gov.by](http://www.vitebsk.gov.by)



January, 13

## The Old Style New Year



There is a tradition to celebrate the New Year according to the Old Style on January 13-14. The folk name of this holiday is Shchedrets (from the Russian word “shchedryj” — lavish), Shchedryj Vecher or Kolyada. People dress in the costumes of animals and fantastic creatures, go from home to home and sing the traditional songs. The hosts stand a treat to them. The unique folklore custom “Zhenitba Tereshki” (“Tereshka’s wedding”) is held in Lepel district during Kolyady holidays. Kolyady is celebrated in the State Folk Architecture and Lifestyle Museum of the near village of Ozertso.

**Location:** through the country.

**Organizers and contact information:** Local executive and administrative authorities

**JANUARY**



January, 6

**Folk game “Wedding of Tereshko” (Lepel District)**

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The ritual “Wedding of Tereshko” has the status of intangible value and is held according to the traditions of Belarusian culture, and this interests both Belarusians and foreign tourists.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Lepel District, Selische village

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Lepel District Executive Committee | +375 2132 42-462 | [www.lepel.vitebsk-region.gov.by](http://www.lepel.vitebsk-region.gov.by)



January, 25

**Tatiana’s Day (Students Day)**

Touristic companies organize special tours for youth all over Belarus with animation, discotheques.

**Location:** residential areas of Belarus



January, 28

**Second winter competitions “Dogsled Races”**

D4

“Skijoring” (1 and 2 dogs), mushers in sleds from 2 to dogs and the most impressive race – relay race will take place within the framework of the competitions. More than 100 participants from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic States are expected at the competitions. The organizers are preparing and expanded sports and entertainment program. There will a big amount of surprises and unexpected pleasures. The children will be able to play with the dogs, as well as ride the sledges. It will also be able to rent “fun mattresses” to ride the fun hill – this entertainment can be enjoyed not only by children, by adults as well. Those who like quiet pastime can rent an arbor or a bivouac with a grill.



**Location:** Minsk Region, Volozhin District, near farm yard Orlovschina

**Organizers and contact information:** PA “Minsk Club of Northern Sledge Dogs” | country club “Festivalnyi” with the support of the district administration | +375 17 510 02 10 | [www.festcamp.by](http://www.festcamp.by)

February

### Sports fishing competitions “Pike’s Luck”

Annual competitions are held with the goal to consolidate the relations between athletes-fishermen of Belarus and near abroad (Lithuania, Latvia), the popularization and promotion of sports fishing as an active leisure among the population.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Braslav District (waters of the National Park “Braslav Lakes”)

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Braslav District Executive Committee | +375 2153 22-735 | State Environmental Institution “Braslav Lakes” | +375 2153 29-261 | +375 29 663-87-74 | www.braslavskie.by



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February, 23

### “Men’s Day”, Motherland Defender’s Day and Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus Day

Concerts, contests. Men are traditionally presented with the gifts.

**Location:** Concert halls of Minsk and other cities



February, May, December

### Automobile rally competitions (Braslav District)

The annual competitions are held three times a year with the goal to popularize the automobile sport, increase driving skills, promote healthy way of life, activate public physical culture and sports work among youth, organize leisure and pastime of the population.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Braslav District (race track is determined a few days before the start of the events)

**Organizers and contact information:** Public Association “Belarusian Automobile Federation” | +375 17 213-29-43 | +375 29 135-89-15 | info@baf.by | Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Braslav District Executive Committee | +375 2153 22-735 | www.baf.by



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February — March

### World figure skating Championship

World Junior figure skating Championship will be held in Minsk from February 27 through March 3, 2012. Best skaters from 50 states will take part in the Championship.

**Location:** Minsk, «Minsk-Arena» Complex

**Organizers and contact information:** Skating Union of Belarus www.skating.by | +375 17 254 77 36



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**FEBRUARY**



February

**International festival of Orthodox carols “Kolozhsky Chime”**

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This musical event became special holiday which is awaited each year not only by believers of the churches of the Grodno eparchy of the Belarusian Orthodox Church, but also multiple fans of choir art. The idea of the festival “Kolozhsky Chime” is the preserving and development of singing Orthodox culture, the increase of the performance level of Orthodox carols in parochial and secular collectives.



**Location:** Grodno

**Organizers and contact information:**

Culture Department of the Grodno City Executive Committee | +375 152 74 11 94 | grodnooblkult@rambler.ru | www.kultura.grodno.by



February

**Ski festival “Silichy Masters Cup 2012”**

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Open Championship of the Republic of Belarus among skiing and snowboarding amateurs and veterans.

**Location:** Minsk Region, Logoisk District, RUE Republican Ski Center “Silichy”

**Organizers and contact information:** RUE Republican Ski Center “Silichy” | www.silichy.by | +375 1774 50200



February — March

**Pancake Week Celebration**

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An ancient holiday of the pagan culture, celebrating the end of winter and the coming of the long-awaited spring. The traditional conclusion of the festival is the burning of the figure symbolizing the Shrovetide (The Goddess of the winter and cold weather Mara). This holiday is popular with the travel agencies which organize special tours and excursions around Belarus accompanied by the entertaining animation.

**Location:** squares and parks in Minsk and other cities, agro-manors, Belarusian State Folk Architecture and Lifestyle Museum, Ozertso village, 4 km from Minsk Games, feasts, theatre performances on the motives of the ancient traditional rites. The audience is involved actively in the action.

**Organizers and contact information:** Belarusian State Folk Architecture and Lifestyle Museum | +375 17 209-41-63 | +375 17 507-69-37 | www.etna.of.by | Local executive and administrative authorities

March, 8  
**International Women's Day**



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The holiday of spring, flowers an pleasant mood. Men congratulate the wives, girlfriends, mothers, sisters an grannies. Many concerts take place o this special day.

**Location:** Concert halls of Minsk an other cities.

**Organizers and contact information:** Minsk City Executiv Committee  
 Department of Culture |  
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 +375 17 203-73-63 |

March — April

**City ballroom dancing contest “Spring Tango 2012” (Mogilev)**



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Pairs from all the regions of Belarus will participate in the dance holiday. Competent and authoritative jury will be evaluating the skills of the participants. The main goal of the contest is the development of choreographic art, promotion and popularization of ballroom dancing.

**Location:** Mogilev, SC “Olimpiets”

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Mogilev City Executive Committee | +375 222 25-29-98 | [www.tour.mycity.by](http://www.tour.mycity.by)

March

**International contest (amateur and professional) of children’s and youth art “Wind Rose”**



C8

The contest has important significance in the cultural sphere, aimed at the development of the creative potential of the participants, develops culture of children’s and youth art, finds and supports talented collectives and performers.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Orsha, City Center of Culture

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Orsha City Executive Committee | +375 2162 10-161 | +375 2162 10-159 | [www.orshacity.vitebsk-region.gov.by](http://www.orshacity.vitebsk-region.gov.by)



**APRIL**



April, 11-14

**Exhibition “Holiday 2012”**

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Gathers representatives of the touristic business from many countries of the world. Presentations, “round-tables”, meetings, workshops take place within the framework of the exhibition.

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Sports and Tourism | National Exhibition Center “Belexpo” | +375 17 334-11-92 | www.belexpo.by



April

**XV open regional festival-contest of children’s vocal pop art “Star Rain”**

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Open regional festival-contest of children’s vocal pop art will gather young talents on the stage of the Lida District Palace of Culture. The guests of the festival will be able to try the production of Lida enterprises, take photographs with fairytale heroes and simply have a good time.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Lida

**Organizers and contact information:** Lida District Palace of Culture (big hall) | +375 154 52- 36-68 | +375 154 52-67-47



April

**Guitar music nights “Karolinskaya Fiesta”**

G4

This traditional holiday started in 1997. The festival’s geography is quite expanded: guitarists from England, Brazil, Italy, Russia, Ukraine and other countries participate in it.

**Location:** Brest Region, Pinsk, city concert hall

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Pinsk City Executive Committee | +375 165 35-38-52

April

### Interstate tournament “Way to Olympus”



H9



Judo competitions.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Novaya Guta  
**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Gomel Region Executive Committee | +375 232 71-86-15

April

### Interstate Athletics Marathon “Bells of Chernobyl”



G9

Marathon dedicated to the memory of the victims of the Chernobyl catastrophe.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Bragin, Dobrush, Korma, Narovlya, Khoiniki  
**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Gomel Region Executive Committee | +375 232 71-86-15



April

### Regional holiday “Theatrical Spring 2012”



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Theatrical art holiday.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Novopolotsk District, Novopolotsk  
**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Novopolotsk City Executive Committee | +375 2145 30-074 | www.novopolotsk.by



**APRIL**



E2

**II quarter of April  
 International jazz festival**

The holiday for jazz lovers in the open air. Jazzmen will present to the public traditional jazz and its modern directions: funk, swing, fusion, avant-garde and others. Organizers note that the festival “Grodno-Jazz” can become a unique musical card of the city. There is an idea to develop street and club jazz in Grodno.

**Location:** Grodno

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Grodno City Executive Committee | +375 152 74 11 94 | grodnooblkult@rambler.ru | www.kultura.grodno.by



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**Second half of April  
 International rock-bike festival (Grodno)**

The international festival annually gathers representatives of bike-clubs and rock-musicians from different countries in the regional center. The main place of events is the resort. Tents, amusement rides are put up, memorable merchandise is sold during the gathering. About 1,000 bikers from different cities and countries participate in the rock-bike festival in Grodno annually.

**Location:** Grodno

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Grodno City Executive Committee | +375 152 74 11 94 | grodnooblkult@rambler.ru | www.kultura.grodno.by



E2

**April — May  
 Regional festival of children’s pop art “Bridges of Hope”**

Annually dozens of young talents, for who this festival becomes the first step to the big stage, future success, make themselves known.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Mosty

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Mosty District Executive Committee | +375 151 53-36-65



May, 5–6

### 5th International retro car gathering “BOSCH Retro-Minsk 2012”



The “Retro-Minsk” gathering already became a traditional event which was held in Minsk in 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011. All visitors of the historical and cultural complex “Stalin Line” will have a unique possibility, additionally to the usual services offered by the complex, to see the exhibition of retro cars “BOSCH retro-Minsk 2011”.

**Location:** Minsk District

**Organizers and contact information:** historical and cultural complex “Stalin Line” | +375 17 503-20-20 | +375 17 503-23-43 | PA “AutoAmerica” | [www.stalin-line.by](http://www.stalin-line.by)



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May, 9

### Victory Day

This event is widely celebrated in Belarus, military parades and sports events take place. Flowers are given to the veterans of the Great Patriotic War and wreaths are laid to the monuments to Soviet soldiers. Touristic enterprises organize the reception of touristic trains with veterans and schoolchildren from Russia and other countries, and also hold military-patriotic excursions with the visiting of “Khatyn”, “Mount of Glory”, “Brest Fortress-Hero”, etc.

**Location:** Minsk and other residential areas of Belarus



E5



May, 25–28

### Creative event dedicated to the celebration of 1150th anniversary of Polotsk

Concerts of Belarusian artists, contest of original songs and poetry “City Above Dvina”, crafts fair “City of Masters”, exhibitions-fairs, workshops, expositions of Houses (Centers) of Crafts, reconstruction of folk clothing of the Vitebsk Region, exhibition of patchwork sewing items, exhibition of полотна “Polotsk oberer”, festival of patchwork sewing “Polotsk Quilt 2012”, performance of the puppet theatre of the region “Battelika”, theatrical laser fire show, fireworks festival on the river West Dvina will take place within the framework of the event.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Polotsk District, Polotsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Belarus | +375 17 203-90-45 | +375 17 203-75-74 | [ministerstvo@kultura.by](mailto:ministerstvo@kultura.by) | Vitebsk Region Executive Committee | +375 212 42-57-81 | [vitolblisp@vitebsk.by](mailto:vitolblisp@vitebsk.by) | Culture Department of the Polotsk City Executive Committee | +375 2144 24-573 | [polotskculture@mail.ru](mailto:polotskculture@mail.ru) | [vitebsk-region.gov.by](http://vitebsk-region.gov.by) | [www.polotskgik.by](http://www.polotskgik.by)



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**MAY**



May, 26-27

**Regional art holiday “Dvina-Dzvina-Daugava” (Verkhnedvinsk District)**

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The annual regional art holiday in Verkhnedvinsk is held with the goal to support children’s art collectives, consolidate international cultural relations, esthetic education of youth and includes performances of art collectives in fashion-shows, amateur art with dance program.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Verkhnedvinsk District, Verkhnedvinsk, city park

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Verkhnedvinsk District Executive Committee | +375 2151 53-235 | vdvinsk@mail.ru | st.obraz@gmail.ru | www.verhnedvinsk-region.gov.by



May, 28-29 (May – June)

**International festival of children’s art “Golden Bee 2012”**

E10

International festival of children’s art “Golden Bee” will gather in Klimovichi the representatives of many countries. About 1,000 people are expected here which will demonstrate their talent in vocal, choreographic, painting and decorative and applied arts. The winner will receive the Grand Prize, and the prize-winners – diplomas and memorable gifts. Contest castings, workshops, exhibition-fair of the items made by masters of decorative and applied art, concert programs of participants and guests, drawing contests and many more events are planned at the festival.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Klimovichi

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Culture | +375 17 203-73-63 | Culture Department of the Klimovichi District Executive Committee | +375 2244 5-12-97 | +375 2244 5-44-63





May

### Polonaise festival “Polonaise 2012”

Slonim is proud that the author of the famous polonaise “Farewell to Motherland” Michal Kleofas Oginski came to Slonim often, his uncle, also composer Michal Kleofas Oginski, lived here. In memory of the famous compatriots, each morning in the city began with the sounds of polonaise which was heard from the fire tower. The traditions weren’t forgotten, and it was decided to revive the polonaise by means of organizing a festival.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Slonim District, District House of Culture

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of Slonim District Executive Committee | [www.slonim.grodno-region.by](http://www.slonim.grodno-region.by) | +375 1562 250 36



May

### XXI open contest-exhibition of visual arts of the students of art specializations of higher educational establishments “Art Session 2012”

The project is a non-commercial exhibition action and has the one and only goal – to stimulate the creative activities of the students. Any young person, not depending on the study year, who is occupied in visual culture, can participate in the contest. Each participant has the right to present up to 3 works for the contest. More than 200 students participate in the contest annually.

**Location:** Vitebsk

**Organizers and contact information:** State Establishment “Center of Culture “Vitebsk” | +375 212 36-44-37 | +375 212 37-49-49 | [www.gck.by](http://www.gck.by)



**MAY**



**May**  
**Republican contest of designers and models of modeling agencies “White Amphora”**

B8

Annual republican contest of designers and models of modeling agencies “White Amphora” is held in Vitebsk since 1995. Famous designers from Russia, Germany, France come to see what happens on the runway of Vitebsk.

**Location:** Vitebsk, Concert Hall “Vitebsk”

**Organizers and contact information:**

Culture Department of the Vitebsk City Executive Committee |

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www.vitebsk.gov.by



**Third decade of May**  
**Tenth art holiday “Mir Castle 2012”**

E4

Ancient works, spiritual compositions and pop music will be performed in Mir.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Korelichi District, Mir town

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Korelichi District

Executive Committee | +375 159 62-15-99 | Mir Castle | www.mirzamak.by |

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**End of May — beginning of June**  
**International holiday of traditional culture “Braslav Wildfire”**

B5

Is held annually in Braslav in May. The goal of the holiday is to revive and develop folk traditions: songs, rituals, games, folk crafts in new social and cultural conditions. Choir, orchestra, dance folk collectives of the region, the Republic and near abroad (the Baltic States) participate in the holiday.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Braslav District, Braslav, city square, forest park “Lesnichovka”

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Braslav District Executive Committee | +375 2153 22-651 | rdk\_braslav@tut.by |

Ideological Work Department | +375 2153 21-419 | braslav.ispolkom@tut.by |

www.braslav.vitebsk-region.gov.by



Beginning of June

**Festival of village tourism “Zaborie Fest”**



A7



The festival united the lovers of agricultural and ecological tourism from different regions of Belarus. During one week, the guests have the possibility to visit different ecological routes, developed in the district and get acquainted with the services which are offered by the owners of agricultural estates.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Rosson District, Zaborie village

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism | +375 2159 41-008 | [www.ruralbelarus.by](http://www.ruralbelarus.by)

First decade of June

**IX Republican festival of national cultures**



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Festival of national cultures is a unique possibility to see the modern talents of representatives of different nationalities which live and work in Belarus, a possibility to sum up the results of their creative activity, to become closer with the culture of other nations. This is the first holiday of national cultures in the post-Soviet space, it was born in Belarus in 1996 and for 15 years has been taking place on the Belarusian land and each year continues finding new friends and fans and there is no similar festival anywhere yet. The ethnographic peculiarity of the festival is its stages: each time it is organized and held within two years, first in districts and afterwards in regions of the Republic and, finally, the concluding events take place in the capital of the holiday – Grodno.

**Location:** Grodno

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Grodno City Executive Committee | Ministry of Culture | +375 17 203-71-76 | Festival direction | +375 152 73-80-53 | +375 152 72-24-84



**JUNE**



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June, 22-24

**International festival of song and music of Pridnieprovie of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine “Dniepr Voices in Dubrovno”**

The main goal of the annual holiday is the union of Slavonic nations of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine through historical traditional cultural, spiritual, vital connections. Choir, orchestra, dance and folk collectives of Belarus, Russia, Ukraine and the Baltic States participate in the holiday.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Dubrovno District, Dubrovno

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Dubrovno District Executive Committee | +375 2137 41-653 | +375 2137 41-670 | ok-dubrovno@tut.by | www.dubrovno.vitebsk-region.gov.by



C5

June

**International festival of folk music “Cymbals and Accordion Ring”**

The festival is held with the goal to turn the population to traditions of Belarusian culture.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Postavy District, Postavy

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Culture | +375 17 203-73-63 | Culture Department of the Postavy District Executive Committee | +375 2155 41-945 | ok-postavy@tut.by | www.postavy.vitebsk-region.gov.by



B8

June

**District holiday of folk art, Belarusian poetry and folklore “Gorodok Parnas”**

The event is held with the goal to perpetuation of the memory of the poet-com-patriot, author of the poem “Taras on Parnas” Konstantin Verenitsyn. Concert of amateur art collectives and individual performances of folk masters, national cuisine exhibition, meetings with poets and performers of original songs will take place within the framework of the holiday.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Gorodok District, Gorodok

**Organizers and contact information:** Gorodok District Executive Committee | +375 2139 41-945 | +375 2139 43-270 | +375 2139 42-250 | www.gorodok.vitebsk-region.gov.by



June

### Folk holiday “Mazalovo Round-Dance” (Vitebsk District)

Folk holiday. Goal – popularization of Belarusian traditional dance, theatrical performances.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Vitebsk District, agricultural town Mazalovo

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Vitebsk District Executive Committee | +375 212 36-50-64 | ok-vitebsk@kultura.by | www.vitebsk.vitebsk-region.gov.by



B8

June

### Festival “Candy Fest”

The sweet holiday will take place in Ivenets. A real historical holiday with national color is planned to take place in the city.

**Location:** Volozhin District, Ivenets town

**Organizers and contact information:** OJSC “Ivkon” | www.ivkon.by | +375 17 216 19 76



D4

June

### Republican festival of folk art “Beraginya”

The festival takes place in the backwoods of the Belarusian East Polesie – Oktyabrsky District. In 1999, the festival was held for the first time in the Rudobel area as a district holiday, and in 2004 it received the status of “republican” and had a great influence on the development of traditional culture, both in the regions and in the country.



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The participants of the fest are children’s and youth folk collectives, authentic groups, folk music ensembles, pairs-performers of folk popular dances, individual performers of different types of traditional culture who study, adopt and popularize authentic art culture of their land. The festival is held once every two years. The next one will be the 7th and will take place in June of 2012.

The festival program traditionally includes: science and practical conferences, exhibitions, tournaments of folk collectives and individual performers, workshops, concerts of the participants and other festive events.

The festival is held with the goal to reveal, study and revive different forms of authentic folk heritage, turn children and youth to them, preserve intangible cultural heritage of Belarusian, popularize traditional art in the system of modern and world culture, consolidate and expand international relations in the sphere of culture and art.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Oktyabrsky town

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Gomel Region Executive Committee | Oktyabrsky District Executive Committee | +375 2357 5-42-80 | +375 2357 2-12-80 | +375 2357 2-13-00

**JUNE**



June

**International festival “Slavonic Unity 2012”, Gomel**

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Festival events near the Monument have been taking place for more than 30 years and are supplemented and expanded each year, they unite young people from three states (Belarus, Russia and Ukraine) on stages and sports sites, in the international friendship camp. The program of the festival includes: festive opening, city of masters, concerts of famous performers, youth programs, large-scale exhibitions, sports competitions.



Traditionally, the festival always has a friendly host. In 2011 it was Russia. In 2012 the host will be Belarus and it will be welcoming guests and impressing with the program.

The national distinctive character of the three states, sincerity, bright temperament, of the artists, hard work of the organizers turn “Slavonic Unity” into a celebration of friendship, youth and creativity.

**Goals:** exchange of achievements in the sphere of music, choreographic and folk art, promotion of Belarusian, Russian, Ukrainian national cultures, esthetic education of youth, consolidation of cooperation of the national cultures of the three countries.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Dobrush District, Friendship Monument on the border of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine

**Organizers and contact information:** Gomel Region Executive Committee | +375 232 74-51-20 | +375 232 71-86-15 | +375 232 70-44-90



June

**International festival “Friendship Wreath”**

F7

Annual festival with the participation of folklore and amateur collectives from more than 10 countries: Russia Ukraine, Moldova, Bulgaria, Germany and other states.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Bobruisk

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Bobruisk District Executive Committee | +375 2255 5-39-53 | [www.bobruisk.by](http://www.bobruisk.by)



June

**Festival of medieval culture “Rubon”**

B6

The annual event is held with the goal to popularize history and medieval culture among the residents and guests of the city and is a historical restoration of medieval culture.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Polotsk District, Polotsk, territory of the Upper Castle

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Polotsk City Executive Committee | +375 2144 24-573 | [polotskculture@mail.ru](mailto:polotskculture@mail.ru) | [www.polotsgik.by](http://www.polotsgik.by)



June — July

### International festival of spiritual music “Powerful God”



The festival of spiritual culture based on Christian traditions, the union and mutual spiritual enrichment by means of music, support of programs, directed at the esthetic education of youth. Vocal and choir contest will take place within the framework of the festival.

**Location:** Mogilev

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Mogilev City Executive Committee | +375 222 25-29-98 | [www.tour.mycity.by](http://www.tour.mycity.by)



E8

June — July

### City cycling race “Neman” along the route Bialystok (Republic of Poland) – Grodno

International race among bicyclists-road races. The participation of athletes from Belarus, Poland, Russia, Ukraine is planned. The competitions will take place on the territory of Poland and will finish in Grodno.

**Location:** Grodno District and Grodno

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Grodno City Executive Committee | +375 152 74-11-93



E2

June — July

### International rock sculpting plain-air “Rock Fairytale”

Rock sculpting plain-air will take place in Mogilev. Within one month tool wizards will be incarnating in rock their works, which then will be established in the center of the city, in the new park on the bank of the river Dubrovenka.

**Location:** Mogilev

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Mogilev City Executive Committee | +375 222 25-29-98 | [www.tour.mycity.by](http://www.tour.mycity.by)



E8

Summer time

### “International plain-air of Woodcarvers”

“Grodno Estate “Korobchitsy” which is located 7 km away from Grodno invites to participate in “International Plain-Air of Woodcarvers”. The guests of the plain-air receive a unique possibility to see how wooden sculptures are made with their own eyes. Masters from Belarus, Lithuania, Poland will incarnate their fantasies in such thin and fastidious material as wood in front of surprised audience.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Korobchitsy village, agricultural and touristic complex “Grodno Estate”

**Organizers and contact information:** OJSC “Grodno Meat Combine” | +375 152 43-03-61 | +375 152 43-01-60 | +375 152 93-94-00



E2

**JULY**



July, 3

**Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus**

E5

Bright music and sports events take place, as well as exhibitions and fairs. Folk festivals are organized everywhere.

**Location:** Stages in Minsk and other cities of Belarus



July, 6

**“Kupalye”, Traditional Fest**

E5

Traditional Belarusian holiday when the girls twine wreathes and the make them flow by the rivers and tell them their fortunes. The legend says on this night the magical fern flower blooms. Those who are lucky to find it will be happy for the whole life and will understand the language of the birds and animals.

**Location:** parks, public gardens of Minsk and other cities, agro-manors.



July, 6-7

**XXII International Chagall Days in Vitebsk**

B8

Is held annually since 1990 in July. The event, exhibitions and readings take place within the framework of which, gathers art historians and fans of the art of Marc Chagall from different states.

**Location:** Vitebsk, Marc Chagall Museum

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Establishment “Museum of Marc Chagall in Vitebsk” | +375 212 37-27-37 | +375 212 36-03-87 | vitchagall@gmail.com | www.chagall.vitebsk.by



July, 8-14

**XXI International festival of arts “Slavonic Bazaar”**

B8

The festival is destined to support young talents in art culture and revives and develops art culture. The festival program includes traditional Culture days and gala-concerts of art masters of Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, and Union Day, solo concerts of pop stars, different music and theatre projects. The main events of the festival are the International Contest of young performers and International Children’s music contest. City of Masters is held within framework of the festival.

**Location:** Vitebsk, Summer amphitheatre

**Organizers and contact information:** State Establishment “Center of Culture “Vitebsk” | +375 212 37-33-40 | +375 212 37-49-49 | festivalvit@gmail.com | fest@gck.by | www.festival.vitebsk.by



July, 11

### Events dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the battle in Soltanovka village during the Patriotic War of 1812

The program includes the following events:

- Festive opening of the memorial chapel near Soltanovka village.
- Religious procession and prayer near memorial chapel.
- Panorama exposition "Battle near Soltanovka. July 1812".
- Literature and musical composition, dedicated to the 200th anniversary of the battle near Soltanovka village "This Battle Is Worth Praises and Songs".
- Gala-concert following the results of the contest of performers of military-patriotic songs with the participation of vocal-choir collectives from the Russian Federation (Cossack choirs and ensembles), collectives of the Armed Forces of Belarus and Russia.



**Location:** Mogilev Region, Soltanovka village

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Mogilev Region Executive Committee | +375 222 32-68-42 | ukmog@mail.ru



E8

July, 16-17

### Holiday of medieval culture "Knight's Fest. Mstislavl 2012"

The guests of the holiday will see a large-scale cultural program. Historical reconstruction clubs, ethnographical and folk collectives, ремесленники from Belarus and Russia will take part in the event.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Mstislavl

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Establishment "Mstislavl District Historical and Archeological Museum" | +375 2240 2-00-15 | Culture Department of the Mstislavl District Executive Committee | +375 2240 2-04-51



D9



July, 24

### Celebration in honor of "Barkolabovskaya" Holy Mother Icon

"Brakolabovskaya" Holy Mother Icon is a masterpiece of Belarusian icon painting of the XVII century. On the day of the arrival of the holy image to Barkolabovo on July 24, the celebration of the miraculous icon was established.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Bykhov District, Barkolabovo village

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Bykhov District Executive Committee | +375 2231 3-30-91



E8

**JULY**



July, 26-29

**Interregional music and sports holiday “Big Singer-Songwriters’ Fishing”**

E8

The holiday program includes water excursions, horse-riding, workshops of craftsmen, photo plain-air, exhibitions and performances, 24-hour work of itinerant trade.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Bykhov District, Grudichino village

**Organizers and contact information:** Kulyagin Sergei Leonidovich | +375 29 687-76-57



July

**Touristic cycling run “Along the Roads of Pridvinie Land”**

B8

Cycling run of the Chashniki, Polotsk (with visiting Polotsk itself), Verkhnedvinsk, Rosson, Gorodok, Shumilin, Beshenkovichi Districts. The event is held with the goal of patriotic and ecologic education of the population, the acquaintance of tourists with the places of interest of the Vitebsk Region.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Chashniki, Polotsk, Verkhnedvinsk, Rosson, Gorodok, Shumilin, Beshenkovichi Districts, Polotsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Chashniki District Executive Committee | +375 2133 46-790 | grundoar@tut.by | www.chashniki.vitebsk-region.gov.by



July

**International holiday of sister-cities “Commonwealth”**

C8

The event is held with the goal to consolidate friendly relations of cities Telsiai (Lithuania), Minsk Mazowiecki (Poland), Pernik (Bulgaria), Beltsy (Moldova), Vyazma (Russia), as well as districts West Degunino of Moscow and Krasnogvardeisky of St. Petersburg.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Orsha, Jesuit Collegium Square

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Orsha City Executive Committee | +375 2162 10-161 | +375 2162 10-159 | www.orshacity.vitebsk-region.gov.by



July

## International gathering of active lifestyle lovers “Expedition-Tour – 2012”



International gathering of active lifestyle fans is held with the goal to promote and consolidate the healthy way of life, to attract to active exercising and sports of the population of different age categories. Representatives of such countries as Ukraine, Germany, Russia, Lithuania, Italy, Belarus will be invited to participate in the event. The program of the gathering is full of different sports activities: aqua bike competitions, quad bikes obstacle courses, volleyball and

tennis competitions, entertaining sports attractions.

**Location:** Logoisk District

**Organizers and contact information:** [www.expedition-rest.by](http://www.expedition-rest.by), +375 44 558 75 55



D6

July

## Event dedicated to 130th anniversary of Y. Kupala

The event is dedicated to Yanka Kupala – distinguished Belarusian poet, play writer, publicist.

**Location:** Molodechno District

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Molodechno District Executive Committee | +375 176 77-16-32



D5

July

## Festival “Volnae Pavetra”

International ethno-festival will gather artists from different countries, which combine ethnic music with modern sounding. The festival audience will get to participate in games, visit open-air cinema and enjoy other entertainment events.

**Location:** Volozhin District, agricultural estate “Shabli”,

**Organizers and contact information:** Agricultural estate “Shabli” | [www.volnajepavetra.by](http://www.volnajepavetra.by) | +375 17 280 15 10



D4

July — August

## All-Belarusian humor festival “Autsiuki”

Has been held since 1995, once every two years. 250 people participated in the first festival, more than 300 – in the sixth (2008). The participants are art collectives, craftsmen from regions of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, student and school organizations, as well as professional performers. The festival program includes: humor march, contest of folk humor performers, children’s festival “Little Autsiuki”, exhibition of folk masters and much more.

Goals: popularize best examples of Belarusian folk humor, content and systematization of treasures of folk art as the evidence of potential possibilities and abilities, support and encouragement of art collectives, groups and performers of satirist-humoristic folklore.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Kalinkovichi District

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Gomel Region Executive Committee | Kalinkovichi District Executive Committee | +375 2345 4-02-90



H7



**AUGUST**



August, 6

**Celebration of 495th anniversary since beginning of publishing activity (1517) of F. Skorina**

B6

Event is held in connection with the 495th anniversary of the beginning of publishing activity (1517) of F. Skorina, Belarusian first printer, scientist, enlightener, native of Polotsk.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Polotsk District, Polotsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Polotsk City Executive Committee | +375 2144 24-573 | polotskculture@mail.ru | www.polotskgik.by



August, 10

**Dedication day in honor of the icon of Saint Holy Mother Odigitria of Smolensk (Miory District)**



B6

The event is held annually in honor of the icon of Saint Holy Mother Odigitria, who traveled the waters of the West Dvina river and as a miracle appeared in Disna, saved the city from the third fire and is now the guardian and patroness of the Disna lands.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Miory District, Disna

**Organizers and contact information:** Archpriest Gennady Korenevsky | +375 2152 47-624 | www.disna.by



August, 19

**Festival of flowers “Flowers – Beauty of the Earth”**

E2

The main idea of the festival is the revival and development of the culture of floriculture and landscape design of rural territories. Contest of bouquets, demonstration of flower costumes, concert, exhibition-fair of the works of masters of folk crafts – this is not all that was prepared for the guests of the city by the organizers. The theme of the holiday is love and romantic relations.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Schuchin District, Zheludok village

**Organizers and contact information:** Schuchin District Executive Committee | Zheludok Village Council | +375 151 43-32-53





D8

August, 28

### Holiday “Cucumber Holiday”

The guests of this already traditional holiday will get to try dishes, see performances of artists, participate in contests, exhibition of homemade agricultural equipment and souvenirs from masters of the Mogilev Region.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Shklov

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Shklov District Executive Committee | +375 2239 3-35-96



D4

August

### Festival “Krevo Castle”



Traditional festival gathers guests and tourists near the castle in the Krevo village. The best theatre, dance and song movements of modern interpretation of traditional culture will be presented at the festival. The program includes the work of cities of masters, folk dancing, song and games workshops, concert with the participation of local folk collectives, multiple performances and contests.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Smorgon District, Krevo village

**Organizers and contact information:** Krevo Village Council | “Krevo Castle” Fund | +375 17 284-96-81 | +375 159 29-34-75



G3

August

### International culinary festival “Motol Flavors”

The most “delicious” event of the year. A real holiday for those who like and admire ancient traditional Belarusian cuisine. Performances of folk ensembles, degustation, contests, business events.

**Location:** Brest Region, Ivanovo District, Motol village

**Organizers and contact information:** Ivanovo District Executive Committee | +375 1652 2-12-41 | Motol Village Council | +375 1652 5-84-35



**AUGUST**



H6

August

**Festival of ethno cultural traditions “Call of Polesie”**

The 1st festival took place on the territory of the State Environmental Institution “National Park “Pripyatsky” in 2010. More than 500 performers and guardians of folk culture of Belarus, about 100 masters and craftsmen from 8 districts of the Gomel Region and 3 districts of the Brest Region, distinguished guests participated in the events. Together with amateur collectives, famous artists and collectives of the Gomel and Brest regions, Minsk, Kiev (National Academic Folk Choir of the Republic of Belarus of G. Tsitovich, State Honored Academic Ukrainian Folk Choir of G. Verevka) performed on the festival stage.



Goals of the festival: popularize ethno cultural traditions of Polesie, study and support historical and cultural heritage of the Polesie Region, as well as consolidate the creative relations of the residents of Polesie of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine, create favorable conditions for the development of the cultural and historical and ecological tourism.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Petrikov District, Lyaskovichi

**Organizers and contact information:** Gomel Region Executive Committee | Culture Department of the Gomel Region Executive Committee | +375 232 74-51-20



D5

August

**National festival of Belarusian song and poetry “Molodechno”**

National festival of Belarusian song and poetry “Molodechno” is one of five most significant festivals of modern Belarus. The festival takes place once every two years. Traditionally, it presents national poetry and music of different generations, songs of Belarusian authors are played, honored and young Belarusian poets perform. Usually, the festival program includes the performances of the National Academic Folk Choir of the Republic of Belarus of G.I. Tsitovich and chamber collectives of the National Academic Orchestra of Symphonic and Pop Music of the Republic of Belarus. Songwriters perform at Molodechno enterprises, schools and gymnasiums. Foreign guests, in particular from sister-cities of Molodechno – Kaluga, Cherepovets, Kolomna, St. Petersburg - from Bulgaria, Ukraine, Poland, Germany are invited to the festival.

**Location:** Molodechno District

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Molodechno District Executive Committee | +375 176 77 15 32



Beginning of September

**Republican holiday “Day of Belarusian Writing”**



C5



The conception of the Day of Belarusian Writing is the idea of promotion of heritage of native writing culture, succession of spiritual traditions of Belarus. The holiday gives a unique possibility to meet with living word, participants of the creative process of the creation of books, newspapers and magazines.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Glubokoe District, Glubokoe

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Information and Culture of the Republic of Belarus | +375 17 203-92-31 | info@mininform.gov.by | Organizational committee of the Glubokoe District Executive Committee | +375 2156 22-465 | oir-glubokoe@vitebsk.by | www.mininform.gov.by | www.glubokoe.vitebsk-region.gov.by

Beginning of September

**International festival of theatre art “Belaya Vezha”**



H1

International theatre festival “Belaya Vezha” started in 1996. The uniqueness of the event is that the program of the festival unites the whole range of modern theatre art – academic drama, modern experimental drama, puppet theatre plays, different street performances, dance theatre, etc. International jury including famous and authoritative specialists, who determine the level and creative image of the modern theatre, works at the festival each year.

**Location:** Brest

**Organizers and contact information:** Brest Region Academic Drama Theatre | +375 162 23-45-05

Second Saturday of the month

**City holiday of Minsk**



E5

Public sports events, festive concerts, contests, fireworks, “Cities of Masters” function, exhibition-fairs are held.

**Location:** District stages, squares, public gardens of Minsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Minsk City Executive Committee | +375 17 223-76-51 | www.kult.minsk.gov.by



**SEPTEMBER**



F7

September, 15

**Festival of folk art “Glusha Farm Yard” (Glusha village, Bobruisk District)**

Workshops of craftsmen of the region, agricultural fairs, games, contests, concerts are planned at the festival.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Bobruisk District, Glusha village

**Organizers and contact information:** Glusha Village Executive Committee | +375 2255 9-34- 55



C5

September

**International festival of spiritual films and TV programs “Magnificat”**

International Catholic festival of Christian films “Magnificat” is directed at spiritual renaissance, and is also oriented at the support of universal human values in society.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Glubokoe District, Udelo village, Mosar village

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Glubokoe District Executive Committee | +375 2156 23-297 | oir-glubokoe@vitebsk.by | www.glubokoe.vitebsk-region.gov.by



B6

September

**Holiday of national culture “September Palette”**

Work of crafts sites, demonstrative performances of knights' clubs (competitions of archers), concert and theatrical performances of creative collectives and performers of Novopolotsk will take place within the framework of the holiday of national traditions. The event is held with the goal to preserve and promote traditions of national culture.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Novopolotsk District, Novopolotsk, Park of Culture and Leisure

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Novopolotsk City Executive Committee | +375 2145 30-074 | Center of Crafts and Traditional Culture | +375 2145 32-592 | www.novopolotsk.by



September

**Military historic reconstruction of the events of 1915-1918**



D4



The military historical festival in Smorgon which reconstructs the episodes of live military history in which our ancestors, faithful to the Oath and military duty, defending their Motherland in the battles of the First World War.

**Location:** Grodno Region, near the loop road of Smorgon, Khodaki village

**Organizers and contact information:** Smorgon District Executive Committee | Culture Department | Military clubs | +375 159 23-16-68

September

**XV International festival of animated films “Animayovka 2012”**



E8

This is a holiday for children and adults. New works of directors-cartoonists are presented at the annual festival. More than 100 participants from Belarus, countries of the near and far abroad will participate in the festival.

**Location:** Mogilev

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Culture | +375 17 209-43-90 | Culture Department of the Mogilev City Executive Committee | +375 222 25-29-98 | [www.tour.mycity.by](http://www.tour.mycity.by)

September

**Republican holiday of the village workers “Dozhinki-2012”**



D9

This holiday takes place after the end of harvesting. The program includes – honoring of the workers of agriculture. Concerts, exhibitions, agricultural fair will be held within the framework of the festival.

**Location:** Mogilev Region, Gorki

**Organizers and contact information:** Gorki District Executive Committee | +375 2233 5-95-55 | [www.gorki.gov.by](http://www.gorki.gov.by)



**OCTOBER**



October, 20-21

**Open city festival of original songs “Vitebsk Leaf Fall”**

B8

Annual festival of original songs “Vitebsk Leaf Fall” traditionally gathers fans of original songs. Performers from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Israel and other countries participate in the concert program. Contest of young performers is held and creative workshops take place within the framework of the festival.

**Location:** Vitebsk, Concert Hall “Vitebsk”

**Organizers and contact information:** State Establishment “Center of Culture “Vitebsk” | +375 212 36-44-37 | +375 212 37-49-49 | www.gck.by



October

**International traditional tournament “Novaya Guta 2012”**

H9

Sambo competitions.

**Location:** Gomel Region, Novaya Guta

**Organizers and contact information:** Department of Physical Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Gomel Region Executive Committee | +375 232 71-86-15



October, 24-27

**Exhibition “Tour Business 2012”**

E5

Gathers representatives of the touristic business from many countries of the world. Presentations, “round-tables”, meetings, workshops take place within the framework of the exhibition.

**Location:** Minsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Ministry of Sports and Tourism | National Exhibition Center “Belexpo” | +375 17 334-11-92 | www.belexpo.by



October

**Regional holiday-contest of amateur puppet theatres “Puppet World”**

C7

Contest of puppet theatrical plays among amateurs

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Seno District, Seno

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Seno District Executive Committee | +375 2135 41-75 | www.senno.vitebsk-region.gov.by

November, 2-4

## Festive events dedicated to 200th anniversary of the Volkovysk battle



F2

The events coincide with the military events of November 2-4, 1812. Volkovysk suffered a lot during the battle of the Saxon corpse of General Renier and the army of General F.V. Saken.

**Location:** Grodno Region, Volkovysk, military-historical museum of P.I. Bagration

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Volkovysk District Executive Committee | +375 151 22-69-45 | Military-historical museum of P.I. Bagration | +375 151 22-25-34



November, 8-11

## World Sambo Championship (men, women)



E5

XXXVI world sambo championship will take place in our capital. The athletes will participate in women's, men's sambo competitions.

**Location:** Minsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Belarusian Sambo Federation | +375 17 328-64-68 | [www.mst.by](http://www.mst.by)



**NOVEMBER**



November, 20-24

**XXV International Festival of Modern Choreography IFMC**

B8

Modern choreography collectives from Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Poland, France, Germany, Holland, Japan, China, Israel participate in the annual festival. The main event of the festival is the international contest. According to its conditions, the winner of the Grand Prize may be not just a brilliant choreographic work, but also the one that was created and presented in Vitebsk for the first time.

**Location:** Vitebsk, Concert Hall "Vitebsk"

**Organizers and contact information:** State Establishment "Center of Culture "Vitebsk" | +375 212 36-44-37 | +375 212 37-49-49 | [www.gck.by](http://www.gck.by)



November

**XVII International festival of organ music "Bells of Sofia"**

B6

The annual event is held with the goal to popularize performance mastery of Belarusian musicians and the development of creative connections with foreign organists.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Polotsk District, Polotsk, Sofia Cathedral

**Organizers and contact information:** National Polotsk Historical and Cultural Museum-Reserve | +375 2144 22-201 | [muzey@vitebsk.by](mailto:muzey@vitebsk.by) | [www.polotsk.museum.by](http://www.polotsk.museum.by)



November

**Reconstruction of the defeat of Napoleon's troops in the war of 1812**

D6

The event is dedicated to the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's army on the territory of our country.

**Location:** Minsk Region, Borisov District

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Borisov District Executive Committee | [www.borisov.minsk-region.by](http://www.borisov.minsk-region.by) | +375 177 73 44 16

December, 6

**Celebration of 100th anniversary of opening in 1912 of the monument to the heroes of the Patriotic War of 1812 in Vitebsk**



B8

The event is held in connection of the 100th anniversary of the opening of the monument to the heroes of the Patriotic War of 1812 in Vitebsk.

**Location:** Vitebsk

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Vitebsk City Executive Committee | +375 212 37-03-63 | vitebsk\_ok@mail.ru | www.vitebsk.gov.by

End of December — beginning of January

**Annual exhibition of decorative and applied arts “Kolyady Pattern”**



C5



The event is held with the goal to sum up the results of previous year’s contests and exhibitions of decorative and applied arts.

**Location:** Vitebsk Region, Dokshitsy District, Dokshitsy, House of Crafts

**Organizers and contact information:** Culture Department of the Dokshitsy District Executive Committee | +375 2157 21-846 | ok-vitebsk@kultura.by | www.dokshitsy.vitebsk-region.gov.by

December

**Rock-concert “Rock-Tree”**



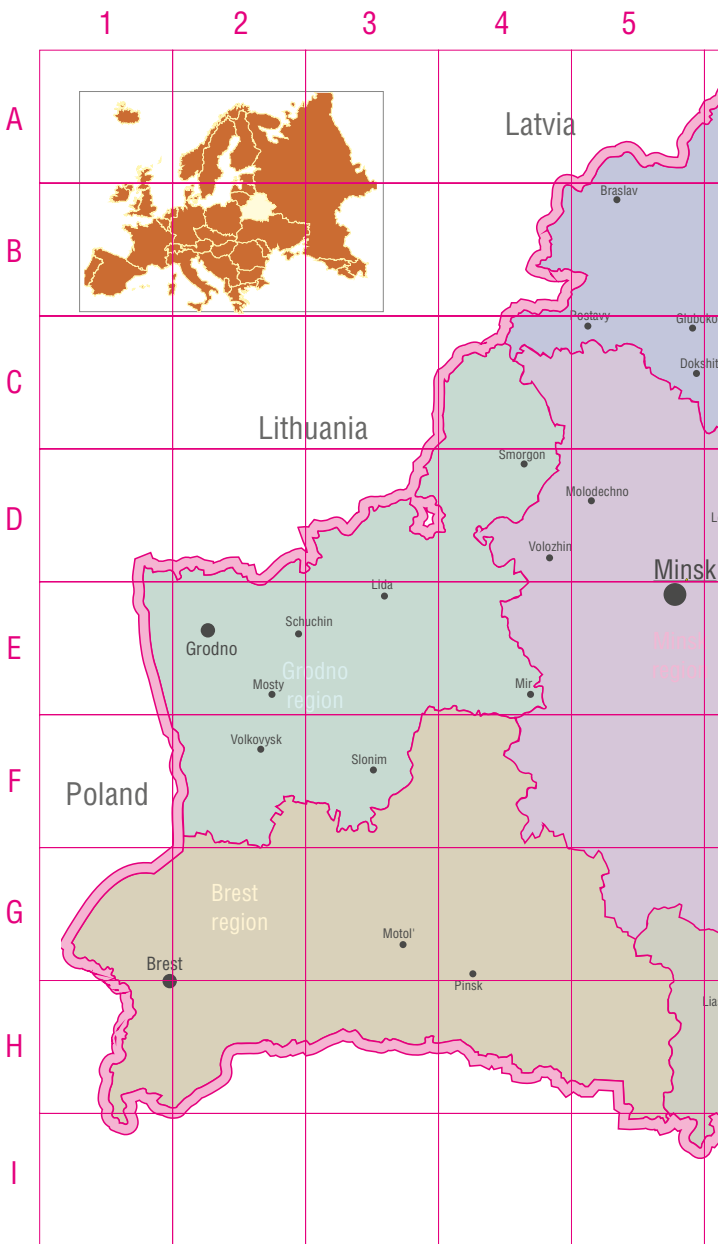
E3

Real holiday for the soul and body. The guests will participate in contests, see the rock Father Frost with the Snow Maiden, fun hosts, receive nice gifts and be in an excellent mood.

**Location:** Lida

**Organizers and contact information:** Lida District Palace of Culture (big hall) | +375 154 52-36-68 | +375 154 52-67-47





**LEGEND**

**Minsk**

The capital of the Republic of Belarus



**Gomel**

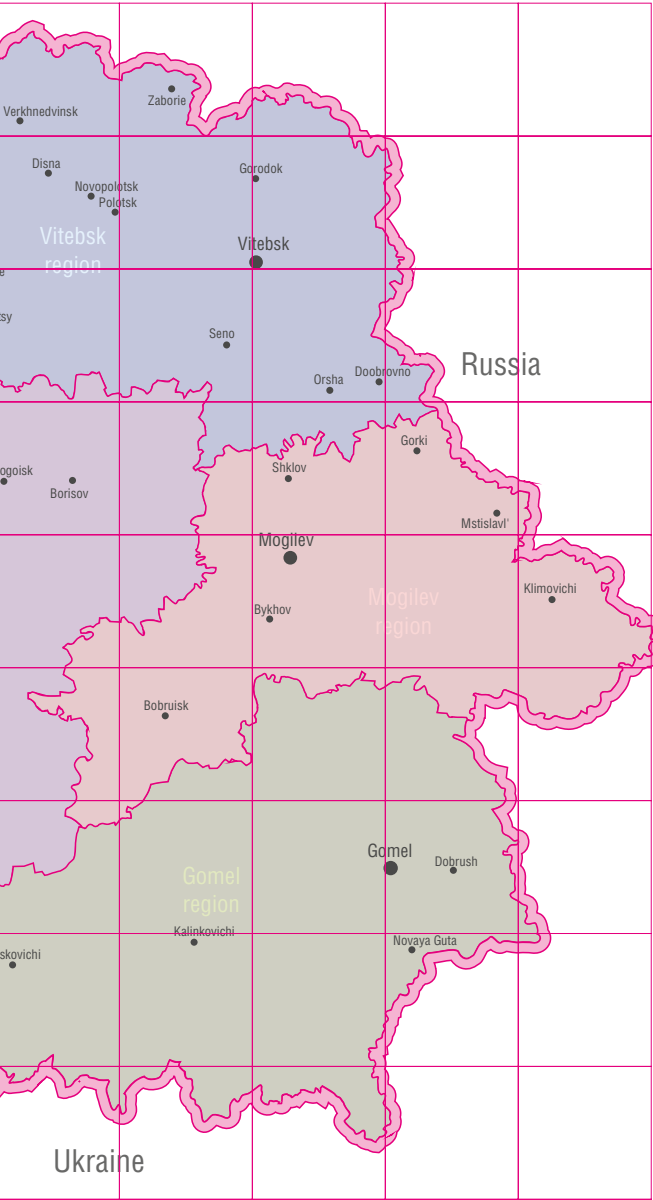
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**Pinsk**

Other settlements





scale 1 : 40 000 000



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