

'A Corner of Heaven' in Moscow: Krutitskoe Podvorye

This medieval church residence is a window into the distant past and an island of peace in a bustling metropolis.

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According to legend, Krutitskoe Podvorye was founded in 1261, when the Muscovy lands were under the rule of the Golden Horde. Initially, the residence was a monastery. It then became the residence of the bishop of the local diocese, a religious academy and finally part of a series of fortresses that protected the southern road into Moscow. Now, it is an embassy church for Russia's Patriarch.



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