

Fire-watch tower



Every town or city has its symbol. In Kostroma it is the fire-watch tower, which is situated in the centre of the city.

Many years ago Kostroma was built of wood. Even today you can see wooden houses in our city. In the past, fires in Kostroma were devastating (1). They would destroy large areas of the city. No wonder that one of the central buildings was a fire-watch tower. It was tall so that firemen could see in which part of the city there was a fire. The fire-watch tower itself was built of wood and it was burnt down during fires.

In 1826 a new fire-watch tower was built of bricks. The architect P.I. Fursov made the building so beautiful that it became the architectural landmark (2) of our city. It is nicely proportioned and slender. It is a real masterpiece built in classical style.



1. Devastating means highly destructive or damaging.

2. A landmark is an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen or recognized from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.



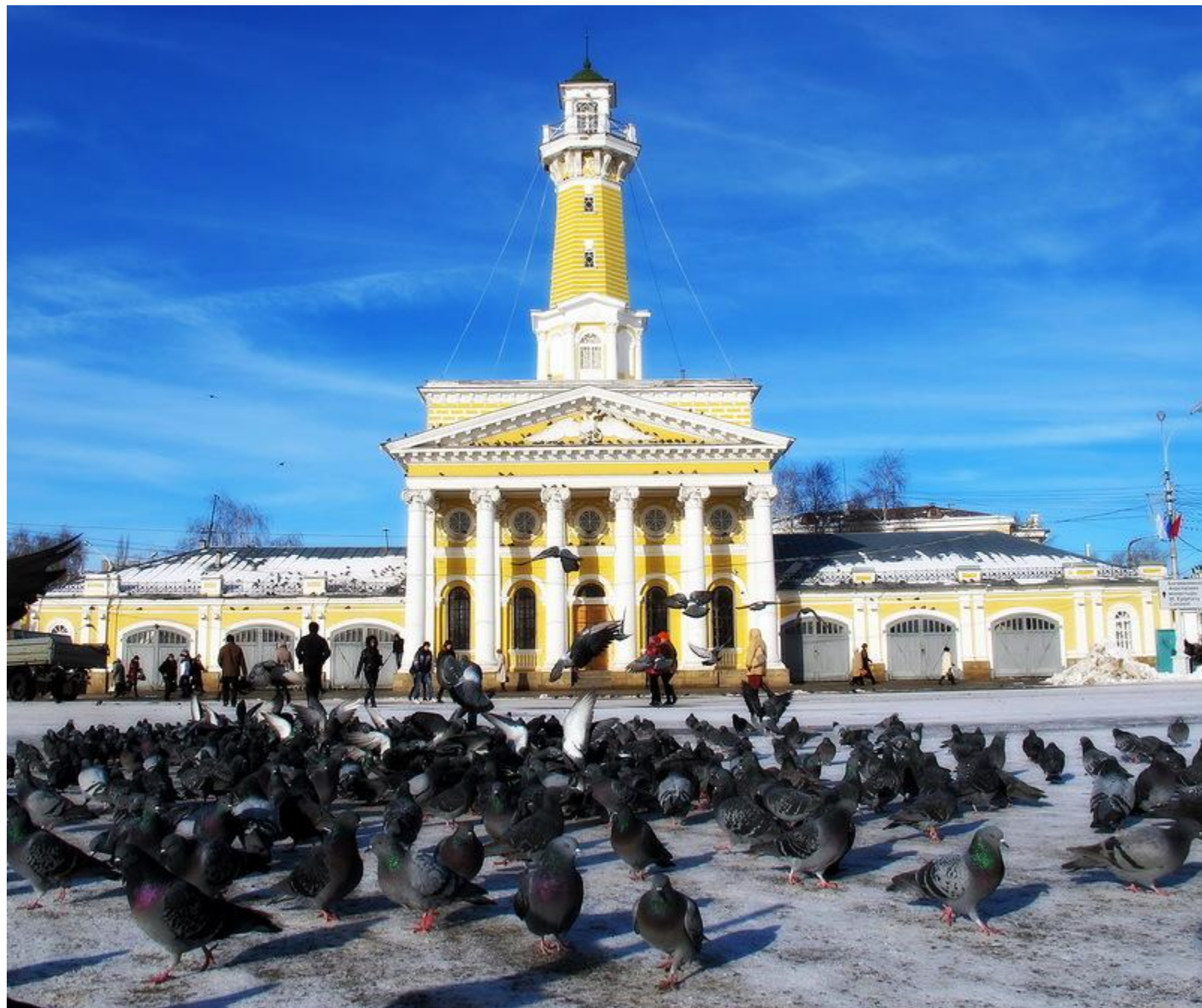
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*The tourists can visit
a fire-fighting museum in the
fire-watch tower.*





Источники:

- “KOSTROMA from A to Z”
- <https://www.google.ru/search>

