# Lomonosov Moscow State University Main Building

## Identification

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| **Alternative Name** | Lomonosov University, MGU, Moskovski Gosudarsvenniye Universityet  
Moscow State University |
| **Construction Type** | skyscraper |
| **Complex Type** | mixed-use |
| **Complex Name** | Vysotniye Zdaniya |
| **Current Status** | existing [completed] |

## Location

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<th><strong>Continent Name</strong></th>
<th>Europe</th>
<th><strong>Metro Area Name</strong></th>
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<th>Country Name</th>
<th>Russia</th>
<th>City Name</th>
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<tr>
<td>State Name</td>
<td>City of Moscow</td>
<td>Address (as text)</td>
<td>Sparrow Hills (Vorobyovu or Lenin Hills)</td>
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**Description**

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<th>Structural Material</th>
<th>steel</th>
<th>Main Usage</th>
<th>university</th>
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<td>Architectural style</td>
<td>russian-soviet architecture</td>
<td>Side Usage</td>
<td>commercial office shop(s) dormitory</td>
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**Spatial dimensions**

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<tr>
<th>Height (structural)</th>
<th>787.4 ft</th>
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<td>Height (tip)</td>
<td>787.4 ft</td>
<td>Floors (overground)</td>
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**Years and costs**

| Year (construction start) | 1949 | Year (construction end) | 1953 |

**Features & Amenities**

- One of the city's famous buildings

**Facts**

- When completed, Moscow State University was the 7th-tallest building in the world, and the tallest outside New York City.
- The first building outside North America to surpass this building's height was KLI 63 Building in Seoul, completed in 1985.
- Moscow State University served as an inspiration for the design of Palace of Culture and Science.
- The 57-meter (187-foot) spire is topped by a star decorated with ears of wheat.
- Embellished and decorated with many statues, those that attract the most attention are Vera Muchina's statue of two students at the main entrance and N. Tomski's

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monument dedicated to Mikhail V. Lomonosov (1711-1765; University founder) in the internal court.

- The 1980 Moscow Olympic Games logo was designed with the inspiration of the building.
- The star surrounded by ears of wheat at the top of the spire weighs an incredible 12 tons, and is 9 meters in diameter.
- The city's tallest for just over 50 years until surpassed by Triumph-Palace.
- The University in its entirety covers more than 1.6 square kilometers.
- The university boasts more than 30,000 students.
- The building was partially renovated in 2000.
- This is the largest and most significant of the Vysotniye Zdaniya.
- It's situated on top of a hill 75 meters above the level of the Moskva River.
- It is said, but not confirmed, to have a secret metro station somewhere in the basement.
- On 21st April, 2006, a fire broke out in a dormitory section on the 12th floor killing two people, injuring four and resulting in the evacuation of around 1,500 people.
- The most famous skyscraper in Russia, this tower is almost as notable to Russians across the country as the Empire State Building is to Americans.
- This was the tallest building in Europe until 1988, when it was surpassed by MesseTurm. Today it is still one of Europe's tallest.
- Founded on January 12th, 1755, Moscow University is the oldest Russian university. In 1940 on the occasion of its 185th Anniversary, Moscow University was officially named after M.V. Lomonosov.
- The massive building consists of the central tower, followed by its two 18-storey high lateral wings that slope down to the arms of 8 stories each. The wings are crowned by a clock, a barometer, and a thermometer, all were the world's largest at completion.
- Included in the building is a large 1500-seat auditorium, 19 conference rooms, 140 classrooms, 6000 student rooms, a student club, a library, numerous scientific laboratories, an agronomy museum, a swimming pool, and various gymnastic halls.
- Cumulative length of the 67 elevator shafts inside the building is roughly 6.5 kilometers.
- The building is the world's tallest dedicated educational establishment and surpassed Cathedral of Learning.

**Involved companies**

**Architect**

Lev Vladimirovitch Rudnev  
Moscow

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Additional company data available for this building

Structural Engineering

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