

## NIKOLAY, BRONX, NY



Moscow is wonderful, and not at all what I expected. What I did expect was a chessboard of streets and tall buildings, like my native New York City. What I got was a warren of streets, alley ways, wide circular boulevards and cleverly hidden shortcuts. And a great surprise it was! We've been absolutely everywhere: Red Square, the Bulgakov Museum, the Church of Christ the Savior and numerous walking tours of absolutely every corner of Moscow. We saw Chekhov's Vishnevii Sad at the Sovremenik Theater and the Don Quixote Ballet at the Stanislavski Music Theater. We have visited top Russian firms and companies to learn what really makes business tick over here.

Of course, my visit to Russia could not complete without my wonderful host family, the Golavanovs. They welcomed me with open arms and I felt as comfortable and safe around them as I would around my own wonderful parents. Together with my host family, I visited the Cosmonautics Museum, the Russian Historical Museum, the Museum of Russia's Army and Air Force, and finally, in true Russian fashion, a Spartak soccer game. We discussed politics, literature and the differences between the U.S. and Russia, which I found to be both wildly disparate and strangely similar.

Sincerely,  
Nikolay