

# ALEXANDROV. THE MERCHANT PERVUSHIN'S MANSION

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# THE HISTORY OF THE HOUSE

Alexandrov is a small town but it has rich cultural traditions and carefully keeps them up.

One of the most interesting historical places is "The merchant Pervushin's Mansion". It is situated not very far from the famous Alexandrov Kremlin. Before the revolution in 1917 it was the biggest house in the town and the most respectable people came there.

The Mansion is a unique monument of architecture in the style of neoclassicism.



# THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE



*The former owner of the mansion is a merchant of the top guild Alexey Mikhailovich Pervushin – a gentleman by birth, an honorary citizen of Alexandrov, a member of the Town Duma.*

*He was very competent and active not only in commercial affairs. The merchant also gave a lot of money for charity: helped to build roads, hospitals, schools, churches.*

# THE MANSION NOWADAYS

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*Since 1989 the Pervushin's Mansion has been the place of Alexandrov Art Museum. It is the only municipal art museum in our region.*

# THE INTERIOR OF THE MANSION

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*The interior of the Mansion is reconstructed in the traditions of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. All the rooms are beautifully decorated.*



# THE DISPLAYS OF THE MUSEUM



*The exhibition hall of the museum has several rooms. You can see real masterpieces of art there: old pictures and things, manuscripts, pieces of furniture. All these are the works of some local masters as well as famous ones of the region and the country.*



# AN EXCURSION AS A DRAMATIZED SHOW

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*The excursions in the museum are very unusual. They are performed as dramatized shows. Visitors feel the real atmosphere of the merchant life and even become the participants of the action. They can sing songs and play games with the actors. The performance ends with tea drinking at the merchant's table.*



# WELCOME TO ALEXANDROV!

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*We'll be very glad to see you in Alexandrov and to show you one of the most interesting places connected with the history of our town – The Merchant Pervushin's Mansion !*