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THE LONGEST SEASON OF BIKE-SHARING IN MOSCOW

Bike-share users made 5 million trips, that is almost by 17 % more than in 2018.

During the seventh year of its operation, Moscow bike sharing saw the longest season, almost seven months. Opened on 20 April, bike-sharing stations closed on 17 November, this late for the first time. The season was extended due to the warm weather and the large number of requests from Muscovites.

Moscow bike-sharing system is one of the fastest growing in the world. Over the five years, the project's scale has doubled. In 2015, there were 300 stations with 2,600 bicycles. This year, 528 stations with some 5,500 bicycles offered in different Moscow districts were available to citizens.

In 2019, the map of the most popular bike-sharing districts highlights Khamovniki, Tverskoi, Presnensky, Ostankinsky, Maryino, Ochakovo-Matveevskoye, Nagatinsky Zaton and Lefortovo.

Two bike-share users have become heroes of the last season. One of them travelled more than 10,000 km around Moscow — a route covering the distance from the equator to the South Pole. Another user rented a bike 3,300 times. Last year, a Muscovite rented a bike 2,500 times.

Moscow bike-sharing is leading in terms of demand among residents: on average, a bike is used for 6,4 trips per day, which is twice more than in London, one of the leading cities in bike-sharing, with 2,6 daily trips per bike.

The average ride time is 27 min.

E-bikes are growing popular, too, with 125,000 rides made this year. To date, there are 429 e-bikes to share in Moscow. Next year, this number will almost double, with 729 e-bikes available.

Next year, some 100 stations are expected to open, with 1,000 bicycles more. So, bike sharing will cover the entire city. Experts will assess the proposals of the best sites to open new stations, and analyse where the bike sharing was the most in-demand as of the end of 2019.

A total of 1,600,000 people have registered in the system since the velobike's launch. For Muscovites, a bike is now a popular and common way to get from one spot to another.

Thanks to the bike-sharing development, Moscow cyclists have become active traffic participants. Bike festivals are regularly held in Moscow, with three events already scheduled for 2020.

Electric kick scooter sharing, opened in Moscow in 2018, is growing popular, too. This year more than half a million trips have been made. This is almost four times more than the previous year, when kick scooters were rented 140,000 times. During its operation, the service has grown popular among Muscovites, with trips in the city centre becoming a common thing. In total, about 350,000 users are registered in the operators' systems.

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