

Vladivostok Bridge Climbers Fined 300 Rubles Each

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Vitaly Raskalov's feet seen hanging off the top of Russky Island Bridge in Vladivostok on Wednesday morning.

Three thrill-seekers who climbed two Vladivostok bridges earlier this week and took photos from the top were fined 300 rubles (\$10) each for trespassing.

In addition to the fines, the trio was subjected to a "preventive discussion about the inadmissibility of breaking current law," a Primorye region police spokesman said, RIA-Novosti reported.

Earlier this week, 19-year-old photographer Vitaly Raskalov and two friends scaled the 240-meter-high pylons of the Zolotoy Rog Bridge and the 320-meter-high pylons of the Russky Island Bridge to take jaw-dropping pictures of the city far below.

But pictures posted by Raskalov on his social networking page from their trip up the first bridge on Tuesday keyed in law enforcement authorities, and the trio were arrested upon their descent from the second bridge Wednesday.

The two bridges, built to help improve the Far East city's transportation infrastructure, are expected to open for use this summer, weeks before Russia hosts the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit on Sept. 8 and 9.

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