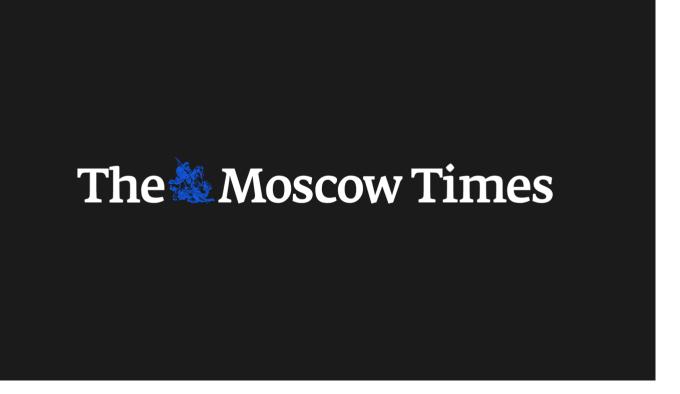


How to Watch the Victory Parade in Moscow

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Russian military vehicles are seen in Tverskaya street before a rehearsal for the Victory Day parade in central Moscow, Russia.

Russia will commemorate 70 years since the Allied victory over Nazi Germany this Saturday, May 9. The day will be marked by a huge parade through the center of Moscow, involving some 200 military vehicles along with 150 aircraft.

With the help of the local <u>pro-stranstvo.ru</u> website, The Moscow Times has compiled a definitive guide to making the most out of the Victory Day parade.

Where to Watch the Parade

Starting at 7 a.m., the public will be able to watch the procession from the side of the road as it proceeds from Khodynskoye Pole in northwestern Moscow down Leningradsky Prospekt and

onto 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya Ulitsa.

The parade will then pass along Tverskaya Ulitsa — the city's main thoroughfare — where the public will also be able to watch the military procession from the side of the road. The route from Pushkin Square down to Manezh Square will, however, be closed off to public access.

The procession will reach Red Square by about 10 a.m., though members of the public will not be granted access to the city's main square. The Kremlyovskaya Naberezhnaya will also be closed off to the general public.

Helicopters and military planes will conduct a flyby at about 10:45 a.m. that will be visible from Leningradsky Prospekt, 1st Tverskaya-Yamskaya Ulitsa, Tverskaya Ulitsa and Raushskaya Naberezhnaya.

How to Beat the Crowds

Tverskaya Ulitsa will be the most popular spot to watch the parade given its central location and close proximity to Red Square. In order to beat the crowds, arrive early and find yourself a good spot near the front.

An alternative option is to wait until the parade returns from Red Square. The procession will pass along Novy Arbat and the Garden Ring before heading back along Leningradsky Prospekt toward Khodynskoye Pole. You will be able to watch the procession from the side of the road.

For information on traffic disruptions, click here.

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