

Maslenitsa in Moscow on the Weekend: Have We Got Blinis For You!

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Maslenitsa is a time of blinis and parties galore — the last week of food and drink before the strict Lenten fast begins. It's also time for the slightly bizarre tradition of burning a straw effigy of winter to welcome in spring. Be it in a restaurant, a park or one of Moscow's squares, here's where you can get into the spirit this weekend.

VDNKh



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Food fair and an interactive effigy

VDNKh's Maslenitsa market will be foodie paradise with waffles, pancakes, mulled wine and more. An effigy decorated to look like a folk toy will be activated by the heat of human hands to light up and play music.

vdmh.ru

121 Prospekt Mira, Metro VDNKh

Until March 13

Krasnaya Presnya

Suprematist art meets Maslenitsa

Krasnaya Presnya is combining traditional Maslenitsa with 20th-century Suprematist art this weekend. The park will be decorated with bright geometric shapes and visitors can take photos in front of Malevich and Kandinsky prints.

p-kp.ru

5 Ulitsa Mantulinskaya, Metro Vystavochnaya

March 12-13

Maslenitsa with the White Rabbit family



White Rabbit Moscow

Innovative, upscale blinis

White Rabbit restaurants — including the eponymous White Rabbit, Mushrooms, and Selfie — will be serving up a batter-laden menu for Maslenitsa with treats like authentic boyar-style pancakes made from buckwheat flour and desert blinis laden with caramel butter.

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whiterabbitmoscow.ru

3 Smolenskaya Ploshchad, floor 16. Metro Smolenskaya

Manege Square

City center light show

Every evening this week through Sunday Manege Square will host a dazzling light show as an extension of the "Circle of Light" festival. The facade of the Manege Exhibition Hall will transform to show ice melting and flowers blooming.

Metro Okhotny Ryad, Alexandrovsky Sad
Until March 13

Gorky Park and Muzeon Arts Park



Park Gorkogo

Bears and an enormous blini fair

Gorky Park and the Muzeon Arts Park will be hosting an enormous Maslenitsa market offering blinis and souvenirs. Hungarian artist Gabor Szoke has been commissioned to make a unique Maslenitsa effigy — a giant bear and den.

park-gorkogo.com

9 Krymsky Val. Metro Park Kultury, Oktyabrskaya
March 12-13. Burning of the effigy March 13, at 8:20 p.m.

Park Pobedy



Poklonnaya Gora

Craft workshops and festival atmosphere

Get hands-on by helping to make the Maslenitsa doll at Park Pobedy this weekend. Live music from singer Yuta and the Brevis Brass Band along with rides and food stands will help get you in the carnival spirit.

poklonnaya-gora.ru

Kutozovsky Prospekt, Metro Park Pobedy
March 12. From 1 p.m.

Museum of Moscow

Learn about the origins of Maslenitsa

Head to the Museum of Moscow for entertainers, dancers and traditional folk fun. Children can also learn about Maslenitsa through a variety of interactive workshops.

mosmuseum.ru

2 Zubovksy Bulvar, Metro Park Kultury

March 13. 12-3 p.m.

Sokolniki Park



I.Yting.com

Folk games and live music

Sokolniki has folk dancing, traditional games and skits by performers this weekend. A Maslenitsa market, cooking master classes and music from Nike Borzov and the group «Pizza» on Saturday night add to the fun.

park.sokolniki.com

Sokolnichesky Val. Metro Sokolniki

March 12-13

Cafe Pushkin

Blinis from a gastronomic institution

Sample the Maslenitsa menu at Cafe Pushkin this weekend. From the sturgeon caviar blini (9,950 rubles) to the more affordable blinis with jam or honey (from 335 rubles), there's something for every taste and wallet.

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cafe-pushkin.ru

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