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8 Things to Do During Maslenitsa Pancake Week

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Maslenitsa, also known as Pancake Week, is the last week before Lent. It celebrates the end of winter, symbolized by the burning of effigies. The celebration has been been getting more popular in recent years and now there is a Maslenitsa event on practically every street corner. To help you navigate the Maslenitsa week and eat only the best pancakes,The Moscow Times has compiled a list of the most interesting events.

Moscow Maslenitsa

Pancake heaven for everyone in the capital

More than 30 pancake stalls will appear in the☒city center streets on Novy Arbat and Tverskaya☒streets between Feb. 17-26. Here, you can attend☒a pancake-making masterclass or be inspired☒by recipe for sumptuous blini — with toppings☒like berries, condensed milk, or seafood. Public☒spaces will be decorated with straw Maslenitsa☒effigies, ice sculptures,

and a Russian toythemed⊠carousel. Don't know what pancake⊠frisbee or shooting is? This is your one chance⊠to find out what these alternative carnival⊠games are all about.⊠more info (in Russian) at mos.ru/city/⊠festivals/maslenitsa⊠⊠

Kuskovo Estate

Party like a count

The Kuskovo Estate will host its own⊠Maslenitsa festival. While taking a tour of⊠the manor of Count Sheremetev, you can⊠learn about the extravagant celebrations⊠held for distinguished guests in the 18th⊠century. Enjoy a folklore ensemble and⊠the tour for 550 rubles per person. For an⊠additional 150 rubles, you can snack on⊠pancakes and fragrant tea in the museum⊠cafe. Individual appointments can be⊠reserved on Feb. 25 and 26.⊠
kuskovo.ru/news1/news178/⊠⊠

Imperial Carnival at the Izmailovo Kremlin

Wave goodbye to winter pre-revolutionary style

Over Feb. 20 to 26, the Center for Russian⊠Culture at the Izmailovo Kremlin will be⊠hosting the largest and most traditional⊠celebration in the city. The program this⊠year is features activities such as pancakemaking⊠masterclasses, folk dancing, and⊠a child-friendly adaptation of RimskyKorsakov's⊠opera "The Snow Maiden." The⊠Kremlin will also be housing new installations⊠during the week: Expect a snow⊠maze, an ice slide and much more.

kremlin-izmailovo.com

73 Izmailovskoye Shosse

Metro Partizanskaya⊠⊠

Maslenitsa in the Hermitage Gardens

Celebration in the heart of the city

Don't feel like traveling all the way to⊠Ded Moroz's Manor or the Izmailovo⊠Kremlin for Maslenitsa? No need to fret,⊠since some of the best celebrations will⊠be taking place right in the city center,⊠in the Hermitage Gardens! With an array⊠of spectacular performances, dancing,⊠and singing, this year's celebration⊠promises to be a real treat for the eyes.⊠But the cherry on top has got to be the⊠preparation of a huge pancake worthy of⊠a Guinness world record. Grab yourself⊠a hot drink and a slice of this culinary⊠wonder and get ready to shed those endof-winter⊠blues.

Feb. 26, from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

mosgorsad.ru

3 Karetny Ryad

Metro Chekhovskaya

Maslenitsa Weekend at Nikola Lenivets

Burn some art

The popular Nikola-Lenivets park in the Kaluga region, 200 kilometers southwest of Moscow, is organizing a whole Maslenitsa program from Feb. 23 to 26. Check out the site-specific land art installations, before taking part in burning one. The art object to be burned is called "Pyramid." It was constructed over the winter by Russia's most prominent land artist — also the founder of Nikola-Lenivets Park — Nikolai Polissky.

maslenitsa.nikola-lenivets.ru

Nikola-Lenivets, Kaluga region.

Kolomenskoye Park

More pancakes in the park

Say farewell to the long winter with spirit at Kolomenskoye's weekend celebration. The two-day event (Feb. 25 and 26) will include games, dances, concerts, and, of course, pancakes. The first day will feature a Maslenitsa performance, while the second day will be a rowdy affair, offering of competitions and singalongs to live music.

mgomz.ru/kolomenskoe

39 Prospekt Andropova

Metro Kolomenskaya

Maslenitsa at Grandfather Frost's Manor

Pancakes and tea with Ded Moroz

Ded Moroz (Grandfather Frost) is the Russian version of Santa Claus. On Feb. 26, Ded Moroz's Manor in southeast Moscow will host its very own Maslenitsa carnival. For one day only, Ded Moroz will give up his home to make way for a celebration of singing, dancing and, of course, pancake-eating. The Talitsa folk ensemble will be performing folk songs for you to get up and dance to, no matter how old you are. And of course the day would not be complete without the burning of effigies — with the help of artists from the Moscow Fire Theater.

Usadba Deda Moroza

dedmorozmos.ru

168d Volgogradsky Prospekt

Metro Kuzminki

Maslenitsa at Flacon

Compete against hipsters at the design factory

The Flacon design factory will host its own Maslenitsa festival on Feb. 26, giving guests a full schedule of Russian history and contemporeanity. The festival will kick off with a performance of weapons, fist-fighting and archery. After that, the guests themselves will be able to compete in Russian games played since pagan times: sack races, tug of war, balance beam battles and more. The festivities will end with a majestic fire show and the traditional burning of winter effigies.

flacon.ru/events/affiche/maslenitsa-blin

36 Ulitsa Bolshaya Novodmitrovskaya

Metro Dmitrovskaya

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