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2,000 Russian Santa Clauses Are Coming to Town

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The city of Ryazan has been named Russia's New Year's Capital for 2020 — and what better way to celebrate than with thousands of extravagantly dressed Ded Morozes? More than 2,000 men and women dressed as Ded Moroz, the Slavic version of Santa Claus, and Snegurochka, a Russian fairytale character whose name means The Snow Maiden, paraded through the Ryazan city center Saturday. Here's a look at how it all went down:



Aside from the kitschy parade, residents and tourists alike watched a dance flash mob, a laser show and Russian fairytale-themed concert. **Aleksander Blokhin / rzn.info**

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