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In Photos: Moscow Scorched By Record Summer Heatwave

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Much of Russia has been fighting a scorching summer heatwave this week, and Moscow has been no exception. This week saw the Russian capital's previous hottest recorded day — in 1901 — broken by over 1 degree Celsius. Similar records have been broken in St. Petersburg and in the Arctic Circle. Muscovites have been finding ways to beat the heat, from swimming in the river to playing in the city's many fountains. Despite a surging wave of the highly contagious Delta variant of Covid-19, people have been coming together to enjoy the (hopefully) once-in-a-lifetime heat. Here's a closer look at the sweltering scenes across the city:



Moscow recorded its hottest June 22 in 142 years Tuesday when the temperature hit 31.9 degrees Celsius. **Kirill Zykov / Moskva News Agency**

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