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Russian Paratroopers Descend on Moscow for Holiday Revelry

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There are certain summer traditions that every Muscovite knows all too well: having a cookout in the park, getting ice cream, going for a cruise on the Moscow River....and the day when paratroopers descend upon the city. Every year on Aug. 2, Russia celebrates Paratroopers' Day, which marks the anniversary of the Soviet military's first parachute flight in 1930. The holiday has garnered its fair share of notoriety over the years, with paratroopers making an especially big splash in Moscow's public fountains. Here's a look at this year's celebration:



A common sight on the annual holiday are scantily clad men splashing in public fountains. **Sergei Vedyashkin / Moskva News Agency**

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