

# Memorial Dissolved, Festive Holidays and More: Russia's December, in Photos

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For many Russians, December is a month spent preparing for the New Year — the country's most festive holiday that is marked with fireworks, champagne, traditional dishes and warm feelings. Yet there was also no shortage of major news events, both domestically and in Russia's relations with other countries. Here's a look back at the month that was December 2021 — from the headlines that became global news to the everyday scenes of Russian life in wintertime:



People dressed as Father Frost (Russian Santa Claus) take part in a run in central St. Petersburg.  
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