

In Photos: National Folklore Festival Gets Underway in Tatarstan

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Russia's Karavon Folklore Festival took place in the republic of Tatarstan's village of Russkoye Nikolskoye on Sunday. The festival aims to promote "traditional Russian culture," popularize folklore and award the best folk performances. Over 170 musical groups, dance troupes and other performers from across Russia were scheduled to appear at the festival. The event also included historical games, craft classes, pre-revolutionary fair attractions and opportunities to try various Russian foods. The festival, which was founded in 1993, has roots in 16th-century Orthodox celebrations of the Day of Saint Nicholas the Wonderworker. The name "Karavon" comes from the Old Church Slavonic word for "khorovod," a Russian circle dance that was once performed on this holiday. Here's a look at photos from the event:



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