

Moscow Treated to Warm Spell for New Year's Recovery

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Workers clear and remove snow in Red Square in central Moscow, with St. Basil's Cathedral seen in the background, Dec. 25, 2014.

After days of bitter cold, Moscow residents have been treated to a sudden warm spell expected to last until next week, a welcome blessing to those recovering from New Year's celebrations.

New Year's revelers met the holiday in the glacial temperature of minus 15 degrees Celsius, so the nearly 20-degree hike to 2 degrees Celsius on Friday was likely a welcome surprise for many.

Forecasters say temperatures will remain above zero degrees until next Monday, although rain and snow will continue during that time, according to online forecaster Gismeteo.ru.

The sun, unfortunately, isn't expected to make an appearance until near the end of the holiday break, on Jan. 7 — when the temperature will plummet to minus 25 degrees Celsius.

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