

Russia's First Monument to Jules Verne Unveiled

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Nizhny Novgorod citizens posing with the French writer in his balloon at the opening ceremony Sunday, Sept. 27.

The Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod has unveiled Russia's first monument to Jules Verne, depicting the 19th-century French author of science-fiction and adventure novels as a hot-air balloon adventurer, media reports said Sunday.

The bronze-painted plastic sculpture, measuring approximately 10 meters in height, was unveiled Sunday on an embankment near the confluence of the Volga and the Oka rivers, TASS news agency reported.

A life-size likeness of Verne stands in the balloon's basket, holding a telescope, the report said.

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