

# Back of the nyet

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**T**he football is back and there is a scramble for tickets. Moscow is pretty empty of fans – either they have gone home or are en route to the quarter-finals, all of which are taking place outside the capital.

Train stations and ticketing centres have queues of people making plans, booking trains and collecting tickets. For each match ticket you buy, you must present a Fan ID.

I have not seen an active black market until now – and it is right outside the official Fifa ticket centre at Dobryninskaya Metro. In front of the authorities, I observed fans collect their tickets from the ticket office while running the gauntlet of touts.

I joined the exodus and took one more 20-hour train journey, from Moscow to Samara.

