

Tula is the main city and administrative centre of Tula region. It lies along the Upa River which is a tributary of the Oka River.



In 1641 the first
manufactures appeared. Nikita Demidov built iron plant.
The whole families and even streets
were engaged in making this or that part of the rifle.



In 1552 the Crimean khan Delved -Girei failed to capture Tula fortress as well as Napoleon in 1812.



In the dramatic days of 1941 Tula once again became a fortress. In 1941 Tula defenders were deterring the tank army of Guderian for 45 days making the enemy to fall back. It was the beginning of the glorious path to the victory in the World War II. Tula was honoured with the title of "Hero City".



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After the War Tula continued to grow and develop. Some settlements (Alyoshnya, Gorelki, Homyakovo) became the parts of Tula, In 1954 - 1955 Tula was gasificated. In 1964 the first trolley-bus was launched.

