## Geography

### Capital

• The capital of Russia is Moscow.

#### Other Cities

 Saint Petersburg, Yekaterinburg, Kazan, Nizhny Novgorod, Volgograd.

### **Population**

• The population of Russia is estimated145,934,462 people. **Russia population** is equivalent to 1.87% of the total world **population**.

#### Area

• The area of Russia is 17.1 million km2. That's larger then Pluto!

### Language

• The official language in Russia is Russian.

### Currency

In Russia the currency used is Russian Rouble.



## Culture

#### Traditional Food

- Bliny a Russian type of pancake or crepes
- Pelmeni meat or fish dumplings
- Kasha a porridge like meal
- Borscht a beatroot soup
- Zifir a meringue like dessert
- Vareniki dumpling that are commonly filled with cottage cheese

### Climate

#### Winter

In Russia, the Winters can be very bitter and freezing. It often snows and temperatures can reach as low as -40°C. The average temperature in winter is -15°C.

#### Summer

In the Summer, the climate is often very hot. In the months of June, July and August the temperatures are around 23°C, but during heat waves, which can occur anytime from May to September. The temperatures often reach up to 30°C for 2 weeks.

## Society

#### President

• The President of Russia is Vladimir Putin.

## Famous People

- Irina Shayk model
- Maria Sharapova tennis player
- Oksana Grigorieva singer/songwriter
- Leo Tolstoy writer
- Aleksander Pushkin poet

### Famous attractions

- Red Square
- St. Basils Cathedral
- Lake Baikal
- Winter Palace
- State Hermitage
- Gorky Central park
- Moscow Zoo
- Peterhof

### Did You Know?

- Moscow has more billionaires per capita then anywhere else in the world.
- Moscow has the 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest metro in the world.
- Russia regularly takes 1<sup>st</sup> place on the list of "Worlds least friendly countries".
- Russians have a lot of superstitions.
- Russian brides go on a city tour after getting married.
- Russian women really do walk in 6-inch heels.
- If you spent 2 minutes looking at each exhibit in the Hermitage, it would take you 6 years to see everything!

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