

# Icons of Russia

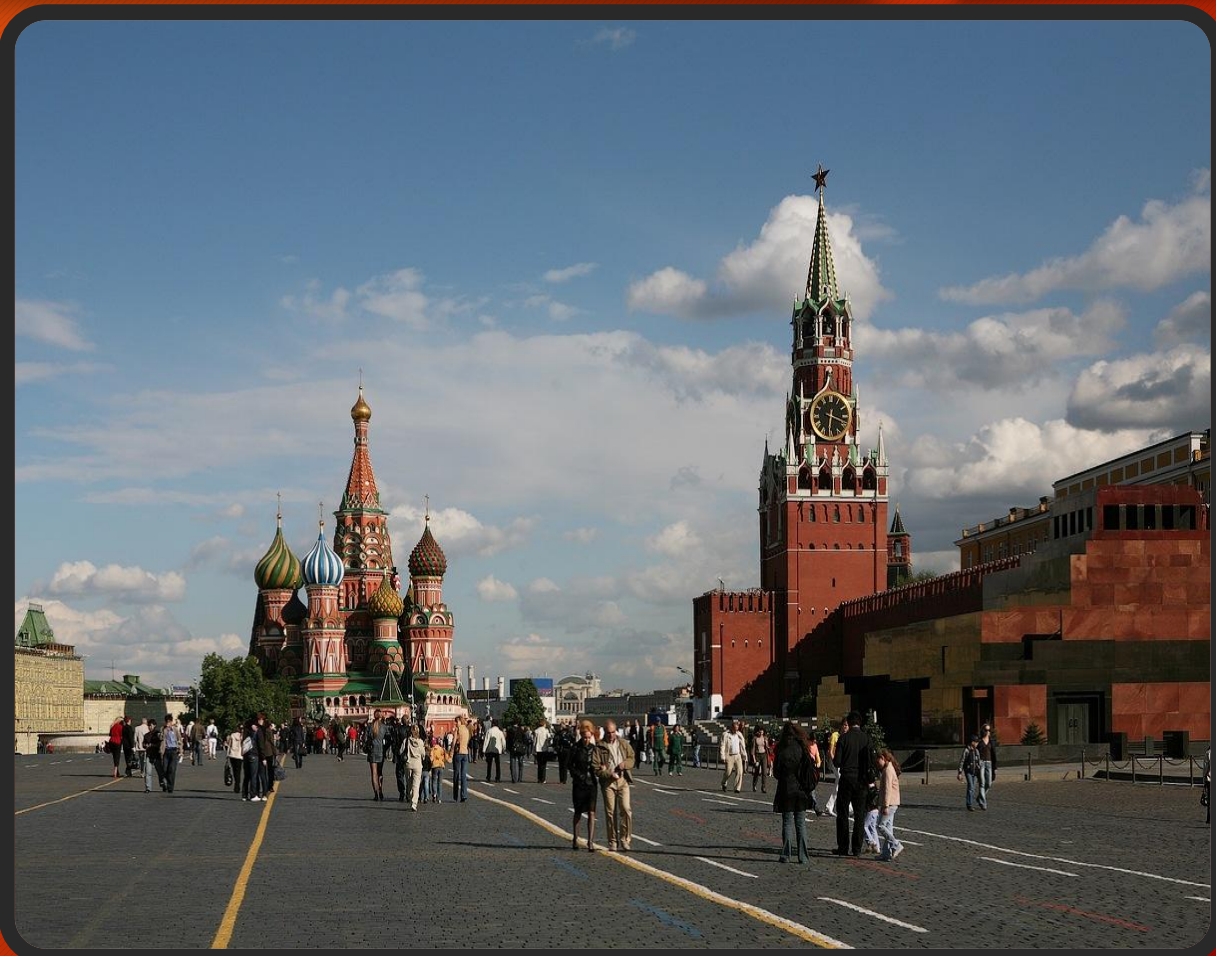


# Red Square (Красная Площадь)

- The Red Square is set in the very heart of Moscow, separating the Kitay Gorod commercial district from the Kremlin walls, and has a history as old as the post-Mongol fortress itself. The name "Krásnaya Plóshchad'" translates from Russian as "red", yet the word also means "beautiful". This ancient center of Russia's political power dates back to the end of the 13th century and has a long and rich history.
- Originally, it was the site of a central market square established in an area cleared by decree for the defense of Kremlin on the banks of Moskva and Neglinnaya rivers. It was also a place where various festive processions were held and thus the square was considered a sacred place.



# Photos of Red Square





# Peterhof(Петергоф)

- Saint Petersburg was built in the early XVIII century by the will of the Russian Tsar Peter I. for two hundred years, Saint Petersburg was the capital of Russia. Not far from the city, on the southern shore of the Gulf of Finland, Peter I built Peterhof - a residence for summer country holidays with many palaces and a beautiful Park. Peterhof is one of the most beautiful sights in Russia. Here, a large number of historical buildings and works of art are concentrated on a small square. Today, visitors to the city on the Neva river can reach Peterhof by water. Special vessels are sent there from the Admiralty embankment every half hour, so that in 30-35 minutes tourists will reach the place famous for its beautiful fountains and monuments to famous historical figures. Having been here, many foreign tourists returning home often answer the question of what to see in Russia: "Peterhof!"The beauty of the local parks, gardens, gilded and marble sculptures and fountains



# Photos of Peterhof





# Matryoshka (Матрёшка)

- Matryoshka is a Russian wooden toy in the form of a painted doll, inside which there are similar dolls of smaller size. The number of nested dolls is usually three or more. Usually they have the shape of an egg with a flat bottom and consist of two detachable parts, the top and bottom. Traditional matryoshkas depict a woman in a red sundress and headscarf. Nowadays, the themes for painting are diverse: fairy-tale characters, girls, and families. Matryoshka dolls of a parodic nature with images of political figures have also become frequent. Relatively recently, a matryoshka doll with a portrait image - a portrait matryoshka-began to gain popularity.



# Photos of Matryoshka



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# Balalaika (Балалайка)

- The balalaika is a Russian stringed musical instrument with a characteristic triangular wooden, hollow body, fretted neck and three strings. Two strings are usually tuned to the same note and the third string is a perfect fourth higher. The higher-pitched balalaikas are used to play melodies and chords. The instrument generally has a short sustain, necessitating rapid strumming or plucking when it is used to play melodies. Balalaikas are often used for Russian folk music and dancing.



# Photos of balalayka





# Blini or Pancake (Блины)

- Blini is a Russian and Ukrainian pancake traditionally made from wheat or (more rarely) buckwheat flour and served with smetana, tvorog, butter, caviar and other garnishes. In the West, the term blini traditionally refers to small (2-4 inches in diameter) savory pancakes made with leavened batter. In modern Russian and Ukrainian, the term most often refers to pan-sized leavened thin pancakes, although smaller leavened pancakes are also called blini and were much more common historically.



# Photo of blini





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