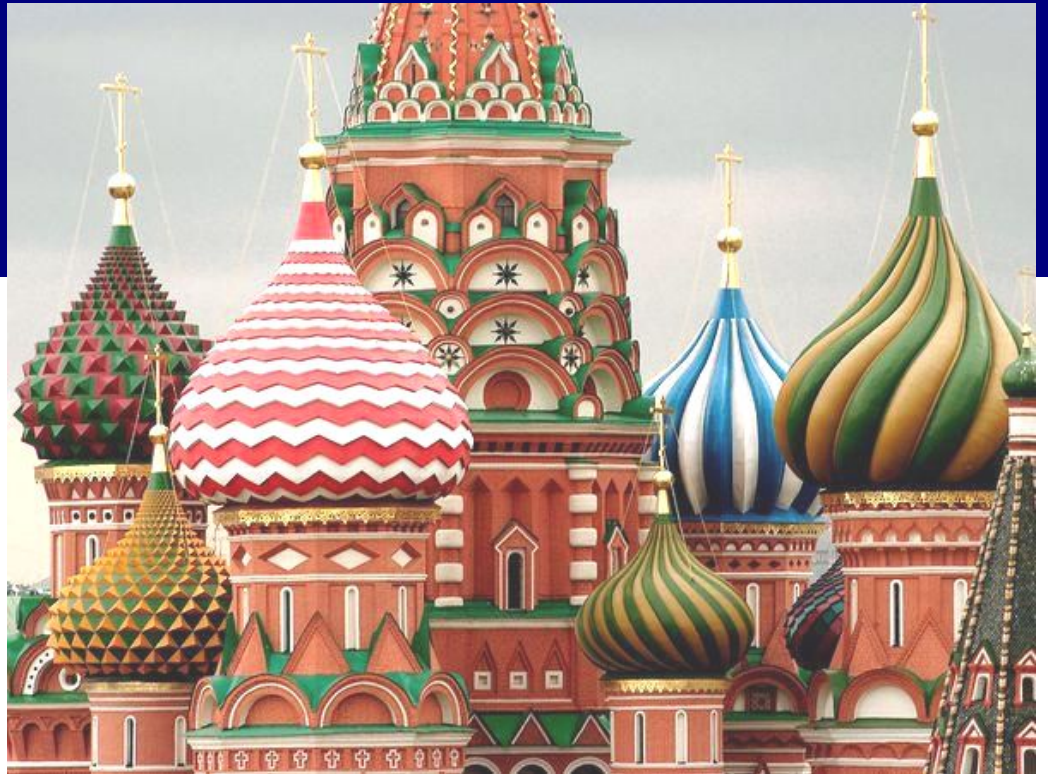


Russia



Location

- **Russia , also officially known as the Russian Federation , is a country in northern Eurasia. It is a federal semi-presidential republic , comprising 83 federal subjects.**



Location

- **From northwest to southeast , Russia shares land borders with Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland (both with Kaliningrad Oblast) , Belarus , Ukraine , Georgia , Azerbaijan , Kazakhstan , China , Mongolia , and North Korea . It shares maritime borders with Japan by the Sea of Okhotsk, and the U.S. state of Alaska across the Bering Strait.**

Area and Population

- At 17,075,400 square kilometers, Russia is the Largest country in the world , covering more than one-eighth of the Earth's inhabited land area. Russia is also the world's ninth most populous nation with 143 million people as of 2012.



National Symbols

- **State symbols of Russia include the Byzantine double – headed eagle , combined with St. George of Moscow in the Russian coat of arms. The Russian Flag dates from the late Tsardom of Russia period and has been widely used since the time of the Russian Empire. The Russian anthem shares it's music with the Soviet Anthem , though not the lyrics.**

National Symbols



Economy

- **The Russian economy ranking as the eighth largest by nominal GDP and sixth largest by purchasing power parity . Russia's extensive mineral and energy resources , the largest reserves in the world , have made it one of the largest producers of oil and natural gas globally.**



Government

- **federal semi-presidential constitutional republic.**

President – Vladimir Putin

Prime Minister – Dmitry Medvedev



Demographics

- **Ethnic Russians comprise 81 per cent of the country's population. 73 per cent of the population lives in urban areas while 27 per cent in rural ones. The results of the 2010 Census show a total population of 142,856,536.**



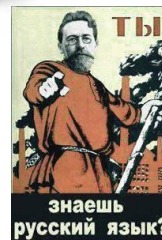
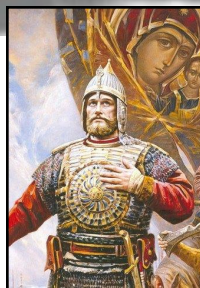
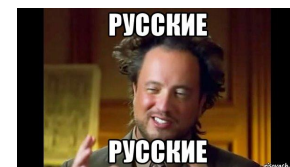
Largest Cities

- **1. Moscow**
- 2. Saint Petersburg**
- 3. Novosibirsk**
- 4. Yekaterinburg**
- 5. Nizhny Novgorod**



Language and Religion

- **Russia's 160 ethnic groups speak some 100 languages. Russian is the only official state language, but the Constitution gives the individual republics the right to make their native language official in addition to Russian. Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Buddhism are Russia's traditional religions, and are all legally a part of Russia's «historical heritage».**



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