

My Homeland Belarus



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Belarus on the map of Europe

Belarus is situated nearly in the centre of Europe and borders on Russia, the Ukraine, Poland, Latvia and Lithuania.



Territory

The total area of Belarus is 207,600 square kilometres.



Capital

The capital of Belarus is Minsk. It was first mentioned in chronicles in 1067.

Today Minsk is a beautiful modern city.

More than 1,9 million people live in Minsk.



Official name and head of state

The official name of our country is the Republic of Belarus, a sovereign independent state.

The president of Belarus is Alexander Grigoryevich Lukashenko.



People

The population of Belarus is 9,480,900 people (January 1, 2015)

Nationalities:

Belarusians – 83,7%,
Russian – 8,3%, Polish – 3,1%,
Ukrainians – 1,7%,
Jews – 0,1%, other – 3,1% (2009).



Some more information

Official languages

Belarusian, Russian

Independence Day – July,3

Monetary unit

Belarusian rouble (Br)



Official symbols

The official symbols of Belarus are the flag, the coat of arms and the anthem.



Unofficial symbols: the cornflower and the white stork



European bison

The bison is a symbol of Belarus and Belovezhskaya Pushcha.



Spiritual symbol

The cross of Evfrosinia
Polotskaya

The Cross, a 12th-century
relic which disappeared
during the Second World
War, is considered a
spiritual symbol of
Belarus.



Belarus

One day in life



Welcome to Belarus

