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- **Russia is the largest country in the world. The official name of our homeland is the Republic of the Russian Federation. There are 21 republics and 68 other regions in the Federation. Among them there is one detached part, the Kaliningrad region.**

**The population of Russia is over 145 mln people, 81% of which are ethnic Russians.**



**Vladimir Vladimirovich  
Putin, the President**

**Dmitry Anatolievich  
Medvedev, the  
Prime-minister**



## **The Russian flag.**

The Russian flag is sometimes called the Imperial Flag. It consists of three equal stripes of white, blue and red. The first flag of this design appeared more than 300 years ago.

**In Russia the colours of the current flag symbolize: white for nobleness and sincerity; blue for honesty and wisdom; red for bravery and love.**

## The National Emblem.

The two-headed eagle is a new national emblem which originates from the heraldic emblem of Ruricovitches. Above the heads there are three crowns. The eagle carries a scepter, the sign of state power and an orb, the sign of unity.

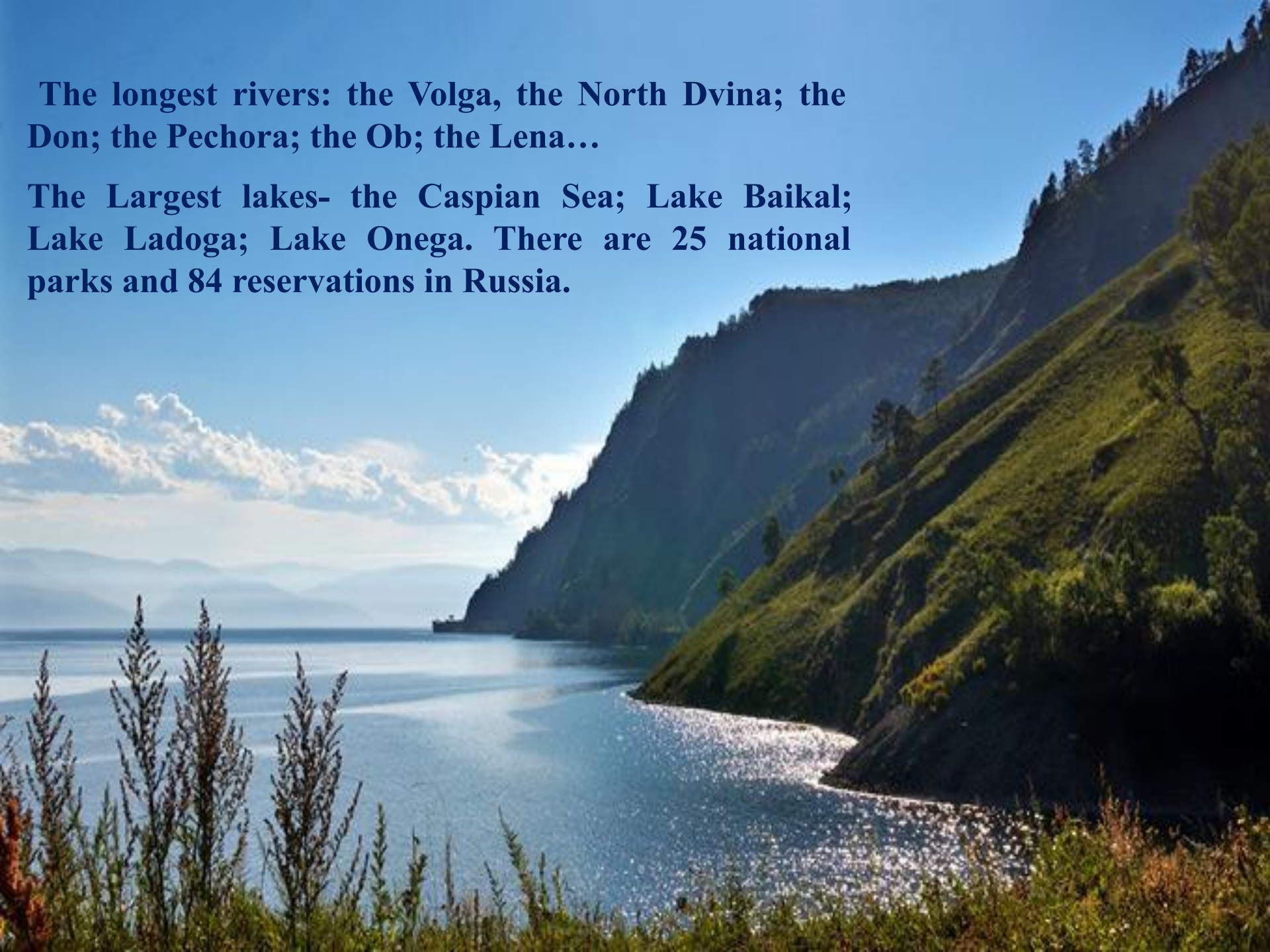


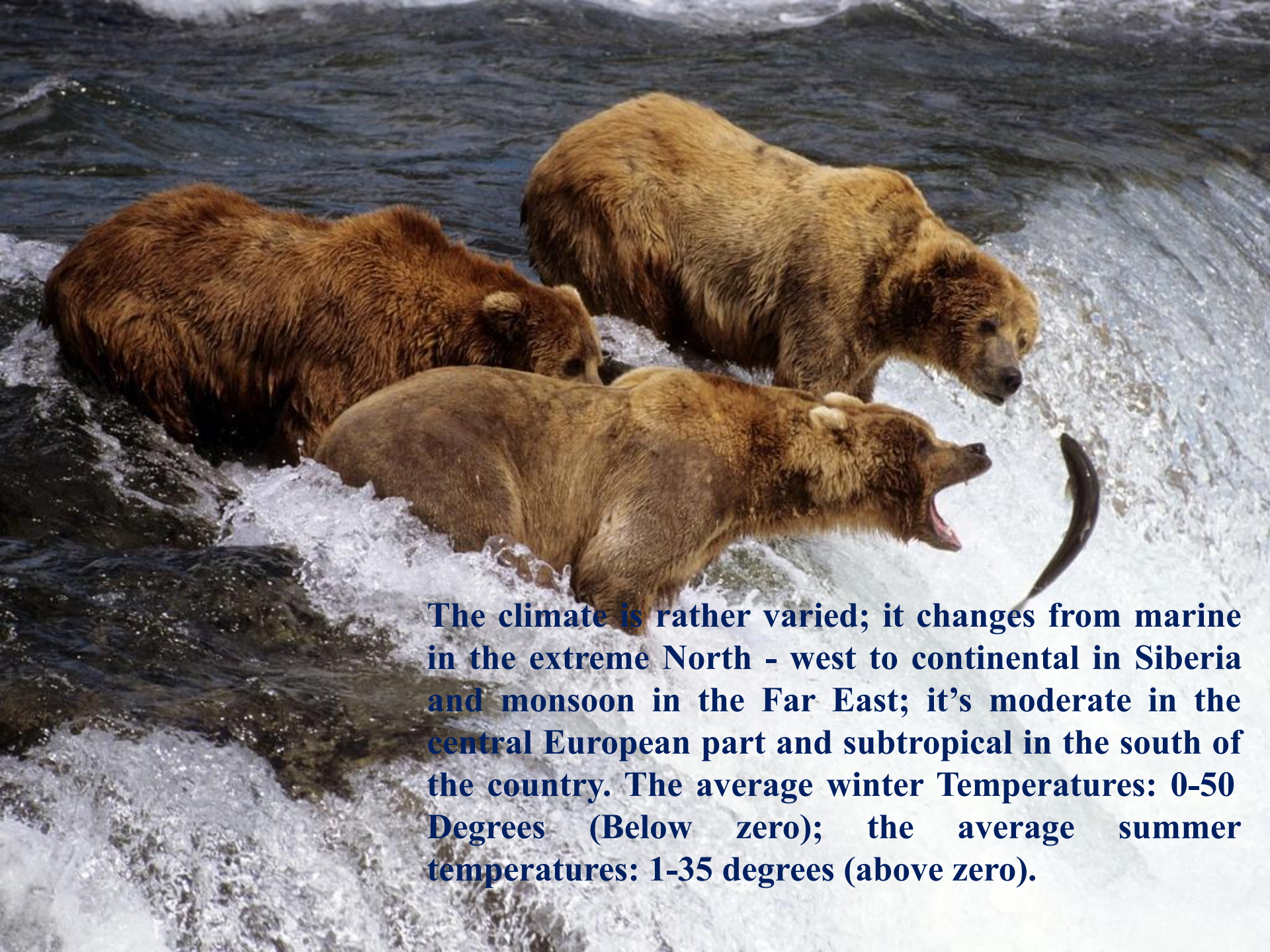
# MOSCOW

**The capital of Russia is Moscow. It was founded by Yury Dolgoruki in 1147. Now it is the largest political, economic, administrative, cultural and scientific centre of Russia.**

**The longest rivers: the Volga, the North Dvina; the Don; the Pechora; the Ob; the Lena...**

**The Largest lakes- the Caspian Sea; Lake Baikal; Lake Ladoga; Lake Onega. There are 25 national parks and 84 reservations in Russia.**





**The climate is rather varied; it changes from marine in the extreme North - west to continental in Siberia and monsoon in the Far East; it's moderate in the central European part and subtropical in the south of the country. The average winter Temperatures: 0-50 Degrees (Below zero); the average summer temperatures: 1-35 degrees (above zero).**



**The territory of Russia is situated in  
11 clock zones.**

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# RUSSIA IS A MULTINATIONAL STATE.



Over 176 nationalities live here, each with its own language, culture and traditions.

Russian is the national language.

Local languages are very important, too.

*We love you,*  
**RUSSIA!**



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# *Answer the questions*

- 1. What kind of country is Russia?*
- 2. Who is the president of Russia?*
- 3. How is the flag of Russia called?*
- 4. What is Moscow?*
- 5. How many national parks and repervations are there in Russia?*
- 6. IS RUSSIA A MULTINATIONAL STATE ?**
- 7. What is the climate of Russia?*

**Writing (письменно)**