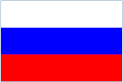
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Introduction

Russia is a fascinating place, the clothing, the food, the animals, and the holidays.

Currency- Russian ruble

Population-142,089,141

Location-Part in Asia Part in Europe

Geography-Caucasus Mountains, Altai Mountains,

Ural Mountains, Stanovoy Mountains, Mount Elbrus,

Kamchatka peninsula, Siberian plains, Siberian Plateau.

Capital city- Moscow

Religion- Mostly Christianity

Language- Russian

Food, clothing, winter holidays, and wildlife make this country diverse from others in the world.



Russian Building

Winter Holidays

Only recently has Russia started celebrating holiday that is very large in the USA. That holiday is Christmas!

Christmas is a fairly new holiday in Russia; one interesting thing is that people don’t celebrate it on the same day. Some people celebrate on December 25th like us. While most celebrate on the 7th of January. In the past Christmas in Russia was not that important, a winter holiday that was big in Russia was new years, and once again sometimes people celebrate on different days, The 31st of December like we do or the 14th of January. This is because some people use the old calendar when deciding when to celebrate that holiday. So sometimes people may have 2 different Christmases and/or new years.

Animals that call Russia “Home”

Many animals call Russia home. Here are some of those animals. An Amur leopard is an endangered Russian animal; it looks like most leopards do. A stellers sea eagle is a bird with black feathers and some white feathers on top of its wings. The Siberian tiger lives mostly in Russia but can be found in china too, people want the Siberian tiger to not be in captivity, sense there are more in zoos than there are in the wild. The orlov trotter is a Russian horse breed that is famous for its speed. An arctic seals relative is the Baikal seal, it is estimated that there are 80,000-100,000 Baikal seals alive today.



The Amur Leopard Sitting in snow

Clothing in Russia

In Russia clothing is similar to ours, but also different. Women’s clothing consists of Dresses, blouses, and valenk shoes, often accessorized with hats, scarves, gloves, and traditional headwear. Men’s clothing consists of shirts, scarves, gloves, hats, and boots.

Young girls wear blouses, sarafans, valenk shoes and head wear. Young boys tend to wear shirts and valenk shoes. If you`re wondering what Vakenk shoes are, they look like boots, but the bottom is rubber so you stay dry if you step in a puddle, the rubber goes to about the ankle and the changes to a fluffy material, so you stay warm. Children’s shoes have patterns on them; it can be a flower, a train, etc.

Adult shoes are the same, but don’t have a pattern on the side. But, the rubber on the bottom can be different colors.



Men and Women In Russia wearing Traditional Clothing

Russian Food

Most of the time Russian food tends to have common ingredients, hearty vegetables such as beets and potatoes, beef, with a bit of sour cream on top for an extra flavor. Here are some recipes that you may have heard of before.

Borscht: Borscht is a beet soup, which has things like veggies, meat, and sour cream. Its arguably Russia`s most famous dish.

Herring: Herring is a type of fish that is favorited in Russia. It can be fried, dried, pickled and salted.

Pickles: a food that is common in New York, but also loved in Russia is pickles.

Russians pickle vegetables such a Beets, and mushrooms, and cucumbers.

Piroshki: The last dish is piroshki. They are similar to dumplings and will often be filled with cheese, beef, fish, mushrooms, and potatoes.



A Bowl of Borscht

Conclusion

I chose Russia because my Uncles Mom is from Russia, and I wanted to learn about things that she was used too as a little girl.

I would like to go to Russia someday to see how it has changed and what stayed the same sense I’ve Written this.