



**RUSSIA:**

**GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMY,  
POLITICS, NATIONAL  
SYMBOLS, CAPITAL.**

# 1 Geography

**The Russian Federation (Russia) is the largest country in the world It lies in the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of Asia.**

# *Russia is washed by 12 seas*

- the White Sea;
- the Barents ['ba:rents] Sea;
- the Okhotsk Sea;
- the Black Sea;
- the Baltic ['bo:ltik] Sea and others

***and 3 oceans***

- the Arctic;
- the Atlantic;
- the Pacific [pæ'si:fik].

The main mountain chains are

- The Urals
- The Caucasus ['ko:kəsəs]
- The Altai



The longest rivers are

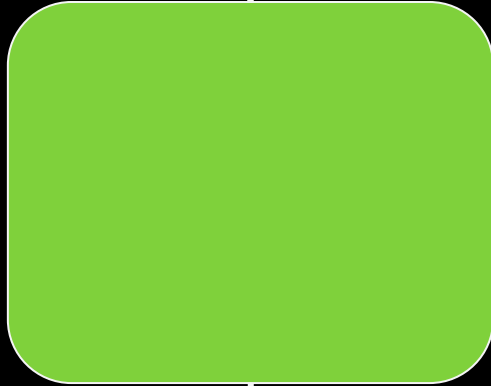
- the Volga and the Ob (in Europe)
- the Yenisei and the Lena (in Asia)

The largest lakes are

- Ladoga
- Baikal

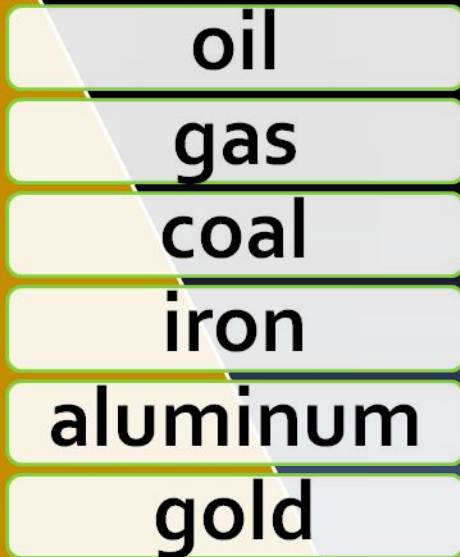


Baikal is the *deepest* lake  
in the world.



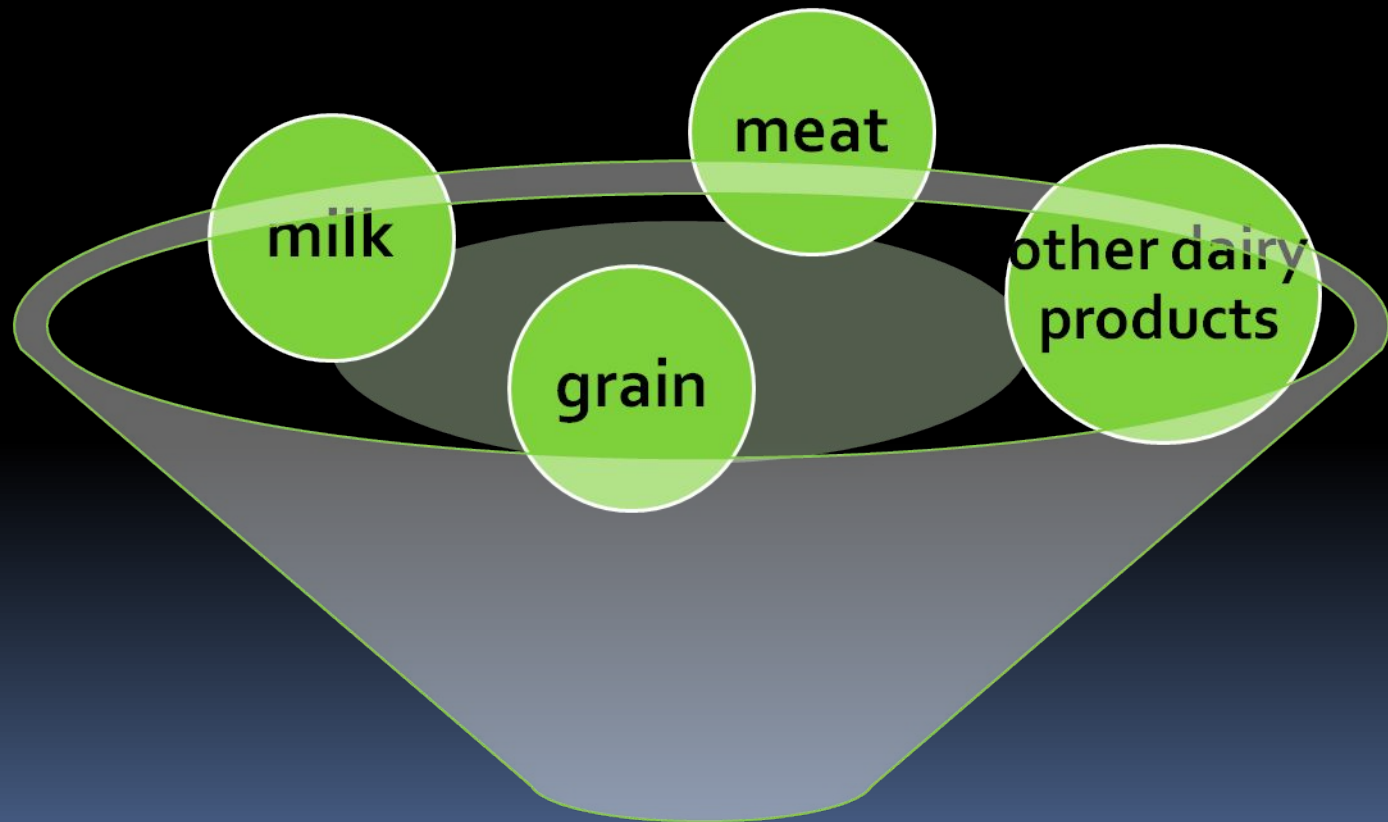
## 2 Economy

Russia is rich in natural and mineral resources:



They are concentrated in Siberia and the Far East.

10 million people are engaged in agriculture. They produce



# 3 Politics

Russia is a parliamentary republic

[,pa:lə'mentəri ri'pʌblik].

Head of state is the President.

The government consists of three branches:



legislative

['ledʒislətɪv]

законодательная,

- executive

[ɪg'zɛkjʊtɪv]

исполнительная

- judicial

[dʒʊ'diʃə]


судебная

The President

controls each

of them





The legislative power  
(the Federal Assembly  
*Федеральное собрание*)


consists of  
the Council of Federation  
Совет Федерации

(They are headed by the Speaker)

the State Duma

The executive power  
(the Government  
=  
the Cabinet of Ministers)

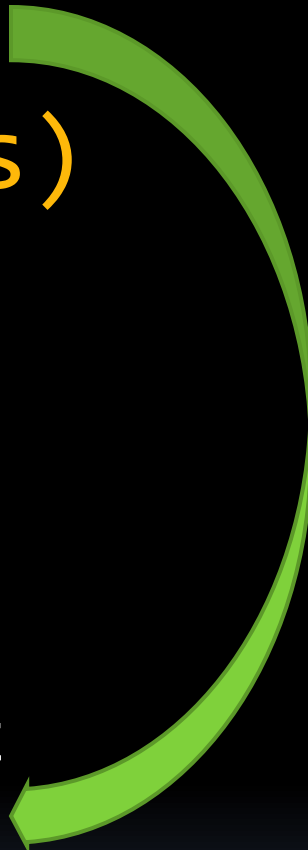
It is headed by the Prime Minister.



The judicial power  
(the system of courts)  
consists of



the Constitutional Court



the Supreme Court  
Верховный суд  
(and the others)

# 4 National Symbols

The  
Russian  
national  
flag

The birch  
tree

The  
Russian  
Hymn

The Eagle

# The Russian national flag

The colours are symbolic.

The red colour means love and bravery.

The blue colour means honesty and devotion.

The white colour means that Russian people are noble and sincere.




# The birch tree

People sing beautiful songs with poetic words about birch trees and plant them near their houses. In old Russian towns people often call young lovely girls *beryozka, beryozon'ka.*



# The Russian Hymn

is the official song of the country by  
S.Mikhalkov and A.Alexandrov.



держава,  
Россия-  
любимая  
наша  
страна.  
Могучая  
воля,  
великая  
слава-  
Твое  
достоянье  
на все  
времена!

# The Eagle

has two heads. One of them looks at the West, another one looks at the East. It means that Russia looks at the West and at the East.





# 5 Capital

Moscow is the capital of Russia.

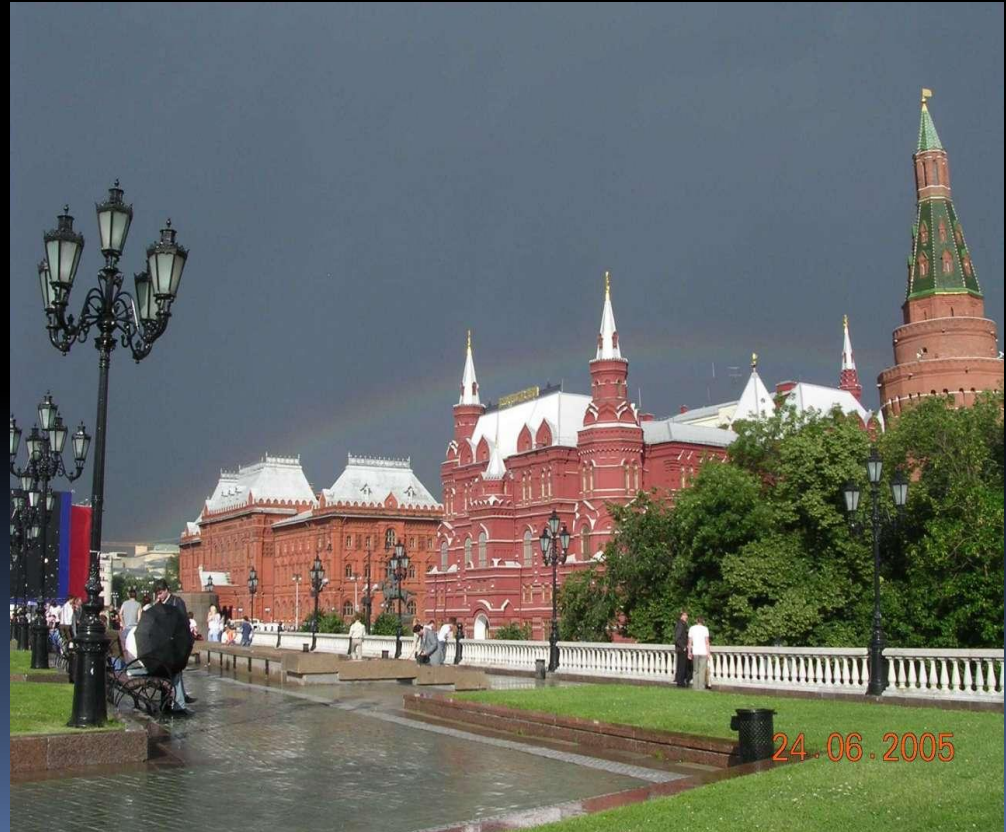
It is a political, economic, commercial and cultural centre with the *population* of about 10 million



The official date of the foundation of Moscow is 1147.

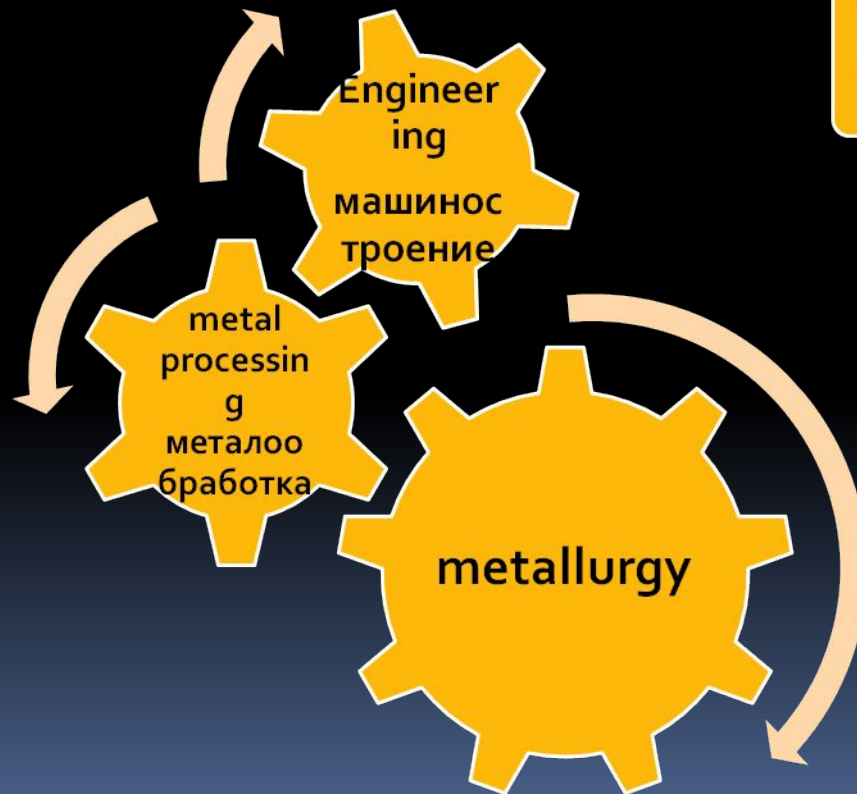
The town was almost destroyed in 1237 and 1293 during the Tatar invasion. In 1812 came the Napoleon's conquest.

The city was destroyed by fire. It was rebuilt within a short period.



# Moscow is Russia's largest industrial city.

## The largest industrial sectors are



## Other large sectors are

textiles  
ткани

clothing  
одежда

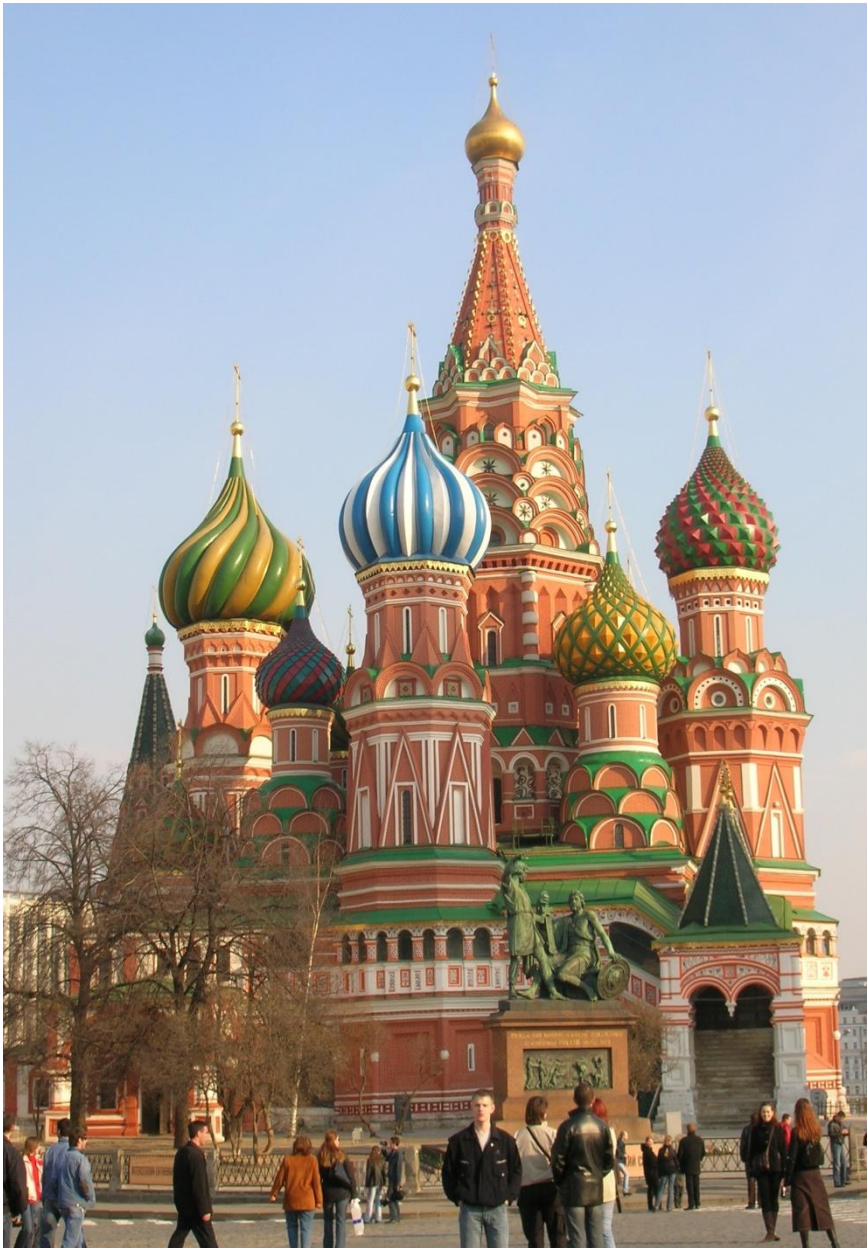
footwear  
обувь

chemical  
industries

electronic  
instruments

Moscow is the seat of the Government of the Russian Federation.

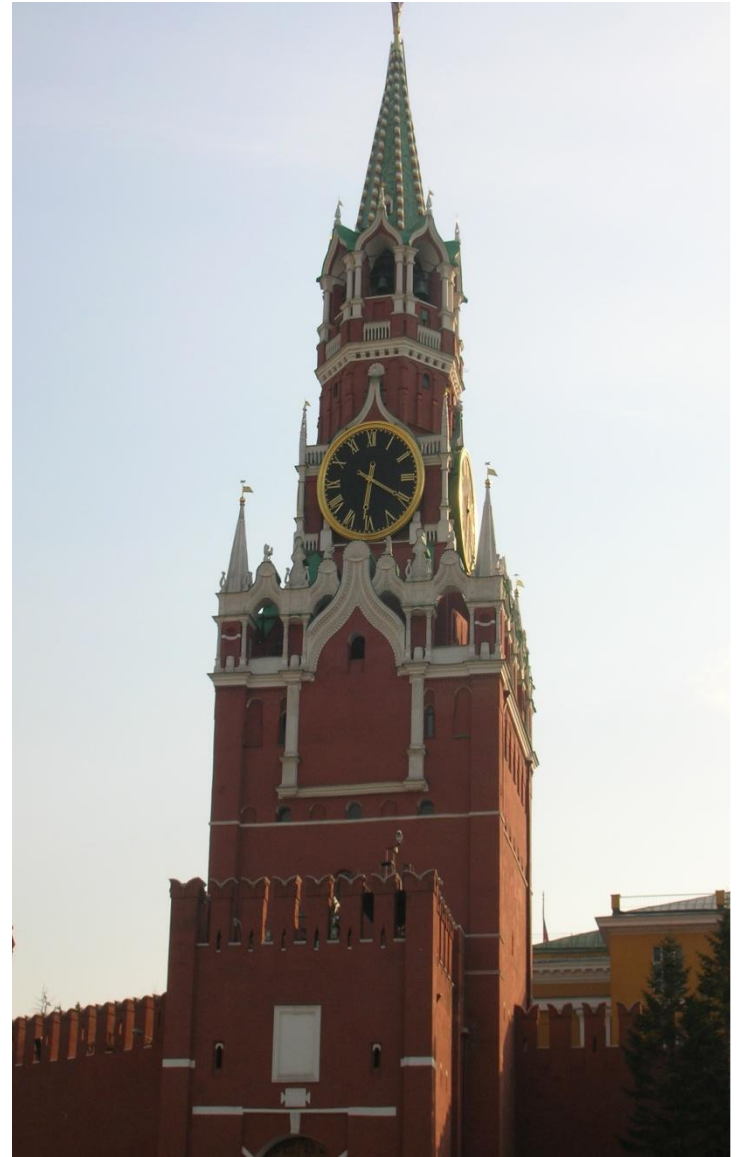




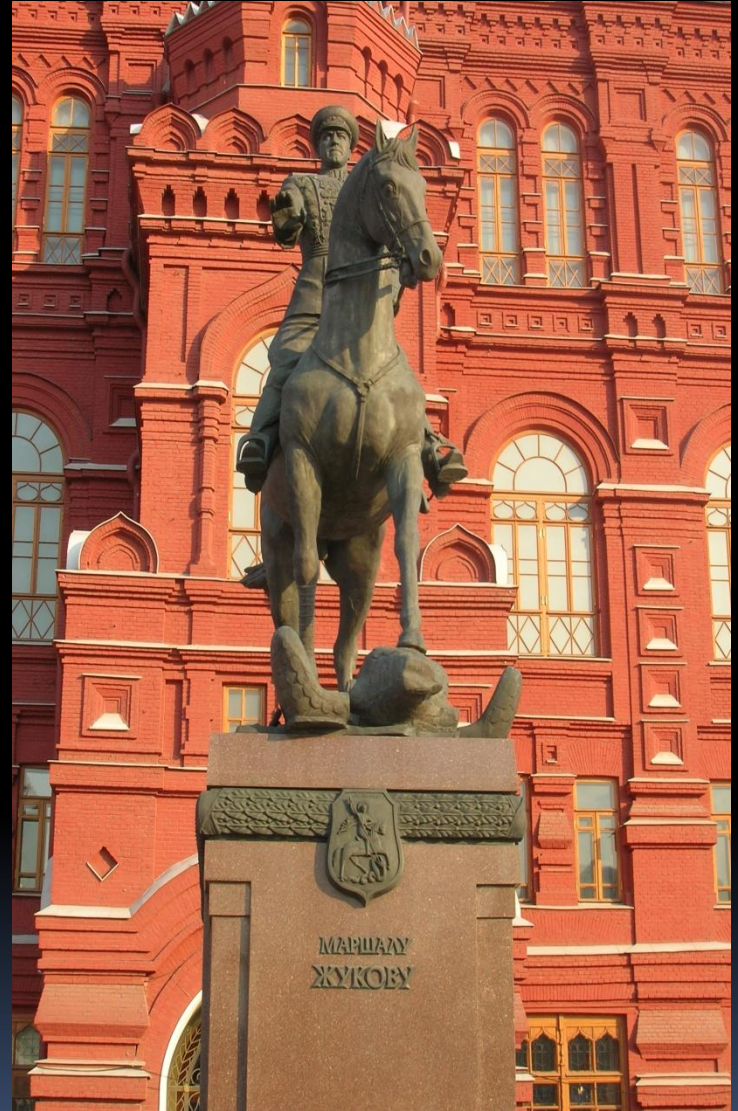
Moscow is known for its beautiful old *cathedrals, churches, monasteries*. One of them is St. Basil /Pokrovsky Cathedral (*Vasiliya Blazhenново khram*)

The oldest part  
of Moscow is the  
Kremlin.

It is the heart  
of the city. The  
word “Kremlin”  
means “fortress”



Moscow is also noted for its art museums, such as the Tretyakov Gallery and the Pushkin Museum of Fine Arts.





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