

A decorative frame with intricate floral and scrollwork patterns in a light blue-grey color, set against a black background. The frame encloses the text.

# The Geographical position of Russia

Russians... What are they?



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**Our country is very large in size. Imagine yourself in a plane flying over its territory. You will see wonderful sights: beautiful forests, blue mirrors of the lake and seas, green grassy hills and meadows, plains and mountains.**



In area, Russia is the largest country in the world. Its total area is about 17 million kilometres. It occupies most of Eastern Europe and Northern Asia. Russia stretches from the Baltic Sea in the west to the Pacific Ocean in East and from the Arctic Ocean in the North to the Black Sea and the Amur and the Ussuri rivers in the South.



*The Amur.*



*the Pacific Ocean.*

It is bordered by Norway and Finland in the north-west, Estonia, Latvia, Belarus and Ukraine in the West, Georgia and Azerbaijan in the south-west, and Kazakhstan, Mongolia, China along the southern border.



The land of Russia varies from thick forests to barren deserts, from high peaked mountains to deep valleys. Russia is located on two plains, Great Russian Plain and West Siberian Lowland. The longest mountain chains are the Urals, the Caucasus, the Altai.

*The Urals.*



*The Altai.*



*The Caucasus.*



*The Volga.*



Russia's most important rivers are the Volga, the main Siberian rivers (the Ob, the Yenisei and the Lena), and the Amur in the Far East. The total number of rivers in Russia is over two million.



*The Yenisei.*



*The Ob.*

The world's deepest lake **Lake Baikal**, with the depth of 1600 metres, is situated in Russia, too. Baikal is the deepest lake in the world and its water is the purest on earth.



*MagicBaikal.ru*





The climate in Russia varies from arctic in the north to continental in the central part of the country and subtropical in the south.



Our land is remarkable for its wealth. There is gold, platinum, diamonds, coal, nonferrous metals, peat, oil, gas and wood.



*Gold.*



*Oil.*



*Coal.*

The nature and peoples inhabiting our country are given the most important thing - faith. It is great faith that brings us together. It's faith that creates a harmony with the "world of the spirit". It's faith that makes us patient and understanding, the qualities which help us live and survive in the most hard times and help us win.



The national characteristics of Russians are: predictability, friendliness to strangers, patience, submission, sense of community and optimism. The Russians had to overcome many hardships. That's why they are ready to help their friends and neighbours without any reward.



**The Russians are known as a hospitable people. According to old traditions, a guest should always be welcomed with the symbol of life-giving food — bread and salt.**



Russians are kind.  
But nature has not  
been kind to Russia.  
Much of European  
Russia and Siberia is  
very cold most of the  
year. In old Russia  
people could do little  
during winter months.  
That's why winter  
posidelki were so  
popular with  
Russians.



Russian people of ten gathered around the samovar on holidays. They sang songs and danced together. The cold climate made Russian people to wear shapki and platki even in summer.



Not long ago people in Russian villages performed traditional khorovods and sang chastushki and rode in a troika. Now young people prefer modern dances, motorbikes and cars. However, village residents still prefer to drink tea from samovar.





Russians are famous for their specific crafts: painted boxes from Palekh, wooden table ware from Khokhloma and toys from Dymkovo.

We like traditional Russian cooking: porridge, pancakes, various aspics, borsch, pirozhki, pelmeni and kvass.



*Toys from Dymkovo.*

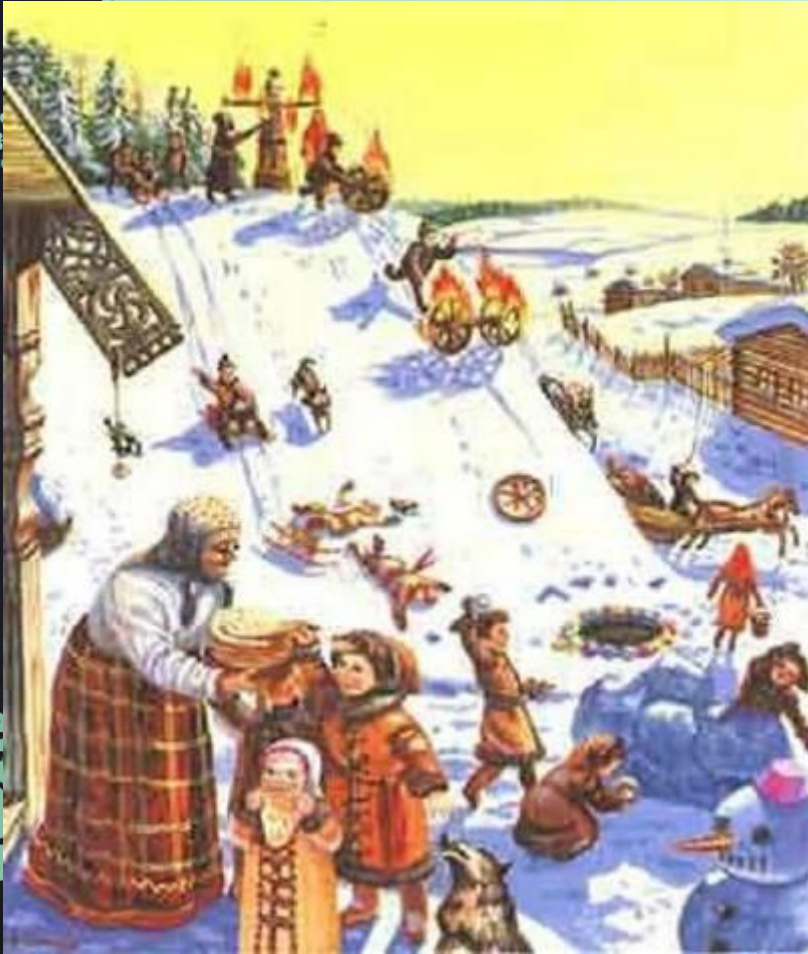



*Borsch.*



*Wooden table ware from Khokhloma.*

**Russians are proud of their native country, their people, folk traditions, their celebrations, songs, and labour full of hope and optimism.**





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