

# The Russian Federation









# Location of the Russian Federation

The Russian Federation is the largest country in the world. It occupies about one-seventh of the earth's surface. It covers the eastern part of Europe and the northern part of Asia. Its total area is about 17 million square kilometres. The country is washed by 12 seas of 3 oceans: the Pacific, the Arctic and the Atlantic. In the south Russia borders on China, Mongolia, Korea, Kazakhstan, Georgia and Azerbaijan. In the west it borders on Norway, Finland, the Baltic States, Byelorussia and Ukraine.



# Flag, anthem and emblem of the Russian Federation

Modern anthem words by Sergey Mikhalkov, and music - Alexander Alexandrov.

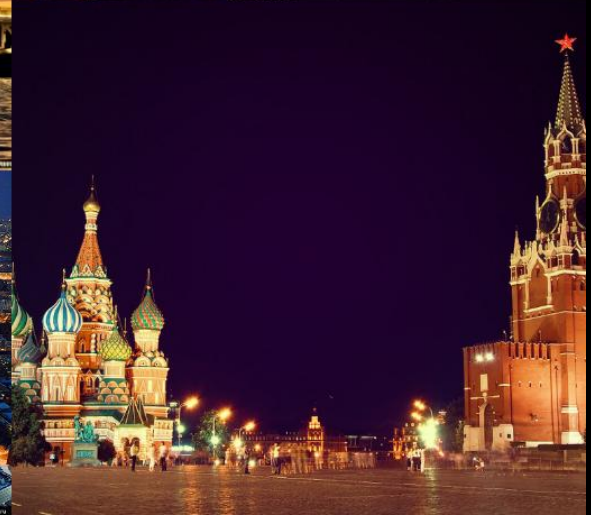
State Flag of the Russian Federation is a rectangular panel consisting of three horizontal stripes: the top - white, middle - blue, bottom - red.

In November 1990, the Government of the Russian Federation adopted a resolution on the creation of the coat of arms of the RSFSR. In 1993, Russian President Boris Yeltsin finally approved by decree of the State heraldic emblem. On a red background gold double eagle, eagle over - Three Crowns, in his paws - scepter and orb on the chest - a shield with horseman slaying a dragon. The current emblem of the Russian Federation - a new emblem, but his part reflect different periods in the history of the fatherland and personifies its continuity.



# The main cities of Russia

The capital of Russia is Moscow, and it's the biggest city in the country. Another big and famous city in Russia is Saint Petersburg. It has once been a capital of the country. These two cities have the majority of Russian sights. For example, the Kremlin, which is situated in the heart of Moscow, the Bolshoi Theater, which is also in Moscow and many others. Saint-Petersburg is famous by its magnificent architecture. Almost every building in the city looks like a rare masterpiece.





# Russia is multicultural country

In our country there are more than 147.5 million people. The Russian Federation is a multi-ethnic society with over 100 different ethnic groups, 47 of which are legally recognized as “numerically small-numbered indigenous peoples of the North, Siberia and the Far East”.



# Elbrus

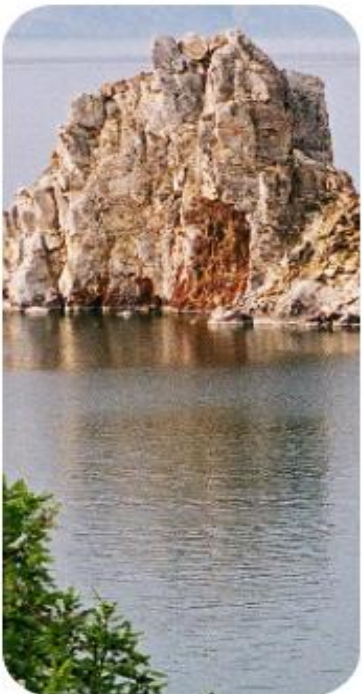
Mount Elbrus is a dormant volcano located in the western Caucasus mountain range, in Kabardino-Balkaria and Karachay-Cherkessia, Russia, near the border of Georgia. Mt. Elbrus's peak is the highest in the Caucasus, in Russia.











The end

