

Russia



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Identity

The Russian flag has three equal horizontal fields. The flag owes its appearance to Peter the Great, who created it in 1696. A presidential variant of the tricolor flag, defaced with the double-headed eagle, was adopted in 1993.

The Meaning of the Colors:

White on the top - nobility, integrity

Blue in the middle - faith and loyalty, truthfulness

Red on the bottom - generosity, bravery, love, and blood shed for the independence of the country



I was born in Yekaterinburg



Yekaterinburg is the fourth-largest city in Russia with its population of 1,468,833 (2018 г.). The city was founded in 1723 and named after the wife of Tsar Peter the Great, Yekaterina. The city is located in the middle of the Eurasian continent, on the border of Europe and Asia. Yekaterinburg is the main industrial and cultural center of the Ural Federal District.

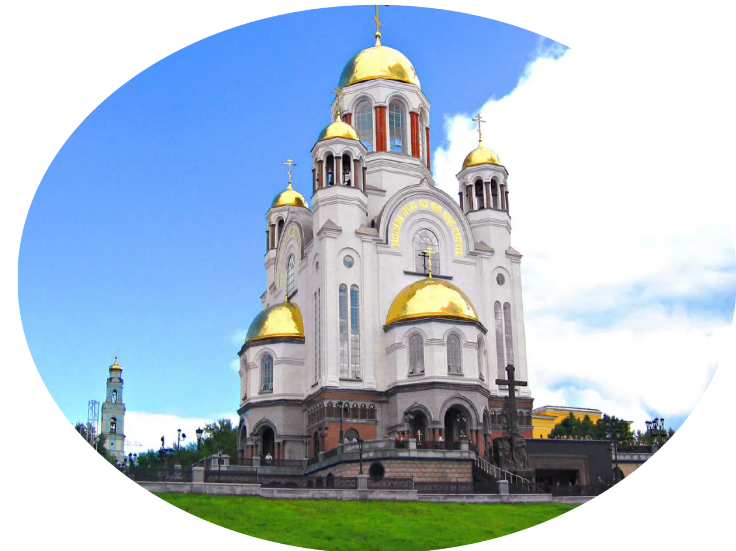
Royal Family of Nicholas II

Emperor Nicholas II obtained a good education, knew several languages, studied Russian and World history, and deeply understood military affairs. In general, he was a widely erudite person.

Even though his innocence was proved, and it became obvious that there was no crime behind him, and the Emperor **signed the renunciation of his power**, the Bolsheviks executed the deposed imperial family of Emperor Nicholas II on July 17, 1918.

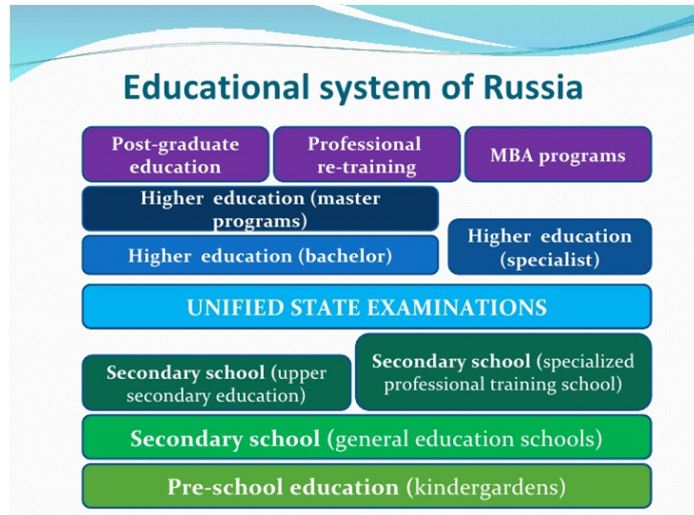


Emperor Nicholas II repents his renunciation. "After all, he made this decision only in the hope that those who wanted to remove him would be able to continue the war with honor and not destroy the work of saving Russia. He was afraid then that his refusal to sign a renunciation did not lead to civil war in the mind of the enemy. The king did not want any drop of Russian blood to be shed because of him ..."



Education

- Highest rates of University level education. According to a 2016 OECD estimate, 54% of Russia's adults (25- to 64-year-olds) have attained a tertiary education, giving Russia the second highest attainment of college-level education in the world.
- Male and female students have equal shares in all stages of education.
- In 2016, the US company Bloomberg rated Russia's higher education as the third best in the world, measuring the percentage of high-school graduates who go on to attend college, the annual science and engineering graduates as a percentage of all college graduates, and science and engineering graduates as a percentage of the labor force.



Traditional Russian Food

Salad “Seledka pod shuboi”



Salad “Olivie”



The most classic Russian recipes are made of veggies and wheat, such as soups with meat, porridges, and stuffed dough.

Caviar



Borscht



Beef Stroganoff



Russian dumplings



Visitors to Russia are often surprised at the variety and flavors of Russian cuisine, which is influenced by Russia's connection to Europe, Asia, and the Middle East.

Marriage



Russia is a family-oriented country, and we value family highly.

We like to get together on holidays and help each other.



The man is usually the head of the house.

Russian traditional music and dances!!!

The most ancient are two genres of folk dance: xorovod and pliaska.

Russian Dance “Kadril”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ANChbB2dfnc>



Male dance is distinguished by extraordinary cheerfulness, humor, and respect for partners. Smoothness, sincerity, femininity, and nobility are characteristic of female dance, despite the fact that sometimes it is performed lively and fervently.



Traditional Dance “Xorovod”



Russian Pliaska



Калинка -русская пляска. Kalinka -Russian Pliaska

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BDmtJy4cgUw>

Ballet

Ballet is Russia's national pride. It is created for historical subjects or literary works and seeks to find deep meaning. The best composers worked for the theater, such as P.I. Tchaikovsky, SS Prokofiev, DD Shostakovich, and A.I. Khachaturian.

The first ballet school in Russia was opened in St. Petersburg in 1738. St. Petersburg school is faithful to classical traditions and focuses on the elegance of each movement and super professionalism of performers. Moscow is more prone to expressing bright emotions, bold experiments, and a variety of genres.

In the 19th century, many masterpieces of classical ballet were created in Russia: "Sleeping Beauty", "Nutcracker", "Swan Lake", "Raymonda", "Bayadere", and "Don Quixote". For the first three of them, music was written by P.I. Chaikovsky.



From the beginning of the 20th century the most interesting are "Firebird", "Chopiniana", "Scheherazade", and "Sacred Spring". "Romeo and Juliet", "Spartak", and "Anna Karenina" are also very popular.

Great Classical Composers of Russia

World classical music is unthinkable without the work of Russian composers.

Russia, a great country with talented people and rich cultural heritage, has always been among the leading nations of progress and art, including music.



“Love and study the great art of music: it will open to you a whole world of high feelings, passions, and thoughts. It will make you spiritually richer, cleaner, and more perfect. Thanks to the music, you will find in yourself new, previously unknown forces. You will see life in new colors and tones.”

—D.D Shostakovich



Russian holiday tradition winter chill

- The baptism of Jesus Christ is one of the most revered holidays in Russia, which roots run back to the 4th century. On this day **brave Russians** go to the country to **bathe in ice cold water** exposed by a crack in a frozen lake or pond.
- Frozen but energized people drink hot, hearty tea and eat... at home.



Please Welcome to Russia!

