
RUSSIA: BASIC DATA

POPULATION	150 million (1994)
AREA	17,075,000 km ²
DENSITY	8.8 per km ²
MAIN CITIES	Moscow 9.2 million St. Petersburg 5.1 million Novosibirsk 1.5 million Nizhniy Novgorod 1.5 million Ekaterinburg 1.4 million
TIME	3 hours ahead of GMT in Moscow and St. Petersburg; and, 10 hours ahead of GMT in Vladivostok.
CURRENCY	Rouble.
MEASURES	Metric system since 1927.
LANGUAGE	Russian is the main language.
WEATHER	Hottest month, July, 13-23°C; coldest month, January, minus 16-minus 9°C; driest month, March, 36 mm average rainfall; wettest month, July, 88 mm.
HOLIDAYS	January 1,2 and 7; March 8; May 1,2 and 9; June 12.