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**RUSSIA: BASIC DATA**

<b>POPULATION</b>	150 million (1994)
<b>AREA</b>	17,075,000 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>DENSITY</b>	8.8 per km <sup>2</sup>
<b>MAIN CITIES</b>	Moscow 9.2 million St. Petersburg 5.1 million Novosibirsk 1.5 million Nizhniy Novgorod 1.5 million Ekaterinburg 1.4 million
<b>TIME</b>	3 hours ahead of GMT in Moscow and St. Petersburg; and, 10 hours ahead of GMT in Vladivostok.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Rouble.
<b>MEASURES</b>	Metric system since 1927.
<b>LANGUAGE</b>	Russian is the main language.
<b>WEATHER</b>	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.
<b>HOLIDAYS</b>	January 1,2 and 7; March 8; May 1,2 and 9; June 12.